

'THE LEGEND OF
FISHER'S GHOST'

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Secretary's Snippets:

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Welcome to the new Lions year, our new board was inducted on last Saturday night, a very good night despite the cold food! **Congratulations** to Lion Jenny on her James D Richardson Award and to Lions Lesley and Judy on their Harry Hession Awards. **Thank you** Norm and the club for my flowers and gift. I have been back just over a week and it does not feel like I have been away, I did have a good time, drove lots of miles (a few more than I should thanks to a wayward SATNAV/GPS) saw lots of places I have never been too, had a lot of laughs, food and wine in great company of family and friends. Thanks to Jenny for holding the fort whilst I was away, Jenny is now 'in training' for the next twelve months.....

Jenny will be responsible for meeting attendance and agendas, so **PLEASE** advise **Jenny** if you are unable to attend a meeting as soon as possible by either phone call or e-mail. It is important that Jenny knows if you are unable to attend so that she can get the attendance sheet right and the program. It is extremely frustrating to get to a meeting to be told by another club member that you are not attending. We will host the District Governors visit on Wednesday 15th October and the State Final of Youth of the Year on 11th April, so make a note in your diaries.

From the June Board Meeting:

As you know there was no board meeting in May so the outcomes of the June Board Meeting were:

1. *Youth Exchange:* Elizabeth Quinn has decided to postpone her application for a few months because of other commitments but is still very interested in undertaking an exchange.
2. *State Youth of the Year Final 2015* The date is 11th April and dinner costing information has been obtained from The Cube and The Hermitage Restaurant for Lion Garry Galvin to consider.
3. *Donate For Life BBQ:* It was agreed to donate \$500.00 to the NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service.
4. *Australian Diabetes:* It was agreed to donate \$250.00 to help train community and practice nurses to treat diabetes.
5. *Melbourne Cup Trifecta:* It was agreed to run the Melbourne Cup Trifecta again this year.
6. *Annual School Donations:* The Board agreed to a request from St Patricks College for the annual donation to be sent for their graduation in September. It was also agreed to present a shield to Ambarvale High School.
7. *New Set of Flags:* It was agreed to purchase a new set of flags for the flag set.
8. *LEO's BBQ 23 July:* It was agreed to donate \$50.00 to purchase sausages, etc for the LEOS's to hold a BBQ at the school on 23rd July.
9. *Kidney Health:* It was agreed to donate \$1000 to Kidney Health Australia for the Kidney Kar Rally.
10. *Chocolate Wheel:* The Butcher at Rosemeadow has advised that the cost of the meat trays has risen to \$15.00 and the board agreed that the tickets will now be 5 for \$2.00 to recuperate the costs.

History

Morgan, 'Mad' Dan

'Mad' Dan Morgan as he is most famously known was born on the 30th April, 1830 in Appin. Not much is known about his early life but what we do know is that Dan was the illegitimate son of Mary Owen and George Fuller. Well known characters in the area, his mother gained the name of 'the Gypsy' for her complexion and his father sold fruit and vegetables.

From the age of two until 17 Morgan lived with an adoptive father, John Roberts, known around town as 'the Welshman'. Supposedly, Dan Morgan attended a Catholic School in Campbelltown. It is said that he only ever learnt if he was coerced and even at this young age was considered 'bad'.

Although a poor student, he had a great affinity with animals, in particular horses allowing him to become a horseman with great ability. As an adult he worked from place to place as a stockman. Those he came into contact with said he had a very quick temper. The gold rush of the era attracted him to Victoria where he soon gained the reputation of a horse thief.

In 1854 Morgan was back in Campbelltown and staying at 'the Welshmans' hut. Idling for some months he decides to visit his mother in Ballarat and so steals two horses for the journey. He was reportedly chased for some miles by Campbelltown police but he eluded them.

Morgan was charged with armed robbery and sentenced to twelve years prison on the 10 June 1854. After just six years he gained a ticket-of-leave but broke his parole conditions by not reporting to police as instructed. Morgan instead lived by himself near the King River, stealing what he needed and duffing (rustling) the occasional horse. One of these horses belonged to a man named John Evans. Together with his neighbour E.M. Bond, who also had horses missing, they tracked Morgan down and while they wounded him he survived. Morgan did not forget.

On the night of the 2nd of April 1865, after years of crime Morgan crossed the border into Victoria determined to exact revenge on Evans and Bond. On the 6th he set alight haystacks on Evan's station. He bailed up anyone rushing from the house but Evan's was not home.

Morgan had heard talk of a fine racehorse nearby and endeavoured to steal it. Having had no sleep for five nights, he arrived at Peechelba Station near Wangaratta where he asked (at gunpoint) for some food and a horse to take him back over the border. The family's daughters played piano for the bushranger while two servants went to get help.

By 8 am on the 9th April, ten police and volunteers had the homestead surrounded. When Morgan stepped out and approached them he was shot and taken to a nearby woolshed where he died later that afternoon.

The coroner had the bushranger decapitated and his head sent to a scientist for study. His beard was also cut off and became a souvenir.

Over his lifetime, Morgan had accumulated a number of aliases including: William John Owen, Bill the Native, John Smith, Dan Moran, William Morgan, Big Morgan 'Down the River Jack' and 'Terror of the Riverina' but he will be best remembered as Mad Dan Morgan.

Some Humour:

SNOTTY RECEPTIONIST

An older gentleman had an appointment to see the urologist who shared offices with several other doctors. The waiting room was filled with patients.

As he approached the receptionist's desk, he noticed that the receptionist was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a Sumo wrestler. He gave her his name.

In a very loud voice, the receptionist said,

'YES, I HAVE YOUR NAME HERE; YOU WANT TO SEE THE DOCTOR ABOUT IMPOTENCE, RIGHT?'

All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at the very embarrassed man.

He recovered quickly, and in an equally loud voice replied,

'NO, I'VE COME TO INQUIRE ABOUT A SEX CHANGE OPERATION, BUT I DON'T WANT THE SAME DOCTOR THAT DID YOURS.'



Bruce and Trevor are Kiwi beggars. They beg in different areas of Bondi...

Bruce begs just as long as Trevor but only collects \$ 2 to \$ 3 every day.

Trevor brings home a suitcase FULL of \$ 10 notes, drives a Mercedes, lives in a mortgage-free house and has a lot of money to spend.

Bruce says to Trevor 'I work just as long and hard as you do but how do you bring home a suitcase full of \$10 notes every day?'

Trevor says, 'Look at your sign what does it say?'

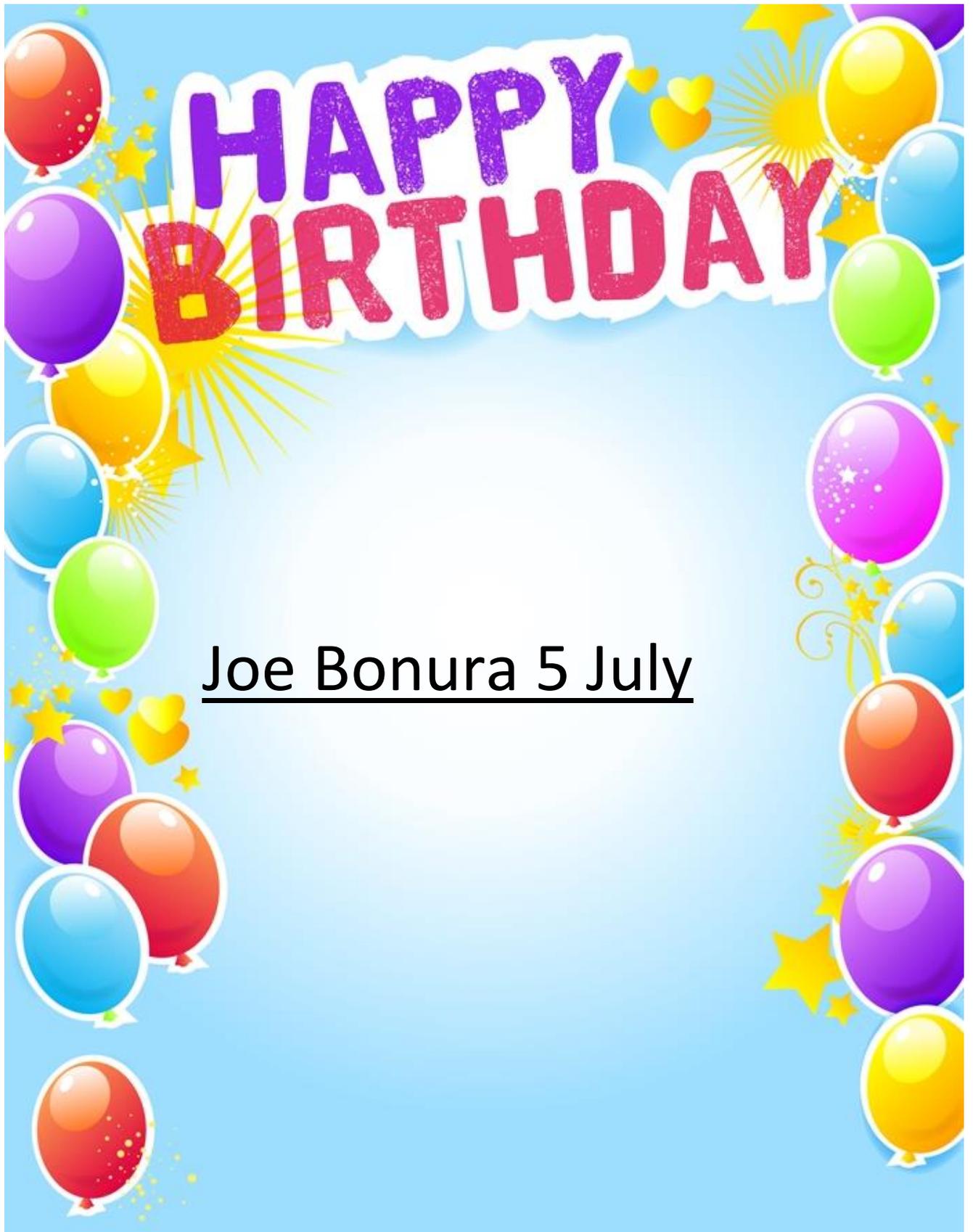
Bruce's sign reads 'I have no work, a wife and 6 kids to support'.

Trevor says 'No wonder you only get \$ 2- \$ 3.

Bruce says... 'So what does your sign say?'

Trevor shows Bruce his sign....

It reads: 'I only need another \$10 to move back to New Zealand.'



Joe Bonura 5 July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Dnner Meetng	3	4 BBQ Intertrading	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 BBQ Homebase
13	14	15	16 Dinner Meetng	17	18	19 Chocolate Wheel
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 BBQ Homebase
27	28	29	30 Board Meeting	31		

If you want anything included in the Bullieten can you please either email me at jennifer.pike8@tafensw.edu.au or let me know at the meetings.

