



ANVVA NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE AGM HELD AT 1100 ON MONDAY 11th JULY 2016, UPSTAIRS AT THE SWAN YACHT CLUB, RIVERSIDE RD. EAST FREMANTLE.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Once again I wish to thank our dedicated team of office staff and trained welfare and pension officers, advocates and the many people who simply support us in so many ways.

I make no apology for repeating the above and the next paragraph. They are important.

All of our pension and welfare officers and advocates, need to ensure that they have registered for current training to make certain they are aware of legislative changes to various Acts, which have important connections to the way we deal with various cases. There are several basic level on-line courses available for those starting training or to use as refresher training. Look into our WA page at www.tip.org.au and follow the instructions to register for any course, online or at DVA.

Anzac Day, though extremely wet, was still reasonably well attended and was the first outing of our smaller banner, which I carried up front. We later retired to the upper floor of the Swan Yacht Club for refreshments and also participated in their ceremony, which was held, under cover, in the drill hall of the Sea Cadets next door. It was a pity that the brass band was unable to be present this year, primarily due to the comprehensive modifications which are ongoing at the Yacht Club.

Don't forget, any items of interest are always welcome and appreciated for each newsletter, please send anything to us at anvva@inet.net.au Our webmaster Neil will also post each newsletter on the website, which is still at www.ranveteranswelfare.asn.au

Neil is also happy to include photos of interest on our web page.

I have been cajoled for some time to stay in place as chairman of the Association. Although I have taken a step backwards from my position as State Training Manager of TIP training, I still am required to act in that capacity at least until later in the year.

Due to my role as mentor to several newly appointed advocates level 3, as well as continued support of 13 Brigade HQ and people medically downgraded at the bi-monthly medical boards, which maintains our credibility within the army side of things, my current workload has increased significantly.

I am now definitely refusing re-election as Chairman of the Association at our AGM.

My role as an advocate will be unchanged, at least as long as I am able to continue without further detriment to my health. This also includes the threats made by my wife.

I will continue to do many of the tasks I am doing now, and assist in helping others learn the various jobs, until someone else steps up to the plate. Or perhaps several people can divide the work.

One item currently being completed, I hope for presentation at the AGM, is the revised Rules of the Association, which will replace the existing Constitution, if it can be submitted prior to 1st July 2016. I have worked long and hard on this including several meetings at the various bodies which rule and govern small business and not for profit organisations throughout the country and believe we are finally getting somewhere.

Many regards to all,
Trevor Robbins

LIFE'S SIMPLE TRUTHS

SIMPLE TRUTH 1

Lovers help each other undress before sex.

However after sex, they always dress on their own....

Simple Truth: In life, no one helps you once you're screwed.

SIMPLE TRUTH 2

When a lady is pregnant, all her friends touch her stomach and say, "Congrats".

But, none of them touch the man's penis and say, "Good job".

Simple Truth: Some members of a team are never appreciated.

FIVE Other Simple Truths:

1. Money cannot buy happiness, but it's more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.

2. Forgive your enemy, but remember the asshole's name.

3. If you help someone when they're in trouble, they will remember you when they're in trouble again.

4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.

5. Alcohol does not solve any problems but then neither does milk.

Bonus Truth:

Condoms don't guarantee safe sex.

A friend of mine was wearing one when he was shot by the woman's husband.

Have a great Day!!

CHECK FOR ALZHEIMER'S - PRETTY AMAZING

The following was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University . Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake.

The average person over 60 years of age cannot do it!

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat.
3. This is how cat.
4. This is to cat.
5. This is keep cat.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
8. This is fart cat.
9. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is forty cat.
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down and I Betcha you cannot resist asking someone else to do it.....



One memory test you cannot fail!

How Well Has The Media And Government Informed The Public About CO2 Levels In The Air?

Ask yourself, your friends, family and work associates if they know the answers to the following questions about Carbon Dioxide (CO₂). Be sure to write your answers before looking at the following pages.

Question 1. What percentage of the atmosphere do you think is CO₂?

Question 2. Have you ever seen the percentage given in any media?

Question 3. What percentage of the CO₂ is man-made?

Question 4. What percentage of the man-made CO₂ does Australia produce?

Question 5. Is CO₂ is a pollutant?

Question 6. Have you ever seen any evidence that CO₂ causes a greenhouse effect?

I have asked over 100 people these questions. Virtually everyone says they don't know the answers so ask them to tell you what their *perception* is by what they have learnt from the media, the government and Green groups. Let them know there is no right or wrong answer as you are just doing a survey as to what people have *perceived* the answers to be from these sources.

The answers to these questions are fundamental to evaluating the global warming scare YET almost no one knows the facts. However, without this knowledge we can't make an informed decision about whether Climate Change is natural or not.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Q1. What % of the air is CO₂?

Respondent's Answers: nearly all were 20% - 40%, the highest was 75% while the lowest were 10%- 2%.

The Correct Answer: CO₂ is less than a mere **four 100ths of 1%**! As a decimal it is **0.038%**. As a fraction it is **1/27th of 1%**. (Measurements for CO₂ vary from one source to another from 0.036%- 0.039% due to the difficulty in measuring such a small quantity and due to changes in wind direction e.g. whether the air flow is from an industrialized region or a volcanic emission etc)

Nitrogen is just over 78%, Oxygen is just under 21% and Argon is almost 1%. CO₂ is a minute trace gas at 0.038%. We all learnt the composition of the air in both primary and high school but because most people don't use science in their day to day living, they have forgotten this. Also, the vast bulk of the population have very little knowledge of science so they find it impossible to make judgements about even basic scientific issues let alone ones as complex as climate. This makes it easy for those with agendas to deceive us by using emotive statements rather than facts. For a detailed breakup of the atmosphere go to: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atmosphere_of_Earth#Composition

Q2. Have you seen a percentage for CO2 given in the media?

Respondent's answers: All said 'No'.

Q3. What % of CO2 do humans produce?

Respondent's answers ranged from as high as 100% with most estimating it to be between **75% to 25%** and only four said they thought it was between 10% and 2 %.

The Correct Answer: Nature produces nearly all of it. Humans produce only **3%**. As a decimal it is a miniscule **0.001%** of the air. All of mankind produces only one molecule of CO2 in around every 90,000 air molecules! Yes, that's all.

Q4. What % of man-made CO2 does Australia produce?

Respondent's Answers ranged from **20% to 5%**.

The Correct Answer is **1% of the 0.001% of man-made CO2**. As a decimal it is an insignificant **0.00001%** of the air. That's one, one-hundredth thousandth of the air. That is what all the fuss is about! That's one CO2 molecule from Australia in every 9,000,000 molecules of air. It has absolutely no affect at all.

We have been grossly misled to think there is tens of thousands of times as much CO2 as there is!

Why has such important information been withheld from the public? If the public were aware that man-made CO2 is so incredibly small there would be very little belief in a climate disaster so the media would not be able to make a bonanza from years of high sales by selling doomsday stories. Governments and Green groups would not be able to justify a carbon tax that will greatly raise the cost of everything. Major international banks and the stock market would not make massive profits out of carbon trading and many in the science community would not be getting large research grants.

Q5. Is CO2 is a pollutant?

Respondent's Answers: All thought it was a pollutant, at least to some degree.

The Correct Answer: CO2 is a harmless, trace gas. It is as necessary for life - just as oxygen and nitrogen are. It is a natural gas that is clear, tasteless and odourless. It is in no way a pollutant.

Calling CO2 a 'pollutant' leads many to wrongly think of it as black, grey or white smoke. Because the media deceitfully show white or grey 'smoke' coming out of power station cooling towers, most think this is CO2. **It is not:** it's just steam (water vapour) condensing in the air. CO2 is invisible: just breathe out and see. Look at it bubbling out of your soft drinks, beer or sparkling wine. No one considers that a pollutant - because it's not. CO2 in its frozen state is commonly known as dry ice. It is used in camping eskys, in medical treatments and science experiments. No one considers that a pollutant either. CO2 is emitted from all plants. This 'emission' is not considered a pollutant even though this alone is 33 times more than man produces! Huge quantities of CO2 are dissolved naturally in the ocean and released from the warm surface. This is not considered a pollutant either.



The two large cooling towers are emitting only steam. A tiny amount of CO2 is trickling out of the thin chimney at centre. It is only barely visible due to a small quantity of smoke particles, most of which is filtered out nowadays. The media doesn't like to show skinny CO2 chimneys emitting nothing visible because this is unimpressive and not the least bit emotive so it doesn't make for sensationalist journalism. So they typically choose to deceive the public by showing cooling towers.

Q6. Have you seen any evidence that CO2 causes a greenhouse effect?

Respondent's Answers: Most did not know of any definite proof. Some said they thought the melting of the Arctic and glaciers was possibly proof.

The Correct Answer: There is no proof at all. The Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (the IPCC) has never produced any proof. There are, however the following proofs that it can't cause a greenhouse effect.

- It is true that CO2 can absorb heat a little *faster* than nitrogen and oxygen but it becomes no hotter because it cannot absorb anymore heat than there is available to the other gases. This is against the laws of thermodynamics. All gases share their heat with the other gases. Gas molecules fly around and are constantly colliding with other gas molecules so they immediately lose any excess heat to other molecules during these collisions. That's why the air is all one temperature in any limited volume.

- Even if CO2 levels were many times higher, radiative heating physics shows that it would make virtually no difference to temperature because it has a very limited heating ability. With CO2, the more there is, the less it heats because it quickly becomes saturated. For a detailed explanation go to: http://www.geocraft.com/WVFossils/greenhouse_data.html

The following facts show that even high levels of CO2 can make almost no impact on heating the atmosphere.

1. **Glasshouses with high levels of CO2** - hundreds of times higher than in the air to make plants grow faster – heat up during the day to the same temperature as glasshouses with air in them. This is also true for bottles of pure CO2 compared to ones with air.
2. **The planets Venus and Mars** have atmospheres that are almost entirely CO2 (97%) yet they have no 'runaway' greenhouse heating effect. Their temperatures are stable.
3. **The geological record** over hundreds of millions of years has shown that CO2 has had no affect whatsoever on climate. At times, CO2 was hundreds of times higher, yet there were ice ages.

4. In recent times when Earth was considerably warmer during the Roman Warming and the Medieval Warming, the higher temperatures then were totally natural because there was no industrialization back then.

- Water vapour is 4% of the air and that's 100 times as much as CO₂. Water vapour absorbs 33 times as much heat as CO₂ making CO₂'s contribution insignificant. But like CO₂, water vapour also gives this heat away to air molecules by contact (conduction) and radiation, thereby making the surrounding air the same temperature.
- The Earth's atmosphere is very thin so its heat is continually being lost to the absolute coldness of outer space (-270 C). As there is no 'ceiling' to the atmosphere, surface heat cannot be retained. The Sun renews warmth every day.

Over the last few years Earth has had much colder winters due to very few magnetic storms on the Sun. These four increasingly colder winters have been particularly noticeable in the northern hemisphere where most of the land is. Because of this, the Arctic has re-frozen and glaciers that were receding are now surging due to the heavy snow falls. The Arctic showed some melting around its edges from the mid 90s to the mid 2000s due to the very *high* level of solar storm activity at that time. But as the Sun is now entering probably 2-4 decades of *low* solar activity, this is expected to cause global cooling.

The climate has always been naturally cyclic and variable due to numerous natural drivers of which CO₂ is *not* one. Over millions of years the climate has shown far greater changes in the geological record than we have seen over the last 200 hundred years - and there was no industrialization back then. The very minor variations we have witnessed over the last 100 years have all occurred several times even in that short period. Today's changes in climate are common and completely natural. There are now over 50 books that provide numerous reasons why man-made global warming is false.

The Effect of the Sun on Earth's climate

It has long been known that the Sun is by far the major driver of all weather on Earth because it is the source of all heat and energy. There is absolutely no real-world evidence that the temperature has continually risen as we were led to believe. The hottest records in the USA and Greenland were in the 1930s due to a *strong* solar cycle. It became *cooler* from 1940 to 1970. This was due to a *weak* solar cycle. It has again become increasingly colder since 2006 due to another *weak* solar cycle. The Sun's magnetic storm activity has now moved to an extended minimum so the next 2-4 maximums are expected to be much weaker than the last few have been. By 2011 the solar cycle should have risen half way back to its 11 year maximum but it hasn't! It's only just started. The last time the Sun acted this way was during the Dalton Minimum from 1790 to 1830 which produced 40 years of very cold winters with subdued, wetter summers globally - just as we are expiring now. From 1450 -1750 a more intense Maunder Minimum occurred which caused the Little Ice Age. The next 2-4 solar cycles will very likely be low in solar activity causing noticeably cooler global temperatures for a few decades. For details see: <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2010/02/02/solar-cycle-24-update> and <http://www.climatechangenier.com.au/climate-change/another-dalton-minimum/>

The effect of the current Solar Minimum is particularly obvious in the northern hemisphere where increasingly colder winter temperatures have caused massive snow falls disrupting transportation across Europe, Asia and the US. Despite more than a decade of continual doomsday predictions of increasing temperatures and never-ending drought globally, the opposite has happened. There have been lower temperatures globally with greatly increased rain and snows over much of the planet since 2006. This has caused floods across most of Australia and most other countries, as seen on the TV news. This ended the global 10 year drought conditions from the mid 90s to the mid 2000s. There has been no drop in CO₂ to cause this: in fact, CO₂ has risen. There is no correlation between CO₂ levels and climate. The reason CO₂ levels have gone up a little is most likely due to the surface of the oceans warming very slightly during the later half of the century and therefore releasing a little CO₂. (The oceans are currently cooling very slightly.) Mankind's contribution to CO₂ is so small it's not measurable.

Polls on Climate Change

Polls in western countries now show that believers in man-made global warming are now in the minority with a sizable percentage of over 20% who "don't know" if CO₂ is causing any change. The obvious change to a cooler, wetter climate combined with the revelations of climate fraud shown by the Climategate emails has led to the change in public perception. Polls asking people what is the most important threat to them out of a list of 20 issues, place global warming at the bottom!

Popular beliefs are not fact

The bulk of the population of the western world believed that the 2000 Bug would destroy much of our technology on New Year's Eve 2000 yet not one disaster occurred anywhere. We were told CFCs caused the Ozone 'hole' yet after billions of dollars were spent removing CFCs over 30 years, the slight depletion of Ozone at the South Pole has not changed. Scientists now think it is natural. Popular beliefs are often based on blind faith, ideology and profit rather than proven scientific evidence. History is littered with popular consensuses that were wrong.

A Carbon Tax

Taxing CO₂ achieves nothing for the environment; in fact, it deprives real environmental issues from receiving funds. A carbon tax will have a disastrous impact on lower and middle income earners. Even if drastic measures were imposed equally on all countries around the world to reduce the total human CO₂ contribution by as much as 30%, this would reduce total CO₂ by an insignificant percentage. It would have no affect whatsoever on the climate but it would totally destroy the economies of every country and dramatically lower everyone's living standards. Most people and politicians are making decisions *emotively*, *not factually* about a complex science they know virtually nothing about.

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