## NUTS & BOLTS



# 'Every man needs a shed'

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## Message from the Editor Editor: Ray Peddersen

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Plenty to enjoy in this edition, I would like to thank Tony Paterson, Freddie Butler, Bob Ikin and Ken Gillard for their contributions to this issue.

I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable contribution that Eddie Haselich's dedicated and continuing support for our members health and welfare and the daily operations of our shed, contributed to the success and growth of our shed.

> Vale Eddie Haselich 1948 - 2023

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#### Member's News



## Guest Speaker Crime Prevention Unit Monday 13 February 2023

Robert from Crime Prevention Unit Holland Park, passed on some valuable advice about improving your home security and information about the latest online scams, and how to improve your personal safety in the home, by installing handrails in the bathroom, maintaining your smoke alarms and by having a fire safety plan in place.

## **Bunnings BBQ Saturday 25 February 2023**

Another successful day with \$2300 raised, thanks to the efforts of: Phil Allen, John Rossberg, Ken Casey, Stephen Lock, Peter Kucks, Roger Appleby, David Sim, Wayne McDonald, Gordon Bowler, John Tihverainen, David Clarkson, Bevan Guttormsen, and Bob Ikin.



John Abbot making morning tea for Ray Carter as a joke after Peter Kucks commented that the Kalbar Shed members had their morning tea made for them.



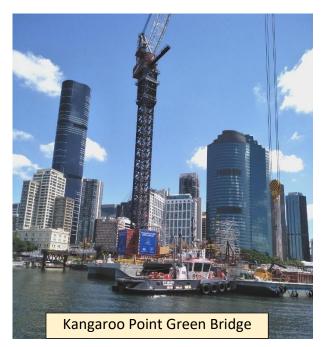
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## Glampers Report Ferry Trip Bulimba to UQ March 15th – submitted by Tony Paterson

Several members and their partners met and caught a City Cat upriver to the University of Queensland at St Lucia. The eleven participants; Julian & Ellen Collis, Bevan & Margaret Guttormsen, Bruce & Jan Murray, Rob & Ruth Tritchler, Henry Lennie, Tony Paterson and John Lochel, enjoyed the smooth ride and took in the sights that can only be seen from the river. Several members of the group were surprised at the increase in the number of apartment buildings along much of the river.



At least one of us was astounded to see a new green bridge well underway that crossed the river between Kangaroo Point and the old Botanical Gardens.

The majority of crew members aboard the boat were cheerful and friendly and had some time to chat and joke with passengers. They made for a very enjoyable ride. Once the ferry reached the university green bridge, it paused for a short while then began its return journey. The group left the ferry at the Regatta hotel for a delicious lunch at decent prices.

After a relaxing time at lunch the group returned to the ferry, dodging crazed drivers at the crossing on the way. It was both a relaxing and stimulating day and everyone is looking forward to similar outings in the future.



Thanks to Bevan and Ellen for organising the outing. Trying to satisfy a dozen or so people for what can be a fun event can't be that easy to do, and could be compared to herding cats, in spite of that, everyone was treated to a great outing.

#### Member's News





The Pancake Manor Cooks Wednesday 01 March 2023

## **Bunnings BBQ**

Friday 10 March 2023

A successful Friday with \$1090 raised thanks to the efforts of: John Rossberg, Freddie Butler, Tony Paterson, Mike Arthur, Phil Allen, David Clarkson, Peter Kucks and Adrian Paolucci.

## **Bunnings BBQ**

Thursday 06 April 2023

A busy day, with people stocking up for the Easter break with \$1200 raised thanks to the efforts of: Phil Allen, John Rossberg, Adrian McDonnell, John Tihverainen, Andrew Chapman, Roger Appleby, Fred Cousins, Mike Arthur, Bill Eklund, Freddie Butler, Peter Kucks, Steve Burrell and Nick Moke.

Upcoming Dates	
Date	Activity
Wed 10 May	10am -12pm Mother's Day Morning Tea & Raffle
Thu 11 May	Glamper's Outing to Woodford Men's Shed & Lunch
Fri 12 May	Bunnings BBQ
Tue 16 May	Member's Bus Trip to Tramways Museum & Lunch \$50 (9.00am at shed)
Fri 16 July	Members Bus Trip - "Christmas in July" (includes partners) \$65
August	AGM - please consider nominating for vacant positions
Sun 20 Aug	Kite Festival Minnipi Parklands
Wed 6 Sep	Band Performs for the Shed 10:30am & Free BBQ Lunch

#### Vale Eddie Haselich 1948 - 2023



Eddie Haselich was born in Brisbane on the 28th of April 1948. His family lived in Calen, North Queensland on a cane and dairy farm until he was 11 years old when the family returned to Brisbane and settled in Carina. After completing scholarship, he attended Camp Hill High School (now Whites Hill State College) where he completed Senior (pure academic course).

Eddie was a member of the Young Anglican Fellowship, and he taught Sunday school at the old St. Gabriel's Anglican Church, Carina. He spent two years with the

Franciscan Friars and then left for a job in the Commonwealth Government (Department of Works and then Taxation). He met a girl from Adelaide and moved to South Australia and was married in 1969. He transferred to the Commonwealth Police and then worked for the Bureau of Meteorology. He had two children a boy and girl who still live in South Australia. He has three grandchildren.

Eddie attended Adelaide University and graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work. He gained a Diploma in Community Development with a youth and indigenous focus as well. Eddie lectured and tutored at South Australian College of Advanced Education and was involved in many innovative projects, for example, a Youth Mobile program leading to a Youth Health Centre being established, a Men's Health Centre and a Youth Accommodation Service.

He was asked to join the Department for Community Welfare as a Social Worker spending his first 5 years working in the Child Protection Unit. Eddie worked in the Department for 26 years, the last 4 years spent in the Riverland Office. He returned to Queensland in June 1996 to care for his mother who only had a short time to live. She lived for another 5 years. While caring for his mum Eddie took a number of short contract positions; the Department for Community Services, as a Tutor at the Queensland University of Technology and he coordinated a number of Neighbourhood/ Community Centres in Hervey Bay, Coorparoo and East Brisbane.

He returned to university and completed a Bachelor of Social Science degree majoring in Human Services and Politics. In 2003 he met his future wife, a Chinese National. They were married in China in 2004 and their daughter was born in China in 2005.

The family arrived in Australia in 2007 and for the next few years he worked as a Social Worker with Anglicare and Spiritus, as well as other jobs.

Eddie joined the Carina Men's Shed in 2011 and he has played an active role in the administration of the shed.

This Member Profile of Eddie appeared in the November 2013 Nuts & Bolts.

#### Editor's Note

When I first visited the shed in late April 2015 inquiring about joining the shed, Eddie's introduction to the shed's activities convinced me I had made the right decision. Later, when I took on the Editorship of Nuts & Bolts, I found Eddie to be a valuable and reliable source about the history of the shed's establishment. The pictures over the page, show Eddie's commitment to all shed activities.

## Vale Eddie Haselich - 1948 - 2023











## Poetry Corner- from "Voices in Verse" (Soldier poets record their memories)

## "Wear a Poppy

"Please wear a poppy", the lady said.
And held one forth, but I shook my head.
And I stopped and watched as she offered them there,
And her face was old and lined with care.
But beneath the scar the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street, Bouncing along on carefree feet. His smile was full of joy and fun, "Lady", said he, "may I have one?" When, she'd pinned it on he turned to say, "Why do you wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way,
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,
And the poppy there is the symbol for
The gallant men who died in war.
And because they did you and I are free
That's why I wear a Poppy you see.

I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes
He loved to play and jump and shout,
Free as the bird he would race about.
As the years went by, he 1earned and grew.
And became a man - as you wi1l, too."

He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile, But he seemed with us such a little while. When war broke out and he went away I still remember his face that day. When he smiled at me and said Goodbye, I'll be back soon, Mum, so please don't cry.

But the war went on and he had to stay.

And all I could do was wait and pray.

His letters told of the awful fight,
(I can see it still in my dreams at night).

With the tanks and the guns and cruel barbed wire
And the mines and the bullets, the bombs and fire.

"Till, at last the war was won –
And that's why we wear a poppy, son."
The small boy turned as if to go,
He said, "Thanks, lady, I'm glad to know.
That sure did sound like an awfu1 fight,
But your son - did he come back all right?"

A tear rolled down each faded cheek,
And she shook her head and but didn't speak.
I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were me you'd have done the same,
For thanks, in giving, is oft delayed,
Though our freedom was bought —and thousands paid!

And so when we see a poppy worn, Let us reflect on the burden borne, By those who gave their very all When asked to answer their country's call, Then wear a poppy! Remember - and give!

Don Crawford, in the "Lion and the Dragon" the last Journal of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

## "So, you want to Write" - submitted by Freddie Butler



A recent newspaper article noted that a young(ish) author had been awarded a prize for her work. Along with that prize came recognition from readers, and eventually, money and retainers from publishers. When asked for the secret of success, the reply was to take all the advice that you can.

The best pieces of advice given to a person attempting to be a writer are: - First "Use all your fingers when typing" and Second "Don't Give Up Your Day Job". Cling steadfastly to whatever it is you do to buy food, pay the rent, and have a dollar or two for a few beers. Assuredly, reputation or decent income will elude you for years, and indeed may never brighten your existence.

The pleasure of happily typing out your thoughts and stories often turns to a less satisfying effort, of desperately pounding on the keyboard. Truly it is large task to produce each day, a couple of thousand readable-saleable words. The ever-present burden is that your work will need to convince an editor or publisher, but quite often it does not.

It may not be appreciated by many readers that the text they are reading is the result of considerable effort. It is the case that a certain, now well published, and quite famous author, let it be known that one of his 'best seller books' took years of effort and research. The most recently published book from this writer-author was 160,000 published words. That quantity of words filled at least 300 pages of the book, required days of research, and meant hours of writing every day, for weeks and months. The author has also mentioned that starting from a fresh blank page to the finished and published work, took - 3- years, which is not an unusual amount of time.

Included in that research time frame could be lots of travel sometimes overseas. To establish the accuracy of matters that were going to be read by people who were the experts, often required deep meaningful discussion. Such people were not afraid to point out any perceived errors, and they often vigorously make their point. It was admitted that these discussions could occasionally take place at liquid lunches or at sumptuous dinners. Whatever it takes to be accurate is the writers creed.

In addition, the mundane every day material required time away from the keyboard, as did persistence in obtaining and confirming information. This persistence often meant expense. Arranging to meet someone who could help clarify matters often required face to face meeting. These often-impromptu meetings could take place in a coffee shop, and it was not unknown to frequent pubs, clubs, and bars in the pursuit of accuracy. The point being made is that the budding author would often have to 'meet & greet' various people at various places and quite often pay the bill. Thus, it is apparent that not giving up your day job is a very wise piece of advice. Money must come from somewhere until fame and fortune favour your life.

As if all this running around collecting snippets of information wasn't tiring enough, there were also the tedious but necessary tasks of editing and re-writing. It was entirely possible that editors and accuracy checkers would want different words with a slightly different construction. Perhaps even requiring a rearrangement of material in certain chapters. It was entirely possible that the writer-author would type considerably more that the quoted 160,000 words in a published book.

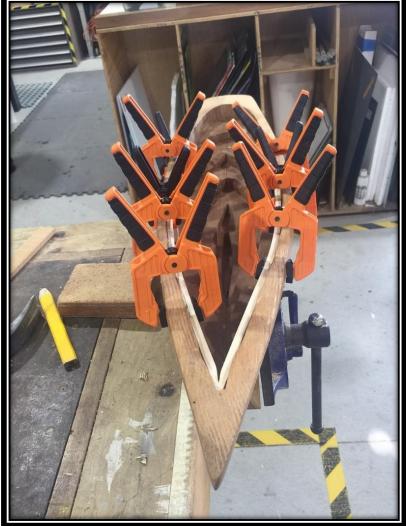
But all this effort is worth it when, finally, fame attaches to your name, and fortune swells your bank account. Large established publishing companies will one day pay you a hefty upfront retainer fee and vie for the pleasure of putting your next literary masterpiece before the reading public. They may also pay travel and accommodation costs for the book signing promotions.

So, advice to the novice novelist/journalist is you've "Got to keep writing" (a minimum thousand words per day remember). And have studio photograph portrait available, ready for your 'best seller' book cover!

Better still, get some practice and write an article for our "Nuts and Bolts" that splendid epistle of entertainment and learning.

February Photo of the Month –Theme Parks
Photo was taken by Paul Esdaile of Stone Chapel in park, Tenterfield.





March Photo of the Month – Theme Butterflies Photo was taken by Ray Peddersen (Butterfly Clamps)

## The Australian Flying Corps - submitted by Bob Ikin

Apart from sailing ships I also have an interest in pioneering military aircraft, particularly the history of the Australian Flying Corps (AFC), prior to and including World War 1.

The AFC preceded the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) which was formed on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1921. Australia was alone among the British Dominions in establishing its own flying corps. On such a vast sparsely populated continent aviation's potential was obvious. The idea of using aircraft to help the country's defence appealed to many military and political figures.

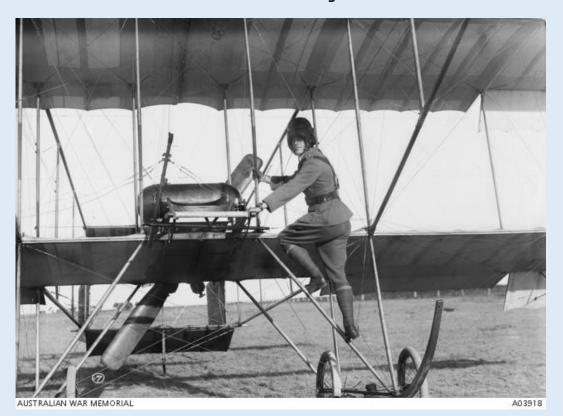
#### PART 1 - THE BEGINNING

In 1909 the Australian Government offered the considerable sum of £5,000.00 to anyone able to build a fighting machine suitable for military use.

Recruitment for an Australian flying corps began in London in 1911 with an advertisement for aviators and mechanics. Two men received postings to Australia: Henry Petre and Eric Harrison with Petre abandoning his London solicitor's practice. Petre became a lieutenant and inaugural commanding officer of the Australian Army's Central Flying School at Point Cook, Victoria.

Among the five aircraft that made up Point Cook's original complement was a Bristol Boxkite and the first four students conducted their lessons within the aerodrome boundaries at an altitude of between fifteen and sixty metres.

#### The Bristol Boxkite and Pilot Lieutenant George Merz at Point Cook 1n 1914



One of the early Bristol Boxkite pilots said of this aircraft "we flew... only when there was no wind. Our labouring Boxkite, (was) capable of only forty-five miles per hour...the senses took the place of instruments. One's ears did duty as engine counters, the rush of air in the face told whether the climb or glide was at the right angle."

Known as the Mesopotamia Half Flight, the Australians, under Petre's command were joined by two British pilots, when they reached the British held port of Basra in May 1915.

## The Australian Flying Corps - submitted by Bob Ikin

The government in 1914 had no intention of sending a flying unit overseas but in February 1915 a group of Australian airmen, mechanics, drivers, and other ground staff were committed to fighting in the scorching, windswept corner of southern Mesopotamia.

The half flight took delivery of three ageing Maurice-Farmans which were not suited to the climate or flying in general, but they were better than nothing because the Turks did not have any aircraft.



## The Maurice-Farman Shorthhorn Aircraft

The Half Flight was incorporated into the Royal Flying Corps No. 30 Squadron in August 1915.

\*SOURCE: AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS – AUSTRALIANS IN WORLD WAR 1 PUBLISHED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS 2010

**FUTURE ISSUES OF NUTS & BOLTS** 

PART 2 – THE AFC IN THE HOLY LAND

PART 3 – THE AFC ON THE WESTERN FRONT

## Grey Nomads Report - Nepal Trip 2022 – submitted by Ken Gillard



Ken Gillard's presentation on Nepal was based on a trip taken with Pauline and another couple late 2022.

Nepal is a country the size of Victoria and home to a population of around 30 million, not a wealthy country but does not display the poverty of some other 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries.

It's southern border is with India and the northern border, the Himalayas and Tibet.

We expected cold conditions but were surprised to be greeted with mid 20's the whole week and a half. The country has 3 zones, 1000 to 3000 feet which houses the major cities in the valleys, ie Kathmandu, Pokhara and Chitwan in the south, 3000 to 7000 feet the general low mountain areas and 7000 feet to the sky which is the Himalayas. Hundreds of villages dot the valleys and low mountain areas.

We spent 4 days in Kathmandu, a population of 5 million many temples of Buddhist and Hindu religions but a reasonable city with narrow roads and good quality hotels.







The group was taken by 12-seater bus along Highway 1, 200 km of potholed road to Pokhara which took 9 hours of bump and thrown around.

A pleasant city, Pokhara, the stepping off point for the base camps to the mountain trekking – we didn't do that. Very touristy on the edge of large lake.

More temples in the hills, but very nice country areas and villages. Good shopping and restaurants along the esplanade.

## Grey Nomads Report- Nepal Trip 2022 – submitted by Ken Gillard

Next, a 12-seater down to Chitwan which was a surprise to find an area of subtropical national park/game reserve. Very good lodge accommodation and off on a safari first up. Surprising flora, trees etc but even more surprising fauna which greeted us over the next few days.

Large rivers, headwaters of the Ganges River, with significant populations of crocs and fast flowing, many elephants, mostly in captivity, tigers and most surprisingly, rhinos (I did see one as he crossed the track in front of us and headed for the bush).





The photos I showed were an indication of the cities, countryside and native flora and fauna, along with the local culture.

A pleasant and interesting place to visit, to experience a 3<sup>rd</sup> world county without the slums. Of course, the Himalayas are stunning.





### Great Moments in Science with Dr. Karl Kruszelnicki



## Close Encounters of the Asteroid kind.

G'day, Dr Karl here. Normally, when you build a \$300 million spacecraft, you want it to last. Now imagine the exact opposite and you've got DART – a half-tonne spacecraft, purpose-built to be destroyed. DART stands for Double Asteroid Redirection Test. "Double Asteroid" means two asteroids, closely orbiting each other. "Redirection" means changing the path of one of those asteroids, by hitting it head-on. And "Test" means it was a test. This DART asteroid impact was a dress rehearsal, or a dry run, to see if we could nudge an asteroid from its original path, to a slightly different one. Why? Because if a big asteroid is going to hit Earth, we want a plan.

Asteroids that hit our planet can make a real mess. Big asteroids are rare, but smaller ones are more common. A big asteroid, like the 10-kilometre rock that helped wipe out the non-bird dinosaurs, will hit us only once every 100 million years or so. However asteroids about a kilometre across are likely to hit us once every half-million years. Even though they're much smaller, they would probably end civilisation. By scanning the skies over the last few decades, we have probably identified about 95% of the one-kilometre asteroids that could possibly hit us. But much more worrying are the asteroids about 160 metres across – roughly the size of the Great Pyramid of Giza.

They hit our planet roughly once every 25,000 years, and we have found about 25,000 of them orbiting nearby. What's really worrying is that we have identified only about half of them – and even at 160 metres, they could destroy a state, or a small country. Before DART, we had no proven technology that could change an asteroid's trajectory. To properly test if we could change the path of an asteroid, we needed a pair of small asteroids orbiting each other. Hooray then, for Didymos, discovered in 1996. Didymos means "twin". It's the name of the bigger asteroid, which is about 870 metres across. The smaller asteroid is called Dimorphos – and it's about 160 metres across.

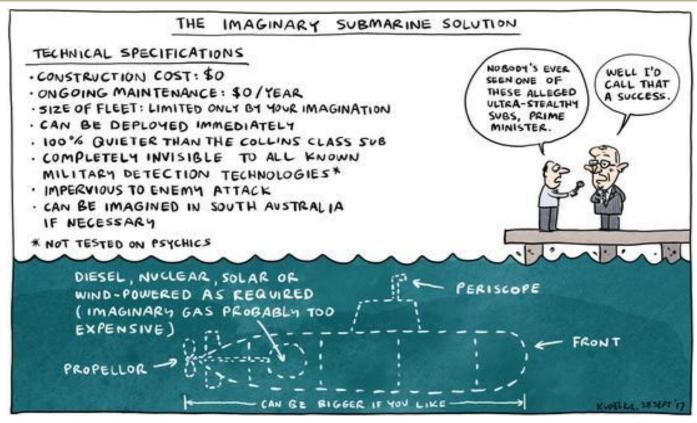
The two asteroids orbit their common centre of gravity at a distance of about a kilometre. They travel together in an elliptical orbit that over some two years, takes them from just 6,000,000 kilometres outside Earth's orbit, to about 160,000,000 kilometres further out in the solar system. When you have two rocks orbiting each other, measuring changes becomes so much easier. Let me explain. To our best ground-based telescopes, the asteroids looked like a single point. But every time one twin blocked out the light of the other, it reduced their combined apparent brightness ever so slightly. This is how we found out the two asteroids orbited each other once every 11 hours and 55 minutes. Or at least, they used to....

The trajectory of the DART spacecraft was aimed so that it would run into the smaller, 160-meter asteroid Dimorphos head-on – not from the side, not from behind, but from directly ahead, in its path of travel. This would slow Dimorphos down five minutes, meaning that the two asteroids would take a slightly longer 12 hours to orbit their common centre of gravity. So now our ground-based telescopes would see the brightness of the single dot of light vary every 12 hours, instead of every 11 hours and 55 minutes. The 570 kg DART spacecraft successfully smashed into Dimorphos at about 6-and-a-half kilometres per second – releasing the energy equivalent to about three tons of TNT. Size-wise, it was like a speeding golf cart running into the Great Pyramid.

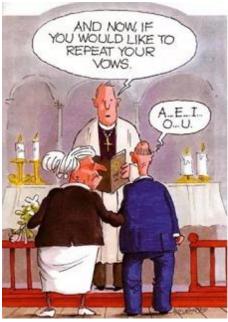
Back in 2015, asteroid 2015TB145 zipped past us at a distance roughly equal to the space between the Earth and the Moon. It turned out to be about 650 metres in diameter. It was close enough and big enough to be really scary. And we discovered it only three weeks before it flew past. All that protected us was dumb luck. Which is convenient, because we would have needed at least three years to do something about it. I secretly think that 2015TB145 was the Universe's way of asking, "Hey Earthlings, how's your space program going? The successful DART impact means that we can now thankfully declare that our space program is going much better. And so, in future, the human race won't be put between a rock and a hard place.

https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/greatmomentsinscience/

## Puzzles, Jokes & Trivia







My husband purchased a world map.... gave me a dart and said "throw this and wherever it lands I'm taking you for a holiday when this pandemic is over". Turns out we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.

Can you work out the phrase, word or meaning represented, by these visual puzzles?'

### **Trivia Quiz**

- 1. What Australian Island is the world's southernmost Coral Reef?
- 2. Are there more cars or people in Australia?
- 3. The Indonesian dish Nasi Goreng literally means ...?
- 4. Do penguins have feathers, fur, or both?
- 5. Which group of fish is not native to Australia: Cod, Perch, or Trout?
- 6. Is colour blindness more common in men or women?





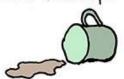
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## Puzzles, Jokes & Trivia

Today is <u>not</u> the International Day of the Cup. No day is.



Without the cup, life would be very difficult. We could live without computers, but not without the cup.



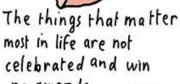
Yet the cup is one of humanity's most important inventions.



Strangely but not surprisingly there is no International Day of the Cup



It is ancient, universal and timeless. It has no moving parts. It is simple. It is perfect.







There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.

Only a fraction of people will find this funny.

For English Language Lovers. What is the difference between 'Completed' and 'Finished'? No dictionary has been able to define the difference between 'Complete' and 'Finished.' But in a linguistic conference in England, Sun Sherman an Indian American, was the clever winner. His response: When you marry the right woman, you are 'Complete.' If you marry the wrong woman, you are 'Finished.' And when the right woman catches you with the wrong woman, you are 'Completely Finished.' His answer received a five minute standing ovation.

#### **Trivia Quiz Answers**

- 1. Lord Howe Island.
- 2. People (by about 6 million).
- 3. Fried rice.
- 4. Feathers only.
- 5. Trout.
- 6. Men.

Visual Puzzles solutions

**Neon Lights Skinny Dipping**