

Commodore's Corner April 2021

Kia ora everyone hope you all had a good Easter and ate your share of chocolate and hotcross buns.

Fishing has taken a back seat over the last few weeks for a few club members with the red stags roaring and duck shooting not far away its going to be a busy month getting all our ducks in a row.

No fish were weighed for March club weekend so the mystery fish is still heaviest Kahawai over pin weight for April 17th and 18th.

The Riversdale challenge has been postponed due to a bad sea forecast for this weekend,so hopefully we can get an alternative date soon.

The take a kid fishing trip is all go for next month let's hope they get good weather and flat seas.

Good luck for our next club weekend see ya out there.

Commodore Heath

Last Club fishing weekend , 13th & 14th March.

As only one boat fished, the weekend was not a competition unfortunately. (bad luck Giles & Craig.)



I have just received the Waikawa Boating Club weekly update. They hope to organize a course on survival tactics if you find yourself in the water. It made me wonder how many of us actually have a plan or tools at hand if this was ever to happen?

Ok, we all have Lifejackets & I must admit that in the past years, I have never worn mine. I had it on board, but disliked wearing it,(especially on those windless, balmy days we get all the time off the Wairarapa coast.....yeah right. ☺)

Accidents or incidents at sea have occurred for ions, often with huge loss of life. History points out clearly that "the best laid plans of mice & men" can be totally stuffed up when it comes to the sea & it's weather.

On all coasts around our fair country, you cannot let your guard down if you go out on the water, (or in it.)

There are a number of critical things required if you are to survive an immersion event at sea. Staying afloat & keeping warm are two important issues. Of course immediate or swift rescue is tantamount to a good outcome with such events, so having all the necessary equipment to communicate & make potential rescuers aware of your situation is vital. VHF radio, especially a waterproof handheld is great if things go pear shaped quickly & you end up in the drink . EPIRB, flares, even a piece of mirror can be used as a communicator if other boats are in view.

Letting people on shore know where you plan to go is good, but we have all changed our plans & area to fish while on the briney, letting the relevant

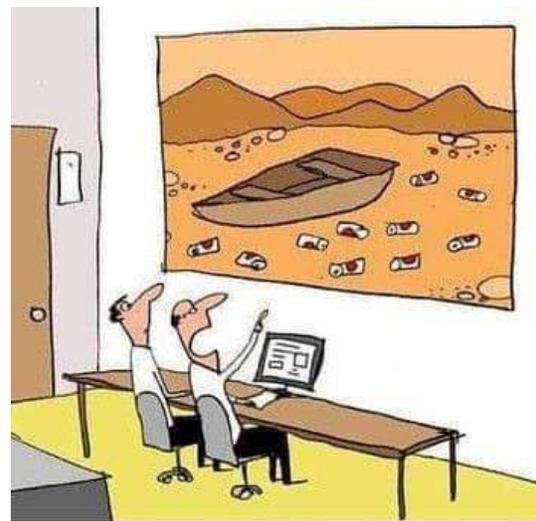
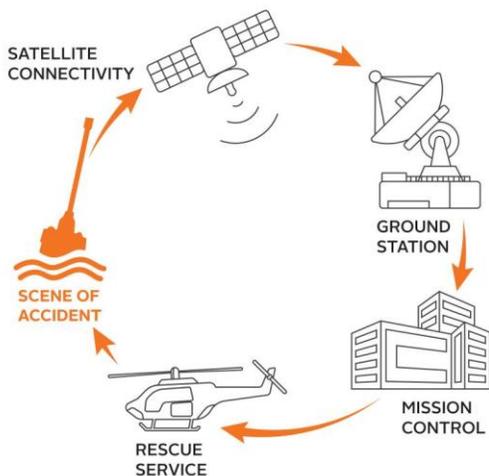
people know of changes, could be a major factor in your rescue if things go wrong.



There are many things we can put in place to try & lessen the risks of “shit happening” when we go to sea, Know your boat & it’s capabilities, have the right safety gear on board & easy access to it, check conditions a few days before you go out & if in doubt, flag it, common sense usually wins the day. When I motored Wiremu’s Waka back from the Sounds to Ngawi last year, I used an App. called “Windy” . (most boaties have it.) I used that App for 3 weeks until I got a weather window I was confident would give settled conditions to motor back across the Strait, I was’nt disappointed. Ed.



True global emergency alerting via COSPAS-SARSAT satellites



“There it is! There’s the evidence Mars once had a lake!”



**How dangerous is that?
Sandals on a bike?...**

Below is our current list of Club Spot Prize Sponsors, the Committee would like to thank everyone who has donated prizes for this annual Fishing Competition.

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Just A note to All TRACTOR KEY HOLDERS. Once you have finished with the tractor & parked it up, PLEASE LOCK IT UP. Commodore Heath

Heaviest Fish so far for the 2020/ 2021 season

Barracoutta:	Jacob Warren	3.80
Blue Cod:	Liz Warren	3.02
Blue Nose:	Leisa Riddell	4.85
Groper:	Chris Oakly	29.52
Gurnard:	Don Finlayson	1.29
John Dory:	Chris Simmonds	2.72
Kahawai:	Ian Healey	2.18
Kingfish:	Liz Warren	10.53
Red Cod:	John Crawford	3.58
Tarakihi:	Warren Edwards	2.59
Trumpeter:	Gary Warren	9.21



Coromandel 2021, Commodore Heath



Our yearly trip to coromandel was on. I missed out on the trip last year so was looking forward to it.

A few worrying weeks previously, with Auckland in level 3 lockdown we were back to level 1 so we were good to go. We broke up the drive with a stop at Tony's caravan site at Motutere.



A few beers and a bbq were had around the patio heater and an early night. Up next morning ,breakfast in Taupo then on the road with a stop for lunch and a beer at the Royal Oak in Tapu. When we got to Coromandel the tide was out so no fishing ... so off to the Top pub for dinner and to catch up with the other guys from the Wairarapa. Up at 6 oclock for a cup a tea and a piece of toast an 80 metre drive from our cabin to the launching ramp and we on the water.



The first few days were spent catching a feed and trying to workout where the big fish were. It was cool to watch snapper and big kingis feeding from our burley pot ,but those kingis are smart and won't touch anything with a hook in it. Some nice fish were caught over the first few days with John Crawford getting a PB snapper. On the 3rd day we held a Photo competition for the longest snapper kingfish and kahawai length combined. Up for grabs was a trophy kindly donated and made by John Crawford .



Only snapper were caught and measured and the Coromandel classic trophy was won by Kevin Crawford with a fish measuring 70cm.



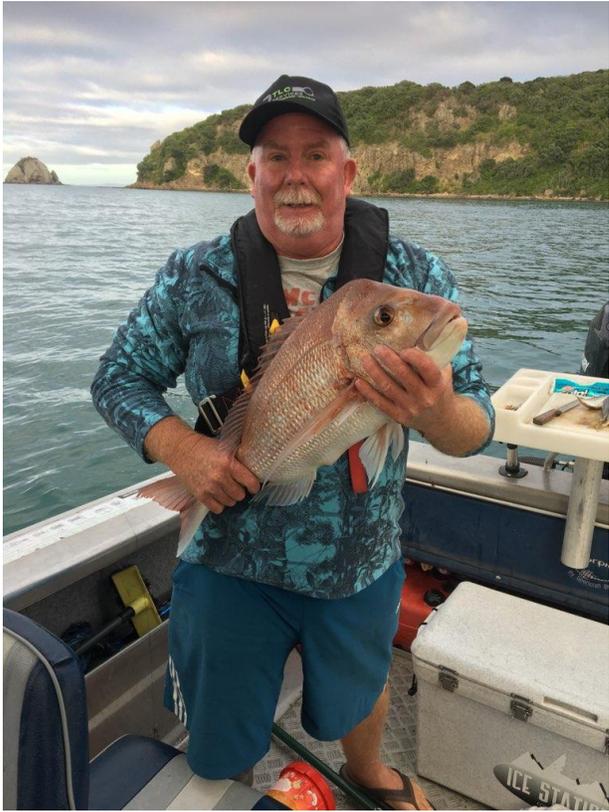


I can't help but comment. Don Hohepa with his usual stance, Pint to his mouth. 😊 Just saying, Ed.

For our final fishing day we held a comp for the longest snapper with a \$20 dollar entry winner take all. George and myself caught our best fish of the week but fell short with Rob Thurston winning the pot with a fish measuring 67cm.



It was a fun week and can't wait for next year.





Man, you look bloody hungry Tony! 😊



Kim Catt with a nice eating Snapper.



.....and Thirsty!





Brian Dennes with a fish he managed to pinch off one of the other boats.



Thank you to Heath & Don for the photos. Ed.



Restoring Opito Bay scallops Since October 2020 LegaSea has been working with the Coromandel community to address their concerns about the depletion of scallops, particularly in Opito Bay on the eastern side of the Peninsula. Opito Bay has always been a popular place to gather scallops due to its shallow, clear waters.



Years of unconstrained commercial harvest and destructive dredging has decimated the scallops, crabs and other sea life that inhabit the seafloor. Locals want to restore scallops to abundant levels and sustain the beds for future generations. Previous attempts by the Opito Bay Ratepayers Association to engage with Fisheries New Zealand officials about ongoing depletion have been unsuccessful. So, the locals are taking the bold step of initiating community-led action. A Coromandel Scallop Restoration and Sustainability Plan has been drafted, a scallop survey has been designed and actioned.

Several meetings have been held with mana whenua Ngāti Hei, Opito Bay and Kūaotunu ratepayers, New Zealand Underwater Association, New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, Tairua-Pauanui Sports Fishing Club, Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club, Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club, Whangamata Ocean Sports Club and LegaSea. A steering committee of representatives from some of these organisations has been overseeing implementation of the project.

Campaign launch

The scallop survey was officially launched by Ngāti Hei and the community at a ceremony at Opito Bay on 17 December 2020. Ngāti Hei rangatira Joe Davis announced a rāhui on scallops and the community is supporting a voluntary ban on all take of scallops until a more formal customary management tool can be established to prevent harvesting. With non-commercial harvest constrained, talks have been initiated with commercial interests; no formal response has been received yet. Dive Zone Whitianga has generously donated time and resources to conduct the scallop survey using teams of divers. The Opito Bay Ratepayers Association, New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and local clubs, and LegaSea have provided logistical and financial support for the research. The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council expects to receive the survey results in April 2021. LegaSea acknowledges that mismanagement of scallops is not unique to Coromandel. "While the Quota Management System is failing Kiwis, it's motivating to see the local community rallying together and taking control to ensure their scallop beds are not wiped out like we have already seen in the Marlborough Sounds, Tasman and Golden Bays at the top of the South Island, and in the

Kaipara Harbour,” says LegaSea Project Lead Sam Woolford.

Timeline of process

2021

- **29 Jan** – 2nd letter sent to David Parker, Minister of Oceans and Fisheries.



There was a man who worked for the Post Office , Ali whose job was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses.

One day, a letter came addressed in a shaky handwriting to God with no actual address.

Ali thought he should open it to see what it was about.

The letter read:

Dear God,

I am an 83 year old widow, living on a very small pension.

Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension payment.

Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner.

Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with, have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope...

Can you please help me?

Sincerely, Edna

Ali was touched.

He showed the letter to all the other workers. Each one dug into his or her wallet and came up with a few dollars.

By the time Ali made the rounds, he had collected \$96, which they put into an envelope and sent to the woman.

The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of Edna and the dinner she would be able to share with her friends.

Christmas came and went.

A few days later, another letter came from the same old lady to God.

All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened.

It read:

Dear God,

How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me?

Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious dinner for my friends.

We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift.

By the way, there was \$4 missing.

I think it might have been those bastards at the post office.

Sincerely, Edna

(Where's that bloody 4 bucks Allan Hoare???)



An oldie but a goody

Wiremu saw an elderly couple sitting down to lunch. He noticed that they had ordered one meal and an extra drink cup. As he watched, Gizzy carefully divided the hamburger in half, then counted out the fries, one for him, one for his wife Catherine, until each had half of them.

Then he poured half of the soft drink into the extra cup and set that in front of Catherine. Then Gizzy began to eat, and Catherine sat watching, with her hands folded in her lap. Wiremu decided to ask if they would allow him to purchase another meal for them so that they didn't have to split theirs.

Gizzy said: "Oh no. We've been married 50 years, and everything has always and will always be shared, 50/50."

Touched by the beautiful display of love, the young man then asked Catherine if she was going to eat. She shook her head kindly and replied: "It's Colin's turn with the teeth."

(Apologies Gizzy, the devil made me do it! 😊)

When you spend £32 million on your grandsons wedding



and his wife starts bitching about you to Oprah



Here's another photo from my archives! Another charter from Castlepoint with the legendary Dean Hatchard on Ventura. I'm not sure of the date?

From left to right, Pete Langford, Peter Kennedy, Alan White, the late Ray Ticehurst, Danny White & Peter "Rangi" Icke. (it was a bit of a "Pete's Club") As can be seen, we did well on the groper, it looks like we raped & pillaged, but Dean only allowed x2 groper per angler, which is the right way to go .Ed.

Look closely at the picture first and then read the story:



This actually happened to an Englishman, travelling in France, who was totally drunk.

A French policeman stopped the Englishman's car and asks if he has been drinking.

With great difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his daughter got married that morning, and that he drank champagne and a few bottles of wine at the reception, and consumed many single malt scotches there-after.

Quite upset, the policeman proceeds to breath test the Englishman and verifies that he is indeed completely inebriated, far beyond tolerable standards for public safety.

The French Policeman asks the Englishman if he knows why, under French law, he is going to be arrested.

The Englishman answers with a bit of humor, "No sir, I do not! But while we're asking questions, do you realize that this is a British car and my wife is driving on the other side?"





The way the Aussie's has been treating us Kiwis lately, They deserve all of the above! Just saying, Ed.

Radio Watch Channel 4.

First call up from 7.30 am

WeighMaster.

Brendan and Liz Walker 33 Grey Street

Martinborough 06 306 9615 ☺

Next Club weekend 17th & 18th APRIL

Two bachelors sat talking, their conversation drifted from politics to cooking.

"I got a cookbook once," said one, "but I could never do anything with it."

"Too much fancy work in it, eh?" asked the other.

"You said it. Every one of the recipes began the same way -- "Take a clean dish..."



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In an alcohol factory the regular taster died and the director started looking for a new one to hire.

A drunkard with ragged, dirty look came to apply for the position.

The director of the factory wondered how to send him away.

They tested him.

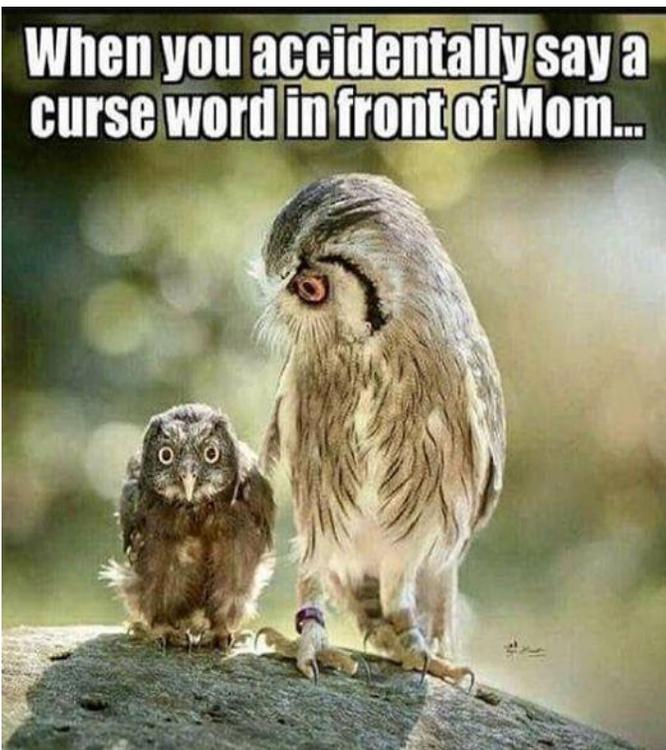
They gave him a glass with a drink.

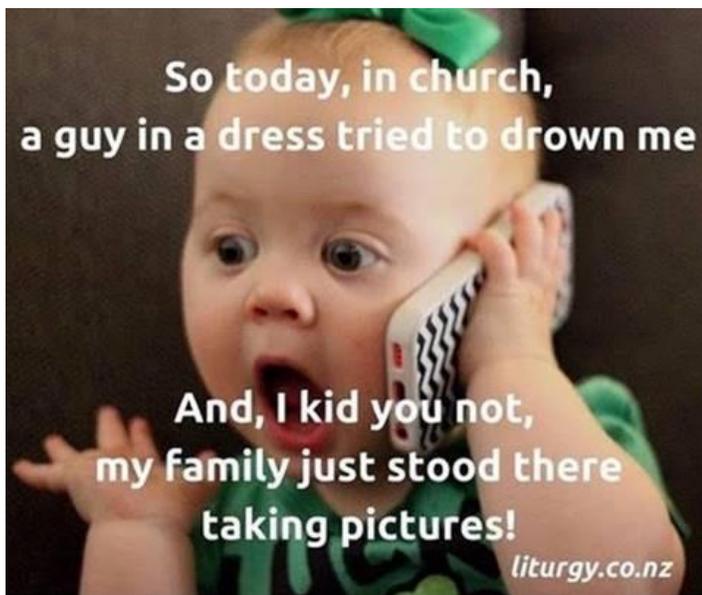
He tried it and said, "It's red wine, a Muscat, three years old, grown on a north slope, matured in steel containers."
 "That's correct", said the boss.
 Another glass. "It's red wine, cabernet, eight years old, a southwestern slope, oak barrels."
 "Correct."
 The director was astonished. He winked at his secretary to suggest something.
 She brought in a glass of urine. The alcoholic tried it.
 "It's a blonde, 26 years old, pregnant in the third month. And if you don't give me the job, I'll also tell who's the father!"

HEAVIEST FISH 2021 Season

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Snapper	Ian Warren	3.22
Tuna	Liz Warren	8.89

No results for March





He went home and told his wife, Mary, "I won the prize for the Best toast of the night."

She said, "Aye, did ye now. And what was your toast?"

John said, "Here's to spending the rest of me life, sitting in church beside me wife."

"Oh, that is very nice indeed, John!" Mary said.

The next day, Mary ran into one of John's drinking buddies on the street Corner. The man chuckled leeringly and said, "John won the prize the other night at the pub with a toast about you, Mary."

She said, "Aye, he told me, and I was a bit surprised myself. You know, he's only been in there twice in the last four years. Once I had to pull him by the ears to make him come, and the other time he fell asleep".



The phone my sister has (she's six)



The phone I had when I was six



The phone my dad had when he was six



John O'Reilly hoisted his beer and said, "Here's to spending the rest of me Life, between the legs of me wife!"

That won him the top prize at the pub for the best toast of the night!

A reminder to all our members.

Pukemanu Boating & Fishing Club requires ALL members to belong to the Cape Palliser Marine Radio Association.

Please ensure you have paid your fee, if you have'nt, please go to WWW.cpmr.org.nz and fill out form & pay.

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, 'Boys and girls, what do we know about God?' Wiremu put his hand in the air, 'He is an artist!' said Wiremu. Really? How do you know?' the teacher asked. 'You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.... '



Unsustainable clam fishing hits Ōtaki



Unfortunately I have no further information regarding the outcome of this issue... Ed.

Hopefully, I will have info for next month's newsletter?

Police Humour –

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."
6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
7. Wiremu, get off that kid's trike & walk to Ev's Bar!

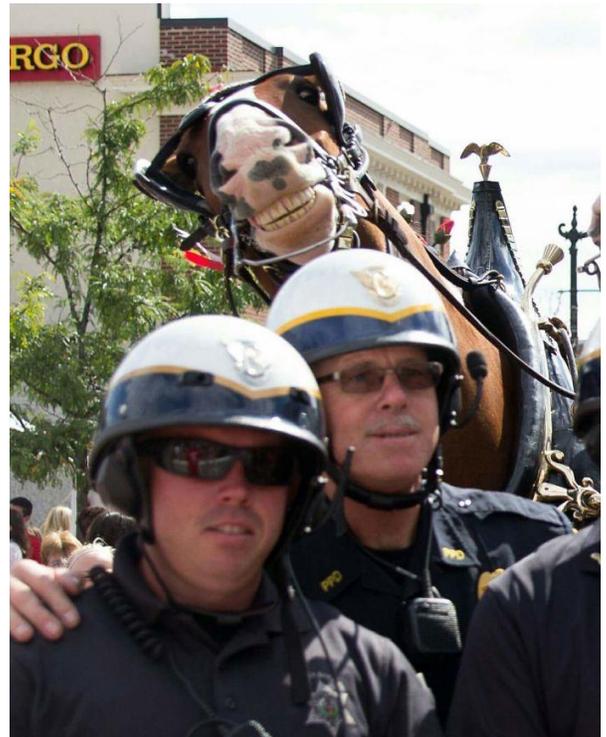
Woman walks into
Specsavers.

She says,
"I'm returning the
glasses I bought for
my husband last
week, he's still not
seeing things my
way!"



*A lady nursed an injured magpie back to health
after it got trapped in her courtyard.*

*These are some of the things the Maggie has been
bringing her as gifts*



Is this horse taking the Piss???

WHEN YOU'RE DEAD,
YOU DON'T KNOW
YOU'RE DEAD. THE PAIN
IS ONLY FELT BY
OTHERS.

THE SAME THING
HAPPENS WHEN
YOU'RE STUPID.

That is so true!



Pauro Catt was certain he had the solution, but Sheree reckoned she had the answer.

You never
appreciate what
you have till it's
gone.
Toilet paper is a
good example.

A few one-liners -

I've just started up a mobile restaurant - it's got 4 Michelin tyres.

I accidentally rubbed tomato ketchup in my eye, now I have hienzesight.

Afterism - A concise, clever statement you don't think of until too late.

**Heard on the news that the world's oldest man died earlier today.
Why does this keep happening?**



This little bird has been joining this guy at lunch time , everyday for the last 4 weeks. ☺

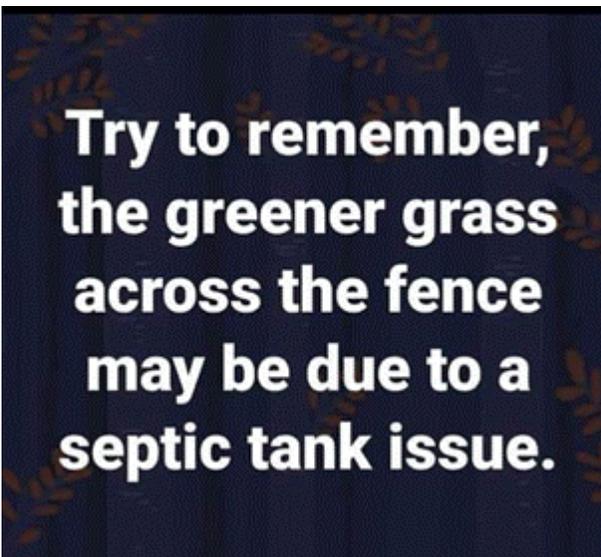


What's happening here? There's bearly room for one more.

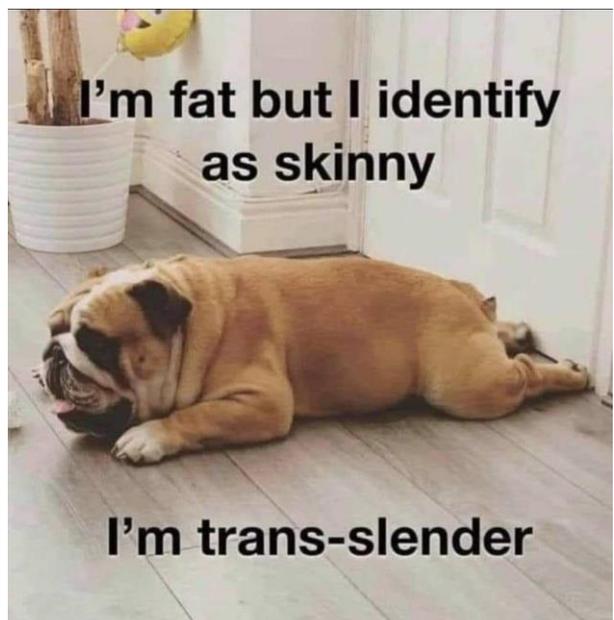


There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: 'I have good news and bad news.'

The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building programme. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets.'



No shit!!



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. 'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk. 'Only the Ten Commandments.' answered the lady.



