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Hi Everyone,

The rain has tried its hardest to stop all the rides. Luckily there are some of us keen or stupid enough to still go riding despite the forecast; so only one ride was cancelled.

Andy took us to Mundaring for a short ride because it was going to pour with rain after lunch.

Paul led a ride to Toodyay Bakery via Taylors Art Coffee House (very cultured Paul) in the Swan Valley.

Patrick wanted everyone to get wet so took them to Mundaring Weir Hotel for morning tea and onto Bindoon for lunch.

Last Sunday was a beautiful ride led by me to Yerecoin. Despite the forecast of showers it was nice and sunny and we dodged the rain. The only ones to get wet were the riders that met us in Bindoon rather than Midland. The countryside is looking beautiful at the moment with green paddocks and Canola in flower. Maybe time for someone to lead a wildflower ride?

Upcoming Rides:

- Ron Spencer taking us to Targa West
- Mark & Annie's, Irish Town Ride
- Rob Chapman is using the Hilly route to Mandurah Boardwalk

Ulysses Memorial Ride is on Sunday the 11 September. For those interested we can organise a ride similar to last year (on time this year) to meet up with all the other Branches. More details will be coming.

The Mike Smith Memorial Ride is in the Calendar for the 2nd October. So put that one in your diary. I will be contacting Mike's family and invite them to be involved again if they want.

Ride to Conquer Cancer October 15 & 16 2016 – Tony Collins is helping organise the Moto Crew again this year. He needs corner markers for Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th. Tony can arrange for people to be located near to home if at all possible to minimise the travel time. As in the past corners will be allocated and riders will go direct to be there at their allocated time. Tony will circle and check people are in place on time. Please let Tony know if you can help - collinschemist@hotmail.com or 0428 487805

The 2017 Odyssey Committee has progressed things along a bit further with the Logo coming together as well as other ground work. Ron has been doing a lot of work on the web page for online booking and payments, this is not available to the public yet but will save quite a bit of time when we are ready. The Odyssey Committee will meet in September prior to the next meeting.

Italian Night and Fundraiser for Walk to End Women's Cancer – 3rd September.

Cost: \$15/head.

(Extra donations welcome)

Food will be provided, fun with carpet bowls after dinner

BYO drinks.

Where: Tony Collin's, 58 Vincent St, Nedlands

RSVP for catering: kaylenesteve@gmail.com 0457 036 094

We are doing a Clearance Sale on the old style Club Polo Shirts - \$20 instead of \$25. We will send out a flyer by email to let you know the details and what sizes are available.

See you at the Social meeting or on a ride.

That's it for now.

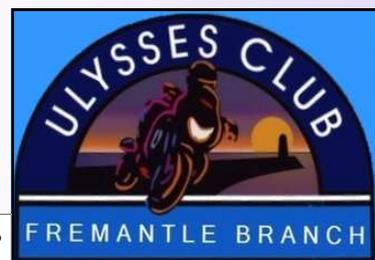
Remember— It's not what you ride, it's your attitude that counts.

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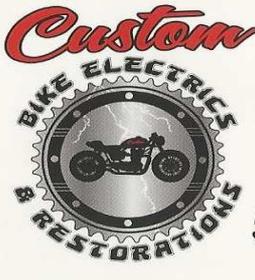
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Note: Next meeting, Wednesday
14th
September 2016

Plods and Saturday morning coffee

Wednesday morning Plods meet at South Beach for a 9:30am start.

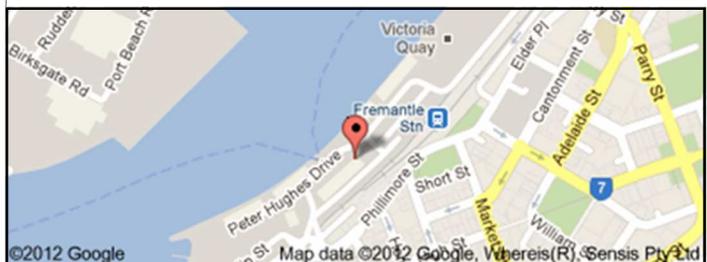
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The Saturday morning coffee get togethers will also continue to take place at the Victoria Café, however commencement will be from 10.00am.



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Collie 12th & 13th November 2016

ROUND THE HOUSES

Motoring South West are organising a weekend to commemorate the "Round The Houses" motorcycle races that were run in Collie in years gone by.

Draft plan at the moment is:

Saturday 12th November

- Vintage and Veteran bike parade around town – I assume following the old race route
- Bike display
- Memorabilia and other stalls
- Saturday night speedway
- Music
- Food

Sunday 13th November

- Vintage and veteran bikes to ride around the Collie Motorplex

Perhaps we could make a weekend of it and stay Saturday night.

More information will be provided as it comes to hand.

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(Odyssey Update)

Odyssey 2017

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ITALIAN NIGHT and FUNDRAISER for 'Walk to End Women's Cancer'.

Date: Saturday September 3rd 2016

Time: 6pm start, for 7pm dinner

Cost: \$15 per head. (Extra donations welcome)

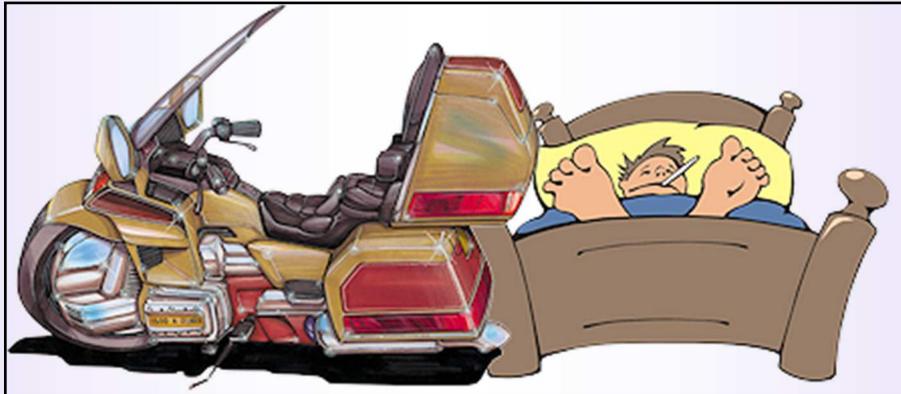
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(Kindly supplied by Tony Collins)



Health and Riding

Riding a motorcycle is a physical activity. One can drive a car in a zombie-like state, but riding a motorcycle requires constant attention and physical exertion. On top of this, you are exposed to the elements, which saps energy from you. Just the mere fact that you are being buffeted by wind uses up energy.

Just like flying an airplane, before I get on my bike, I give myself a pre-flight inspection. Am I overly tired? Am I fighting off a cold? Am I recovering from an injury of some sort? Anything that might prevent my full care and attention to riding my motorcycle will cause me to pick a different mode of transportation, just as it would when I am planning to fly a plane.

I find that there are a few things that I can do that improve my chance of being in top riding condition. Unfortunately, they are the same things that our doctors usually harp at us about: eat well, avoid junk food, stay hydrated, get enough sleep, exercise regularly. For me, the toughest of all of those is getting enough sleep and regular exercise. There are never enough hours in the day, and I tend to treat sleep and exercise as an afterthought. That said, I find my longer trips are far more satisfying and relaxing when I make a point of getting adequate rest beforehand, and drinking lots of water along the way.

As we age, our bodies start to let us down, and these doctor-harping items become even more important. A few frustrating rounds playing Laser Tag with my 16-year-old son makes it readily apparent that my reaction times are nowhere near what they were a few years ago. Fifteen years ago, I drove 2,200 miles nonstop to Las Vegas by myself over the course of 36 hours with only a brief 4-hour rest stop in the middle after 22 hours of driving. That trip would be out of the question today. A couple of years ago, too much caulking of windows left me with painful tennis elbow in my right arm. Squeezing the front brake lever on my bike was painful, so I had to forego riding for a while.

Living with limitations is a fact that comes along with aging, and as motorcycle riders, we have to balance the risk that comes with those limitations with the desire to ride. An informal [survey/poll done on the site](#) a while back showed that the three most common ages of Goldwing owners on the site were: 1. 55-59 (24%), 2. 60-64 (19%), 3. 50-54 and 65-69 (tied at 15% each).

Bringing a 900 pound bike to a safe stop at a stoplight, and then holding it there takes some strength - and properly operating legs and hips. What about when your hips or knees aren't up to the job anymore? There are "aftermarket replacements" available, but does that mean the end of your riding? Or do you need to start thinking about a trike? User Chickenlegs is facing a hip replacement, and is worried he won't be able to ride again. Other users piped up with their experiences to help him out: [Riders with aftermarket hip](#). This has also come up in the past: [Hip Replacement - any ideas](#) and [Back on the road again](#) are two of them.



What about knees? With a weak knee, holding up a heavy bike is all but impossible. Are people with bad knees relegated to trikes and sidecar rigs? Can you still ride after a knee replacement? Lots of experiences there, as well: [Total knee replacement](#) and [knee replacement experiences](#) are two topics in which many people participated, offering their own experiences.

But it's not just aging we have to deal with - sometimes it's injuries. Some injuries mean we just have to wait for healing to occur before we can ride again. Other injuries are of a more permanent nature, and we either have to adapt to them, or give up riding. Forum member laforg lost his right eye recently in an angle grinder accident, and discovered to his dismay that he was no longer able to safely ride, because he couldn't turn his head to the right far enough to be able to see if the right lane behind him was clear. Instead of giving up riding, he came up with a novel solution.

An Austrian maid asks the wife who employs her for a pay raise.

The wife became very angry about this and decided to talk to her about this raise.

She asked, "Now Anna, why do you think you should get a pay increase?"

Anna: "Well, Madam, there are tree reasons why I wunt the increaze. The 1st is that I do iron better than you."

Wife: "Who said you iron better than me?"

Anna: "Your husband he say so."

Wife: "Oh yeah?"

Anna: "The second reason eez that I am a better cook than you."

Wife: "that's a lie, who said you were a better cook than me?"

Anna: "Your hozban he did."

Wife increasingly agitated: "Oh he did, did he?"

Anna: "The third reason is that I am better at sex than you in the bed."

Wife, really boiling now and through gritted teeth asks, "And did my husband say that as well?"

Anna: "No Madam... The gardener did."

(A moment of silence passes...)

"So, how much do you want?"

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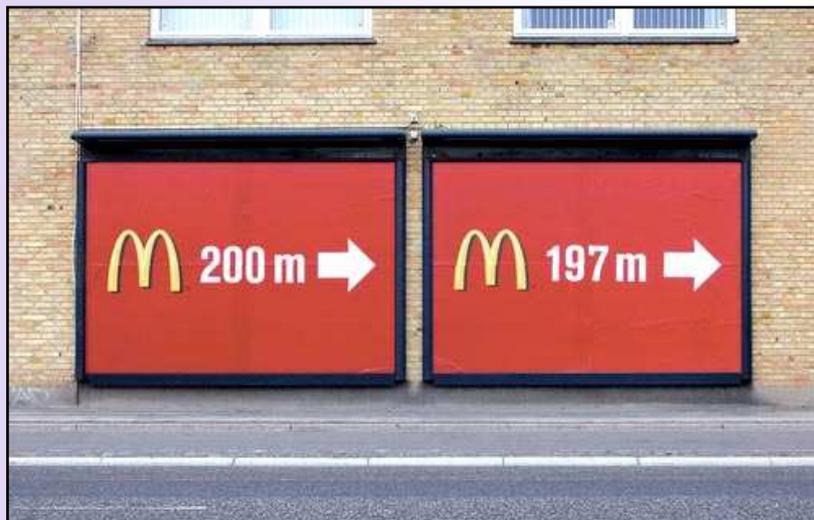
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Some shots of Paul's ride to Toodyay





Excerpt from Northwest Motorcycling SOUND RIDER

Derek Roberts/July 2017

OEM Roundup



Never a dull moment in the world of motorcycling and as we hit the thick of 2016, a few developments may have passed you by. Constantly at work, manufacturers have updated old models, introduced new visions and even brought a few back from the dead. While you've been out riding, we've been out researching and have the latest for you here in this month's OEM Roundup.

Bringing it Back - Suzuki 2017 SV650



Disappearing for a stretch, but back in 2017, the updated, much loved Suzuki SV650 has returned to showroom floors. With more than 100 new parts compared to previous models, the SV looks to regain its position as an everyman's, everyday motorcycle.

For 2017, Suzuki squeezed out an extra 4 horsepower, now at 75, added the new "Suzuki Easy Start System" and upgraded to a trellis style, steel tube frame. Bringing the seat down to 30.9", the new, high-strength frame also helps shed about 15 overall pounds leaving the bike at a more than manageable 430.

Historically a great multi-purpose machine, it will be interesting to see how the 2017 model fares in the face of surging European and "Scrambler" style sales. Early internet fodder seems to be positive and Suzuki's 0%, 5 year dealer financing plan (as of July 2016) will surely move some units, but it remains to be seen if the SV650 can regain its popularity.

Racing Ahead - Harley Davidson XG750R

Harley's first new flat track racing effort in 44 years, the XG750R features impressive style, not available to the public.



While rumors have it that at some point, we may see a version available at your local dealer, for now the 750cc Revolution X powered engine machine will be piloted by the company's 18 year old factory rider Davis Fisher.

Struggling in recent years with the coveted "millennial" demographic and overall sales, it's hard not to speculate that the styling and technology won't find its way into other models. Add a light kit and semi knobby tires and Harley would be $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way home...assuming they can offer it under 10 grand.

Big Time Scramble - Yamaha SCR950 Scrambler

Not to be left in the dust of the exploding Scrambler market, Yamaha has just introduced the all new SCR950. Based on the Yamaha Bolt frame, the new Scrambler offers killer style, a beefy (by scrambler standards) 942 cc air cooled engine and even...an optional skid plate!



While experienced adventure riders would hardly peg this as a dual sport machine, Yamaha's

advertising might make you take a second look, with marketing materials featuring campers, surfers and a fair amount of dirt riding.

Though in reality, most riders will never venture off pavement, the SCR950 is sure to attract a lot of attention for riders interested in a second motorcycle and from those who just want that classic look, with noted Yamaha reliability. Overall, it's a great looking machine and on the road, riders will probably have a helluv a lot of fun.

Bobbing for Classics - Moto Guzzi V9 Bobber

Stripped down and brand new, one can't help but smile at the chunky, blacked out styling of the Moto Guzzi V9 Bobber. Claiming to have "Created a new segment," the V9 is a nice "step up" from the fully developed V7 line and introduces Moto Guzzi's new, 850 cc, twin cylinder engine.



While the emphasis remains on styling, with 55 horsepower, a six speed transmission and fat tires, the Bobber is sure to be an enjoyable afternoon ride. And if turning heads is your main mission, can you really ever go wrong on a Moto Guzzi?

Who Gives a Grom - 2017 Honda Grom

About 1/10 as much fun as a CRF250 and for only half the price, the 2017 Honda Grom has been refreshed with new styling and an upgraded LED headlight. A market segment that still baffles many, this pocket sized, 125cc Honda continues to be a big hit, despite its limited performance envelope and range outside of city limits.



Practicality aside, credit where credit is due. Honda reliably delivers on its promise with a low-priced, easily accessible, entry level "motorcycle" that will turn a lot of heads. Among those heads has been fellow Japanese OEM Kawasaki, who recently introduced its own competitor, the Z125 Pro.

The good news for buyers of these tiny bikes is that they can be parked anywhere. Including the corner of your garage, where many will likely sit with about 500 miles on the odometer. 200 miles after owners started wishing they had bought something else.

SOME LIGHT HUMOUR

Blonde helping a truck driver

A motorist was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down. The man walked up to the car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?"

"Sure," answered the blonde, "do you need a lift?"

"Not for me. I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. My problem is I've got two chimpanzees in the back that have to be taken to the San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already so I don't want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble"

"I'd be happy to," said the blonde.

So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde's car and carefully strapped into their seat belts, and off they went.

Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified!

There was the blonde walking down the street, holding hands with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd. With a screech of brakes he pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde.

"What are you doing here?" he demanded, "I gave you \$100 to take the chimpanzees to the zoo!"

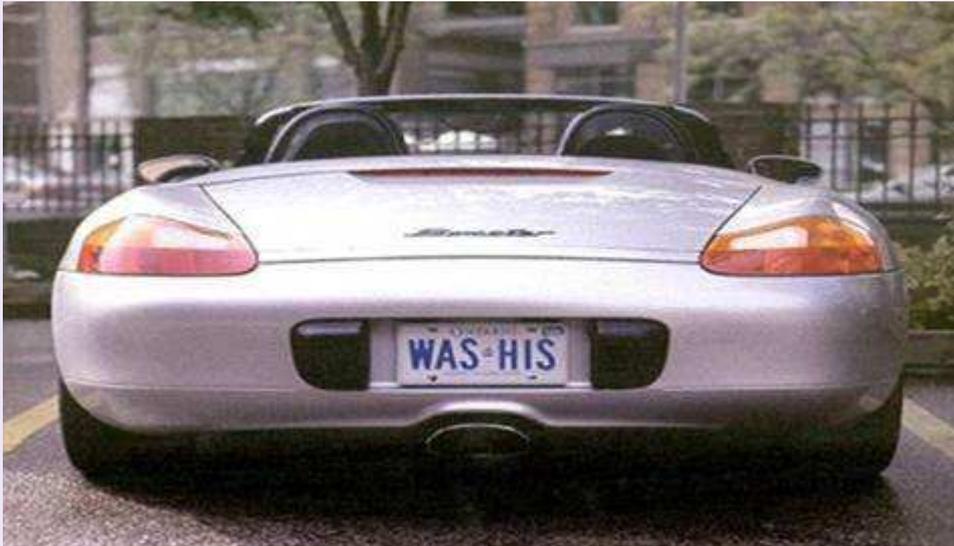
"Yes, I know you did," said the blonde. "But we had money left over so now we're going to Sea World."

Six Truths in Life

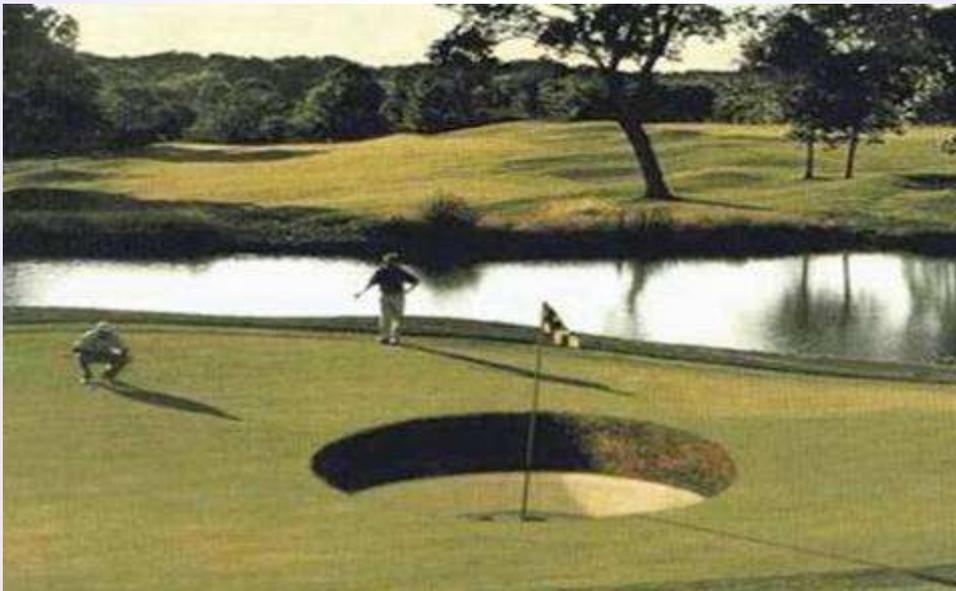
1. You cannot stick your tongue out and look up at the ceiling at the same time, a physical impossibility.
2. All idiots, after reading it will try it.
3. And discover it is a lie.
4. You are smiling now because you are an idiot.
5. You soon will forward this to another idiot.
6. There is still a stupid smile on your face.

I sincerely apologize about this but I'm an idiot and I needed company..

Revenge is sweet



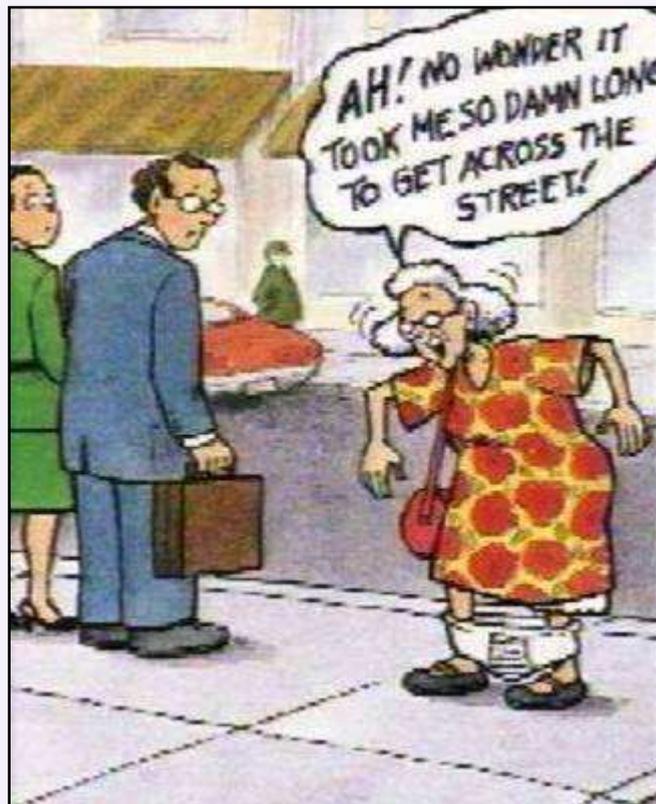
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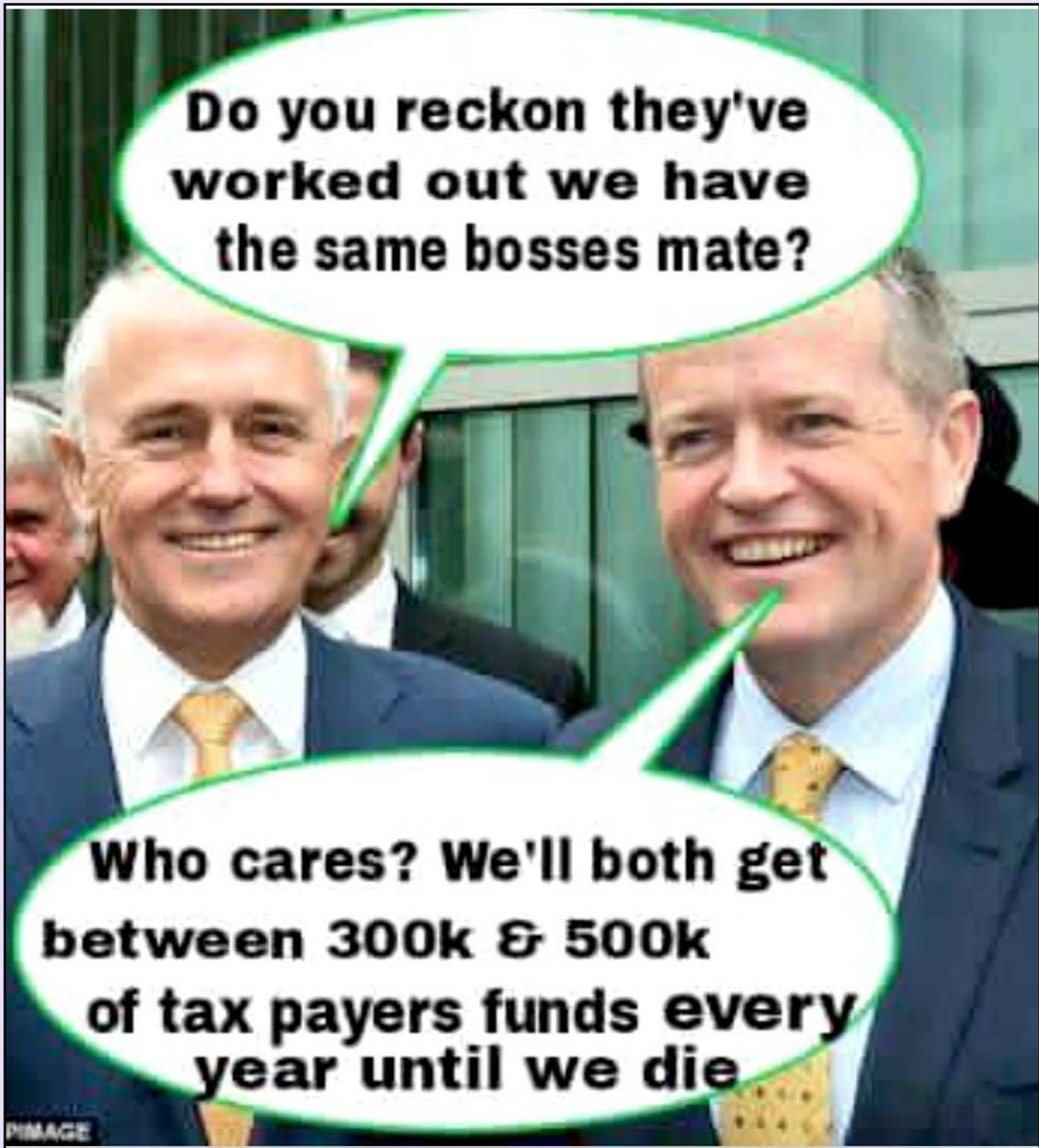


A Jolly Good Recovery



How men screw up romance





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