

This Week @Foxland

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**NO cruises booked ..
But it will be Seabourn ..**

TWO WEEKS LATER + BACK AGAIN

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun .. and we must have really had a good time for the past two weeks because it just seems like *yesterday* that we were extolling the virtues of good foundations. Aaaaah .. I do enjoy a good Foundation Day celebration.

Anyway, before I get into the news and views from Foxland, a quick explanation of why you all received an offer to buy into the Jim's business. You see I have 2 Newsletter groups – this one that you're part of, and another for my Jim's people. And I sent the offer to the wrong group [not that you're excluded if you really want to buy in and, yes the Holden is optional]. Thanks again to those of you that responded and alerted me to the problem.

THE TECHNOLOGY BLUES ..

In my previous life, when I worked at The "Dark Cassle", if I broke my phone or my computer, I just rang the IT lads and they came along and fixed it. Funny how it all seems so much harder nowadays.

Robyn's laptop crashed last week. No apparent reason. And none of the re-start solutions seemed to work. So I rang Dion my friendly PC consultant and he arranged to visit the next day with his sidekick, Jake

After what seemed endless testing it was decided to replace the hard drive, with a bigger and faster version – and while we're at it add a bit more memory and grunt, and rebuild on the Vista platform. This was done and it was returned to Robyn.



I dutifully spent the next few days installing the programs and extras that got lost in the rebuild and following yet another request to re-start, wouldn't you know it – another crash. Another home visit and more testing later and it was decided we need to upgrade to Windows 7. Take it away, bring it back, install all the missing stuff. Déjà vu .. moi ?

And great news .. several, several hundred dollars later .. **it works .. whoopee !**

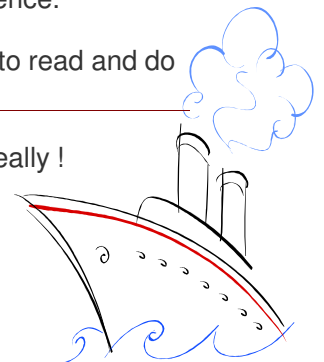
THIS AND THAT ..

A couple of weeks ago Robyn showed me an advert in the paper that said.. "If you have any long term illnesses and/or conditions, you need to report these to the Department of Transport". Now my wife leaves all sorts of newspaper and magazine items on my desk to read so I did the good husband thing and logged online and reported all my ailments. Having done the right thing, this week I get a letter saying that I have to go and have a medical or lose my driving licence.

Oh, and Rob clarified that this was actually one of those things I was just supposed to read and do nothing about. ***Did I mention that I feel great.***

This week we saw air traffic chaos across Australia because of a volcano in Chile, really !

And it travelled at a leisurely pace – a new city each day really.



Close down Melbourne Day 1 – Adelaide Day 2 – Perth Day 3 - and then carry on across the Indian Ocean for more closures and then home, in time for the weekend ?

I suppose if a butterfly breaks wind in the Amazon we'll have a bush fire in Canberra – or do we already have too much hot air.

Talking of Canberra, it's almost a year since the night of the long knife – when Julia stuck it to Kev – and apparently Kev is planning a big celebration bash to remind everyone of the occasion.

Never a good idea to keep the enemy around after a good kick in the goolies Julia.

Apparently, a mystery UK lady about to celebrate a significant birthday, has chartered the **Seabourn Pride** for 7 days for herself and her closest 208 friends. For only US\$1M she gets to choose menus, ports, entertainment and of course the 757 to fly them there and back.

Would 'befriending' her on Facebook count I wonder ?

Log onto Hutigruten this week and they have 11 cameras on board the Nordnorge for a 'minute by minute' cruise. www.nrk.no/hurtigruten/?lang=en This show runs for 134 hours and it's the ultimate reality program. The site shows the course, tells a little about each town and is compulsive viewing.

Put it on full screen and it's like being onboard.

It's not ALL about size .. but Terri sent me this map .. says it all really .. **Big is better ..**



Finally .. Happy Birthday to Ken .. hope the girls all spoil you today ..

Bye for now ..

Allan & Robyn *The World is 70% water ... how much have you travelled if you haven't cruised ??*

