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## Week 5 – Lock Down

Dear Members,

I hope you enjoyed your Easter weekend. I've lost track of which day we're at. They're all running into each other – see first joke (Thank you Christine).

When I was at primary school, if you fell out with someone it was customary to hold your breath in their presence. Never did I think that over 55 years later I'd be doing the same thing to complete strangers if they got too close to me!

The aim of these newsletters is to raise a smile, and you've been telling me that we're achieving our objective. Please don't think for a minute we're being disrespectful or underestimating the trauma some of you and yours are experiencing. We're here for you all every step of the way. Keep safe everyone and stay positive.

Jilly

**Until further notice the days of the week are now called, thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today and nextday!**

### QUARANTINE DIARY

Day 1: I have stocked up on enough non-perishable food and supplies to last me for months, maybe years, so that I can remain in isolation for as long as it takes to see out this pandemic

Day 1 + 45 minutes: I am in the supermarket because I wanted a Twix

Top plays for the season:

It Could be any One of Us by Alan Ayckbourn

Private Fears in Public Places by Alan Ayckbourn

Press Conference by Harold Pinter

All's well that Ends Well by William Shakespeare

The Hostage by Brendan Behan

No Exit by Jean-Paul Sartre

Deathtrap by Ira Levin

A Bitter Fate by Aleksey Pisemsky

Spreading the News by Lady Gregory

Farewell in June by Alexander

Vampilov

Ourselves Alone by Anne Devlin

Corona beer changes their name to avoid association with the Coronavirus outbreak



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Top row: Lovely designs from Tricia: far left - look at how the Chrysanthemum blooms have been angled. Left: bottle/vase design inspired by a recent Area Members' Day, as was my hanging design: middle far left.

An Easter nest using the eggshells I "enhanced" a couple of weeks ago, middle middle (what??).

I raised the nest on a spike to give space all around; green reindeer moss in the eggshells, pink and white tulips with a couple of secondary hyacinth flower heads.

Middle left: a spring arrangement from Gaenor.

Bottom: my door wreath and close up.



**Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of THE QUARANTEENS.**





Me after washing my hands for 20 seconds 57 times in one day



[i.imgur.com/gXyQ6K...](https://imgur.com/gXyQ6K...)

You might recall the famous song from Gilbert & Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*: *I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major General*. If you've got access to the internet, here's a performance of it on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlTisI\\_HSgw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlTisI_HSgw)

Here are the lyrics of an updated version for our times. Apologies to the gentleman who wrote it - I can't find his name. If it's you - let me know and I'll credit it properly.

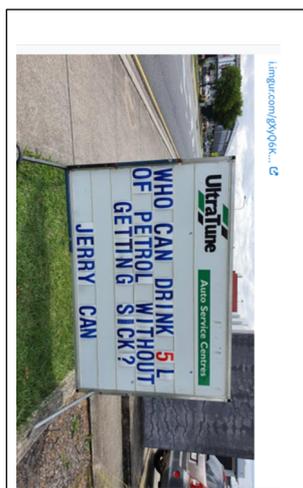
**Coronavirus Supermarket Song (Aussie Versions): I Am the Very Model of a Dinkum Local Citizen**

*I am the very model of a dinkum local citizen  
I don't buy all the toilet rolls no matter how much s\*at we're in  
I keep a proper distance as I wait my turn with patient smiles  
And don't fly off my trolley in the rice or mince or pasta aisles!*

*It's hard to hear the news each day of how our world is travelling  
And see each week the way some poor community's unravelling  
The Virus is alarming, but what's worse is social media  
Don't swallow each new rumour all those doomsayers keep feeding ya!*

*So, let's all greet and meet and treat with measures of civility  
(And wash our hands as often as required for peak sterility!)  
And keep up with those Experts on the do's and don'ts of distancing  
Our Virus Curve will flatten if we show we've all been listening*

*I'd like to think our Locals will enlarge their little kindnesses  
And practise common sense instead of stupid bloody-mindedness  
We're all in this together, so no matter how much s\*at we're in  
Please be the very model of a Dinkum Local Citizen!*



*And while we're on an Aussie theme (thank you Gaenor):*

## THE BALLAD OF DUNNY ROLL

The year was 2020, early March or thereabouts  
Off the back of quite a summer plagued by bushfires and droughts  
So the nation was exhausted and many folks weren't thinking straight  
Which goes some way towards explaining #Toilet PaperGate

It started with a virus, some say China was the donor  
They call it Covid-19, but we called it My Corona  
And we saw the illness spreading and the cruise ships quarantined  
And we sanitized our fingers as we lined up to be screened

Then in amongst the panic, someone headed down to Coles  
And loaded up their trolley full of toilet paper rolls  
We'll never know who did it, what their motive was or why,  
Or what brand of roll they hoarded, was it scented or two-ply?

All we know is in that moment, when they took it from the shelf  
They unleashed a chain reaction as a nation shat itself  
Now we've faced wars and cyclones, we've survived them all as one  
But a toilet paper shortage? Well it made us come undone

For the people started hoarding all the last remaining sheets  
There were punch-ons in the isles, there was panic in the streets  
'Me crack's in need of wiping', someone cried in desperation  
What else can I use to solve this situation

Some stooped to using gum leaves, others left it on the floor  
Many wiped with plastic bags and returned them to the store  
While others rocked on the veranda with a shotgun fully manned  
To protect their precious stock, they'd rather die than use their hand

And the cheeky bidet owners with their derrières unhurt?  
Well they rented out their bathrooms, 20 dollars for a squirt  
But the greatest single irony throughout this sordid farce  
You get Corona in your nose and lungs, not shooting out your arse

So, we'll never know when faced with a pandemic-level slaughter,  
Why we spent our cash on poo tickets instead of food and water  
'Cause history will tell you how the virus was contained  
But the rush on toilet paper? That can never be explained

And I wonder if the Anzacs were infected by some jerks  
Who'd fight over a dunny roll instead of fighting Turks  
'Cause it seems to me it could just be a true blue Aussie trait,  
To panic in a crisis and steal bog roll from your mates

*Apparently, much of Australian loo roll is produced in China. So, their run (ha ha) is understandable. But toilet paper in the UK is produced much more locally. Why the empty shelves here?*