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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello to all members of the association. Time flies, a third of the year has gone already.

We still have a steady stream of clients, old and new attending LEEUWIN Barracks to have new paper work filled in or checked by the advocates before being submitted to D.V.A.

Monday 24th April is our regular Meeting, which commences at 1100 at the Swan Yacht Club, I hope to see a good turn-up.

Tuesday 25th April is ANZAC day and I hope it isn't like last year where we all got drenched.

Parking passes for Car Park 11 (our usual parking area) have been delivered to the office and are in the pigeon holes. We expect to be stepping off around 10.00 am, with the small banner, which was ideal in last year's conditions. We will also be assembling afterwards at the Swan Yacht Club where we will be issued with wrist bands to obtain your drinks on our account. The galley will be open for us to order meals if required.

The SYC will also be holding an ANZAC ceremony later in the afternoon and we have been asked to participate and we will be laying a wreath.

Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

No English dictionary has been able to adequately to explain the difference between these two words. In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over five minutes.

The final question was - How do you explain the difference between 'COMPLETE' and 'FINISHED' in a way that is easy to understand?

Here is his answer:

When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!!!!

He won a trip around the world and a case of 25 year old Scotch.

Many regards,
Ian Smith

The Elderly Alphabet:

A is for apple, and B is for boat,
that used to be right, but now it won't float!
Age before beauty is what we once said,
but let's be a bit more realistic instead.

Now :

A's for arthritis; B's the bad back,
C's the chest pains, perhaps car-di-ac?
D is for dental decay and decline,
E is for eyesight, can't read that top line!
F is for farting and fluid retention,
G is for gut droop, which I'd rather not mention.
H is high blood pressure--I'd rather it low;
I for incisions with scars you can show.
J is for joints, out of socket, won't mend,
K is for knees that crack when they bend.
L 's for libido, what happened to sex?
M is for memory, I forget what comes next.
N is neuralgia, in nerves way down low;
O is for osteo, bones that don't grow!
P for prescriptions, I have quite a few,
just give me a pill and I'll be good as new!
Q is for queasy, is it fatal or flu?
R is for reflux, one meal turns to two.
S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears,
T is for Tinnitus; bells in my ears!
U is for urinary; troubles with flow;
V for vertigo, that's 'dizzy,' you know..
W for worry, now what's going 'round?
X is for X ray, and what might be found.
Y for another year I'm left here behind,
Z is for zest I still have-- in my mind!
I've survived all the symptoms, my body's deployed,
And I'm keeping twenty-six doctors fully employed!



If you can't afford a doctor,
go to an airport - you'll get a
free x-ray and a breast exam,
and; if you mention Al Qaeda,
you'll get a free colonoscopy.

Subject: GOD's Aging Plan

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it is God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

NOW . . .

Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older

#9 - Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 - Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 - Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 - Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 - Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 - Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 - All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

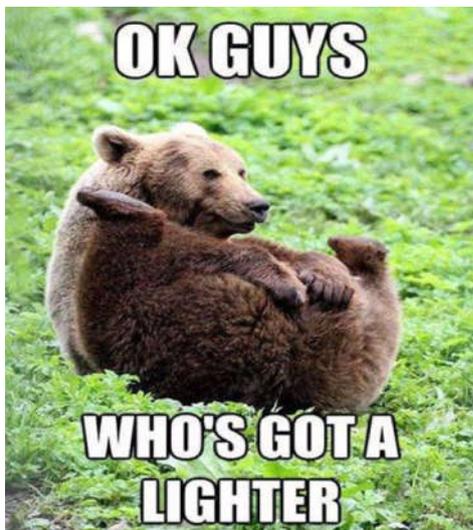
#2 - In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 - Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

Don't ignore this message.

This is your only warning.

Wine is like duct tape, it fixes everything!



Trevor's Comments about ATDP

Advocacy Development and Training Programme

I recently undertook to have my past training and experience as a TIP trainer recognised by the new ATDP hierarchy as valid. Although it required an interview and a fairly comprehensive test ((which could be completed in your own time, using a computer, with access to the internet), I found to be reasonable and quite easy to complete.

I have been judged to be qualified as a senior mentor.

The idea is that all the formal training we completed under TIP is valid, at whatever level we reached, but as very few people kept valid records of their own progress or of the work they performed, it was very difficult to assess individual performance and many pension officers, welfare officers and advocates worked alone, particularly in country areas, with no-one suitably qualified to whom they could turn at short notice.

The emphasis will now lean towards mentoring, which will be done at the early stages of training, and record keeping, monitoring the needs of each advocate and more on the job training through each mentor.

Records and progress noted by the mentor of each advocate, particularly at level 1, will identify areas of weakness and strength.

These processes will, reduce the number of courses required, and an advocate's will be assessed on the cases he or she handles and determine the ability to progress to a higher level.

Each course will be run by a training team from the region and participants will be assessed during each part of the course to be competent or not, with the mentor being advised of any inadequacies so that they can be coached in that area. I understand that the mentor will have the ability to certify when the advocate has achieved the required level of competency and knowledge. The mentor will advise the regional manager and a certificate of competency will be issued.

As soon as a course has been completed, provided the applicant has made suitable progress, they will be able to practice at that level, but must be under a mentor until certification has been reached.

The new scheme will not require requalification, except where significant changes to Acts or Policy are implemented. Thus as long as an advocate is practicing, they are considered qualified with occasional checks undertaken by a senior mentor.

Buster and Allan will need to undergo recognition of prior learning at L2 as soon as possible, everyone below L2 will be asked to undergo new training as Advocates Level 1.

Regards, Trev