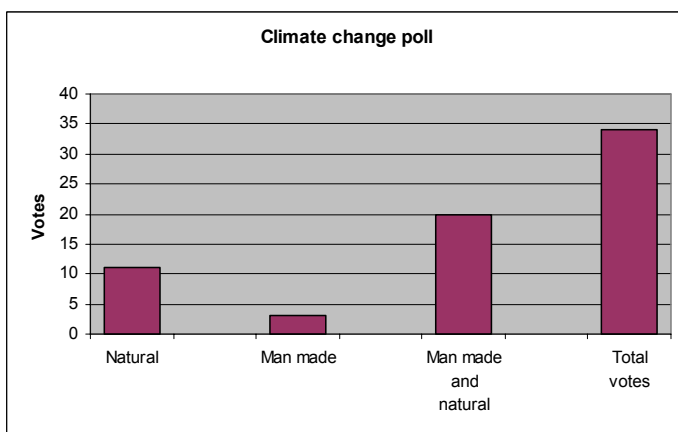


Climate change survey.

Last edition we ran a survey and asked who thought the 'climate change' phenomenon that is the talk of the town, particularly on the ABC where they've been carefully briefed on one side of the argument, was a naturally occurring event or whether you thought it was caused by man made activity. Here is the result:

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Do you believe that mankind is changing the climate.

Natural	Man made	Man made and natural	Total votes
11	3	20	34



The response was not over-whelming with only 34 people registering, however, of those 34, more than half (20 people) thought it was a combination of man's activities and mother nature's normal cyclic activity that was causing the 'climate change', 11 thought it was mother nature acting alone, and only 3 thought it was all the fault of mankind. The numbers are too small to infer anything – but it is interesting to note the small percentage (8.8%) that think man is the cause of the 'so called' problem.

However, not to be deterred by the small number of respondents, we've decided to run another straw poll.

These days, the poor old car seems to be getting its fair share of the blame for everything that goes wrong, their emissions heat up the earth, they cause smog and they are the direct cause of every sickness known to man, they are insatiable consumers of our diminishing energy reserves, they clog up our cities and they crash into things and kill people – yet, who amongst us could do without one.

The purists preach small is pure, engines that is. These purists preach that to really care for our environment we should all be driving cars with 10cc engines and they boast loudly that everyone is heeding their call and downsizing – but are they??

We've decided to find out what you drive. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the CAR survey, you can fill it in on line and once completed, click the Submit button. We'll publish the results next issue.

Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers.

John Broughton writes "As a card carrying member of the "flat earth society I reckon we all need to have our own "climate change" scenario for when the thought police come knocking. I'm off to light the carbon producing pot belly stove which will provide heat to my nerves, food for my tummy, light for my ambience and get rid of some more recycled poles!!!! Cheers.

Terrible!!

We heard from Rick Goyan who was on 50RMC and 37 RTC. He told us a story which touched our heart. He says

"Dear Sir?Madam,

When we completed 37 Rad Tech G, May 5th 1967 and we headed off to our respective postings; my great mate Russell Osborne asked me to lend him \$10.00. Russ was posted to Darwin and \$10.00 was quite a bit of money back in those days. I have still got the postcard from Russ telling me he had arrived in Darwin and the \$10.00 would be on its way soon. It's now October 2008, no sign of the loot! I reckon it should be worth a few dollars by now. Russ was from Townsville and his father a member of the QLD constabulary. Russ was an EX Police cadet before the RAAF got hold of him, you would think he would know better!!!!.

I would like to hear from anyone knowing of Russell Osborne's current abode. Russ was legendary at Darwin and later at Tindal, where a "No Shaving" chit gave him a fearsome appearance".

Rick also says:

"After completing rookies at Edinburgh, course 677, I was posted to Radschool in 1964 and took up residence in "Tin City". Whilst waiting to go on RMC I had a stint on "Pool" duty and was assigned to clean ablutions in the said "Tin City". So, armed with our trusty hose, squeegee, mop, bucket, detergent etc; we were directed to the said task, where we were confronted with one shower cubicle the walls of which were smeared and daubed with human excrement.

Out came the trusty spade and we soon cleaned it off and before long it was brand new again. This happened again for the next week or so in different ablution blocks and cubicles and this incident was reported to "GOD", Corporal Cameron Hogg of the Radschool orderly room.

Does anyone remember the CO's parade where the WOD extolled us with the virtues of cleanliness, health and personal pride? The "Phantom Crapper" must be caught, or at least cease his undefendable conduct forthwith. The "Phantom" continued his attacks varying his strategy for a further period and then the



fascination with his excrement vanished and the attacks came to a halt. I never heard if the "Phantom" was ever identified!

Hands up all those blokes who recall this incident? Now with the advances in DNA tissue matching the "Crapper" would be dead meat.

I can remember those [Lightburn washing machines](#) which were truly wondrous things, we did our own ironing, darned our own socks, made bed rolls. The youth of today never had it so good!-

A great magazine helping to relive those heady days as a 'Blue Orchid'

Well, after reading Rick's heart touching story, what can we say?? - we're truly aghast at the attitude of that scurrilous scoundrel Russell Osborne – can you imagine the anxiety that has caused poor old Rick, a real man would definitely pay back the \$10.00 which he dutifully owed. We think that scoundrel Osborne should be made to pay 20% pa interest, compounding, on the money he owes Rick. If this was done, he would now owe Rick \$17,637.26 – using the compound interest formula of $P(1+I)^N$ where P is the principal (\$10), I is the interest (20%pa) and N is the term (41) in years.

Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we have never left one up there!

Learmonth.

If you've been following the Learmonth Airport proposed renaming saga, you'll be pleased to hear that the Exmouth Council has now temporarily abandoned the idea of renaming the airport "Ningaloo Airport" after the nearby [Ningaloo Reef](#).

This came about due to the large number of complaints received from people who were against the idea. Retired airline pilot, Charles Page, who led the push to leave the airport's name unchanged, says "Thank you everyone for your tremendous support. Council received over 400 submissions from many quarters opposing this idea. At our recent Charles Learmonth memorial ceremony, at RAAF Learmonth Air Base, the people of Exmouth, and the Shire President, were very supportive of keeping the name."

Then, [The Northern Guardian newspaper reported on the ceremony](#) and the local tourist operators started to put a lot of pressure on the Shire Pres and Councillors. The Pres. Ronnie Fleay (right) has received some rude phone calls from the tourist and hotel operators who still want the name changed, so it ain't a done deal just yet.

The marketing Committee will submit their report to the Council, (the President of this committee is the daughter of Kim Tapper, Ningaloo Lodge owner), after which, I think it will be reviewed by the Council CEO and then discussed by Council in early Feb. It may even come down to a mail poll in Exmouth.



More as it happens.

Basic Flying Rules

1. Try to stay in the middle of the air.
2. Do not go near the edges of it.
3. The edges of the air can be recognised by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, bridges, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.

Service Records.

If you want a copy of your service records, Terry Haebich has found a way of getting them. This is how:

Write a letter asking for your records, and provide the following:

1. Service number.
2. Name.
3. If spouse of a deceased service member: A Copy of death certificate.
4. Postal address.
5. Copy of your drivers licence.

Sign it and send it to:

Department of Defence, Personnel Records, Queanbeyan.
Annex 2
P.O. Box 7949
Canberra ACT 2610

The colder the X-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.