

86 Mountain View Road
Sunday 2nd Aug '87

Dear Lois - Peter, excuse me if I seem a little self-righteous, but the date reminds me that it is five years ago today that I gave up smoking!

A week or so ago I mentioned having taken up 100 shares in a new float called Australian Divinified Resources in our name, Peter. The amount was \$1150 for 1000 shares and 500 options. The shares and options are now quoted and selling for \$1.40 and \$1.10 respectively. I will probably sell before we go away next week-end.

We went to a bush dance last night in the church hall. As no doubt you know bush dances are the Australian equivalent of square dances - more or less. There were over 200 people there so it was crowded, but still good fun.

The Atkinsons returned during the week, & Arnold said that he had quite a long chat with you over the phone. He also said that Geoff Atkinson, now in the U.S., had a ~~to~~ his name put on the list at the High Commissioner for Australia in New York - to receive regular Australian news. The man in the N.Y. office suggested that you contact the consul in Chicago if you want the same service. (You might be able to net them some stationery at the same time).

The paper-hanger arrived on Friday and has stripped and put lining paper in the laundry so far. He will be back tomorrow and should complete the job in the kitchen as well before we leave next Saturday. Last time these rooms were ~~done~~ ^{done} we had some help from the insurance company, prompted by your Peter. We haven't had that assistance this time. Jimmy, Brid - family had a better offer tonight so we didn't ~~see them~~ ^{see them}. We go to their place for a free meal next Wednesday. Glynn & Rachel are fit again after their bout of chicken-pox, and they were here - ~~without~~ ^{without} doing cartwheels, Glynn playing the piano - he really is a kid with loads of talent. Claire was also here with her parents. She is now two months old and getting on very well.

Mabel & Doug were over earlier in the afternoon. I had come in out of the garden & cleaned up early with the intention of watching the last hour or so of the Hawthorn & Dexta football match, but socialised instead. It was good to see them anyway.

Maureen has been getting on with her piano lessons & her accompaniment to David's flute tonight was very good. The two of them should be able to draw the crowds in Bourke Street soon.

Work continues to be very busy and I am looking forward to the break next week. We expect to shift office about a week after we return and of course, the bowling season will start about the same time. The days are

noticeably longer now and the early spring flowers are starting. The prunus across from what used to be your window, is now in bloom, as are many of the camelias and azaleas. I even started the mower up today and gave the lawns a trim.

Whilst pottering around the garden, with my transistor close by, ^{we} heard a familiar piece of music (Mum was sweeping up the lawn clippings at the time.)

We recognized the piece as the background music on your wedding tape. I don't know whether or not you selected it, but we could not recall having heard it before or since - until today.

We now know that that it was the theme music for the film "For your eyes only".
Love Jim & Helen

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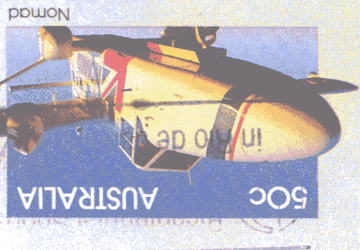
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