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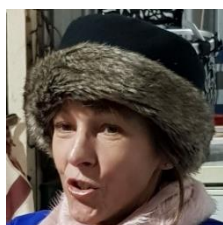
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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

To all the ladies in the Sandgropers we wish you a
very Happy Mothers Day.

May your day be filled with happiness.



COVID TALES:

Well with the covid 19 keeping us all locked away there's not a lot to report so some members have sent me how they have been keeping themselves occupied over this time.

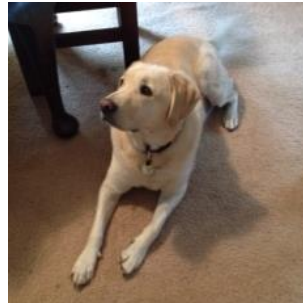
MARY & PETER NEALE:

We have been fine, with my sewing and Peter with his woodwork, his biggest project yet, a working clock, soon to be finished.



There's been lots of reading, eating, cooking like most people and a bit of clearing out

We have lovely Ari keep us company since



more months to go before David's interstate friends and family and that Shopping has been interesting with a extremely excited when we could

Each Saturday, we have broken the rules, to cook a BBQ lunch for David and the workman, we feel, that is all we can contribute to the build, we just get in the way otherwise. Lovely to see our 2 sons get on so well with Andrew doing the outside bits, walls, painting, paths gardens etc., just loves it as he is working from home and a chance to do some physical stuff.



had to

Easter 2019 with only a couple of house is finished. We have phoned makes the day go very quickly. Wishlist after a few weeks and purchase something off that list....

We have Zoomed our daughter in the UK, for her birthday, the whole family singing happy birthday and blowing out the candles. Andrew held an Anzac morning at 6 in his drive way and the next day a dance in the same place in Bristol Avenue with his PA and all the speakers, everyone enjoyed it, with more to come apparently.

We are now seeking company with friends with a few outings, picnics, and coffees now that we can have 10 in a group. We realise that friends are so important and feel that the Covid 19 has taught us to slow down.

We have been happy to spend the time on our own, but it will be lovely to catch up with everyone at a rally down the track.

Cheers to all

Mary and Peter

LINDA & COLI N HAIG:

We had a very different wedding anniversary this year Due to lockdown no dining out We did next best thing Took an expensive bottle of champagne down to Sth Perth foreshore and enjoyed both champagne and beautiful lights of Perth Perfect balmy night Forgot to take photo

Perfect alternative

HELEN & JIM SCHELL:

So what have the Schells done. We decided to stay in Lancelin because we could and we did stay busy.

Recycle of course was on hold however Jim brought home the old TVs and recycled in the shed.

Then along came the job of putting up a shed at the Bowls Club. Our busy bees had to confirm so lots of things were done with only one or two people there. Now we wait for the concrete floor.

And all guys love painting so that to do job was done.

Then I thought we needed a garden that didn't need weeding so a paving job was undertaken.

And not to forget the



beach. We have watched the dolphins the gulls including a couple of pacific gulls. Not to forget the oyster eaters and the

osprey who are getting ready to nest.

We have walked most afternoons and watched the bird life. Our little willies and the doves along with the mudlarks and crows.

Oh and Jim started a jigsaw

but hasn't had time to finish it.

Then in April we celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary with a lovely cray fish dinner.

So we haven't felt any isolation and thoroughly enjoyed the past few weeks.

Hope everyone else enjoyed as well.

See you on the road somewhere.

Cheers Helen and Jim



THELMA & KEVIN THORBES

Kevin and I have been trying to declutter our house, and Kevin his shed, during this shutdown. It has brought back so many memories, but having to get rid of some of the treasures is hard. On the other hand, it is also amazing some of the things we achieved and have forgotten.

We can't be young again but remembering the good times and sometimes the mishaps can bring a laugh to both of us.

Cheers. Thelma & Kevin



CLELIA & GRAHAM GOUGH:

Clelia & Graham became the very proud great grandparents to Oliver a couple of weeks ago but haven't seen him in person yet. He will be two weeks old this Friday and we are all hanging out to catch up and have many hugs and kisses. (photos attached) The smiling one is probably



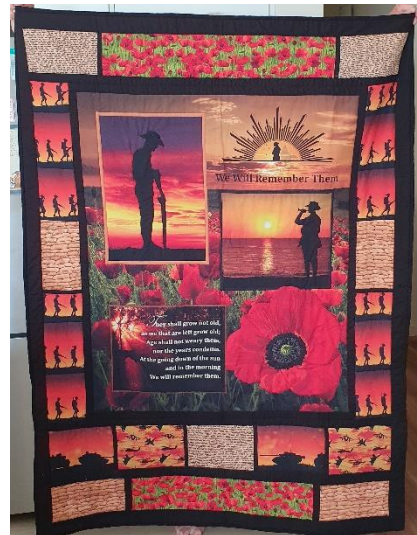
wind but oh so cute.

We have been mainly pottering around doing things in the house and garden, so am afraid nothing too interesting. The last time we went out in the caravan was with Sandgroppers before Christmas, so also hanging out to go out in the van.

We have planned our overseas trip in October, but that is not likely to happen, so we will postpone it until March next year. Planning on Italy, France, Malta and the Dalmatia Coast. You may know that I was offered a three-month contract working for BGC, but after one month, the project was put on hold, so hope to get back to work soon. Other than that, nothing really interesting is happening.

RONNIE & BRIAN ADAMS

We have both kept ourselves busy. Ronnie doing patchwork including the quilt I made to commemorate Anzac Day, which has been given to the return service people in the village. A few of the ladies in the village have been making quilts to go over East for victims of the fires. I have been the coordinator and have sent some to NSW



and hopefully the rest to SA . Brian has done the normal thing men do ie gardening and tidying the outside, He has been helpful in helping with cleaning windows and moving furniture for cleaning under. At the present he is trying to finish a 1000-piece jigsaw, but he reckons some of the pieces are missing, funny that as it was a new puzzle.



We are lucky in that we live next door to a couple of members of the village band and on a couple of Sundays they have set the



band up between three houses and played live music while the rest of the street sit in their drive ways and listen, a very pleasant afternoons entertainment. Hope we can all get together soon. Ronnie & Brian

LYNNE & ALAN KIRBY:

relaxed in the hammock for the first week with a good book and occasional dip in the pool. Felt like the period between Christmas and new year.

- bought an elliptical cross trainer before all the gyms closed. Its enormous but works a treat.
- went out for a walk at 10pm one night around the neighbourhood in my pyjamas. Walked in the middle of the road and didn't see a soul.



- stocked up on tea for an afternoon cuppa
- socially distanced myself on the beach (my go-to place). Dragged Alan down with the weekend newspapers a couple of times.



- Facetime has kept us in touch with our grandchildren in Brisbane so we have been able to be involved with Elyssa first birthday and seen her taking her first steps. Thank goodness for modern technology



- we have done a HUGE amount of work in the garden which would never have got done otherwise



- zoom has been used for book club meeting
- many of the wine group members meet for 5sle socially distanced on either side of the road. This has been good for all of us, although Alan steadfastly stays at home.

- socially distanced coffee get together on a front lawn

- Anzac Day service led by a Vietnam Vet wine group member. Last Post and Revallie played by daughter of another member and flag lowered by another. Community.

Alan has all but refused to leave the house. I have been exceedingly cautious. Things have eased a bit now but I was not going anywhere near a supermarket trolley. I took my laundry trolley with a couple of folding crates for a big shop or took my own basket. Gloves on. Sanitiser in the handbag. I even put a flymask over my head at one stage when they said don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth. It was a barrier.

I think the flymask and pyjama walk were the weirdest things I have done.

We've been keeping ourselves out of mischief.

I think there must be a lot of caravanners out there who have sold everything and bought new vans that are finding things a bit cramped.

I think we are so blessed to be living in Australia, and WA. Lynne

GLENDA & KEL OLESEN:

Hi folks, greetings. Here is my little write up for the Gossip.

Recent photo of Kel. We can't cuddle friends but luckily have Brook and Lily who love to be cuddled.

Unfortunately Kels cancer has reappeared but not quite as bad. A mass is on the liver wall so its back to chemo again. We are being positive and planning on being able to caravan when restrictions are lifted.



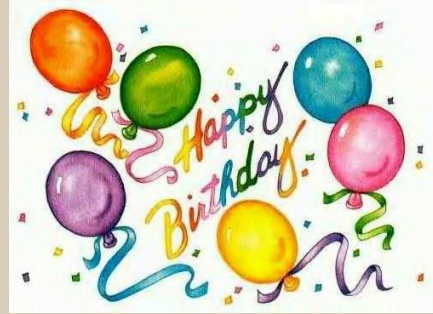
With that in the future we have followed Chris Youngs idea of a shoe shelf on the outside to keep the shoes up out of rain and dust. Looking forward to seeing you all soon, hugs, Glenda & Kel.



Autumn in the hills

MAY 2020

Cheryl Kent	15th
Clelia Gough	17th
Cindy Jordan	25th



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Sharon & Rod Burge

11th

UPCOMING RALLIES

Due to the covid19 virus rallies have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

May we never again
take for granted:

Friday nights with friends,
Family gatherings,
Birthday celebrations,
The roar of a stadium,
Mornings at the gym,
Packed dance floors,
Coffee with a friend,
Crowded concerts,
LIFE ITSELF.



