

**This Week @Foxland**  
**28 October 2011**



**NO cruises booked ..  
 Suffering withdrawal ..**

**LIZ & PHIL ARE VISITING ..**

Or as we prefer to call them [by their celebrity acronym] **PHIZ**, are on their 16<sup>th</sup> tour down under, they arrived in Perth on Wednesday and leave on Saturday, which has to be a record - more than Status Quo even ? Some pundits [great word] say this may be their last visit but as they say - never say never - **She'll be back.**



One of the journalists in today's news described the first picture in the following terms .. "she looked at the football as if it was an ostrich egg": [perhaps a tad unkind in this digital age]. The centre photo is of Julia [PM] Quentin [GG] and Liz [HRH] Is there another country that has such a strong female leadership ? And the last picture was taken in Melbourne a few days ago, when somebody thought it would be a good idea to take Liz for a ride on a tram. *Tickets please.*

Check out the Perth agenda. On Saturday morning we have a sausage sizzle on the Swan River, for 150,000 guests. You cannot get more 'stralian' than that.

<http://www.westernaustralia.com/au/Things to See and Do/CHOGM Information for locals/Pages/Royal-Visit-to-Western-Australia.aspx>

**COINCIDENTALLY, IT'S HRH BIRTHDAY ..**

At least it is the official public holiday for the Queens Birthday today, her actual birthday is April 21<sup>st</sup> [impressed that I know that, or that I can google ?]. Normally in WA we celebrate on the first Monday of October but this year it was 'moved' to coincide with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting [CHOGM] which is [what, another coincidence] being held in Perth – starting today.



**CHOGM ..**

**CHOGM 2011**  
 PERTH, AUSTRALIA

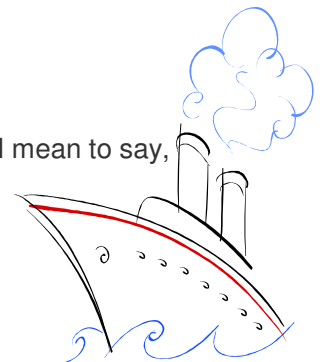
Every 2 years the 54 member countries get together somewhere for a bit of a knees up and a chat about how they're all getting on. Fiji of course are still banned from attending, military dictatorships are apparently frowned upon.

I reckon that the first order of business when the conference opens at 10am should be Julia leading the group in a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday to Lizzie !"

**THE REAL REASON FOR THE VISIT REVEALED ..**

I worked it out earlier in the week. It's not CHOGM it's the 65<sup>th</sup> Gidgegannup Show. I mean to say, who wouldn't fly to the other side of the world to be in Gidge this weekend ?

<http://www.gidgegannup.info/community/show.htm>



## MONARCHY OR A REPUBLIC ?

With such a groundswell of love and affection for PHIZ it seems a shame that we have to talk about life after PHIZ but it's inevitable I suppose. Anyway here's my take on the situation;



- The only reason we aren't a republic already is because the last government phrased the referendum question in such a way as to ensure that it failed.
- If Wills and Kate were next in line [or even Harry] there wouldn't be a problem BUT it's Charles and Camilla and I don't think people have the love for these two.
- Australia will evolve into a Republic in my lifetime.

## THE GREAT WALL OF SWAN VIEW ..

After a couple of weeks of reasonable weather i.e it didn't rain every day, I confess that I got overconfident and convinced the goodfolks at 'Wonder Walls' to come back to finish the job. **Sod's law it rained again** – on the day - BUT they did get the job done which brings us to this momentous milestone.



Next job – replace the paving

Then job – replace the fence

Then finally – sort out the money with neighbour

Target date – Dec 26<sup>th</sup>  
Pool party

\*\* Look back to August 14<sup>th</sup> Newsletter for previous reports on the GWofSV.

## 9 THINGS THAT WILL DISAPPEAR IN MY LIFE .. [FULL VERSION AVAILABLE BY EMAIL]

**Post Office** – snail mail versus email, twitter etc

**Cheques** – scheduled to be deleted in UK by 2018

**Newspapers** – now being delivered to your pad

**Books** – book shops closing all around us

**Land Line Telephones** – replaced by mobile phones

**Music** – 40% of downloads are 'catalogue', old music

**Television** – movies and shows being downloaded

**Things** – music, documents and pictures held in 'the cloud'

**Privacy** – CTV, GPS, silicone chips, big brother

When I first read this I found myself just nodding along in agreement. Times they are a changing and the only thing we guarantee is that tomorrow will not be the same as today.

Enough of the philosophy .. look after yourselves friends and family .. ciao ..

## Allan & Robyn

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

