



October 2021 Newsletter
Magazine Section

*FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP
AND FUN*



International days are used to raise awareness and for our Community in Australia and New Zealand, **1 October** is now known as Probus Day. The inaugural Probus Day was held last year on 1st October 2020.

*INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
OLDER PERSONS
1 OCTOBER*

On 14 December 1990, the United Nations General Assembly designated 1 October the International Day of Older Persons.

Globally, there were 703 million persons aged 65 or over in 2019. The region of Eastern and South-Eastern Asia was home to the largest number of older persons (261 million), followed by Europe and Northern America (over 200 million).

Over the next three decades, the number of older persons worldwide is projected to more than double, reaching more than 1.5 billion persons in 2050. All regions will see an increase in the size of the older population between 2019 and 2050.

The largest increase (312 million) is projected to occur in Eastern and South-Eastern Asia, growing from 261 million in 2019 to 573 million in 2050.

The fastest increase in the number of older persons is expected in Northern Africa and Western Asia, rising from 29 million in 2019 to 96 million in 2050 (an increase of 226 per cent). The second fastest increase is projected for sub-Saharan Africa, where the population aged 65 or over could grow from 32 million in 2019 to 101 million in 2050 (218 per cent). By contrast, the increase is expected to be relatively small in Australia and New Zealand (84 per cent) and in Europe and Northern America (48 per cent), regions where the population is already significantly older than in other parts of the world.

Less developed countries will be home to more than two-thirds of the world's older population (1.1 billion) in 2050. The fastest increase is projected to take place in the least developed countries, where the number of persons aged 65 or over could rise from 37 million in 2019 to 120 million in 2050 (225 per cent).

OLD AGE - QUOTES

1. "Every man desires to live long, but no man desires to be old." - *Jonathan Swift (paraphrased)*
2. "Old age is always fifteen years older than I am." - *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
3. "Men do not quit playing because they grow old—they grow old because they quit playing." - *Oliver Wendell Holmes*
4. "Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young." - *Theodore Roosevelt*
5. "Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest." - *Larry Lorenzoni*
6. "There is still no cure for the common birthday." - *John Glenn*
7. "If I'd known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself." - *Anonymous*
8. "Age is a high price to pay for maturity." - *Tom Stoppard*
9. "Life is a moderately good play with a badly written third act." - *Truman Capote*
10. "You're only as old as you feel." - *Anonymous*
11. "You're only as old as the girl that you feel." - *Groucho Marx*
12. "Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional" - *Chili Davis*
13. "You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely." - *Ogden Nash*
14. "Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative." - *Maurice Chevalier*
15. "Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many." - *Anonymous*
16. "A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams." - *John Barrymore*
17. "None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm." - *Henry David Thoreau*
18. *And finally,:* "You know you're getting old when all the celebrities you once fancied as a teenager start dropping dead."



COCO CHANEL



1920

Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel was born in 1883 in the charity hospital run by the Sisters of Providence in Saumur. Her father Albert married her mother Jeanne in 1884. Jeanne died when Gabrielle was 11 and she and her sister went to an orphanage run by the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Mary which was founded to care for the poor and rejected and included running homes for abandoned and orphaned girls. It was a stark, frugal life, demanding strict discipline. There she learnt to sew.

At 18 and too old to remain at the orphanage Coco went to live in a boarding house for Catholic girls in the town of Moulins.

There Coco found employment as a seamstress. When not sewing, she sang in a cabaret frequented by cavalry officers called La Rotonde. She

was a *poseuse*, a performer who entertained the crowd between star turns. The money earned was what she managed to accumulate when the plate was passed. It was at this time that Gabrielle acquired the name "Coco". When singing in the cabaret she often sang the song, "Who Has Seen Coco?" She also liked to say the nickname was given to her by her father. Others believe "Coco" was an allusion to the French word for kept woman, *cocotte*.

As an entertainer, Chanel radiated a juvenile allure that tantalized the military habitués of the cabaret

In 1906, Chanel worked in the spa resort town of Vichy. Vichy boasted a profusion of concert halls, theatres, and cafés where she hoped to achieve success as a performer. Chanel's youth and physical charms impressed those for whom she auditioned, but her singing voice was marginal and she failed to find stage work. Obligated to find employment, she took work at the *Grande Grille*, where as a *donneuse d'eau* her job was to dispense glasses of the purportedly curative mineral water for which Vichy was renowned.

When the Vichy season ended, Chanel returned to Moulins, and her former haunt *La Rotonde*. She realised then that a serious stage career was not in her future.

At Moulins, Chanel met a young French ex-cavalry officer and textile heir, Étienne Balsan and at the age of twenty-three Chanel became Balsan's

mistress, For the next three years, she lived with him in his château near Compiègne, an area known for its wooded equestrian paths and the hunting life. It was a lifestyle of self-indulgence. Balsan's wealth allowed the cultivation of a social set that reveled in partying and the gratification of human appetites, with all the implied accompanying decadence. Balsan showered Chanel with the baubles of "the rich life"—diamonds, dresses, and pearls.

In 1908, Chanel began an affair with one of Balsan's friends, Captain Arthur Edward 'Boy' Capel. In later years, Chanel reminisced of this time in her life: "two gentlemen were outbidding for my hot little body."

Capel, a wealthy member of the English upper class, installed Chanel in an apartment in Paris and financed her first shops. It is said that Capel's sartorial style influenced the conception of the Chanel look.

Chanel had begun designing hats while living with Balsan, initially as a diversion that evolved into a commercial enterprise. She became a licensed milliner in 1910 and opened a boutique at 21 rue Cambon, Paris, named *Chanel Modes*

In 1913, Coco opened a boutique in Deauville, financed by Arthur Capel, where she introduced deluxe casual clothing suitable for leisure and sport. The fashions were constructed from humble fabrics such as jersey and tricot, at the time primarily used for men's

underwear. The location was a primeone, in the centre of town on a fashionable street. Here Chanel sold hats, jackets, sweaters, and the *marinière*, the sailor blouse.

Chanel, determined to re-create the success she enjoyed in Deauville, opened an establishment in Biarritz in 1915. Biarritz, on the Côte Basque, close to wealthy Spanish clients, was a playground for the moneyed set and those exiled from their native countries by the war. The Biarritz shop was installed not as a storefront, but in a villa opposite the casino. After one year of operation, the business proved to be so lucrative that in 1916 Chanel was able to reimburse Capel's original investment.

By 1919, Chanel was registered as a *couturière* and established her *maison de couture* at 31 rue Cambon, Paris, (in one of the most fashionable districts of Paris) purchasing the building a few years later.

In 1921, she opened an early incarnation of a fashion boutique, featuring clothing, hats, and accessories, later expanded to offer jewellery and fragrances.

By 1927, Chanel owned five properties on the rue Cambon, Chanel was the mistress of some of the most influential men of her time, but she never married.

In 1939, at the beginning of World War II, Chanel closed her shops, maintaining her apartment situated above the couture house at 31 Rue de Cambon. She said that it was not a time for fashion; as a result of her

action, 4,000 female employees lost their jobs.

During the German occupation, Chanel resided at the Hotel Ritz. It was noteworthy as the preferred place of residence for upper-echelon German military staff. During this time, she had a romantic liaison with Baron Hans Günther von Dincklage, a German aristocrat and member of Dincklage noble family.

Suspensions of Coco Chanel's involvement first began when German tanks entered Paris and began the Nazi occupation. Chanel immediately sought refuge in the deluxe Hotel Ritz, which was also used as the headquarters of the German military.

While many women in France were punished for "horizontal collaboration" with German officers, Chanel faced no such action. At the time of the French liberation in 1944, Chanel left a note in her store window explaining that Chanel No. 5 was to be free to all GIs.

In September 1944, Chanel was interrogated by the Free French Purge Committee, the *épuration*. The committee had no documented evidence of her collaborative activities and was obliged to release her.

She then fled to Switzerland to avoid criminal charges for her collaborations as a Nazi spy

In 1954 at more than 70 years old, and after having her couture house closed for 15 years, she felt the time was right to re-enter the fashion world. When Chanel came out with her comeback

collection the French press were cautious due to her collaboration during the war and the controversy of the collection. However, the American and British press saw it as a "breakthrough", bringing together fashion and youth in a new way

As 1971 began, Chanel was 87 years old, tired, and ailing. She carried out her usual routine of preparing the spring catalogue. She had gone for a long drive on the afternoon of Saturday, 9 January. Soon after, feeling ill, she went to bed early She announced her final words to her maid which were: "You see, this is how you die."

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight saving in New South Wales begins at 2.00 am on the first Sunday in October and ends at 3.00 am on the first Sunday in April.

*Daylight saving begins on
3 October 2021*



PAN AM FLIGHT 812 1974 CRASH

Perhaps when in lockdown, one looks to find small things of little importance but of great interest.

Looking at the first part of the article on the Pan Am crash. At that time, we were living in Miami Florida and our close neighbour was a senior 707 Captain/pilot in Pan Am in the Miami hub which serviced the southern part of Europe, West Indies and the Latin Americas in both the centre and the south.

One day he was telling me that for political reasons full details of the crash of the 707 had not been publicly disclosed. In fact, his fellow senior Captain/pilots across the continent were saying the crashed plane was riddled in bullet holes which were not reported. This pilot was not one to generally stretch the truth as he knew it. For what it is worth.

With reduced things to do, I looked up

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pan_Am_Flight_812

and found it an interesting read. My memory tells me, we had caught that flight number on several occasions when flying to the States.

Roger Morrow

ANOTHER COINCIDENCE

In the latter part of my working life I was lecturing in Accounting at the Sydney TAFE in beautiful Ultimo. In the evening class I was teaching via the “chalk and talk” method, the accounting treatments that are required between the Head Office books and that of a Branch. So I could abbreviate what I put on the board, I used “H O” for Sydney Office and “B” for the branch at **Bellata** [a small town of about 190 people]. I got no response from the students when I mentioned Bellata, so I continued on.

As it was an evening class with mature responsible adults, you accepted that many a student would have done a hard day’s work before turning up to class so when doing the exercises covering what had been taught, one accepted that they would start to drift off to go home.... I usually wrote what the homework was on the board and the first of the homework questions were the exercises the students were doing in the class.

There remained till the end, one chap. Before leaving, he asked me why I used Bellata as the Branch. I said I lived there [did not mention it was from 1944 to 1948 inclusive] and his response was “so did I” with the next question “in what street”. I mentioned Belar Street. His response again was “so did I” and the next question, “whereabouts”. I though he may be winding me up, so replied “opposite the local

baker's house". His reply was "so did I" and gave me the name of the baker. So, there you go, we both had lived in the same house.

But that is not the end of the story. About 10 or 12 years ago, Jean and I were at a Charles Sturt University Graduation Ceremony. We were invited to the Vice Chancellor's lunch and were seated next to the Graduation's Occasional Speaker. He had been introduced to the Ceremony as having been in many country towns and was now the inspector of schools for the whole of western NSW. In the social chit chat with him I casually mention that I had lived near one of the towns mentioned ... that of Moree. He explained, he mentioned Moree as no one would have known the town he actually lived in ... the small town of Bellata. Where did he live while there? It turns out to be the house opposite the baker's house where I had lived earlier. That is two other families other than my family and what a small world it is.

You may well ask where Bellata is. It is halfway between Moree and Narrabri on the rail line. Looking up Google for the population facts to be correct, I found the following facts that I did not remember or never knew

- Wikipedia says "Bellata" in aboriginal language means "kangaroo" or possibly "home of Belar Trees".
- For those who buy Sonoma bread in greater Sydney The owners bake their bread with wood fired ovens. You will have noted in the above, I had mentioned "baker's house". Well

that baker's oven was wood fired and has been bought and brought to Sydney by the new owners to bake the Sonoma bread

- Bellata was originally known as Woolabra when the rail line was originally laid and in 1908 the town was renamed Bellata
- According to the Narrabri tourist bureau, in the late 1800's paper money issued by the various banks at that time was in short supply inland. Bellata, originally known as Woolabra, produced their own! The Woolabra one pound note was legal tender throughout NSW.
- Bellata farmers grow wonderful Durum hard wheat which makes great pasta!

Roger Morrow



With thanks to John Robinson

HETERONYMS AND HOMOGRAPHS

Homographs are words of identical spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym

- 1) The bandage was *wound* around the *wound*.
- 2) The farm was used to *produce produce*.
- 3) The tip was so full that it had to *refuse* more *refuse*.
- 4) We must *polish* the *Polish* furniture.
- 5) The soldier decided to *desert* his dessert in the *desert*.
- 6) Since there is no time like the *present*, he thought it was time to *present* the *present*.
- 7) When shot at, the *dove dove* into the bushes.
- 8) I did not *object* to the *object*.
- 9) The insurance was *invalid* for the *invalid*.
- 10) There was a *row* among the oarsmen about how to *row*.
- 11) They were too *close* to the door to *close* it.

12) The buck *does* funny things when the *does* are present.

13) A seamstress and a *sewer* fell down into a *sewer* line.

14) To help with planting, the farmer taught his *sow* to *sow*.

15) The *wind* was too strong to *wind* up the sail.

16) Upon seeing the *tear* in the painting I shed a *tear*.

17) I had to *subject* the *subject* to a series of tests.

18) How can I *intimate* this to my most *intimate* friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in a pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England nor French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to help the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church, by hand.

He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript.

So, the new monk goes to the Old Abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son."

He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives, in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years. Hours go by and nobody sees the Old Abbot.

So, the young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him.

He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing.

"We missed the R

We missed the R

We missed the bloody. R

His forehead is all bloody and bruised and he is crying uncontrollably.

The young monk asks the old Abbot, "What's wrong, father?"

With a choking voice, the old Abbot replies, "The word was

CELEBRATE!

(With thanks to Mike Staniland)

ISRAELI INNOVATION

The Israelis do not make islands in the shape of palm trees, nor towering skyscrapers, nor expensive hotels, nor do their leaders use cars with massive silver bodies. The pride of the State of Israel is that soon its technologies will be able to be used by all humanity:

1. Tel Aviv University is developing a nasal vaccine that will protect people from Alzheimer's and stroke.

2. The Technion, Institute of Technology (Haifa), has developed a simple blood test capable of detecting different types of cancer.

3. The Ichlov Center (Tel Aviv) isolated a protein that makes colonoscopy unnecessary to detect colon cancer, with a simple blood test. Colon cancer kills about 500,000 people annually.

4. Acne doesn't kill anyone, but it does cause anxiety and dissatisfaction in teens. The Curlight Laboratory has created a cure by emitting UV rays - high intensity, which kills the bacteria that cause acne without generating additional complications..

5. The Given Imaging Laboratory has developed a tiny camera in the form of swallowed pills and transmits thousands of photos of the digestive tract. These high-quality photos (2 per second for 8 hours) can detect polyps, cancers, and sources of bleeding. The photos are sent to a chip that stores them and sends

them to a computer. At the end of the process, the chamber is eliminated via the rectum.

6. The Hebrew University (Jerusalem) developed an electrical neurostimulator (batteries) that is implanted in the chest of Parkinson's patients, similar to the pacemaker. The emissions from this device block the nerve signals that cause tremors.

7. The simple smell of a patient's breath can detect if a patient has lung cancer. The Russell Berrie Institute for Nanotechnology has created sensors capable of sensing and registering 42 biological markers that indicate the presence of lung cancer without the need for a biopsy.

8. Catheterization can be dispensed with in many cases. Endopat is a device placed between the indicator fingers, which can measure the state of the arteries and predict the possibility of a heart attack in the next 7 years.

9. The University of Bar Ilan studies a new drug that fights viruses through the bloodstream. It is called Vecoy Trap, as it tricks a virus into self-destruction. Very useful to combat hepatitis, and in the future Aids and Ebola.

10. Israeli scientists at Hadassah Medical Center (Jerusalem) may have discovered the first cure for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, known as Lou Gehring's disease, in an Orthodox rabbi. Stephen Hawking, a famous British scientist, suffered from this disease and used methods invented by Israeli scientists to communicate.

COMPUTER TERMINOLOGY

LOG ON: Adding wood to make the barbie hotter

LOG OFF: Not adding any more wood to the barbie.

MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the barbie.

DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the ute.

HARD DRIVE: Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.

KEYBOARD: Where you hang the ute keys.

WINDOWS: What you shut when the weather's cold.

SCREEN: What you shut in the mozzie season..

BYTE: What mozzies do

MEGABYTE: What Townsville mozzies do.

CHIP: A pub snack.

MICROCHIP: What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.

MODEM: What you did to the lawns.

LAPTOP: Where the cat sleeps.

SOFTWARE: Plastic knives and forks you get at Red Rooster.

HARDWARE: Stainless steel knives and forks - from K-Mart.

MOUSE: The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.

MAINFRAME: What holds the shed up.

WEB: What spiders make.

WEBSITE: Usually in the shed or under the verandah.

SEARCH ENGINE: What you do when the ute won't go.

CURSOR: What you say when the ute won't go.

YAHOO: What you say when the ute does go.

UPGRADE: A steep hill.

SERVER: The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

MAIL SERVER: The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

USER: The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.

NETWORK: What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.

INTERNET: Where you want the fish to go.

ONLINE: Where you hang the washing.

OFFLINE: Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.

*AUSTRALIAN COVID DATA
(as it should be reported)*

16 August 2021

Total tests	27,958,304
Total negative	27,919,208
Total positive	39,096
Total recoveries or not ill	38,138
Total deaths with/of Covid	958
Death rate (% of positive tests)	2.48%
Death rate (% of population)	0.0037%
Chance of <u>NOT</u> dying of Covid	99.996%

Recovery rate 97.54%

*Total Causes of Death 2018
Australia*

Heart Diseases	20,725
Dementia/Alzheimer	13,963
Stroke/Cerebrovascular	9,973
Lung Cancer	8,586
Emphysema/COPD etc	7,869
Bowel Cancer	5,420
Diabetes	4,656
Flu & Pneumonia	3,102
Suicide	3,046
Accidental falls	2,952
Car Accidents	1,136
Covid (to August 2021)	958

**Statistics from Australian
Government Department of Health**



PUZZLE

1 BOX	2 MAN BOARD	3 STAND I	4 READING
5 WEAR LONG	6 R ROADS D S	7 LOZZ	8 CYCLE CYCLE CYCLE
9 LE VEL	10 O BA B.Sc Ph.D	11 KNEE LIGHTS	12 [Three cat faces]
13 CHAIR	14 H MIDWICKET T	15 TOUCH	16 GROUND FEET FEET FEET FEET FEET FEET
17 MIND MATTER	18 HE'S/HIMSELF	19 ECNALG	20 DEATH/LIFE
21 BLUE ALLS	22 GOING ROUND	23 BLOUSE	24 J YOU S ME T

Answers on the next page

Puzzle Answers

1. Box in(g) Ring
2. Man over board.
3. I Understand.
4. Reading between the lines.
5. Long underwear
6. Cross roads.
7. Downtown.
8. Tricycle
9. Split level.
10. Three degrees below zero.
11. Neon Lights.
12. Bags under the eyes.
13. High chair.
14. Hit midwicket.
15. Touch up.
16. Six feet underground.
17. Mind over Matter.
18. He's beside himself.
19. Backwards glance.
20. Life after Death.
21. Blue overalls.
22. Going round in circles.
23. See through blouse.
24. Just between you and me.

(With thanks to Cherry Robinson)

Photos of some of our orchids flowering in Spring - Helen Miles

