



*Friendship, Fellowship and
Fun*

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
FRIENDSHIP
30 JULY**

On July 20, 1958, while out to dinner with friends in the town of Puerto Pinasco, Paraguay, Dr. Ramón Artemio Bracho proposed the idea of a **World Friendship Day** to his colleagues. On that night, the World Crusade of Friendship was founded, as an activist organization that would promote the idea of celebrating worldwide friendship on July 30. The organization lobbied the United Nations for many years, until finally, on July 27, 2011, the General Assembly of the United Nations assigned this date to celebrate the International Friendship Day inviting all Member States to observe the International Day of Friendship in accordance with the culture and customs of their local, national and regional communities, including through education and public awareness-raising activities.

The UN resolution places emphasis on involving young people, as future leaders, in community activities that include different cultures to promote international understanding and respect for diversity.

The UN resolution also encourages governments, international organizations and civil society groups to hold events, activities and initiatives that contribute to the efforts of the international community towards promoting solidarity, mutual understanding and reconciliation.

Facts & Quotes

- In 1998, the UN Secretary's wife, Nane Annan, named Winnie the Pooh as the Ambassador of Friendship at the UN.
- People who are more socially connected to family, friends, and community are happier, healthier, and live longer than people who are less well connected - **Robert Waldinger, Professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School** .
- The International Day of Friendship is an important opportunity to confront the misunderstandings and distrust that underlie so many of the tensions and conflicts in today's world. It is a reminder that human solidarity is essential to promoting lasting peace and fostering sustainable development - **UN Secretary-General Ban-Ki Moon, 2013.**

- Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together - **Woodrow Wilson**
- Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything - **Muhammad Ali**

Things to Do

- Let every one of your friends know how much you appreciate them - with a card, a letter, a phone call, an email, a text, etc.
- Perform random acts of kindness for strangers
- Smile at everyone you meet today

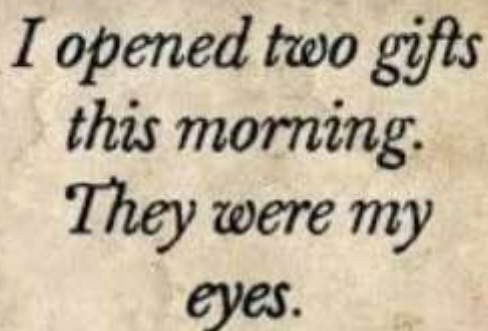
*Good friends are like stars.
You don't always see them
but you know they are there.*

VEGEMITE - A SOLUTION FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE

The thinker and writer Edward de Bono, who has died aged 88, once suggested that the Arab-Israeli conflict might be solved with Vegemite. During a 1999 lecture to Foreign Office officials, the originator of the term lateral thinking argued that the yeast extract, though proverbially socially divisive, could do what politicians and diplomats had failed for years to achieve. The problem, as he saw it, was that people in the Middle East eat unleavened bread and so lack zinc, which makes them irritable and belligerent. Feeding them Vegemite, therefore, would help create peace.

Lateral thinking

De Bono's revolution began in 1967 with his book *The Use of Lateral Thinking*. Imagine, he said, that a money lender claims a merchant's daughter in lieu of her father's debt. The merchant and daughter concoct a compromise. The money lender will put a black stone in one bag and in the other, a white. If the daughter chooses the black stone, she will be doomed to marry the money lender and the debt cancelled; if the white she will stay with her father and the debt be cancelled. But as the trio stand on a pebble-strewn path, she notices the money lender putting a black stone in each bag. What should she do to avoid a nightmarish fate?



*I opened two gifts
this morning.
They were my
eyes.*

(Malcolm McClean)

This is where lateral thinking – ie, employing unorthodox means to solve a problem – comes in. De Bono suggested the daughter should pick either bag, but fumble and drop her stone on to the path. “Since the remaining pebble is of course black, it must be assumed she picked the white pebble, since the money lender dare not admit his dishonesty.”



Edward de Bono

Edward Charles Francis Publius de Bono was born in Malta on 19 May 1933. Educated at St. Edward's College, Malta, he then gained a medical degree from the University of Malta. Following this, he proceeded as a Rhodes Scholar to Christ Church, Oxford, where he gained an MA in psychology and physiology.

He represented Oxford in polo and set two canoeing records.

He then gained a PhD degree in medicine from Trinity College, Cambridge, an honorary DDes (Doctor of Design) from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and an honorary LLD from the University of Dundee.

De Bono held faculty appointments at the universities of Oxford, Cambridge (where he helped to establish the university's medical school), London and Harvard. He was a professor at Dublin City University. De Bono held the Da Vinci Professor of Thinking chair at University of Advancing Technology in Tempe, Arizona, US. He was one of the 27 Ambassadors for the European Year of Creativity and Innovation 2009.

The originator of the term 'Lateral Thinking', de Bono wrote 85 books with translations into 46 languages. He taught his thinking methods to government agencies, corporate clients, organizations and individuals, privately or publicly in group sessions.

He promoted the World Center for New Thinking (2004-2011), based in Malta, which applied Thinking Tools to solution and policy design on the geo-political level.

COINCIDENCE?

Charles Francis Coghlan was one of the great Shakespearean performers of his day and was born and lived on Prince Edward Island, Canada and died in 1899 in Galveston Texas. He was buried in a lead lined coffin and placed in a granite vault in Galveston cemetery. In 1900 a great hurricane struck, floodwaters washed into the cemetery and hundreds of coffins floated out into the Gulf of Mexico to be scattered far and wide. Charles coffin headed south, left to the vagaries of wind and tide.

Eight years later fishermen from Prince Edward Island found it off their local beach and from the plate on the coffin lid they recognised him, a name well-known on the island. He was buried near the church where he had been baptised 58 years earlier. The wandering actor had taken a 2,000 mile sea journey to get home.



CONGRATULATIONS!

OVER 1,000 WRAPS!

With the generous and enthusiastic support of our many knitting and crochet experts our club has now produced over 1,000 wraps for the charity Wrap with Love.

WRAPPING PEOPLE IN NEED

Since 1992, Wrap with Love have wrapped more than 414,000 people with love and warmth, in Australia and around the World. The organisation delivers aid to needy countries, some experiencing extreme poverty or other natural disasters, some involved in war through its network of non-government aid organisations.

DISTRIBUTING WRAPS

Wrap with Love work with national and international aid agencies of high repute, who make sure that wraps are delivered directly to people in areas of trauma and need.

FUNDRAISING

Wrap with Love is a registered charity and relies on donations of time and money from individuals, NGOs and companies in order to do this essential work.

ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB

Anniversary Lunch Venue

Thursday 15 July 2021

The Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay is a Club with a rich history of growth and significance in the Pittwater region.

Originally the Club was formed as a branch of the Motor Yacht Club of NSW Rose Bay, which was purchased early in 1927 in Horseshoe Cove, Newport (still the existing site).



The first clubhouse and wharf

His Majesty King George V conferred the right for the Motor Yacht of NSW Rose Bay, to use the prefix "Royal". Subsequently the Broken Bay branch became the Royal Motor Yacht Club. The official opening of the first clubhouse, boat shed, wharf and slipway took place on 17th March 1928.

The original clubhouse was built close to the seawall and was enjoyed for many years by members and the local boating fraternity. However, a fire brought forth new ideas and planning. In their re-thinking,

Club executives decided the second clubhouse should be built further back, thus allowing cars to be parked between the seawall and the building alignment. In 1939 the land on the eastern side was bought for \$200, thereby increasing the overall waterfrontage to approximately 500 feet.

In 1942 with Australia heavily involved in the Pacific War, pleasure boating was curtailed because of petrol rationing. Many of the sizeable cruisers were confiscated for the Navy and saw service with the Naval Auxiliary Patrol.

In 1947/48, the Royal Motor Yacht Club, like so many other organisations, was "taking stock" after the War years. Building and improvements continued gradually. On 15th March 1959, a swimming pool was opened and membership had grown to 354 active members. A new lounge deck and bar was constructed and opened in 1964, which extended the clubhouse further.

After 1966 many successful projects were undertaken including the building of a new clubhouse. The official opening took place on 17th August 1968 and was performed by Lady Cutler, the wife of Patron and NSW State Governor, Sir Roden Cutler.



The official opening in March 1928.

Boating activity was steadily increasing in New South Wales, particularly in Sydney. The demand for cruisers, runabouts and sailboats was astronomical, as was the demand for marina berths, dry storage and moorings.

The southern marina with 91 berths was built in 1966. In July 1978, the first pile was driven for the western marina with 103 berths. Through the mid to late 1980's, additional parking was created and the entrance road re-routed to allow construction of the Garden Forecourt and BBQ area.

The 1990's saw many improvements to Club facilities. A Club Divisional boat was purchased, the Club lounge balcony with its magnificent views was built and the Garden Forecourt was refurbished with a new BBQ and retractable awning. The fuel wharf adjoining the car park was rebuilt along with a game fishing weigh station, stainless steel flag pole and relocation of the Starters' Tower.



The RMYC clubhouse in 1934

On the 8th October 2000, a fire caused extensive water and smoke damage throughout the clubhouse. A \$1 million refurbishment program saw a new lounge bar with other areas of the Club being replaced as original. With a major marina development completed in 2004, the Club now provides 218 marina pens and 49 swing moorings. Currently there are plans for another marina upgrade with 40 new marina berths to be added.

NEWSLETTER

If you come across something of particular interest, please consider sharing it with our club members. Email the information to me and I will include it in the newsletter. Many thanks to those who have submitted articles for this newsletter.

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WORDS

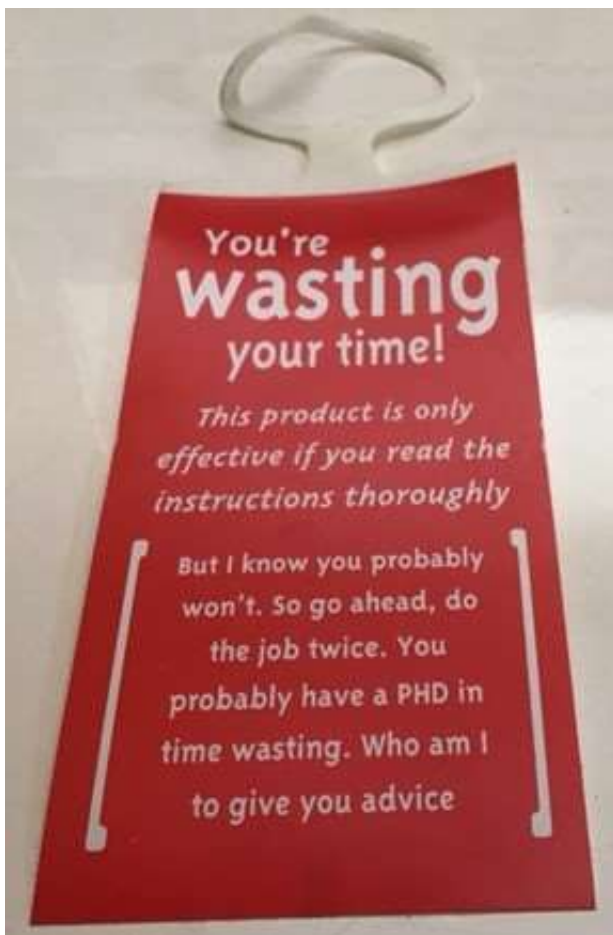
One of the longest words in the English language has 36 letters and ends in "Phobia". It obviously refers to a fear of something.

The meaning of this word, Ironically is.....a fear of long words!

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia

We found this on a bottle of Wet and Forget recently. Could be applied to many situations!

Peter Moxham



ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Music of the Night
Glen Street Theatre
Saturday 31 July 2021

Andrew Lloyd Webber was born in Kensington, London in March 1948, the elder son of William Lloyd Webber (1914–1982), a composer and organist, and Jean Hermione Johnstone (1921–1993), a violinist and pianist. His younger brother, Julian Lloyd Webber, is a world-renowned solo cellist.

Lloyd Webber started writing his own music at a young age: a suite of six pieces at the age of nine. He also put on "productions" with Julian and his Aunt Viola in his toy theatre (which he built at Viola's suggestion). His aunt Viola, an actress, took him to see many of her shows and through the stage door into the world of the theatre.

His father enrolled him as a part-time student at the Eric Gilder School of Music in the spring of 1963. At this time he was working on a Genghis Khan musical called *Westonia!*, and he had also set music to *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*.

In 1965, Lloyd Webber was a Queen's Scholar at Westminster School and studied history for a term at Magdalen College, Oxford. He abandoned the course in the winter of 1965 to study at the Royal College of Music and pursue his interest in musical theatre.

Lloyd Webber has been married three times. He married first Sarah Hugill on 24 July 1971 and they divorced on 14 November 1983. Together they had two children, a daughter and a son:

He then married singer Sarah Brightman on 22 March 1984 in Hampshire. He cast Brightman in the lead role in his musical *The Phantom of the Opera*, among other notable roles. They divorced on 3 January 1990.

Thirdly, he married Madeleine Gurdon in Westminster on 9 February 1991. They have three children, two sons and one daughter, all of whom were born in Westminster:

Lloyd Webber and his third wife Madeleine founded the Watership Down Stud in 1992. In 1996, they expanded their equestrian holdings by purchasing Kiltinan Castle Stud near Fethard in County Tipperary, Ireland.

In a 1971 interview with *The New York Times*, Lloyd Webber said he is an agnostic. He also said he views Jesus as "one of the great figures of history". He is a lifelong supporter of London-based football club Leyton Orient F.C., just like his younger brother Julian.

The Sunday Times Rich List of 2019 saw him ranked the richest musician in the UK (overtaking Paul McCartney) with a fortune of £820 million. He lives

at Sydmonton Court, Hampshire, and owns much of nearby Watership Down.

Lloyd Webber is an art collector, with a passion for Victorian painting.

He was made a Conservative life peer in 1997.

Lloyd Webber has supported the UK's Conservative Party, allowing his song "Take That Look Off Your Face" to be used on a party promotional film seen by an estimated 1 million people before the 2005 general election.

In August 2014, Lloyd Webber was one of 200 public figures who were signatories to a letter to *The Guardian* opposing Scottish independence in the run-up to September's referendum.

In October 2015, Lloyd Webber was involved in a contentious House of Lords vote over proposed cuts to tax credits, voting with the Government in favour of the plan. Lloyd Webber was denounced by his critics because he flew in from abroad on his personal plane to vote, when his voting record was scant.

In October 2017, Lloyd Webber retired from the House of Lords, stating that his busy schedule was incompatible with the demands of Parliament considering the upcoming crucial Brexit legislation.

FOR THE GOLFERS



POLITICIANS

We hang petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

Aesop, Greek slave & fable author

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.

Plato, ancient Greek Philosopher

Politicians are the same all over: they promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

Nikita Khrushchev, Russian Soviet politician

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.

Oscar Ameringer, "the Mark Twain of American Socialism."

I offered my opponents a deal: "if they stop telling lies about me, I will stop telling the truth about them".

Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952.

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

Texas Guinan, 19th century American businessman

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

Charles de Gaulle, French general & president

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Government. But then I repeat myself.

Mark Twain (1835- 1910)

I contend that for a nation to try and tax itself into prosperity, is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul, can always depend on the support of Paul !

Will Rogers (1879- 1935)

The problem we face today is that the people who work for a living are outnumbered by those who vote for a living.

George Bernard Shaw (1856- 1950)

Hey Justene
 I hear you
 a tragic Eagles
 supporter. Well done!!
 I hope you like
 the way we are playing
 and we plan to keep
 winning. Take Care
 Des Hasler



Dear Chris,

I'm beyond words. To say that this beautiful gesture has made my day is an understatement. It brought me to tears. I have never felt as special as I did when I received this card.

I honestly can say that the Belrose Probus group tour was my favourite group I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Such a beautiful group of people. They will always have a spot in my heart.

I sincerely am beyond grateful for this amazing card that I have received. I would like to thank yourself, Belrose probus group and Des Hasler for such a wonderful gesture. You have made a tragic Manly supporter very, very happy.

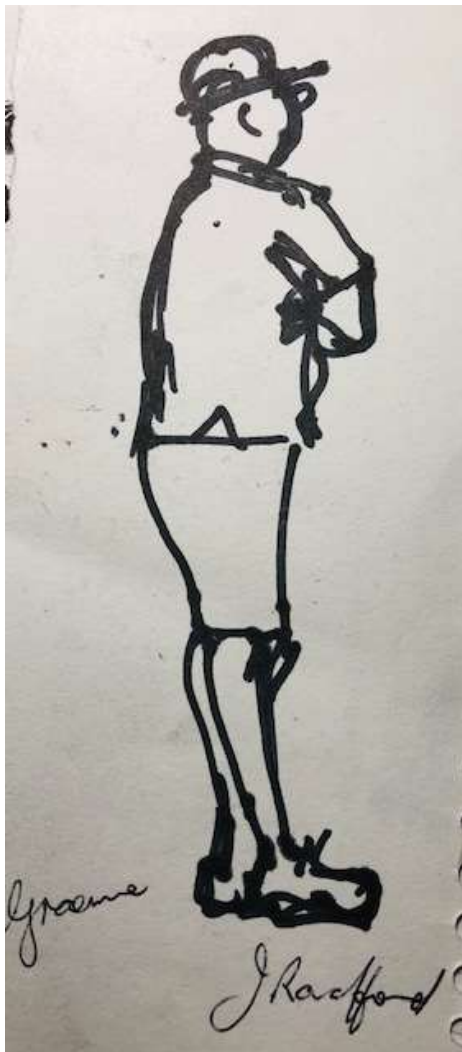
I wish you all the very best and hope to meet up again in the future.

Kind wishes
 Justene Ford 🙏🙏
 Go Manly

CARICATURES

(Do you recognise anyone?
 Answers on next page)





In order:

Warwick and Lorna

Elaine

Pam

Graeme

John

Eat whatever you like because you will still DIE, don't allow motivational speakers to deceive you.

Note the following statistics:

1. The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54.
2. The inventor of gymnastics died at the age of 57.
3. The world bodybuilding champion died at the age of 41.
4. The best footballer in the world Maradona died at the age of 60.

But...

5. The KFC inventor died at 94.
6. Inventor of Nutella died at the age of 88.
7. Imagine, cigarette maker Winston died at the age of 102.
8. The inventor of opium died at the age of 116 in an earthquake.
9. Hennessey Cognac inventor died at 98.

How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life?

The rabbit is always jumping up and down but it lives for only 2 years and the turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives hundreds of years!

So, take some rest, chill, stay cool, eat, drink and enjoy your life.

LOCKDOWN

This has been in the newsletter before but is worth repeating

Just be careful because people are going crazy from being in lock down!

Actually I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee and all of us agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant.

In the end the iron straightened me out as she said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing. The Hoover was very unsympathetic... told me to just suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over!

The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't say anything but the door knob told me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me toyes, you guessed it ☹️.....pull myself together

(With thanks to Malcolm McLean)
