## **High Street Happenings**





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A delicious catch-up lunch was enjoyed by 94 participants, staff and volunteers at Cicerello's on 22<sup>nd</sup> June during the Covid19 shut down. Hope you can make the next one. See back page.



## **Things We Can Learn From a Dog**



- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- Run, romp and play daily.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- Be loyal.
- Vever pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Thank you Dale for sending these heartwarming and helpful reminders of how to live life to the full A big thank you goes to longstanding Tuart Place volunteer David Moir whose help has been invaluable during the Covid19 shut down. Dave has picked up supplies, run errands, put the rubbish bins out and brought them back in, sanitised and cleaned, and helped with maintenance and other chores.



LISTEN TO THE CROW CALL

Maaaaaahh,

- Listen to the call of the crow,
- A sorrowful drawn out message
- Of the endless days to go.
- I understand the message
- Delivered by this crow,
- I sit listening in the heat
- Understanding there's 5,000 days to go.
- I face the day so alone
- In the heat that goes on and on,
- While I listen to the tortured message,
- I wish these days were gone.
- The crow tells me, that like his,
- My suffering will never stop
- We're bound to share our troubles,
- While the weather's hot.
- Pamela Story 2020

## Message from Cevrina, FACT Chairperson

I know that all of us - participants, staff, volunteers and everyone who likes to visit Tuart Place, will be looking forward to getting back there as soon as we can. I'd like to thank staff for continuing the important work of supporting care leavers, which they've mostly been doing remotely. We really appreciate their ongoing hard work, particularly in the areas of National Redress support; International redress schemes; phone counselling and support; helping people with IT issues and generally keeping in touch with us.





We're fortunate to have a team of dedicated volunteers (including David pictured left), willing to provide IT support and advice over the phone, via on-line platforms or in pre-booked individual appointments. They've been volunteering behind the scenes during the Covid shutdown helping people set up and log in to mygov accounts; sorting out lap top and internet issues; showing people how to use the features on their mobile phones; and supporting others to connect via Facebook, Messenger or Zoom. Thankyou!

How do you get rid of a boomerang? *Throw it down a one-way street*.



What's the difference between the bird flu and the swine flu? For one you need tweetment and the other you need oinkment.

A teenager lost a contact lens while playing basketball in his driveway. After a brief, fruitless search, he gave up. His mother took up the cause and within minutes found the lens. "How did you do that?" he asked. "We weren't looking for the same thing," she explained. "You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for \$150."

What happened to the elephant who ran away with the circus? *The police made him bring it back*.

I have a fear of elevators, but I've started taking steps to avoid it.

What did the tin man say when he got run over by a steam roller? *"Curses! Foiled again"* 

I had to get a new pair of scissors today. The old ones weren't cutting it.

**Patient:** Doctor, I keep feeling like a dog. Please help!

**Doctor:** How long has this been going on? **Patient:** Since I was a puppy.



Justice is a dish best served cold. If it were served warm, it would be justwater.

What's the difference between the sun and a loaf of bread? One rises from the east, the other from the yeast

Someone broke into my house and stole all my light bulbs. I know I should be more upset, but I am absolutely delighted.

Why did the baby elephant need a new suitcase for her vacation? *She only had a little trunk*.



The Council has been replacing the ageing water pipes underneath High Street recently, to future-proof the water supply in this area. It's been noisy outside Tuart Place and we've had temporary road closures. BUT - it's due to finish by the end of July!



Dear Tuart Place management and staff, On behalf of all members, thank you for the wonderful work on the reunion at Cicerello's restaurant. It brought great joy to the older ladies and gentlemen and the rest of our members. What a great lunch we had! Some of our members had not seen each other for a very long time. It gave us great joy to get together. It was great to be able to have a few yarns with everyone again and talk about our time in the orphanages and other ínstítutíons. Specíal thanks to Píp and Susy and all the staff for your wonderful work and care you've given over the years. Let's keep it going, and I look forward to the years to come. Yours, Paddy Cannon



Terry Humphreys and Paddy Cannon 22-6-20



We're really missing not being at Tuart Place with all of you but our priority is to keep everyone safe. We're following Government health advice and guidelines and we can't wait for the restrictions to be lifted under Phase 5 so we can fling open our doors and welcome everybody back again! In the meantime we're having another lunch at Cicerello's on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July – hope you can join us. Contact 6140 2380 or <u>admin@tuartplace.org</u> to RSVP.

(Píp and the team)

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