



WHO WOULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED THIS?

Occasionally, urban legends, are true! Stories of monkeys being used as precariously poised "jockeys" on greyhounds at race meetings, are often viewed as a myth.

However, along with billy-cart racing and dance marathons, monkey jockeys were one of the fads that people took to during the grim years of the Great Depression (1929-1939) to lift their spirits and provide some distraction from their lives.

This somewhat bizarre sport for sport, started at the famous Shalherds Bush Greyhound Track at Mascot in Sydney.

This circuit was run by an American con-man called "Judge" Frederick Swinden, who had introduced modern greyhound racing to Australia in the late 1920s, via the mechanical racing or "tin" hare, as

it was known.

Co-promoter of the new sport, Australian Jack Munro, thought up the idea of using monkeys from a local circus and training them to ride greyhounds around the track, like a jockey on a horse.

Placid and ageing racing dogs were used, but the monkeys apparently screamed and fought each other at every stage of their preparation, including when having their racing silks fitted, when they often bit the handlers.

When on the track, however, they turned out to be natural performers and seemingly enjoyed the attention of the adoring public. The monkeys were attached to the dogs by a chain so as not to fall-off and, to add interest, Munro put the dogs over hurdles as in steeple chases. It was an instant hit...

We WISH!!!

Lamb Cutlets 6 for 59c
Large legs of lamb \$1.69

Sorry folks, that was
July 1, 1970 at Coles.

GOLF IN THE 1980S

During the 1980s, Greg Norman dominated golf in Australia winning the Australian Masters 5 times—1981, 1983, 1984, 1987 and 1989.

Making News in 1972

These snippets from the Daily Mirror
November 9, 1972

COUNCIL TO BAN NOISE

NOISY radios and record players will soon be silenced in the Darlinghurst-Elizabeth Bay-Woolloomooloo area if a proposed City Council action succeeds.

The council will ask the Government for power to prohibit such noise - even in private homes - in residential areas.

Ald Joan Pilone, chairman of the council's Community Services Committee, said the police claimed they could do very little about "noise pollution".

Lord Mayor, Ald David Griffin, said the council would seek legislation to extend its powers and take early action.

BUTTER ORDER

AUSTRALIAN dairy companies will provide a further 1600 tonnes of unsalted butter to Japan in the next few months.

The chairman of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, Mr. A.P. Beatty, said the contract was signed when he attended the Tokyo meetings of the International Dairy Federation last month.

HIJACK

TC (TO, Thursday, 11/11). - Tetsuji Nakaoka, who hijacked a Japan Airlines jet on Monday, was charged today with commandeering the plane and trying to extort \$2 million ransom.

NOW and THEN

IS IT A RETROSPECTIVE
ON WOMEN'S SWIMWEAR
OVER THE YEARS?

DISPLAY

MORE
OR LESS.



The art of being indecent

(From the Sydney Morning Herald in 1967)

PARIS, Monday – French girls who wear mini-skirts have been advised to follow the example of British girls and learn to be indecent.

The advice comes in the current issue of the French magazine “L’Express” which says “The mini-dress lends itself to everything, except decency.

“With the mini-skirt it becomes impossible to get up or sit down. You can just about squat on the edge of a chair.

“Above all, do not bend over or kneel. It is best to leave it to the master of the house to pour out the coffee, especially if the table is a low one.

“It is difficult walking if you are not alone. Walking up the stairs is a delicate matter as there is always someone lower down.

“To call a taxi or put on your overcoat is dangerous. The trouble comes from on high. Raising your shoulders guarantees indecency.

“The only solution is to acquire the charm, the humour, and the grace of being indecent.

“Follow the example of young British ladies and become indifferent to decency, reminding yourself that there will always be somebody around whom the situation will charm.”



However, in the English town of Burton-upon-Trent bus, conductresses have been banned from wearing mini-skirts on duty.

A civic transport spokesman said: “It could be embarrassing for people to see a conductress in a mini-skirt scampering up and down the stairs on a double-decker bus.

“Regulation jacket and slacks are the only sensible wear for a clipper.”

The mass circulation newspaper “Daily Mirror” today presented its “fuddy duddy” award to France.

The newspaper said it based its decision on the outcome of a recent public opinion poll in the country that showed 57% of men were against the mini-skirt and 74% wouldn’t allow their lady friends to wear one.

“The sooner Britain can exert her influence in the Common Market the better,” the paper noted. (A.A.P. – Reuter)

A TOAST TO RESEARCH

(From the Sydney Morning Herald 1967)



NEW YORK, Monday – More than 200 doctors gathered in the wine cellar of a New York Hotel on New Year’s Day to test – for science, the medical profession and all mankind - a champagne and cognac hangover cure.

The mixture was pronounced good, though no conclusions as to its effectiveness were drawn.

The physicians called for more tests.

The experiment was sponsored by the Physicians’ Wine Appreciation Society of New York.

The ingredients were contributed by French wine producers.

They were blended in a mixture of one part cognac to three parts champagne by gold-jacketed laboratory technicians – looking very much like waiters.

(A.A.P. – Reuter)



Remember the Captain?

The Captain Fortune Show was a popular TV kids show back in the late 50s. It screened on Channel 7 in front of a live studio audience. One of the popular regulars on the show was Clifford Warne with his puppet mate Gus. Who remembers Captain Fortune, Clifford Warne and Gus?



PRICES - 50 YEARS AGO

For all of time people have had to contend with the 'costs' associated with daily living.

In this issue of Dem Days we go back 50 years for a reminder of what we paid for various goods and services at that time.

Interestingly, around 1975, high inflation was an issue and impacted prices.

GROCERY PRICES

These prices from a Coles New World ad in the Daily Mirror in 1970.



- Tomatoes 16c per lb
- Crisp delicious apples 10 for 25c
- Navel oranges 8 for 25c
- Hamburger or mince steak 39c a lb
- Lamb cutlets 6 for 59c
- Large legs of lamb \$1.69
- Tasty thick sausages 29c a lb
- No 10 Roasting Chickens \$1.59
- Chicken breasts 79c a lb and thighs 55c a lb.

BREAD & MILK

A loaf of bread was around 24c, and a litre of milk was around 30c.

AIR FARES

TAA and ANSETT were the main domestic airlines in 1975 and to fly return Sydney to Melbourne cost around \$54.



PETROL

A litre of petrol was around 57c.

HOUSE PRICES

A modest house in Sydney would cost around \$28,000. This was roughly 3.7 times the average income of that time at around \$7600.

PUSHBIKES

Pushbikes cost between \$75—\$120 depending on quality.



RENTING A HOME

Back then, the rule of thumb for setting rent was often 1% of the house purchase price.

For example, the rent for a house bought for \$28,000 would be \$280 per annum (\$5-\$6 per week).

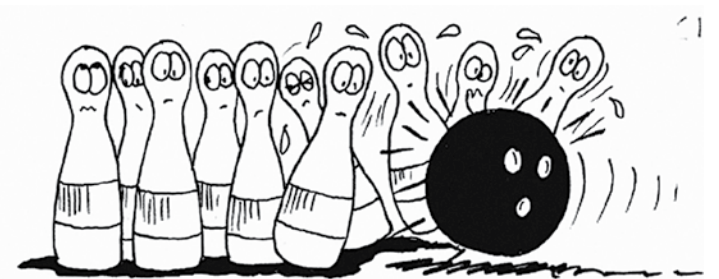
More often however, rents were higher, more like \$10—\$20 per week.

CARS

A basic Holden car cost \$3,000-\$4,000 in 1975 and a basic Ford Ute in the low \$4,000s.

GOLF CLUBS

A set of quality irons was around \$150-\$300 with a good driver \$75.



TEN PIN BOWLING

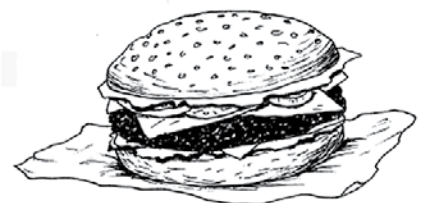
In 1975, a game of ten pin bowls would cost 50c—\$1 and often 3 games (e.g. games) for \$1.

BANK INTEREST

In 1975, due to high inflation, you could get around 9.8% interest on deposits, and you paid around 10% interest on home and personal loans.

TAKEAWAY FOOD

Hamburgers cost 20-30 cents with a BIG Mac 49c. Large fried rice was \$1-\$2 and a Sweet-n-Sour Pork \$1.50—\$2.



These were from the
Daily Mirror in 1971

BURDEN EASED FOR MOTHERS

Mothers who want to go shopping at Grace Bros' Chatswood store can do it in comfort now.

A child-minding centre will be opened in the store at 3pm today.

For a nominal fee, mothers will be able to leave their children at the centre while they shop.

The charge is 40c for the first hour and 30c for every hour afterwards.

For an additional 30c, children can have lunch in the centre.

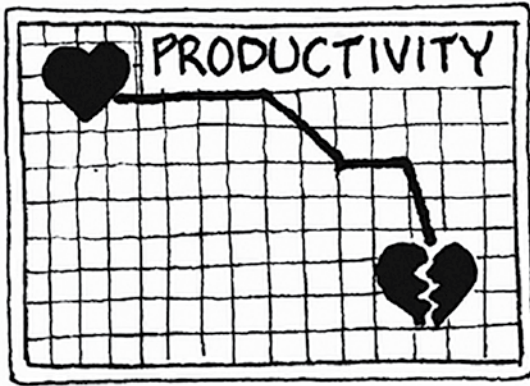
The centre is divided into two sections: a nursery for babies and a playroom for toddlers and older children.

The nursery has rows of bassinets and cots with soft, cuddly toys for the babies.

For more energetic youngsters, there are toys in the playroom with a blackboard wall for budding artists.

Sister Sillar, a fully-qualified nurse, is in charge of the centre.

Bookings can be made by telephoning the store 412-0111 extension 2323.



LOVE CAN HURT BIG BUSINESS

LONDON, Monday - A top boss today branded boy friends as a threat to business efficiency.

Mr. Eric Faulkner, chairman of Lloyds Bank, one of the 'big five' joint stock banks, said that boys who make life hard for their girl friends are a danger to every smooth-running business.

It seems a girl with a broken heart can be terrible at her job.

A scorned female just cannot keep her mind on matters in hand: bank tellers forget how to count money, computer operators press the wrong buttons, shorthand writers can't read the squiggle from another.

Mr. Faulkner clearly wishes men would be sweeter to the girls who work for him.

He told an Industrial Society conference: "Boy friend trouble is the enemy of productivity."

Among the 17,000 women in his 33,000 workforce, he rates it as the biggest problem - even more damaging than flu and the common cold.

OCEAN'S FLOOR IS ON THE MOVE

LOS ANGELES, Monday (UPI).

- The ocean floor beneath the central Pacific creeps slowly northward, pushed along by molten material welling up from inside the earth.

Scientists at Scripps Institution of Oceanography have reported the movement was verified by the Deep Sea drilling project, carried out by the Institution for the National Science Foundation.

During the past 100 million years, a spot on the ocean floor in the affected area would have moved about 1800 miles to the north, the scientists said.

At that rate, the movement is less than an inch a year.

Verified

Some scientists already believe the movements of the ocean floors - especially the movements east and west from the middle Atlantic - are the source of a continental drift.

This drift causes the continents, floating on the earth's crust, to move farther apart.

Cores taken from the Pacific Ocean bed between Hawaii and the Marshall Islands on the voyage of the ship Glomar Challenger for the Deep Sea project verified the northward movement.

Scientists aboard the ship tracked the past movement of the ocean floor by studying the fossil remains deposited in the sediment over millions of years.



Did you know?

The original cost estimate to build the Sydney Opera House was £3.5 million (\$7 million); the final cost was \$102 million.

Construction was expected to take 4 years, it took 14.

233 designs were submitted before Jorn Utzon's design won.

More than 10.9 million people visit the Opera House every year.

For this issue of Dem Days, we thought some good old fashioned trivia might be in order. Enjoy!

MEANING

Let's start with a dictionary description for Trivia — details, considerations, or pieces of information of little importance or value. Sounds about right!

20 FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

	• Billy Graham	7th November 1918
	• Nelson Mandela	18th July 1918
	• Winston Churchill	30th November 1874
	• Bob Menzies	20th December 1894
	• Rod Laver	9th August 1938
	• Ken Rosewall	2nd November 1934
	• Chips Rafferty	26th March 1909
	• Nicole Kidman	20th June 1967
	• Reg Gasnier	12th May 1939
	• Norm Provan	18th December 1932
	• Dawn Fraser	4th September 1937
	• Keiran Perkins	14th August 1973
	• Betty Cuthbert	20th April 1938
	• Cathy Freeman	16th February 1973
	• Bart Cummings	14th November 1927
	• Neil Armstrong	5th August 1930
	• Slim Dusty	13th June 1927
	• John F. Kennedy	29th May 1917
	• Elvis Presley	8th January 1935
	• John Wayne	26th May 1907

TEMPERATURES

For those who follow the climate debate, Australia's hottest and coldest days may be of interest:

HOTTEST	50.7 °C (123.3 °F)	2nd January, 1960
		Oodnadatta, SA and Onslow, WA
COLDEST	- 23 °C (-9.4 °F)	29th June, 1994
		Charlotte Pass, NSW

MOST POPULAR CAR

The most popular car in Australia throughout the 1960s was the EH Holden.



9 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT AUSTRALIA

The oldest message in a bottle washed up on Wedge Island in WA, 131 years after it was thrown overboard. *(Wonder what it said?)*

Of the 25 of the world's most poisonous snakes, 21 can be found in Australia. *(Wonderful!)*



In 2005, the government issued a ban on saying the word 'mate' at Parliament House – the ban lasted 24 hours before it was overturned. *(We've heard much worse haven't we?)*

Australia is the only continent in the world without an active volcano. *(Appreciate that?)*



Wombat Poo is cube shaped. *(Wombats must enjoy regular square meals!)*

The Gold Coast's canal system is larger than those of both Venice and Amsterdam combined. *(Who'd have thought?)*

The record jump recorded by a kangaroo is a whopping 12.8 metres in a single leap. *(Certainly must have been a chopper hopper!)*

Australians enjoy dressing up, holding the individual records for the largest gatherings of people dressed as Marilyn Monroe, Albert Einstein, Harry Potter, nursery rhyme characters, cows and ABBA as well as wearing red noses, high-visibility vests and akubra-style hats. *(Cows? Udderly outrageous!)*

Queensland holds the record for the world's longest road train, towing 113 trailers at a length of nearly 1.5 km! *(Would loved to have seen that!)*

OLYMPIC TRIVIA
MEDALS

Australia has won 611 Olympic Medals at the Summer Olympic Games since 1896. 185 Gold, 196 Silver, 230 Bronze.

Year	Where held	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1896	Athens	2	0	1
1900	Paris	2	0	3
1904	St. Louis	0	3	1
1908	London	1	2	1
1912	Stockholm	2	2	2
1920	Antwerp	0	2	1
1924	Paris	3	1	2
1928	Amsterdam	1	2	1
1932	Los Angeles	3	1	1
1936	Berlin	0	0	1
1948	London	2	6	5
1952	Helsinki	6	2	3
1956	Melbourne	13	8	14
1960	Rome	8	8	6
1964	Tokyo	6	2	10
1968	Mexico City	5	7	5
1972	Munich	8	7	2
1976	Montreal	0	1	4
1980	Moscow	2	2	5
1984	Los Angeles	4	2	2
1988	Seoul	3	6	5
1992	Barcelona	7	9	11
1996	Atlanta	9	9	23
2000	Sydney	16	25	17
2004	Athens	17	16	17
2008	Beijing	14	15	17
2012	London	8	15	12
2016	Rio	8	11	10
2020	Tokyo	17	7	22
2024	Paris	18	19	16



Australian swimmer **Emma McKeon** has won the most Olympic Medals of any Australian with 11 - 5 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze. Other notable Olympic Medal winners are

swimmers Ian Thorpe and Leisel Jones, each with 9. Ian Thorpe with 5 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze; Leisel Jones with 3 Gold, 5 Silver and 1 Bronze.

Australian to compete in the most Summer Olympic Games

This honour goes to Equestrian Andrew Hoy with 8 games appearances. It would have been 9 had the equestrian events at Moscow in 1980 not been boycotted.

Most Gold Medals at a Games

Australians who hold this honour are:



- Emma McKeon, 4 in swimming in Tokyo 2021
- **Betty Cuthbert**, 3 in athletics in Melbourne 1956
- Murray Rose, 3 in swimming in Melbourne 1956
- Shane Gould, 3 in swimming in Munich 1972
- Ian Thorpe, 3 in swimming in Sydney 2000
- Jodie Henry, 3 in swimming in Athens 2004
- Petria Thomas, 3 in swimming in Athens in 2004
- Stephanie Rice, 3 in swimming in Beijing in 2008

Oldest and Youngest Olympians

Bill Northam holds the honour as Australia's oldest Olympian, he was 59 when he competed in the 5.5 Class Yachting in Tokyo 1964. The honour for youngest Australian Olympian goes to Sandra Morgan, who at 14yrs 6 mths competed in the Women's 4 x 100m relay freestyle swimming at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956.

First Australian Male Summer Olympian

This honour is held by Edwin Flack who competed in Athletics and Tennis in Athens in 1896.

First Australian Female Summer Olympian

This honour is held by Sara 'Fanny' Duck who competed in swimming in Stockholm in 1912.

Australia's Best Medal Tally

No surprise to see this occur in Sydney in 2000 - 58 medals, 16 Gold, 25 Silver, 17 Bronze. Aussie! Aussie! Aussie Oh! Oh! Oh!

Most Appearances

Australia and Greece are the only two nations to have participated at every Summer Olympic Games of the modern era.

Who remembers these back in the 60's?

One licence per TV.
Licence fee was £5.
Fine was £100 - approx. \$200!

