

This Week @Foxland

5 June 2011



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

HAPPY WA FOUNDATION DAY !!

Tomorrow is the day we all celebrate solid undergarments here in Western Australia. When the prisoners were originally transported from the Old Country they enjoyed the repositioning cruise so much that [buffets as far as the eye could see and very little exercise] that they invariably arrived incredibly overweight.

Now back then a bit of fat wasn't something that you set about getting rid of with diet and exercise. No, no, no, the answer back then was to strap it in and push it around a bit – enhance the upper and lower body sections, so to speak.



Which is why we still revere good undergarments and celebrate Foundation Day, here in WA?

GREY DAY IN BLACKPOOL ?

Commiserations to Blackpool Football Club. MUFC were unfortunately not in a charitable mood and opted not to give the first team a bit of a rest before the big game with Barcelona. Consequently Blackpool can look forward to some stimulating football in Division #1 later this year.

[Note for Non Pom's: Division #1 is actually the second division because the top division is called the Premier League, Div #1 = 2, Div #2 = 3 etc. – confused yet ?]

But wait, Manchester were punished for this unkindness by being soundly beaten by the **dastardly** Spaniards later in the week. I hear they are still celebrating in the streets of Blackpool.

VERD & GILL HEADING TO ESPANA [OLE]

Verdun and Gill were apparently so thrilled about the Barcelona score that they are heading to Spain for 5 weeks to breathe in the heady atmosphere of successful soccer. Of course they are going to Gran Alacant and not Barca but the air is thin in the Costa Blanca and with a good breeze, heady thoughts will travel a long way.

[You know, 5 weeks in Spain without Me and Robyn and Val & Jim just won't be the same Guys !]

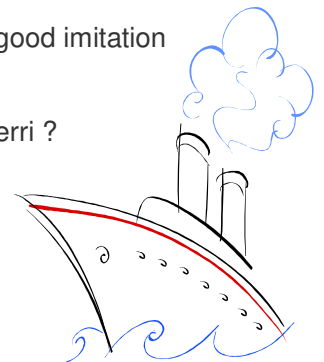
DOGGY BAG ANYONE ?



Man's best friend may be his dog, but woman's constant companion is her handbag. *[sadly, not original, I plagiarised it]*

- So maybe this is the perfect bag for a man who embraces his feminine self ?.
- Now, not sure if this was a genuine LV a bloody good imitation or an inspirational piece of Taxidermy ?
- I wonder if they can do a puddy cat version for Terri ?

[I don't think you can take this one home and eat it, sorry]



HEARD FROM YVONNE [& MIKE]

Yvonne and Mike sailed with us on the Seabourn Legend from Ft Lauderdale to Malaga [coincidentally also in espana, small world] earlier this year and Yvonne contacted this week for the first time since getting home.

In my case, when I'm not in touch with people, it's usually because I'm suffering from the Post Cruise Blues but this time it was because "This Week @Foxland" was somehow incredibly – how does this happen, I don't know – but surely it's inconceivable – don't call me Shirley – TW@F was thought to be Junk email – everyday spam – and was being deleted !!

Just as well they kept on arriving and curiosity got the better of Yvonne, who eventually opened it and read an edition, to realize what a wonderful publication she had been subscribed to. It's great to have you with us in cyberspace folks.

THE PRICE OF BANANAS ?

How much do you reckon a kg of bananas costs this week in Perth folks ?

[A question obviously aimed at those who don't live in Perth and/or my son who manages a supermarket]

The answer is \$12.95 for 1 kg .. or .. \$12.95 for 2.20462262 pounds and for the record this is about triple the regular price of bananas.

[For the record the Aussie dollar is currently worth about \$1.05 US]

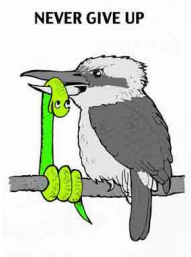
Back in February we had a cyclone that wiped out the banana crop and 3 months later the prices are high and are staying there. So my advice for entrepreneurial travellers:

Forget about trying to smuggle crack cocaine, meth amphetamines, uppers and downers and whacky backy .. banana smuggling will make you much more money. And taste better.

Bananas in the Pantry – the new symbol of mega wealth in Perth.

RANDOM STUFF

As I sit at my desk I watch the wildlife at play in the garden and it gives me great pleasure to think that we live in harmony with nature. Or are we simply caretakers, for now ?



- The bandicoot that runs to and fro across the yard appears to have a family. Last week I saw a tiny version of Big bandy. Kinda cute, but still looks too much like a big rat for real comfort.
- For the past few days I have been watching a Kookaburra perching close to the house. Robyn thinks he/she may be nesting nearby. Anyway I took a photo but the flash scared it away .. so here's a sketch. Think tin of soup with wings – not an aerodynamic bird by any stretch of the imagination, and on occasion downright noisy.

- We closed the gate yesterday and locked out the rest of the world. I thought we were practicing seclusion – lasted until this morning when I had to go for the weekend paper. Oh well, I suppose you have to know what time to set the HD recorders.

Bye for this week .. until the next time .. love the one you're with ..

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

