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A Recent Trip of Nostalgia by Teresa Phillips



In February this year, Dougie kindly offered to drive me, my husband Kevin, and Peter Bent down to Rockingham for a sentimental journey.

This is a picture of me outside a holiday home owned by the Keightley family. It was built by them, next door to the St Joseph's nuns which is where I grew up.

Once I left St Josephs, I rented the Keightley's cottage in my holidays when I was working at the hospital. Every weekend they took me fishing and crabbing. - This is me in the middle after a successful day's fishing!



Here's a picture of us on the foreshore, thank you Peter Bent for shouting us all a delicious fish and chip lunch!

What a great day!

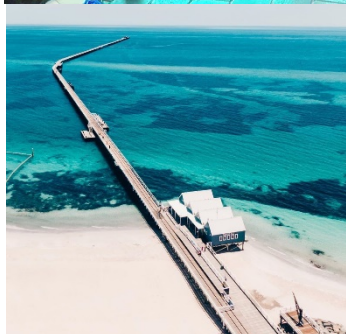


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OPTUS STADIUM TOUR 21-4-21



BUSSELTON JETTY CATCH-UP FOR SOUTH WEST CARE LEAVERS 25-3-21



Dale Lynch (middle photo) FACT Vice-Chairperson, Busselton resident, and Jetty volunteer; suggested that as not everyone can get in to Fremantle, what about organising a get together for Tuart Place participants living in the South West of WA. He worked with Tuart Place staff to arrange a tour of the Underwater Observatory, a trip on the Jetty train and a lovely fish and chip lunch. The 35 care leavers from Safety Bay and further south also got the chance to meet Cevrina Reed, FACT Chairperson and Tuart Place staff, Pip and Susy and share ideas for future catch-ups.



What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

They both have the same middle name!



VIKING EXHIBIT-MARITIME MUSEUM

by Sylvia S. 31-3-2021

Fourteen participants attended the excursion to Fremantle Maritime Museum to view the Viking Exhibition.

We all enjoyed a delicious lunch in the Museum café, before touring the exhibit.

Before entering the exhibition we viewed excellent replica weapons and helmets on display in the foyer.

The helmet with chain mail attached was extremely heavy and makes one marvel at the strength of the warriors who would have worn such heavy armament on their heads during battle.

Vikings were renowned for their skill in riveting metal, and ship's timbers, blacksmithing, metalworking, jewelry making, pottery, ocean navigation, and trading.

From the very start, the exhibition is impressive with a life-size replica of a Viking boat, copied from one of several small boats found inside a larger boat in a Viking grave burial.

The replica boat was created using the same style of hand tools and methods used in Viking times.

An oak tree of the desired diameter would be felled to provide the central part of the ship and often the stylized "dragon head" of the high prow was carved on this.

Some Viking ships had the figurehead carved from a separate piece of wood and attached to the prow.

Viking ships were designed with very shallow draft, i.e. they could float in shallow water and this gave Vikings the advantage of being able to travel up rivers in Europe and Britain to strike unsuspecting villages or towns and escape quickly back to the ocean with captured slaves or booty.

One interesting fact included in the exhibition was the calculation that it took 3 tons of bog iron to forge all the rivets to build one of the huge Viking warships that was discovered by archeologists.

Rivers in England used to be called Wykes and the Vikings were originally called "Wykings" by the early English, which over time became Vikings.

Dublin in Ireland was originally a Viking basecamp for gathering Irish captives to ship off as slaves to many areas in Europe, even as far as Russia.

The Vikings set up a permanent city which became Dublin because they found the Irish made very hardy slaves, and slave trading was one of the Vikings activities.

There were excellent archaeological finds on display of coins, jewelry, weapons and artefacts.



One to take note of was a pair of scissors from around 600-1000 CE. These were shaped EXACTLY like a miniature pair of sheep hand shears. The design was identical to the sheep shears used in Australia for shearing sheep before the invention of electric sheep shearing machines. (I instantly recognized the design because I was taught to crutch sheep with hand shears).

There was an interesting article on clothing styles and a display of typical Viking clothing.

Other information was given on Viking society, the different levels of society and how they elected their Kings etc.

FAREWELLING TOM CONNELLY 4-8-41 - 10-2-20 BY Cevrina Reed



On Sunday 4th April, family and friends of the late Thomas (Tom) Connelly gathered at the Rockingham foreshore for a belated (Covid-postponed) opportunity to remember and farewell him.

I'd been invited by Desley who'd known Tom for over fifty years, to say a few words on behalf of Tom's friends at Tuart Place. This is what I said:

Tom was a staunch advocate for child migrants and Care leavers and a welcome participant of the Tuart Place support group since day one in 2009. He was respected by all with his happy disposition.

Whatever was thrown at him was met with his quick-witted answers and laughter.

I'd like to share a few quotes from some of Tom's well-loved friends:

"I first met Tom at Tuart Place. We had both passed through Castledare as children. We got on well and learnt a lot about each other's experiences there whilst working on a presentation for Forgotten Australians Entering Aged Care. "



Desley, Dave & Bert Freeman, ready to scatter Tom's ashes

"I've known Tom for 13 years and we shared many happy times together. He had a dry sense of humour and was one never to mix words, but in a nice way. Our Wednesday group is like a family so Tom's loss has hit everyone hard. I miss him so much. One of a kind.....gone fishing."

"Tom was a quiet, thorough gentleman who was proficient at peeling and cutting many onions and cooking snags at our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles. A man of many talents and will be forever missed."

"I miss Tom's honesty and humility and our great bantering on the train each Wednesday after support group and lunch. My prayers are with you, your friends, and your family as far away as the UK."

"Tom and I were at Clontarf together. At age 15 he was the relief cook on weekends and cooked for 250 people. Tom made the best shepherd's pie."



You will always be remembered Tom as a helpful and happy Irish Gentleman who was liked by many at Tuart Place and missed by all.

Winter Warmer

Monday 12 July

Singing 10.30am

Lovely warm lunch at 12pm

Raffle (with lots of prizes)

Entertainment by Fred Rea

RSVP at reception 6140 2380



Maria De Courcy giving her sisters Nunzia and Evelyn a tour of Tuart Place when they visited from Tasmania and South Australia on the passing of Phyllis their other sister.