



Marlins e-Newsletter

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AEROBICS by Pam Walker

Thanks to everybody who did an aerobic swim during my absence – there were plenty of swims to record when I returned.

Next Sunday Aerobics sessions:
July 3 and 17
August 7 and 21



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★ Marlin of the Month – For June ★

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★ Peter Clark Congrats Petah! ★

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Birthdays:

Many happy returns to these people!

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| Ray Mottram | Mark Blandford |
| Charles Renner | Murray Edwards |
| Martin Smith | Greg Hitchen |
| Jaki Smith | Ian Jennison |
| Jarrold Turner | John Musty |
| Peter Clark | |



Somebody had a very special **BIG** birthday this week!



Greg had two gorgeous young women help him celebrate! **Happy birthday Greg!**



MORE ENGLISH AS SHE IS SPOKE!

If teachers taught why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables what does a humanitarian eat?

In what other language do people recite at a play but play at a recital?

We ship by truck but send cargo by ship.

We have noses that run and feet that smell.

We drive in a parkway but park in a driveway.

And 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.

Why can you make amends but not make a single amend?

And if you have a bunch of odds and ends what do you say if there is only one of them?

Thanks Ivan for this interesting ⁴take on English!

Mandurah BACC Swim Sunday 19th June

A small contingent of 11 swimmers attended this swim which had 12 clubs participating. Well done to all the swimmers who managed to accumulate 87 points which gave us 5th position in the final results. A lot of swimmers expressed difficulty with their turns and touches as they found the tiles surrounding the pool very slippery. Thanks to Ivan who took on the role of Team Captain as Gregg and Rhonda were both away. Thanks also to Doug and Peter who officiated and especially to Peter who also managed to get in a few swims. It was great to see our newest club member Mark Murray Smith attend his first swim meet. It was disappointing that 5 swimmers who nominated did not show up. Makes for a hard time rearranging relays and entries for the host club

Thanks to our support crew Kelly and Joyce and to Ian and Les who were time keeping throughout the event. After the competition we all enjoyed some hot pumpkin soup for lunch. It would be great to see more swimmers at these meets as it is a good means of keeping a check on your personal best times and perhaps breaking some records. Thanks must also go to our coaches Peter & Gail for their dedication in preparing us for "competition swimming".

Thanks Jaki for this article!



Mandurah Carnival team 2011

An article on Fremantle Prison by Lorna Clark

In June 1850 the first 75 convicts arrived in Fremantle on the ship 'Scindian' and became the original group of prisoners. They lived in temporary prisons until a new prison was built. The first wing was started in 1855 and completed in 1859. The very last convict ship to come was the 'Houghmont', which left England in October 1867 and arrived at Fremantle in January 1868. In those years many convicts, both male and female, ended up within these grim walls.

At present there is an exhibition of facts, photos and memorabilia being shown, called "Women Transported" showing the time and lives of the women of that era. It is displayed in a very large room, which was the original store room when the prison was built.

Many women were transported, not only for very minor misdemeanours, but to be given to male prisoners as a suitable wife. There being far more males than female prisoners. The men would be shown groups of these luckless females, would choose one. The next day they would be allowed to 'get to know' each other, on the third day they would be married.

Women were housed in what was called "Female Factories" These were located in N.S.W. and Tasmania, at Parramatta, the first one, followed by Bathurst Plains, Hobart Town, Cascades (near Hobart) Launceston, Bathurst, Newcastle, Port Macquarie, George Town, Moreton Bay (two) and Ross (Tasmania). The roles of these Factories ranged from workhouses, manufacturing, hospital for the homeless, prison for re-offenders, lying-in-wait (pre and post natal care).

Women were assigned for service to free settlers. Reasons for punishment for these women if they absconded, were insolent to their master or mistress, didn't work properly, were pregnant, went out on the town and got drunk and disorderly. Punishment for these misdemeanours meant they would be sent back to Second Class crime section. For serious theft, or murder, it would be to Third Class section and for the really, really incorrigible ones, to the Penitentiary Class.

The Sisters of Charity, an Irish congregation of Nuns, founded by Mary Aitkenhead, came to work with the women at Parramatta Female Factory to help these poor souls have better lives. Eventually there were Nuns at every Factory.

Fremantle Prison conducts a variety of tours which tell the history of this famous building and is worth a visit. In 1991 it was closed ending its grim stories could be told if only those walls could

Thanks Lorna for this interesting article



AND I THOUGHT THE ROTTNEST CHANNEL SOLO WAS A CHALLENGE

Follow The Yellow Boat Road with Robert Pennicott and Mick Souter.....

Noel and I first met Rob Pennicott in 2005. He flew into Perth from Tasmania for a limited (by any stretch of the imagination) number of hours to decide whether he would choose us to build his first Naiad 12.6m Eco Tourer - his design (since which many and probably all are imitating his creativity and practicality).

Over the following years he purchased an undisclosed amount of risk, gamble and just pure determination (in the form of 7 x 12.6m Naiads - configuration designed to his specifications - although I must add here that Noel was the other partner in this creation with his experience as to what would - could work and what wouldn't - couldn't work to pursue his dreams and take whoever along for the ride if they had the courage to jump on board. We know a lot of people who have done that. We are one of those. We learned a long time ago to never dismiss what RP says he is going to do - IT WILL HAPPEN.

He visited Perth with his family one seasonal holiday and they departed for Rottneest to do the day trip aboard our demo 4.8m Naiad saddle seat design. The day was always going to be adventurous. On the return journey the weather had deteriorated to a point where RP hitched a lift for Mischee, Mia and Noah on a bigger, drier and more stable platform for the safety and comfort. He returned on the 4.8. After completing the crossing RP said he would love to do a circumnavigation of Australia in a boat like that.....and so the dream was dreamt.

These 2 brave hearts are in the

process of that journey "with a cause" to raise the \$39M necessary to eradicate polio from the last four countries in the world.

His major sponsors include National Geographic - The Traveler, Pennicott Wilderness Tours, Rotary International and many others who have given or subsidised goods and services to this mammoth cause.

As I write on Wednesday 30th June they are in Darwin having left from Sydney 2nd June.

We are hoping to raise the profile of the event while they are on the Western Australian coast as support for the cause - but also to aid RP and Mick as they round the halfway point of their courageous quest. We all need to be "pumped up" at some point!

The current estimated date of arrival into Perth from port of Lancelin is Thursday 20th July and departing after a rest day for Busselton on Saturday 23rd July. Even the following of his blog gives me an insight into some of the scenery we will probably never be privileged enough to experience (unless you bid for your favourite leg of the trip?!!)

[https://
follow.theyellowboatroad.com/blog](https://follow.theyellowboatroad.com/blog)

There is some great footage of their journey so far.

If you can spare a dollar - wonderful - but if not - you may want to follow out of interest.

I will announce at club the time and place of their arrival into Perth - even a cheer squad to welcome them would be appreciated!!!

Natalie Kirby

