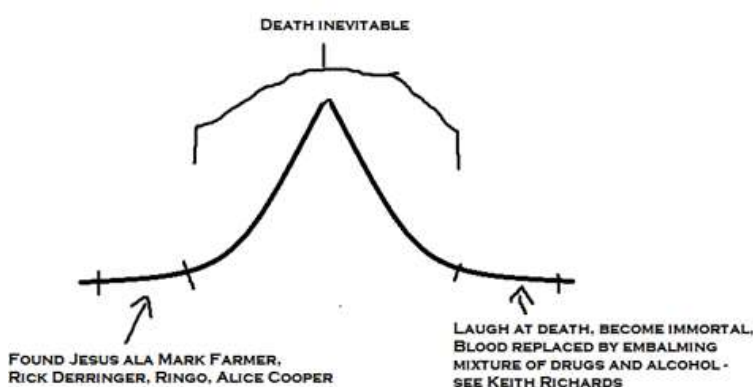




SYDNEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS HASH VIRUS BUGLE #3, 11 April 2020

Message From Your Committee



The surreal nature of what we are living continues to shove itself unpleasantly in our face. At a time of year when many around the country would normally be seeking the comfort of company with which Easter is normally celebrated, we are left with only virtual connection with friends and family, or the fact of having put another week of this dreadful social isolation behind us.

But just as there are, "... many mansions in my Father's House", there are many, even secular routes to the life eternal, no doubt being explored by some in the current, trying circumstances. Those of us that work with numbers know that life is a bell curve, and this "Keith Richards Curve" demonstrates nicely the utility of living life as an "outlier"; a foundational precept for many Hashmen no doubt.

Your Committee continues to explore avenues for keeping connected. The Zoom tutorials were attended by perhaps 25 of us, accelerated the learning curve for many, and at the very least provided a great deal of amusement. Guest columnist Goon Show provides this week an interesting slant on the state of things, and a workable alternative for many to simply sitting at home with your thumb up your bum. With luck, we will pull off a virtual run and bucket for Monday, 20 April – watch for notices.

Finally, a hearty thank you for all those that have sent in contributions for content in this circular. Please note that we can embed links, text, and photos in this newsletter easily, but film clips that come in as file, not a link, chew up too much bandwidth.

Resources

Following are a few sources of information that could prove useful during the "stay at home" period we have all been asked by the government to respect. Only a few of

these are “repeats” because we think that they are particularly well-done and/or important, and many are brand spanking new:

- Just out, solid advice coming from an “all-star” Aussie rock band [CLICK HERE](#)
- Really interesting advice from a long-time hermit on living in socially isolated situation [CLICK HERE](#)
- Remote learning at world – renowned universities, and even free [CLICK HERE](#)
- An easy to use, and free, group video and call platform, useful for “virtual OnOn’s”, and staying in touch with mates. If you need help on the set up, contact Wombat, Sunbeam, or Sigma [CLICK HERE](#)
- Think that something you read might be a bit of fake news floating around the web, you can check “true or false” easily at [CLICK HERE](#)
- The Official NSW website on coronavirus [CLICK HERE](#)
- The single best explanation of the virus pandemic [CLICK HERE](#)
- Do you just need a “feel good” moment, virtually no less, then [CLICK HERE](#)

Letter to the Editor

Corona OnOn, from Goon Show

How many of you read and treasure your 'Hashmans Survival Passport' that came out with the 50th Anniversary bag??? Not many, I suspect. Sorry Bunny and the late-lamented Muff (licking away in Posh heaven), who created this delightful little thing. Where else would you encounter the wisdom of Cicero (he was Roman Pee Dub): “Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals”.

And there's been a bit of that recently as the righter thinking persons around sought to kill off the Monday-night habit so indelibly ingrained into our thinking for some of us over 52 years now. And in case you're thinking I mean right-wing thinking, may I remind you that it was elderly Republicans (no doubt wearing their 'Make America Great Again' caps) who made a show of shaking hands on an Atlanta golf-course recently and complaining loudly about the 'stupid hoax' that was being propagated by virus alarmists!

No, it ain't politics. The virus is real whatever your politics. But so is the necessity of hashing. I quote again from a 2012 newspaper article from the pen of a perceptive observer. “It might all seem like inane shits and giggles, but the Hash has a serious side too. Fitness runs a distant second to camaraderie and these running mates are as close off the trail as on. Hashmen help each other in need, counselling the crisis-stricken, lending cash to the crashed and reinforcing oaths of friendship every Monday”.

How to maintain the fitness, the camaraderie and the habit today, ready to return to the fray when the restrictions are over? I fear it's not going to be online, despite the best efforts of Sunbeam's Zoom instructional manual. Thanks, though, for that heartfelt, “On On forever...” at the end, Sunbeam.

It might be metaphorical, perhaps. Raising a beer to the lips at 7.30pm every Monday evening might be a start – followed by a better meal from the partner than the average Thai restaurant serves up. But how much better to have earned that beer after a good sweat? If you don't fancy your chances of evading the rozzers and

getting a \$1000 fine for joining an unofficial run on Mondays, why not invite a single Poshman round for a legal walk? Two or three a week should be possible for those of us at home. The sun's shining most of the day. You'd get through all the regulars in 20 weeks – and there's every chance that we've got that time to go.

On On - Goonshow

Humour

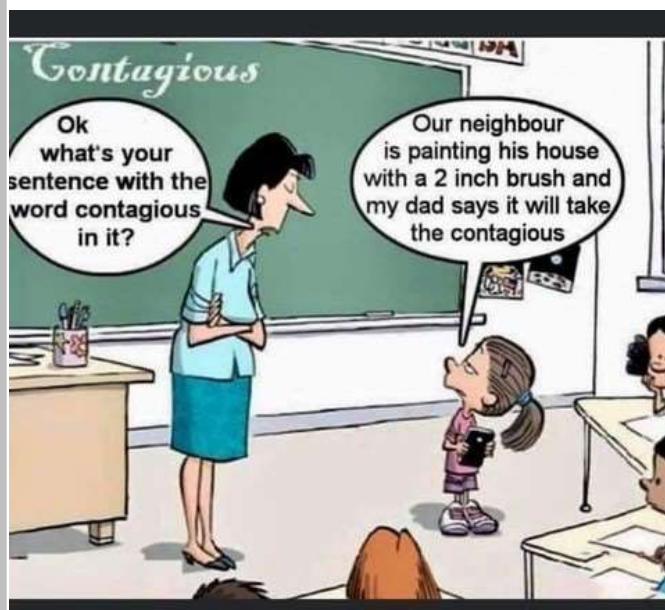


“SHAG”

Funny word isn't it??...
To a carpet maker, it's a long pile rug...
To a smoker, it's a type of tobacco...
To an American, it's a dance...
To an Ornithologist, it's a bird...
And to you ...ya ugly bastard...
It's just a remote possibility :)

My wife just stopped and said, “You weren’t even listening, were you?”

**I thought to myself...
“That’s a pretty strange way to start off a conversation.”**



Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.

I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.

I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.

Still haven't decided where to go for Easter ----- The Living Room or The Bedroom.

Home schooling is going well. Two students suspended for fighting and one teacher fired for drinking on the job.

I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.

My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.

Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.


I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?

Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with handsanitiser for good clean fun.

When your holiday has been cancelled by the coronavirus but don't want to give up the dream



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Quarantine Day 6

My wife is out getting the garden ready. Not sure what she is planting. Potatoes, maybe?



Respectfully submitted, Castro