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September public night will be  
sent at a later date  
- keep an eye out for it!**

## NSW Branch Newsletter

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### Farewell to Allan Hodda



It is with extreme sadness that we share the news that Allan Hodda passed away on the 3rd July. In such moments life seems totally unfair. There is not anyone else on earth that would have more deserved a happy retirement than Allan. Allan was a well-known and well-respected scientist and individual. He was instrumental to the development of our Society, being over the years its Secretary, Vice-President, President, Public Officer and Life-Member. In 2004, he received the National President Medal for his services to the Society.

His professional credentials and focus on quality and integrity were greatly appreciated by the forensic science community as demonstrated by his various executive memberships, including being on the Panel of Advisers of the National Institute of Forensic Science and on the NATA's Forensic Registration Advisory Committee. His strong interest in training and education were also shown through his dedication to the organisation of the annual ANZFSS seminar Inside the Forensic World and his association with the University of Technology, Sydney. Allan was a true gentleman with a very fine sense of humour. It is an immense loss for our Society and we have all lost a dear friend. We will all have Elaine and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

The Society will discuss how best we can perpetuate Allan's memory. As a first step, we have already dedicated this year's Inside the Forensic World seminar on the 15th July to Allan.

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## Farewell to Allan Hodda, *continued...*

Allan said the following in an interview in 2001, which really captures his attitude towards the future forensic science:

"I still believe that the forensic application of science is undervalued by police and the courts. There are, of course, many police and lawyers who do see the value in using science to speed up the traditional "doorknock" approach to investigating a crime or the strength, in court, of an objectively assessed scientific observation. The solution to the problem lies within the scientific community. There is a need for more publicity explaining the forensic success of present technology and a greater effort to develop new technology to suit the unusual circumstances presented by crime. This development in technology requires money but it also requires high calibre scientists with the ability to "think outside the circle". I am pleased to say these people are now coming into the field and only need encouragement to deliver."

[Allan Hodda, NIFS Bulletin, November 2001]

This is why Allan put so much time and energy into the running of Inside the Forensic World over the years. We are very sad that he was not here to share this one, and hope that we can continue to contribute to the growth of forensic science with the same integrity and passion that Allan showed.

Allan's Funeral Service was held on Friday 7th July 2006 at Macquarie Park Crematorium and was overflowing with friends, family and colleagues that Allan meant so much to. It was amazing to see that as in life, even on this day Allan was still able to bring new people together, create new ties in the forensic sciences, and strengthen us as a whole.

He will be missed.

- ANZFSS NSW Branch Committee

Tuesday July 4, 2006, The Sydney Morning Herald

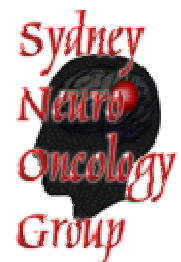
HODDA, Allan Ernest.

July 3, 2006. Beloved husband of Elaine, much loved father and father-in-law to Joanne and Murray and Danielle, grandfather to Gilbert, son and son-in-law to Myrtle and Joy, brother and brother-in-law to Terry and Bernadette and Gary (deceased), uncle to Lee. Aged 61 years. Now at peace.

Elaine has asked that instead of flowers donations be made in Allan's memory to the Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group (SNOG). SNOG is a charitable organisation dealing with research on brain tumours and their management.

Details and donation forms can be found on their website:

<http://www.snog.org.au/>





## Message from the President

Dear ANZFSS Members,

It is difficult to find an inspiring theme for my monthly message. All my thoughts are instead focused on the loss of an inspiring individual: Allan Hodda. I first met Allan shortly after arriving in 'the lucky country' ten years ago. This was of course through our Society, at a scientific committee meeting for the '96 symposium in Sydney. I was immediately impressed by Allan's warmth and leadership skills. This was the start of a long ongoing collaboration. When UTS needed to re-organise the Forensic Science Course Advisory Committee, Allan was the obvious choice as representative from DAL. Allan proposed and supervised Honours projects in Forensic Toxicology with great care until his retirement last year.

Allan's focus on quality and integrity were his hallmark. I remember him being genuinely worried on a number of occasions for matters that others would have simply overlooked. This focus was an extraordinary safeguard during any business meeting. Allan's dedication to revise the Society's Constitution and sort out our incorporation with the Department of Fair Trading is one of many examples. Another example is the selection of scholarship recipients for ANZFSS symposia. Allan was very sensitive to the fact that such a selection can be a source of potential grief. As a result, he would make every effort to make the process completely fair and transparent.

Allan's knowledge and experience as well as professional approach were also invaluable for younger staff and students. For example, he was always prepared to present lectures about 'cases which went wrong' and discuss them with the students. Similarly, during his too short period as lecturer at UTS after his retirement from DAL, he often highlighted the need for graduates to have a better knowledge about laboratory accreditation and scientist certification.

On the private side, I always enjoyed Allan's friendship and personality. He gave me a number of ideas for outdoors activities such as bushwalking, snorkelling and the like. We also often joked about our common domestic challenges, both being a male scientist outnumbered by two daughters and a wife at home. Of course, this was always done in a very nice way, which was another typical characteristic of his personality. Allan also had a very fine sense of humour

until his last moments. I will always remember him in hospital describing the irony of a Forensic Toxicologist being poisoned by chemotherapy. Some could have been shocked. But with Allan we simply laughed.

On all accounts, Allan was an inspiring gentleman who demonstrated that one can climb to the top of a profession and organisation in style. Our Branch is probably the healthiest and the most dynamic and this result is to Allan's credit. Thanks to his various and numerous Committee positions and his personality, he really was the soul of our Society. It is hard to imagine our Society without him. For this reason, the Committee have started to discuss how best we could perpetuate Allan's memory. We have already several ideas, and we will also discuss any plan with Elaine. We would also like to hear from you. If you have any idea, please drop us an email or call our ANZFSS line.

Thank you Allan for every minute we shared with you! The ANZFSS will never be the same without you!

**Claude Roux**  
President  
8th August, 2006



## Welcome to New Members

The NSW Branch ANZFSS extends a warm welcome to its newly ratified members:

Alison BEAVIS  
Amy BRADSHAW  
James FLIECE  
Natasha HORNE  
Jesse LAY  
Ramon MITCHELL  
Kate PETERSEN





## REVIEW: "Forensic Psychology in Australia" by Sarah Yule ANZFSS Meeting, Wednesday 21st June 2006

Sarah Yule kindly agreed to talk to us about her role as a forensic psychologist. Sarah is the Senior Forensic Psychologist with the Behavioural Sciences Team, NSW Police. Her responsibilities include investigative and professional consultation and training.

Sarah has travelled worldwide to learn different aspects and techniques in her trade, but the fundamental underlying theory (from the FBI approach) is that "behaviour reflects personality, and this can be read at the crime scene".

Sarah explained several aspects of her work, including elucidating the difference between creating a criminal profile and a suspect profile. With a criminal profile, the subject is unknown, but with a suspect, there is already someone in mind, and the psychologist's job is to give advice on how to target that person, how to conduct an undercover investigation, and what sort of interview strategies could be used.

Behavioural crime linkage involves linking serial offences based on behaviours where physical evidence is lacking.

Psychological autopsy involves assessing the likely manner of death (that is, was it a suicide, homicide or accident?) where the cause of death is known.

Assessment of deception involves identifying behaviours that are consistent with truth-telling or deceptive behaviour. This is done in conjunction with the psychological autopsy.



Sarah's role also involves creating strategies for the victims, suspects, witnesses, and advice on what sorts of information should go to the media. She explained that the types of offences most often requiring behavioural analysis services are:

- ◆ Homicides (suspect profile, indirect personality assessment, behaviour strategies, psychological autopsy)
- ◆ Sex crimes (advice on sexual offender behaviours, the difference between child molester and paedophiles, rapist typologies)
- ◆ Arson (indirect personality assessment, linkage, behavioural strategies)
- ◆ Missing Persons

Sarah also talked about research in the area, indicating that it is needed for establishing an empirical basis for practices, examining Australia's own behavioural patterns and typologies, and to compare it to the findings of other studies. We would like to thank Sarah for giving her time to present to us.

[Sarah declined to have her photo taken due to her previous work in the corrections system]

## Web Designer Needed

We still need someone to create an interesting and professional website for our Branch. Please contact us if you are interested. The website url is as follows:

<http://www.anzfss.org.au/nsw/nswdetails.htm>





## MEETINGS FOR 2006

This is an updated version of our meeting schedule. Note that unless a firm notice is placed in the newsletter, these dates are **tentative**. Any change of date or venue will be sent to you through the newsletter ASAP.

Please be aware that the date for the September Public Night has changed to Friday 15th. A brochure will be sent to you shortly.

Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, 16th August	The Forensic Armed Robbery Unit
Friday, 15th September	Public Night - The Snowtown Murders
Wednesday, 18th October	TBA
Friday, 24th November	Annual Dinner & Talk TBA

## NEXT MEETING: "The Forensic Armed Robbery Unit" by Michael Bell & Jennifer Raymond

**DATE:** Wednesday, 16th August 2006

**TIME:** 6:30 pm for refreshments,  
7:00 pm start

**VENUE:** Department of Forensic Medicine,  
50 Parramatta Road, Glebe

**COST:** Free to members, \$5 for non-members

Michael proposes a presentation about the Forensic Armed Robbery Unit and the benefits / pitfalls of a dedicated response to particular categories of crime. As you may be aware, Phil Fogel and Michael Bell established the unit two years ago as a response to a surge in armed robberies within Sydney. They decided to create a team of ten SOCOs with access to a full range of forensic techniques and operating 24/7. This was a very marked departure from "normal" SOCO duties in NSW, which are quite strictly controlled with regards to retrieval levels and types of crime. The unit has now been operational for almost two years and has been very successful, particularly in the areas of footwear marks and intelligence. A modified version of the FARU model may also be applicable to other categories of crime.

Jen Raymond has also kindly agreed to co-present. Michael will concentrate on the "conceptual" and managerial aspects, whilst Jennifer will provide a practitioner's point of view and an overview of the impact of footwear marks.



*Michael joined NSW Police in September 2003 from the UK Forensic Science Service where he had been the Team Leader of the London based Specialist Location and Recovery Service, a country wide evidence recovery service mainly focusing upon marks. Prior to his service with the FSS Michael had worked for the London Metropolitan Police as an Identification Officer and Police Officer with extended postings to the Anti-Terrorist FP Team, Organised Crime Group and the Flying Squad (a team of approximately 200 experienced detectives investigating high level armed robbery and "Tiger" kidnapping).*

*You can find a biography on Jen Raymond on Page 7 of this newsletter as she was also kind enough to speak at our Inside the Forensic World careers seminar.*



# Inside the Forensic World

*Dedicated to the Memory of  
Mr Allan Hodda  
1945 - 2006*



This year's Inside the Forensic World was held at the University of Technology, Sydney. It was dedicated to the memory of our dear friend Allan. Allan was the driving force behind IFW every year, and it was unfortunate that he could not be there to share this one with us.

Prof. Claude Roux opened the careers day with some words about Allan and the future of forensic science.

The following are the abstracts from the day:

## SESSION 1 - CHASING CLUES

Session Chair: **Eric Murray**

Speaker 1: **Cameron Forsyth** - *"Fingerprints and the crime scene"*

New South Wales Police attend crime scenes every day and collect evidence. One of the best forms of evidence is Fingerprints. They are recognised as unique and unchanging. Fingerprints are important in investigations and provide fast and reliable identification of persons that have been at a crime scene. We will look at some interesting cases where fingerprints have been the corner stone of the investigation, as well as our role in international incidents such as the Bali Bombings and the S.E. Asian Tsunami.

*Senior Constable Cameron Forsyth is in the Fingerprint Operations Branch of the NSW Police Forensic Services Group. He completed a BSc from The University of Sydney in 1995 and joined the NSW Police in 1996, where he undertook General Duties at Marrickville. In 2001 Cameron did the Certificate IV Scene of Crime Officers Course through Canberra Institute of Technology. He was a Scene of Crime Officer (volume crime) until joining the Forensic Services Group in 2002. In 2005 Cameron completed the Diploma of Public Safety (Forensic Investigations). He currently undertakes Fingerprint examinations of Major Crime Scenes in*

*Metro Sydney, along with the processing of the photographs for volume crime scenes for the Sydney Metro Area.*

Speaker 2: **Jen Raymond** - *"Armed robberies, ram raids and life as a civilian Scene Of Crime Officer (SOCO)"*

Civilians were first employed in crime scene investigation in the NSW Police in 2001, and there are now around 60 Scenes of Crime Officers (SOCOs) in the Sydney Metropolitan area. The civilians were required to have a science degree as a minimum, if not experience in forensics, and the role was devised to free up operational police for the frontline. At first civilians were only involved in 'volume' crime examinations, for example break-ins and stolen cars, working from local police stations. Over time the opportunities have gradually increased into other areas of forensics and more serious crime scene investigations. In 2004 the Forensic Armed Robbery Unit (FARU) was formed, comprising of ten civilian SOCOs and a supervising sergeant. The unit is based with a group of detectives, investigating all armed robberies on commercial premises in Sydney, and lately ram raids of ATMs. It was developed as a new approach for the NSW Police in terms of forensics, providing a 'cradle-to-the-grave' service to armed robbery investigation and focussing on forensic intelligence. The presentation will detail the workings of the unit, and give a picture of what life is like being a civilian working for the police.



### **SESSION 1 - CHASING CLUES**... continued

After finishing her undergraduate degree in forensic science at UTS in 2001, Jen went straight into a Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO) position in the NSW Police, at the Liverpool then Redfern Local Area Commands. In 2004 she became part of the new Forensic Armed Robbery Unit (FARU). The unit was formed as a response to an increase in violent hotel robberies in the Sydney area. Its aim was to provide a more cohesive, 'cradle to the grave' approach to forensics than had been in the past. The unit now provides 24/7 scene examination of all armed robberies on commercial premises in the Sydney metropolitan region (Hornsby down to Camden and out to the Blue Mountains). They now also examine ram raids scenes where ATMs have been targeted.

#### **Speaker 3: Craig Harris - "A police crime scene examiner and trainer"**

Detective Acting Sergeant Craig Harris will explain how to win a position in Forensic Services, as well as aspects of training and gaining experience. He will speak about his first homicide case, the Glenbrook train disaster, a passion for fire, and becoming a forensic trainer.

Craig joined the Police in 1990 and performed general duties at Campbelltown and Picton, before becoming a Physical Evidence crime scene examiner at the Penrith Crime Scene Section in 1999. In 2004 he became the Training co-ordinator in the Westmead Satellite of the FSG. Craig is currently the Team Leader for general & physical evidence training in the Forensic Services Group (FSG) Training and Development Services.

#### **Speaker 4: Ross Brogan - "Fire investigation - arson, accident and fatal consequences"**

The presentation looks at the role that the NSW Fire Brigades Fire Investigation and Research Unit plays in fire origin and cause determination in NSW. All types of fires are investigated to determine where and how they started to aid in prevention of fires and detection and prosecution of arsonists if the fire is found to have been started with criminal intent. Accidental fires and arson fires will be discussed, as well as the fatal consequences of fires. Many people lose their lives as a result of fires in NSW each year and each of these fires is investigated to determine both cause of the fire and cause of the death. This presentation will discuss what evidence is available and what steps are taken to find cause of fire, and cause of death.

Ross has been a member of the NSW Fire Brigades for 36 years, sixteen of those attached to the Fire Investigation Research Unit. He has investigated all types of fires involving accidental, natural and deliberate causes, with many hours spent in court presenting evidence in relation to the origin and cause of many fires. Presentations have been made to Forensic Science and Fire Investigation conferences throughout Australia, and around the world. Ross is an adjunct lecturer and course coordinator in fire investigation topics with Charles Sturt University, attached to the Goulburn Police Academy. Ross is a member of: ANZFSS; International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), their International Training & Education Committee and International Fire Investigator Standards Committee; and NSW Association of Fire Investigators. He is a certified Fire Investigator (IAAI) and has a Graduate Diploma in Fire Investigation (Charles Sturt Uni).



*Detective Acting Sergeant Craig Harris, Jennifer Raymond, Senior Constable Cameron Forsyth & Ross Brogan*



## SESSION 2 - BLOOD AND BONES

Session Chair: **James Wallman**

Speaker 1: **Alison Sears** - *“Forensic biology and DNA... is it like CSI?”*

For more than ten years forensic biology and DNA has been pivotal to the investigation of many criminal cases, as well as contributing to the identification of victims of mass disasters. Television shows such as CSI have (rightly or wrongly) increased the profile of forensics and DNA testing, with fast, seemingly effortless turn around times to instantly solve the crucial questions – who may have been at the crime scene, or more importantly, who may have committed the crime? Unfortunately reality shows it is not as easy as these TV shows portray. This presentation offers a brief outline of the realities of forensic DNA testing, the scientists who do this work in NSW, and the application of DNA testing in both criminal investigations and disaster victim identification.

*Alison has been in the Forensic Biology / DNA field for over ten years, the last five years working as a Forensic Biologist at the Division of Analytical Laboratories (DAL), which is responsible for performing DNA testing for the NSW Police. She has been involved with the examination of a diverse range of exhibits from cases ranging from break and enters to serious assaults and murders, as well as being involved with the identification of victims from mass disasters such as the 2004 Tsunami. Alison is also a Committee Member of the NSW Branch ANZFSS.*

Speaker 2: **Matthew Orde** - *“Forensic Pathology”*

Dr Matthew Orde will explain what a forensic pathologist is, what they do, and the training requirements. He will discuss various aspects of forensic pathology and what he envisages the future will hold for his discipline.

*Matthew is a Staff Specialist Forensic Pathologist who is based at the Department of Forensic Medicine, Sydney. He graduated from the University of Dundee (Scotland) medical school in 1993, and after house jobs (intern year) commenced specialist training in pathology. In 1997-98 he undertook a sabbatical year as a Registrar in forensic pathology in Natal, South Africa. Between 1998 and 2000 Matthew underwent legal training, culminating in Call to the London Bar. Thereafter he resumed his pathology training and was appointed to the UK Specialist Register in 2003. He was also appointed to the role of H.M. Assistant Deputy Coroner for the City of Brighton & Hove in 2001. Matthew commenced work in Sydney in October 2005. He is looking forward to watching England retain the Ashes in the coming summer months.*

Speaker 3: **Chris Griffiths** - *“Forensic dentistry in mass disasters / incidents”*

A/Prof Chris Griffiths will discuss the use of dental identification and the role of the dentist. He will then explain how victims of accidents / incidents are identified using dental evidence.

*Chris graduated from Sydney University in 1967 and spent 20 years in the RAAF where he was involved in identification of victims of aviation accidents. Chris is the Head of the Identification Unit at the Department of Forensic Medicine, Glebe and is the Assistant Surgeon General (Air Force). He has been involved for many years with the identification of victims, using dental evidence, from major aviation accidents to the identification of Air Force aircrews from World War II air crashes in Papua New Guinea.*



*A/Prof Chris Griffiths, Alison Sears  
& Dr Matthew Orde*





### SESSION 3 - SILKS AND SCHOLARS

Session Chair: **Tamara Szynda**

Speaker 1: **Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan** - *“Where are they now? Past graduates of tertiary forensic science programs share their experiences”*

The formal teaching of forensic science in tertiary institutions began in Australia some 12 years ago. See how graduates from various degrees have used this pathway as a strong basis from which to pursue their ultimate careers, from work in local and federal police agencies and analytical laboratories, to jet-setting around the world!

*Shaheen is an Associate Lecturer at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS). She graduated from the Bachelor of Science in Applied Chemistry-Forensic Science in 2003 at UTS and is currently completing her Postgraduate studies in the area of Fingerprints. Shaheen hopes to build on the knowledge she obtained during these degrees and continue to pursue her career in teaching forensic science at the tertiary level. Shaheen is also a Committee Member of the NSW Branch ANZFSS.*

Speaker 2: **William John Wilcher** - *“Aspects of law and policing”*

William John Wilcher will present a unique perspective on crime fighting as someone with a technical, police and law background.

*John began as an apprentice motor mechanic, obtaining full trade qualifications before joining the NSW Police in 1984 as a General Duties then Police Dog Handler, and finally an intelligence analyst in the Telephone Interception Branch of the Special*

*Services Group. In 1998 he became a Solicitor and was admitted to the Bar in 2002. He has qualifications as an Automotive Engineer (Light Vehicles) from NSW TAFE, his Diploma of Law (LPAB) and Masters of Law (LL.M) Specialising in Criminal Justice from UNSW.*

Speaker 3: **Carlene York** - *“The role of forensic science in law enforcement and the criminal justice system”*

*Assistant Commissioner Carlene York joined the NSW Police in 1980 where she performed a variety of roles, including general duties policing. She was a Police Prosecutor for 12 years, prosecuting matters of a complex and sensitive nature including murder, sexual assault, fraud and armed robbery in local, children’s and licensing courts. Carlene has also been the Commander of the Confiscation Unit Drug Enforcement Agency responsible for liaising with NSW Crime Commission in all matters relating to Confiscation of Profits, Staff Officer to the Deputy Commissioner, providing the Deputy Commissioner (Operations) with strategic advice on sensitive, diverse and complex issues on Field and Specialist Operations roles and executive support, Staff Officer with the Forensic Services Group providing advice and support relating to the identification and solution of corporate forensic policing problems, and Commander in the Criminal Identification Specialist Branch leading the provision of high quality, timely and reliable multi-disciplined forensic support and criminal record service. In 2006 Carlene was appointed Director of the Forensic Services Group, and was awarded the Australian Police Medal in 2005. She is currently Chair of the Strategic Issues Group, CrimTrac Agency and a Member of the Board of the Biometrics Institute. Carlene has a graduate certificate in Management.*

*Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan,  
Barrister John Wilcher &  
Assistant Commissioner Carlene York*





## IDIOM INVESTIGATION: Breaking Down the Lingo

By Donnah Day

Ever had trouble understanding a forensic scientist, police officer or lawyer? Never fear! Donnah is here to analyse the jargon for us.

### Fibres:

**Fibre** – the basic unit of raw material in textile production having suitable length, pliability and strength for conversion into yarns and fabrics. Fibres also cover some structural materials such as asbestos and glass fibres.

**Filament** – a fibre of extreme length.

Most natural fibres such as wool, cotton and linen have distinctive appearances that can be detected under the microscope. Being an animal hair, wool has a pattern of surface scales. Silk and most synthetic fibres which are produced by the drawing out and solidifying of a liquid have smooth surfaces.



Cotton



wool



linen



nylon



silk

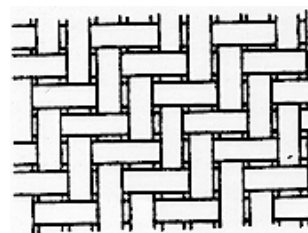


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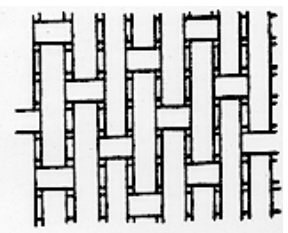
**Weave pattern** – from microscopic examination, the weave pattern of a fabric can indicate what it is.

**Fourier Transform Infrared spectrophotometry** - used to identify fibres which cannot easily be identified with a microscope. This technique takes advantage of the fact that all compounds absorb characteristic wavelengths of radiation. By looking at the way a sample absorbs light, i.e. its absorption bands, which are unique for some substances, a scientist can determine the type of substance or fabric being examined.

*Expert contributions gladly accepted - please send your definitions to the editor*



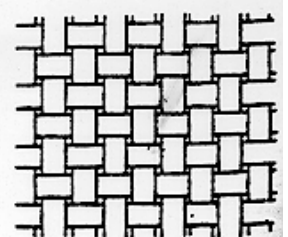
Twill



Satin



Pile weave



Plain



## How to dig a garden from jail

An old man lived alone in the country. He wanted to dig his potato garden but it was very hard work as the ground was hard. His only son, Fred, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament: "Dear Fred, I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my potato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here, all my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me. Love, Dad."

A few days later he received a letter from his son: "Dear Dad, For heaven's sake, don't dig up that garden! That's where I buried the BODIES. Love, Fred"

At 4 am the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologised to the old man and left.

That same day the old man received another letter from his son: "Dear Dad, Okay, you can plant the potatoes now. That was the best I could do from here. Love, Fred.

Thank you to Shirleyann Gibbs for this funny!



## Newsletter by Email

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please send an email indicating your name, membership number, and the recipient email address to [shaheen.aumeer@uts.edu.au](mailto:shaheen.aumeer@uts.edu.au)

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## Final Words:

"The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not 'Eureka!' (I found it!) but 'That's funny...'"

Isaac Asimov (1920 - 1992)