

# *The Pandemic*

## *A supplement to Talking Turning during the Covid-19 Pandemic*

Welcome to issue eight of The Pandemic.

It is wonderful news that all our hard work of isolating has paid off. The restrictions are finally easing and we can enjoy a bit more freedom. Hopefully we will be able to start meeting again soon, although I am not sure what this will look like.

I hope that you have been able to enjoy getting out and enjoying the freedom now that we no longer need one of four reasons to leave home. I called past Bunnings the other day and was amazed at how many people chose to exercise their freedom there. It seemed that half of the residents of Box Hill were in the car park and I'm not sure whether the other half were inside. I decided the few items that I wanted were not urgent and could wait. If you are like me you will still prefer to avoid crowds.

I'm sure many of you will welcome being able to catch up with family and friends that you have not seen for so long. It is also great that we can now get out to get supplies needed to be able to complete that woodturning project. With the weather warming up it should be a lot easier to spend time in the shed. It will be interesting to see what items are put forward for the totem project.

In the meantime, keep well and keep turning.

## *Who am I?*

After 20 years at SECV and 20 years working on control systems for smelters, I retired from electrical engineering Christmas 2018. Now I am busier than ever, enjoying grandchildren and many other interests such as making/repairing/improving/recycling with wood, metal, electrical, electronics, computers, and assisting Helen in the garden. We also enjoy getting away from the city as often as we can. I have been collecting wood and had a lathe for many years, and joined the guild early this year to learn how to use it properly. I was enjoying Ray's excellent Thursday afternoon sessions until lockdown. The cancelled workshop tour was going to be my first meeting, but have enjoyed the zoom meetings. I inherited my current lathe a few years ago. It's solid and home made, inboard can turn 320 mm diameter, has outboard and can turn 900 mm between centres. Just installed a VSD on it, and also making an adapter so can use a 4 jaw chuck.

## *A Funny Thing Happened*

I came across the following list of reports and rectifications that reminded me of an incident that occurred many years ago when I was working as a service advisor in a car dealership. My duties included greeting the customers when they dropped off their car for service and repairs and filling out the job card with the list of repairs and service work required. At the end of the day I would go through the work performed and report on any work that would be required in the future.

One day a customer booked in his car and in addition to the service work that had been booked he also asked for us to attend to a strange noise emanating from the rear of the vehicle when cornering. He described the noise like a golf ball rolling across the floor and going bonk as it hit the side of the car.

In the evening when the customer came to pick up his car I went through the report of the work performed, what oils and fluids had been changed, the items that had been checked and any upcoming items that needed attention. I also thanked him very much for the rather strange detailed description to the strange noise coming from the rear of the car and presented him with a golf ball that we found in the rear of the car rolling across the floor and going bonk as it hit the side of the car.

Not all service work has such a clear description and happy ending. The following amusing communications are from pilots report sheets to the engineers and maintenance staff and illustrate the implications of using vague language, as well as the age-old potential for conflict and confusion between operational departments and functions, and the long-suffering tolerance of service and maintenance staff in support of operational personnel found in all industries.

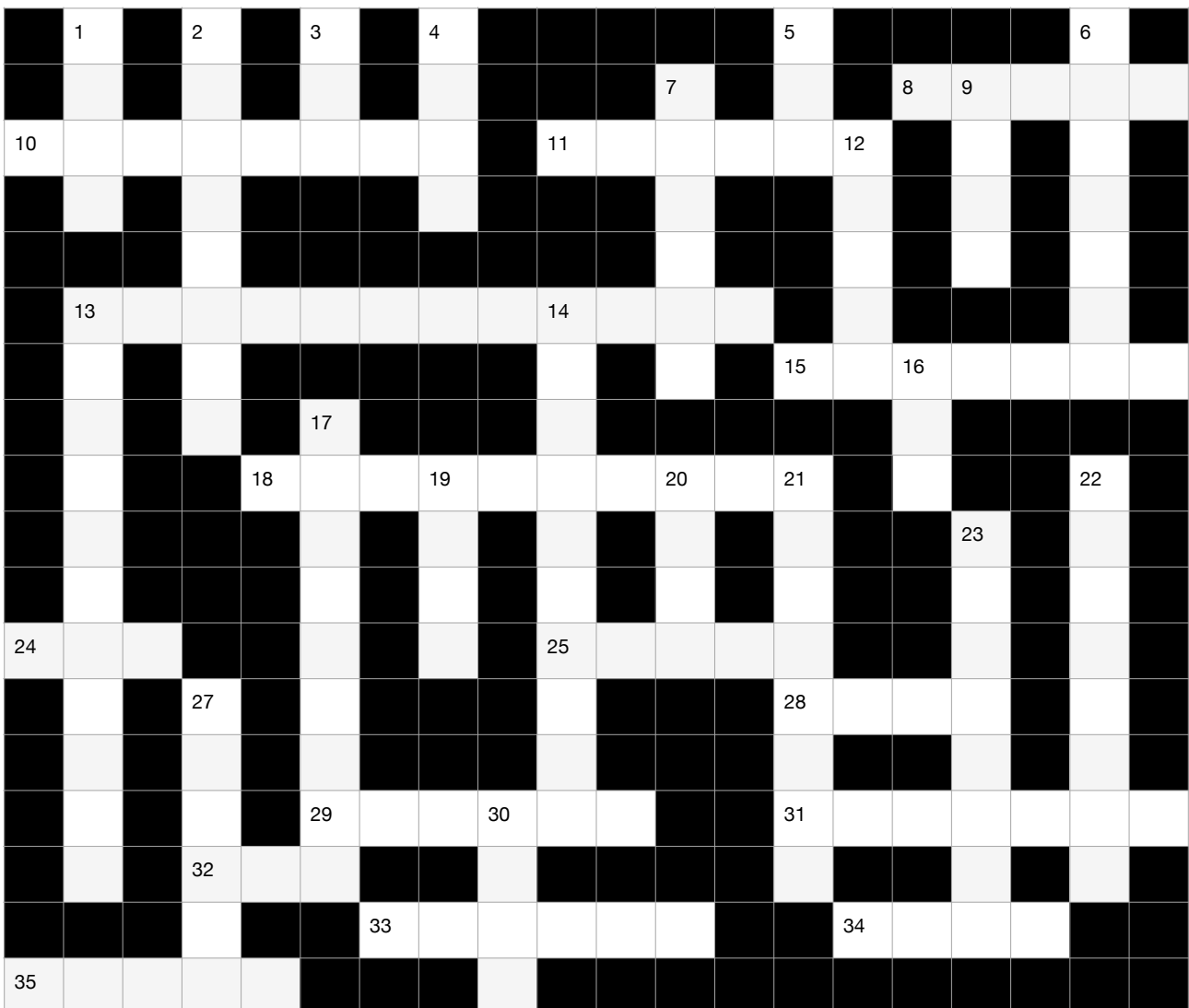
<b>Technical problem or defect reported by pilot or crew.</b>	<b>Remedial action or answer reported by maintenance engineer</b>
Something loose in cockpit.	Something tightened in cockpit.
Left-inside main tyre (tire) almost needs replacing.	Almost replaced left-inside main tyre.
Unfamiliar noise coming from No2 engine.	Engine run for three hours. Noise now familiar.
Mouse in cockpit.	Cat installed.

Target radar hums.	Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.
Number three engine missing. [not firing properly presumably]	Engine found on starboard [right] wing after brief search.
Pilot's clock inoperative.	Wound clock.
Aircraft handles funny.	Aircraft told to straighten up, fly right and be serious.
Whining sound heard on engine shutdown.	Pilot removed from aircraft.
Noise coming from under instrument panel - sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.	Took hammer away from midget.
Suspected crack in windshield.	Suspect you are right.
Test flight okay except Auto-Land very rough.	Auto-Land is not installed on this aircraft.
No2 ADF needle runs wild. [ADF = Automatic Direction Finder/Finding?]	Caught and tamed No2 ADF needle.
Dead bugs on windshield.	Live bugs on back order.
Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces 200 feet per minute descent.	Cannot reproduce problem on ground.
Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.	Evidence removed.
Three roaches in cabin.	One roach killed, one wounded, one got away.
No2 propeller seeping prop fluid.	No2 propeller seepage normal. Nos 1, 3 and 4 propellers lack normal seepage.
Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.	That's what they are for.

# The Crossword

In this edition of The Pandemic the crossword is based on the names of rivers in Australia. Now that travel within Australia is looking more of a possibility in the not too distant future you may take this chance to brush up on your geography.

In the brackets at the end of each clue the state that the river runs through and the number of letters in the name are listed. I found a list of rivers in Australia on the website very helpful in compiling this crossword. It may help you to find the solutions.



**ACROSS**

- 8 Although I am called a river I am actually a tidal estuary for my 70 km length. I start at the confluence of the North and South Esk rivers and flow generally north. (Tas 5)
- 10 The longest river in WA. (WA 8)
- 11 I form most of the southern border for this state. (NSW 6)
- 13 I am the second longest river in Australia. (NSW 12)
- 15 Namesake of the KWTG president (Qld 7)
- 18 My mouth is in Sydney Harbour. Ferries can travel up me to the town that bears my name. (NSW 10)
- 24 I supply water for an irrigation scheme and a dam so large that from the middle of it at water level you can not see land. (WA 3)
- 25 Well known river at Wilson's Promontory. (Vic 5)
- 28 Shakespeare was born in Stratford on ... This river flows through Stratford in Gippsland. (Vic 4)
- 29 A highway in Melbourne shares the name of this river in NSW (NSW 6)
- 31 You could use my name as a term of affection to address a sweetheart. (NSW 7)
- 32 A coastal town near Lorne takes it's name from this river. Why? (Vic 3)
- 33 The name suggests it has more than enough. (Vic 6)
- 34 Male monarch. (Vic 4)
- 35 Roast dinners are cooked in these. (Vic 5)

**DOWN**

- 1 Named after the state's bird emblem. (WA 4)
- 2 I share the name of a state I don't even flow through. (NT 8)

**DOWN** (Continued)

- 3 Like a pub with no beer, a river without water would have to be called ... (NT 3)
- 4 To hold on to. (NT 4)
- 5 Yes. (Vic.3)
- 6 Scottish boy's name (NSW 7)
- 7 I need fixing. (Vic 6)
- 9 A river in the Otways like a breath of fresh air. (Vic 4)
- 12 I have been described as the river that flows upside down and I host the Birdman rally. (Vic 5)
- 13 Flowing through Melbourne from the north, many people struggle to spell my name. (Vic 11)
- 14 There is a cocktail and a record album by The Little River Band named after me. (Qld 10)
- 16 The colour of a stop sign. (Vic 3)
- 17 I flow through an impressive gorge near a town that shares my name. (NT 9)
- 19 There is a virus named after this river. (Qld 4)
- 20 This river is known for a regatta held on dry land. (NT 4)
- 21 I share the name of a state capital but I don't even run through that state. (NT 8)
- 22 The state capital shares my name. (Qld 8)
- 23 I was going to be dammed in the 1980's to create hydro-electricity but protests ensured this did not happen. (Tas 8)
- 27 I run through the Otways and Geelong (Vic 6)
- 30 A garden in the Bible shares the name of this river. (NSW 4)

## *Answers to last month's Collective names of animals*

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## *Of Interest*

I have been informed that the inventor of autocorrect dyed recently. May he restaurant in peas.

## *In My Our Garage Workshop*

Last Friday (30th October) Rick, Graham and I purchased the new demonstrator lathe from Carbatec. The lathe is a Laguna 12/16 which is extremely well built and solid. Along with the outboard turning attachment giving a 14" throw or a 10" extension to the bed, we also purchased a light and magnetic base.

Several members have put their hand up to construct a stand on castors that will suit our needs better (and cheaper) than the genuine option.

It is a good thing we acted when we did as Carbatec now only have their display lathe in stock.

## *Show And Tell*

This month the president's challenge was due. The challenge was to make an item that could be used in a textile craft.



Graham has been busy with this yarn bowl and a set of lace bobbins for the presidents challenge.



Bruce Black has turned this bowl out of Camphor Laurel. EEE then Aussie Oil and finally Shellawax.



Di Bermingham made a spinner's hook and case out of redgum.

## *Show And Tell*



Rick's take on the president's challenge. I would like to see the coat this is for. Note the \$1 coin in the photo to show the scale.

The button is olive and the needle is photinia.

Rick also made a blackwood bowl from a bend in a branch.



Bruce Black again using some more of the camphor laurel from the neighbours. The eggs are redgum, cypress pine and camphor laurel.





## *Show And Tell*

Redgum letter opener finished with Aussie Oil by Richard Jardine.



Also by Richard. For the president's challenge, an oversized knitting needle that is actually a knitting needle case.

The container is elm, the lid is oak and the pair of needles is redgum.



The next project is to make items for a totem pole sculpture for in the back yard of the neighbourhood house where we meet. Gary Jenvey has turned a couple of items.