



Reminiscing

I have occasionally tried to find my favourite old boyfriend on Facebook. I happily reminisce about being young, fit and healthy.

We both still lived with our parents. On the weekends we camped in his station wagon by the beach, drinking Harvey Wallbangers, smoking joints and laughing until we cried.

The first time I kissed him I literally saw stars and thought this must be love. But after a few years we grew apart and I broke up with him.

He tried to get back with me but I wouldn't; then I tried to get back with him but he had already moved on.

I regretted that for many years as the next lot of boyfriends were duds.

Then I found my soul mate, Norm, and forgot about him. Recently nostalgia had me searching for him once again and I found him. If there wasn't a photo of him when he

The world according to Magenta Appel-Pye

was young, I wouldn't have recognised him.

He still has his beautiful, strong body because he is a builder, but not only are his long golden locks completely gone, he looks old and sad.

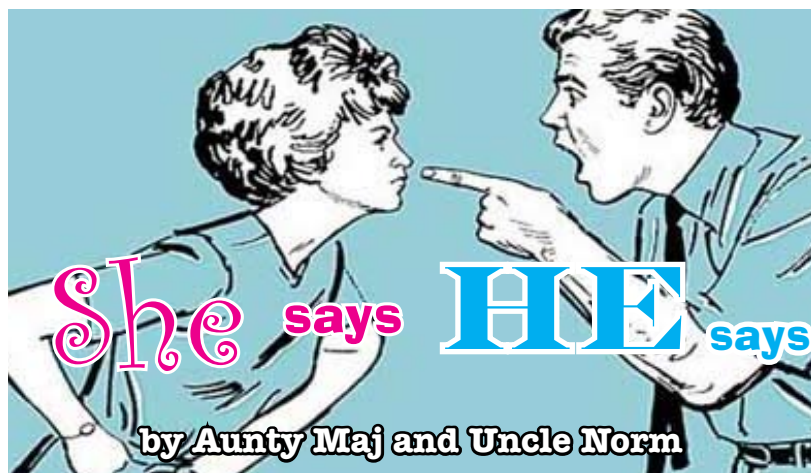
There is no spark. I read that he is widowed and feel sorry for him.

I wonder should I send a friend request and get in touch with him? It turns out he lives in Brisbane, a short drive away. I am curious about what happened to him all these years. The story of his life after loving me.

I imagine meeting up and having a cup of tea and a chat and then returning to my beloved, who is endearingly jealous even of an ex-boyfriend.

I think of other people with whom I have reconnected, only to remember why we parted.

I look again at those sad eyes and decide to let it be.



She says

This is one of the most important conversations couples can, and should, have. Better sooner rather than later.

When I was 25, my brother-in-law was tragically killed in a car accident. He hadn't left a will. Luckily, he had taken out life insurance.

You never know when your time will be up, or who is going first. We all know couples where the much older person outlived the younger one.

So, how to get him talking? I suggest you ease him into it. Watch the movie *Harold and Maude*, then watch all four seasons of *Six Feet Under*. By the end of all that, he will be desensitized to death and more open and able to talk about it sensibly and knowledgeably.

Do your wills and decide what you want done with your body's remains. I hear if you leave it to science, you save the cost of burial or cremation as well as help the cause. Decide where you want your headstone or plaque and what you want written on it.

Plan your funeral – be creative. You could video yourself saying a message to your friends from the grave: "I told you I was sick!" Pick what music you want played.

You could meet the funeral director to discuss your options. It could be comforting to know that he/she met you both. You could visit the cemetery on the way home and choose a plot. You may even decide to have a living wake.

If you make all these decisions and plans now, it will take a lot of stress off the partner who is left behind. Then you can forget about it and get on with your life.

He says

Dear Morticia, I can't imagine what could be wrong with your husband. Why wouldn't he want to chat at length about such an exciting, uplifting subject?

Ooh yeah, I want a Ferrari hearse, and a chrome plated coffin, and I want the Rolling Stones to play *Satisfaction*. It's going to be a hoot. Yeah right!

OK, we all know that you lot (women) like to be practical and have everything organised in life, and in death. Meanwhile for us chaps, death is something that happens to other people and cane toads.

We're too busy having gratuitous fun, and working our asses off to pay for it. To think about what we want done with our festering remains when we're done trashing our bodies doesn't even come under the radar.

So here you are bringing the biggest, fattest, smelliest elephant you could find into the room. If I didn't know better, and I don't, I'd say you're getting a bit excited about the whole prospect.

Perhaps you're planning to spice up his cornflakes one fine morning once he innocently tells you what he wants for his send off. You sound pretty confident that he's going to go first, so my advice to him is to watch his back.

Even if you aren't some kind of Lucretia Borgia and genuinely want to do the right thing, do you ever think that the old bastard just might make it to 100 and outlive you?

All these pointless discussions about something that could happen tomorrow or in 40 years would be a waste of time. Time you could be spending having gratuitous fun together. There will come a time in his life when such thoughts will naturally occur, and he'll tell you when he's good and ready.

My little undertaker has often broached this subject with me and my answers vary from wanting to be stuffed and mounted, to being dumped in a wheelie bin. She knows me well enough as to what I'd want as far as music to be played, which is the only important detail to me. As far as the rest of it goes, my stock answer whenever I'm asked the question is "surprise me."

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Nimbin Bushwalkers Club

by Anne Gilmore

Terania Creek Walk

In the 40th anniversary year of the legendary save Terania Creek campaign, 12 Nimbin Bushwalkers foregathered to pay homage to the protestors who stopped the logging by the Forestry Commission of NSW.

This battle provided a national model for non-violent environmental protest, adopted soon after in the grand battle to stop the damming of the Gordon/Franklin Rivers in Tasmania.

Ablly led by past president Judy

Hales, who knows the creek well, the walk entailed slippery off-track navigation, including creek crossings.

We had our first stop at the 'cave', a large overhanging rock feature that had been favoured by the Widjabul people for camping and cultural and ceremonial activities.

The remnants of the logging era are gradually decaying, and we admired the magnificent old-growth trees, grand bungalow palm forests and a wide variety of beautiful moss and fungi, along with the circular rock pools, understandably popular in the summer months.

Sunday 14th July – Ballina to Lennox Headland

Leader: Megan Meyers 0415-063-302

Grade: 3-2 This year something different, we will be walking through some beautifully restored coastal rainforest before heading up the coast to the Lennox headland and returning. There are some drop-offs on headlands and some slippery rocks to walk over. A 12 km walk.

Bring: the usual, lunch, water, good footwear and a hat. Ring Megan to register and get meeting details.

Friday 26th – Monday 28th July – Yuraygir Coastal Walk, near Brooms Head

Leader: Peter Moyle 0412-656-498

Grade: 3 Most will be camping but you can come for one or both of the day walks. We will be leaving from Lake Arragan camping area on the Saturday morning at 9 am. Some will walk to Angourie along the coast while others will drive to Angourie, leaving vehicles for the others to bring back to camp, and they will walk back to camp. On the Sunday we will do a similar split: this time to Sandon River leaving at 8 am. Most will be camping at Lake Arragan on the Friday and Saturday nights. \$12 per person per night and a vehicle pass required, \$8 a day or better value a yearly pass. Beach, headland and inland track walking, maybe slippery and uneven ground care needed at drop-offs.

Bring: Good footwear, water and lunch as a minimum.

Sunday 11th August – A day at The Channon Market

Leader: Sue Maklin 0402-220-973

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Terania campaign and the creation of the Nightcap National Park. This will be a big day and The Channon is a great market before we add the extras. The club will be supporting the day with a Gazebo set up to showcase our bushwalking club. A relaxing social day out.

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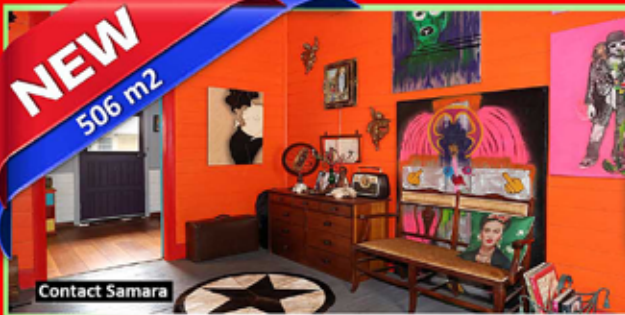
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