



Mt Wilson and Mt Irvine Community Newsletter

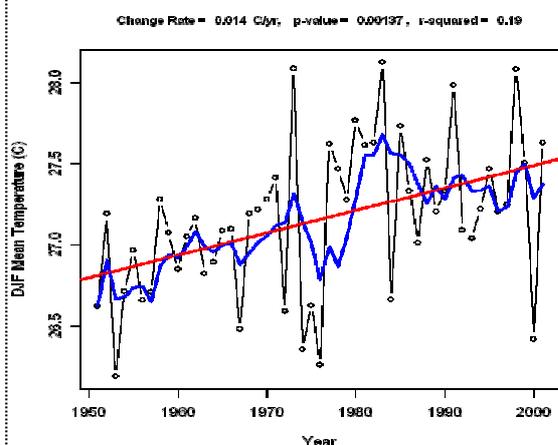
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EDITOR'S NOTES

By now the festive season is fading into memories, in our case of a whirl of family gatherings and various social events—all enjoyable and generally bad for the waistline. (I am puzzled by the tendency of my trousers to shrink, even those I have had for years!)



It's been a hot January, which of course makes everyone think about climate change, so I thought you might be interested in this graph, which I attach without comment. (Note that the scale of the x (vertical) axis only covers a couple of degrees.) The graph is for the whole of Australia for the summer months and comes from a new climate analysis website*. The points are recorded temperatures; the jagged solid line is a running mean and the straight trend line is statistically-fitted. They promise that they will shortly have a feature that enables interrogation at quite local levels. As a matter of interest, the long-term averages (1885-2008) for December, January and February, at Katoomba, are 22.4, 23.2 and 22.4°C, respectively; the highest observed temperatures in those months were 35 (in 1957), 36.2 (in 2004) and 36.6 (in 2005). Last weekend we exceeded those figures—the temperature reached about 38°C at Mt Wilson.

*<http://www.climatewiz.org/index.html>

No poetry in this newsletter, but we have a new feature: John Holt has volunteered to write, for each edition, a profile of one of the older inhabitants—local identities—of Mt Wilson or Mt Irvine; this time, to start the series off, it's Duncan Lumsden. We also have a contribution from one of those 'identities': Bill Scrivener has sent in a description of the 1957 bushfire; an impressively laconic account of a hectic, and probably frightening, day getting people to safety and fighting a big, very hot fire with buckets of water, one knapsack and, presumably, huge amounts of hard work beating and hand clearing round dwellings. Very different from this era of regional control centres, well-equipped 4WD trucks, helicopters and lots of bureaucracy—although none of that helped much in the Victorian disaster. I wonder if, when the smoke clears and the enquiries get going, that tragedy will lead to more sensible policies in relation to fuel reduction burning—currently hedged about with so many conditions and restrictions and so much paperwork that most of it never gets done. At least that's the situation in NSW and I wouldn't be surprised if things are not very different in Victoria.

Michael Pembroke has given me a list of birds and animals observed in the Mt Wilson area; he tells me they are part of a book he has written, which will be published later this year (about September)—an event to look forward to. If anyone has any to add, or you disagree with the inclusion of any species, Michael would like to hear from you.

Thanks to Louise Weingott for sending a copy of the minutes of the General Meeting of the Mount Irvine Progress Association in October, with its interesting President's report. The meeting accepted the amalgamation of the RFA and MWPA newsletters and the MIPA agreed that the newsletter should also represent the Mount Irvine community. The present format reflects this.

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MWPA COMMITTEE NEWS**2008 Christmas Party**

Once again the community Christmas party appeared to be a great success. Approximately 80 people attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves if the level of noise from chatter and laughter can be used as the determining factor. Thanks to the team who assisted with the catering and clean up afterwards. Thanks also to Beverley and Graham Thompson for their donation of the potted Australian plants used as table decorations. These were auctioned during the evening, \$852 dollars being raised, which was divided between the RFS, the Mount Irvine and Mount Wilson Progress Associations. Although the Christmas party is not intended as a fund raising event, the money raised is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the very generous bidders.

Coming Events

- **General Meeting.** This will be held on **Saturday, 21st March, 2009 at 5.30 p.m.** in the Mount Wilson Village Hall.

Clean Up Australia Day. Sunday, 1st March, from 9.00 a.m. This is an important community event and everyone is invited to help keep our villages clean by joining in for all or part of the morning. Please note the date in your diary now. There will be no further reminder prior to the event.

How are your Membership Fees Used?

During the last few years the Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc. has completed a number of projects for which it has been responsible financially. Such projects include the acquisition of Marcus Clark Reserve, which required payment of stamp duty, a survey and property valuation, clearing of tracks and the purchase of plant identification labels (these have been delivered and will be set in place soon). The library cupboard and audio-visual equipment for the Village Hall have been purchased. Bollards have been laid in Cathedral Reserve and Waterfall Reserve and bollards and a gate in Silva Plana to help preserve the reserves and control car parking.

Street trees have been planted around the village, large trees pruned and maintained and dead trees cut down, all funded by the Association. The maintenance of trees will be an ongoing project at increasing cost as the very old trees require more care. Plans are being put in place now for the replacement of the elms in The Avenue as they reach the end of their life span in twenty years time. Another project in hand at the moment is the purchase of barbecues of the

NPWS style for Cathedral Reserve in an attempt to control the size and location of camp fires. Improving the water supply to the public toilets at the Fire Station is also being considered.

Readers may think that many of these expenditures are the responsibility of Blue Mountains City Council and indeed they are, but the reality is that Council does not have the money for such projects. In order to maintain the village in the way we would like it, attractive and safe, we have to be prepared to pay, a small price for the privilege of living in this beautiful place. The fees members pay are important in maintaining our environment and will be increasingly important well into the future.

Walford Road

The Committee has been discussing with Integral Energy the work required in this section of public unmade road to provide access by Integral and emergency vehicles. Integral aims to cause as little inconvenience to owners of neighbouring properties as possible. Their proposal is to replace existing 10 foot gates and sections of fences with 12 foot gates (5 in total), remove an obstructing tree and build a culvert in one section of the road. These gates will remain unlocked so that public access will be possible at all time. The road will be slashed and maintained on a six monthly schedule. Integral will start work once funding has been approved.

Mount Wilson Leisure Library

It has been decided to open the library only on Saturdays now, from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Please come along, see the latest acquisitions and borrow books. Of course, if you are unable to come at this time, I'm always happy to arrange to open the library at a suitable time or drop books into your letterbox. A catalogue of books is available for you to use.

New Member

We extend a warm welcome to our most recent member, Luke O'Hearn, who owns property on Smith Hill. If you own land or reside in Mount Wilson and you wish to join the Mount Wilson Progress Association Inc. contact me at 4756 2156 or email rm.green@bigpond.com

Moira Green
Secretary

VILLAGE HALL JOTTINGS

Not a lot to report this time. In January an electrical storm blew out the electrical system but that has now been fixed. The Committee continues to work hard on Stage 2 of the renovations but finance has not yet been allocated for this work. A number of other improvements are being worked on but not yet at "work in progress" stage.

Please note the following future dates:-

Saturday 21st March at 10am ; Village Hall Committee AGM.
Saturday 4th July, Yulefest Dinner.

Ron Green

OTHER DATES TO NOTE

March 9: household cleanup—you can dump anything except old engines and vehicles
March 16: curbside chipping by BMCC

RFS MATTERS

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Imagine standing at the finish of a gruelling 45 km race, offering drinks and encouragement to triumphant athletes as they surge across the line. You can be part of this uplifting experience if you volunteer to be one of the Rural Fire Service personnel assisting at the finish of the Six Foot Track Marathon at Jenolan Caves House on Saturday 14 March 2009.

The Six Foot Track is a 45 km footpath stretching across the Blue Mountains from The Explorer's Marked Tree, near Katoomba to Jenolan Caves. The marathon started in 1984 and follows the length of the entire footpath. It is Australia's fifth largest marathon and by far the country's largest 100% off-road running event. The race is a fundraiser for the Rural Fire Service and Six Foot Track Heritage Trust. It attracts approximately 700 entrants each year from throughout Australia and around the world.

Volunteers will set up the final drinks station just past the finish line and will hand drinks and jelly beans to the runners once they have completed the marathon. There may also be some traffic control work to do. Your contribution will assist in the raising of funds for your brigade. It is a fun atmosphere with RFS volunteers in the very best position to see the thrilling finish after such a long and challenging race.

Please contact **Beth Raines (0428 316 231)** to put your name forward for this exciting event. She needs to hear from you **by Sunday 8 March**.

LEARN NEW SKILLS AND ALL FOR FREE

Joining the Rural Fire Service has many benefits that aren't just about putting out fires. As a member of the brigade you have the opportunity to learn valuable skills which will be useful in all parts of your life. The RFS places great emphasis on ongoing training and offers courses in First Aid, safe operation of Chainsaws, and truck-driving. Basic fire fighting training also enables you to be prepared and able to protect your own property should a bushfire threaten.

Becoming a member of your local brigade isn't all about fire fighting. There are opportunities to be involved in such areas as communications as a radio operator or in catering and training is available in all these fields. So consider joining up, or if you are already a member, recruit your children or grandchildren to join you and learn new skills. We keep hearing about Australia's ageing population so it is essential that we keep the brigade young and vital with new recruits. Gardeners and caretakers of mountain properties would also benefit from membership of the brigade, both as a way of updating and acquiring new skills and enabling them to fight a fire with confidence.

To join your local brigade or to make an enquiry, please **contact Beth Raines (0428 316 231) or David Howell (0418 771 664)**.

Sarah Howell

FROM YOUR COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

The Ambulance Service is prepared to give a 'Health Care Diary' to anyone who takes medication regularly. The value of having such a diary is that you will have an up-to-date record of your medication readily to hand if, at any time, you need emergency treatment. If we are called to help you we can easily check your diary before giving you any drugs that we might consider you need, to see if they conflict with any drugs you are taking.

If you would like to have such a diary you can pick one up from me at Withycombe.

Diana Landsberg

Dictionary definitions

Adult : a person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle

MT WILSON STUDY CENTRE

Many Mt Wilson & Mt Irvine residents will be aware that the Study Centre is available for short term accommodation. Both self contained buildings sleep six people and many of our community have used this facility to house their overflow guests when having a family function.

All monies raised are used for the maintenance and upkeep of these historic buildings, and the surrounding grounds. Our Council of local volunteers has managed the Centre since 1987 when the NSW Education Department approved the transfer of this responsibility to them. Since 1997, Libby Raines has organized all bookings. Due to her recent illness and ongoing medical needs, she has reluctantly had to relinquish this duty. Stephen and Margaret Dean have agreed to undertake this duty, and the Council is most grateful and appreciative.

In the future all booking enquiries should be made to:-

Stephen or Margaret Dean, 'Rolands', Wynnes Rocks Road. Phone: 47562020

I can also show you through the Centre, or answer any questions you may have.

Jane Mayne
Secretary / Treasurer
Mt Wilson Study Centre Council
Phone: 47562035

REVIEWS OF NEW BOOKS IN MT WILSON LIBRARY

Letter writing and a love of reading combine wonderfully in two books in the Mount Wilson Library:

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she's never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book by Charles Lamb. As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends, and what a wonderfully eccentric world it is. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society was born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi when its members were discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island. The society boasts a charming, funny and deeply human cast of characters. Juliet begins a remarkable correspondence with the society's members, learning about their island, their taste in books, and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds will change

her forever.

Written with warmth and humor as a series of letters, this novel is a celebration of the written word in all its guises, and of finding connection in the most surprising ways.

84 Charing Cross Road is a true story of a 20 year transatlantic business correspondence about used books that developed into a close friendship. New Yorker Helen Hanff, in search of obscure classics and British literature titles she had been unable to find in New York City, noticed an ad in the Saturday Review of Literature and first contacted Marks & Co, antiquarian booksellers, located at 84 Charing Cross Road in 1949. It fell to Frank Doel to fulfill her requests. In time, a long-distance friendship evolved, not only between the two, but between Hanff and other staff members as well, with an exchange of Christmas packages, birthday gifts, and food parcels to compensate for post- World War II food shortages in England. Their letters included discussions about topics as diverse as the sermons of John Donne, how to make Yorkshire Pudding, the Brooklyn Dodgers, and the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Judy Tribe

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday 1st March: 9.00 am till 12 noon

Your assistance for all or part of this time would be appreciated.
Meet at the Mt Wilson Village Hall; you will need gloves, sunscreen and hat. Collection bags will be provided and a rubbish skip will be located nearby.

For further information please 'phone **Robert Chesney** on 47562085 or 98887024

This is an activity of the Mt Wilson Progress Association

REMEMBERING THE 1957 BUSH FIRE

It was a hot December Summer's day in Leura. A fire escaped from the North Katoomba Tip and raced across the Great Western Highway. My friends, Veterinary Surgeon Gordon Robson and wife Barbara, saved their house and Veterinary Clinic with buckets of water. The house next door burnt down! The Leura Mall was set alight and the fire, fanned by a hot southerly wind, set off from Leura for Mt Irvine. It by-passed Mt.Wilson, arriving at Mt.Irvine about midday.

Ruth Scrivener at "Kookootonga" with two year old Viki saw it coming. Flames high in the smoke cloud appeared to be exploding and jumping from ridge to ridge. Peter and Tom Kirk arrived from Mt.Wilson just as Telfer's cottage on lower Danes Way was being attacked. They were able to save the cottage by throwing buckets of water on it using an axe to cut a hole in the top of a water tank. Later it was found that all of the windows had cracked glass.

The two men then raced down to Miss Jacobs's house (where Alan and Elly Gunn now live). Miss Jacobs was running the telephone exchange and was still on the phone when the house caught alight. She was reluctantly persuaded to depart and Peter and Tom led her to safety. "Taihoa" was next; my sisters Dorothy, Gwen, Ruth and Mavis worked hard to keep the fire in check. Ruth and Mavis were running a children's holiday home in the cottage, fortunately Ruth had time to evacuate all the little guests to "Painui" paddock, collecting Viki from "Kookootonga" on the way. The remaining three sisters at "Taihoa" managed to save the house and cottage. They were helped by the father of one of the children who had just made it across Bowens Creek, driving through some fire.

Tom and Peter were unable to save Charlie Clarke's cabin, which was below the Mott's house. Harold and Mrs Mott saved their house and Betty Clarke and the Harbegger family saved theirs. Bill Smart was protecting "Carrisbrook" on Danes Way. Peter Kirk ran into "Kookootonga" and advised Ruth to stay with the house but to get out if the softwood nearby caught alight. Ruth put out a spot fire under the Lawsons – fortunately there was a tap nearby. The road below "Kookootonga" was quite bare due to the cows walking along the bank to and from the dairy. Later, Bill Knight Brown called to see how Ruth was managing. After "Kookootonga", the men ran along the road to the School / Village Hall, but it was already alight and beyond saving. Next was Court's place and Mrs Cutcher's property; they were doing well keeping the fire out of their garden. "Tallawong" the home of Norman and Gertrude Knight Brown was saved. Nell Knight-Brown was up in the "Painui" paddock with the children. The next property in danger was the Chesterman's: they were able to save the house but the garage burnt down.

I was working at Randwick and received an urgent call from Miss Jacobs. Bowens Creek road was closed by the local police sergeant and I was unable to get home that way. I arrived at the Zig Zag at approximately 2.30 pm to find the fire racing up the hill. I'm sure it reached the top in less than 15 minutes. When the fire had cooled down enough I walked up the road under and over burning logs and was greeted by Jack Gunn. He said "We had better check Tom Kirk's house" (Tom's house now known as "Hollyridge" on Queens Avenue). The fire was heading under the house but we were able to put it out. When all appeared safe Jack began clearing the road with his chain saw with me helping.

Driving to Mt.Irvine I met Peter and Tom on their way home. I asked "What happened?" Peter said "We lost five!" This was bad news. Peter gave me a quick run down on the five losses: 1. Telfer's garage; 2. Miss Jacobs's house; 3. Charley Clarke's cabin; 4. The School / Village Hall; 5. Chesterman's garage.

These men had one knapsack. The Kirk men for years had saved the softwood areas from fire; the Zig Zag was the only area of softwood badly burnt. It was a very hot fire and Mt.Irvine had it hottest. All the Mountain Ash trees between Mt.Irvine road and Danes Way were killed. The new growth, now 50 years old, is amazing. (Mt.Irvine road in 1957 ran under the cliffs via Scriveners Pass).

After this fire, at a Public Meeting in Mt.Wilson Hall, Mt.Irvine and Mt.Wilson amalgamated into one Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. Tom Breen lent enough money to buy a Blitz fitted with pump and tank.

W.P. (Bill) Scrivener.

THE BIRDS OF MT WILSON

Blackbird
 Bowerbird, Satin
 Bronzewing
 Brush
 Common
 Bulbul, Red-whiskered
 Butcherbird
 Grey
 Pied
 Chough, White-winged
 Cockatoo, Yellow-tailed Black
 Cuckoo
 Channel-billed
 Fan-tailed
 Horsfields Bronze
 Currawong
 Grey
 Pied
 Cuckoo-Dove, Brown
 Duck, Australian Maned (Wood)
 Eagle, Wedge-tailed
 Fairywren, Superb
 Fantail
 Grey
 Rufous
 Finch, Red-browed
 Frogmouth, Tawny
 Gerygone, Brown
 Goshawk
 Brown
 Grey
 Grebe, Australasian
 Honeyeater
 Crescent
 Lewins
 New Holland
 Yellow-tailed
 Ibis, Straw-necked
 Kingfisher, Azure
 Kookaburra, Laughing
 Lapwing, Masked
 Lorikeet, Rainbow
 Lyrebird, Superb
 Magpie, Australian

Martin
 Fairy
 Tree
 Owl
 Barn
 Powerful
 Southern Boobook
 Pardalote, Spotted
 Parrot, King
 Pigeon
 Crested
 White-headed
 Wonga
 Pilotbird
 Quail, Brown
 Raven, Australian
 Robin
 Eastern Yellow
 Flame
 Rose
 Scarlet
 Rosella
 Crimson
 Eastern
 Scrubwren,
 Yellow-throated
 White-browed
 Silvereye
 Songlark
 Rufous
 Brown
 Spinebill, Eastern
 Starling, Common
 Swallow, Welcome
 Thornbill, Striated
 Thrush, White's
 Treecreeper
 Red-browed
 White-throated
 Turkey, Brush
 Wattlebird
 Red
 Yellow
 Whipbird, Eastern
 Whistler, Golden

NATIVE ANIMALS OF MT WILSON

Brown Swamp Wallaby
 Wombat
 Grey Kangaroo
 Brush Tailed Possum
 Ring Tailed Possum
 Glider
 Tiny Possum
 Antichinus
 Echidna
 Bandicoot
 Dingo
 Quoll
 Red Bellied Black Snake
 Brown Snake
 Diamond Snake
 Adder
 Python
 Tiger Snake
 Blue Tongue Lizard
 Skink
 Water Dragon

Michael Pembroke**Giant dragonflies and hanging swamps**

About this time giant dragonflies that have spent the first 10 years of their lives underground in swamps in the Blue Mountains are emerging for their three months of adult life – time to find a mate, reproduce and then die. The adult is truly a giant, with a wing span of about 14 centimetres and a body as thick as a finger.

One of the rarest dragonflies in Australia these giants occur in only a few pockets in the Hawkesbury-Nepean area and are listed as endangered in NSW. The larvae live for their first decade in tunnel systems up to a metre underground in the hanging swamps that occur on the sides of cliffs in the Blue Mountains. They not only provide habitat for the giant dragonflies – and no doubt other interesting creatures – but also act as sponges, slowly releasing water to the creeks and waterfalls, even during dry periods.

But the swamps are close to urban development and are also endangered. If they dry out they begin to rot and can ultimately collapse. They can't be re-built: the peat on which they are based was laid down thousands of years ago. BMCC and the Hawkesbury-Nepean Management Authority are working together to help protect these iconic ecosystems.

*This is a summary of an article by Jennie Curtin that appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald in December. **Robin Leonard** sent it to me and suggested it be included in the newsletter.*

DUNCAN (JOCK) LUMSDEN

To Visit "Stonehaven", home and studio of Duncan Lumsden, off Farrer Road, one must have complete disregard for the effects on your car on the way in, and a carefree attitude to life on the white-knuckle drive on the precipitous way out.

Duncan and his family came to live in Chimney Cottage in 1963, but this was preceded by an extraordinary career.

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland prior to World War II, he joined the Royal Marines at the age of sixteen – despite the efforts of his mother – following a particularly heavy bombing of the city. After sea service and commando training he went to sea as an anti-aircraft gunner on HMS Jamaica and voyaged on six convoys, taking equipment to Murmansk in northern Russia. This was particularly dangerous; in one convoy only 11 out of 34 vessels made the return journey, the rest being torpedoed.

In 1945 he joined the battleship HMS Duke of York for service in the Pacific. On this ship, with batteries of 14 inch guns and no ear protection, he suffered severe hearing damage. This problem has increased over his life.

Following being in the Bay of Tokyo when the Japanese peace treaty was signed, he visited Hiroshima. His ship then came to Australia for a period. During its stay immigration officials came on board and induced Duncan and eleven other crew members to stay behind in Australia,

With an outstanding artistic ability he eventually joined the major advertising agency, Pattersons, as a graphic artist. During his employment there he established a close relationship with the managing director, the late Keith Cousins. (A brother, Geoff, is at present a leading activist against the construction of the Tamar pulp mill in Tasmania.)

His arrival in Mount Wilson with his family in 1963 had the added community benefit that his three children increased the school numbers and so aided its continuance. One of his sons, Fraser, is well known in the community for his excellent bricklaying skills. As a distance student at Charles Sturt University he gained a Bachelor of Arts and is now studying forensic psychology. Daughter Fiona is an outstanding bird artist and his other son, Ian, attended university.

With a studio built in 1974, Chimney Cottage became the mecca for artists, both local and from other areas. Many gifted artists spent time there, including Clifton Pugh.

Duncan bought the site at Farrer Road (16 acres) for his future home, for the sum of 1600 pounds, in 1964 and the present home, "Stonehaven" was built in 1989.

His initiation to Mount Wilson was not easy and he earned money as the local mailman. However, in 1967, he held a major exhibition of his work and all the paintings were sold. Active in community affairs, he was secretary of the Progress Association, fire brigade and P & C and executed most of the art work for the Mount Wilson centenary. In 1971 he was appointed an art tutor to the National Art School and lectured in Sydney and Canberra.

Travelling extensively, he was invited to Moscow in 1987 to receive the Russian Arctic Convoy medal.

An outstanding painter of still life, portraits and other material, he is included in the definitive work "Artists and Art Galleries of Australia".

On Remembrance Day he cuts a dashing figure, resplendent with all his war decorations and, with Richard Prentice, always lays the wreath.

When you meet Duncan he does not object to your speaking to him in a LOUD voice!

John Holt

Word puzzle

For those who play Scrabble and do crosswords and are generally smart with words: can you figure out what these words have in common.

1 Banana 2 Dresser 3 Grammar 4 Potato 5 Revive 6 Uneven 7 Assess

Try not to glance at the answer!! (it's lower on the page)

*I should probably emulate the (generally rather 'precious') warnings given before some TV and radio programs and say that the following joke contains strong language. I would also like to state that I will neither confirm nor deny whether the joke reflects my political opinions. **Ed.***

Soldiers

A platoon of soldiers was marching north of Fallujah when they came upon an Iraqi terrorist, badly injured and unconscious. On the opposite side of the road was an Australian soldier in a similar but less serious state...

The soldier was conscious and alert and as first aid was given to both men, the Platoon Leader asked the injured Australian what had happened.

The soldier reported, 'I was heavily armed and moving north along the highway here, and coming south was a heavily armed insurgent.' We saw each other and both took cover in the ditches along the road. I yelled to him that Saddam Hussein was a miserable, lowlife scumbag who got what he deserved.

He yelled back that Kevin Rudd is a bureaucratic, good-for-nothing left wing labour dickhead who knows bugger all about running the country.'

'So I said that Osama Bin Laden dresses and acts like a frigid, mean-spirited lesbian!'

He retaliated by yelling, 'Oh yeah? Well, so does Julia Gillard!'

'And, there we were, in the middle of the road, laughing and shaking hands, when a bloody truck hit us.'

No, it's not that they all have at least two double letters. In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, put it at the end of the word then spell the word backwards it will be the same word.

It would be interesting to know how many saw that without cheating.

Dictionary definitions

Beauty parlour: a place where women curl up and dye

Cannibal: someone who is fed up with people

Chickens: the only animal you eat before they are born and after they are dead

Committee: a body that keeps minutes and wastes hours

Dust: mud with the juice squeezed out

Egotist: someone who is usually me-deep in conversation

Skeleton: a bunch of bones with the person scraped off

Yawn: an honest opinion, openly expressed

Wrinkles: something other people have, similar to my character lines.