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*Register for the LBANZ Conference to see this magnificent staircase. See inside for details.*

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- Another successful course completed
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## From the Editor

Welcome Everyone

This issue is bursting with Association news and business.

First on the list is that subs are due. You will find a personal reminder interleaved in this issue which will guide you to renewing your membership. Keep in mind that although we are accepting cheques for membership, we can only do that until 31 May after which our bank will no longer accept them.

You should have all received an emailed agenda and registration for the conference and AGM. If not, I don't have your correct email address. You will find the forms in this issue on pages 6-7. We discovered we are not the only event in Alexandra that weekend, so accommodation is scarce. Plus our motel needs confirmation of our reservations by the end of April. So if you are planning to attend, register now!

We have some exciting events planned to amuse and entertain us and it is going to be great. There are some exclusive offers as well, but hurry as they are being booked fast.

Then of course, we had a course. Interest has spiked this year; we had to turn away three students but they are keen to sign up for next year. I have heard the International Log Builders Association is also noticing increased interest in log building which is fantastic news. And I hear

the interest in other crafts has grown tremendously. Maybe this virus has folks thinking more about the quality of their living space and hobbies and not just going through the motions of living.

Many thanks to Graeme and Christine for once again providing a quality course and memorable time for all the students. There are several pictures and articles to tell you all about it.

I have been invited to contribute two pages of log building news to *The Owner Builder* magazine. I have managed to do just that, so we are again advertising to our Australian neighbours.

To finish on some very sad news, I have received notice that Peter Dorfliger passed away in early April due to a tragic accident. He started his business, New Zealand Log Chalets in 1980 and had been an LBANZ member for several years. Our condolences to his friends and family. The funeral services have been delayed to 19 April for overseas family to arrive. If you would like to attend, go to [legacy.com](http://legacy.com) for details.

So your checklist is:

1. Renew your subscription
2. Register for the conference
3. Bring an item for the auction if you can.

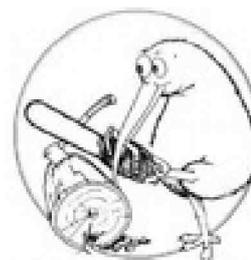
We look forward to seeing many of you in Alexandra.

Marian and Andrew

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## Sawdust and Chips

*This picture was taken by Toni Strawbridge - a good reminder to relax.*



### The Spirit of Bill O'Connell lives on

Here is an interesting perspective from Jeff Belli-Slack, current owner and renovator of Cappamore Lodge – the home of our original LBANZ President.

Jeff writes, “There were 2 very rough-hewn chairs that were part of the original living space downstairs. There was also a matching coffee table with a hand-carved/tooled leather top. All made with love and care and I refused to throw them out and knew it would only be a matter of time before someone in the community would have a need for them.

“As nice as they were, they were not wanted by us and obviously not by the O’Connell family either.

“Mike gave them to his cousin who lives up on Line Rd. Immediately her son saw a man sitting in one when they were placed inside their home. He returned often and he was finally identified.

“The ghost of Bill O’Connell.”

Jeff would like to inform Bill’s friends and family that he “has not moved on.” Jeff adds that Bill is welcome at Cappamore at any time.

He adds, “There is so much more to life than logs and sawdust.”

### BRANZ March 2021 *Guideline* newsletter

Here are a few snippets of news from BRANZ. For all the details, go to [branz.co.nz](http://branz.co.nz) and search for *Guideline*.

#### Recessed downlights

Older models of downlights needed gaps in the ceiling insulation to prevent the light from overheating, but this caused heat loss from the room. New models rated IC, IC-F or IC-4 can be covered with insulation following the manufacturer’s instructions.

However, some downlights still allow moisture laden air to move into the roof space, which can cause condensation or mould in the roof. Look for downlights which are specifically designed to reduce or prevent air movement from living spaces into the roof cavity.

#### Cowboys

Many construction practitioners need to be certified or registered to legally do certain work. Unfortunately, unregistered “cowboys” can imply they are legal. So how do you tell? Go to the BRANZ website to check links to registers to determine if your worker is the real deal.

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## Cappamore Lodge renovations

The renovations at Cappamore Lodge are progressing well.

Jeff says, “We are waiting for Covid to really level off for Derek to be able to complete the decks.” Here are some pictures of how the new decks are shaping up.

He has decided on a new colour scheme for the trim and these colours will work well with the CD50 base. The exterior logs will be re-coated with CD50 Extreme, using the original colour of bronze.

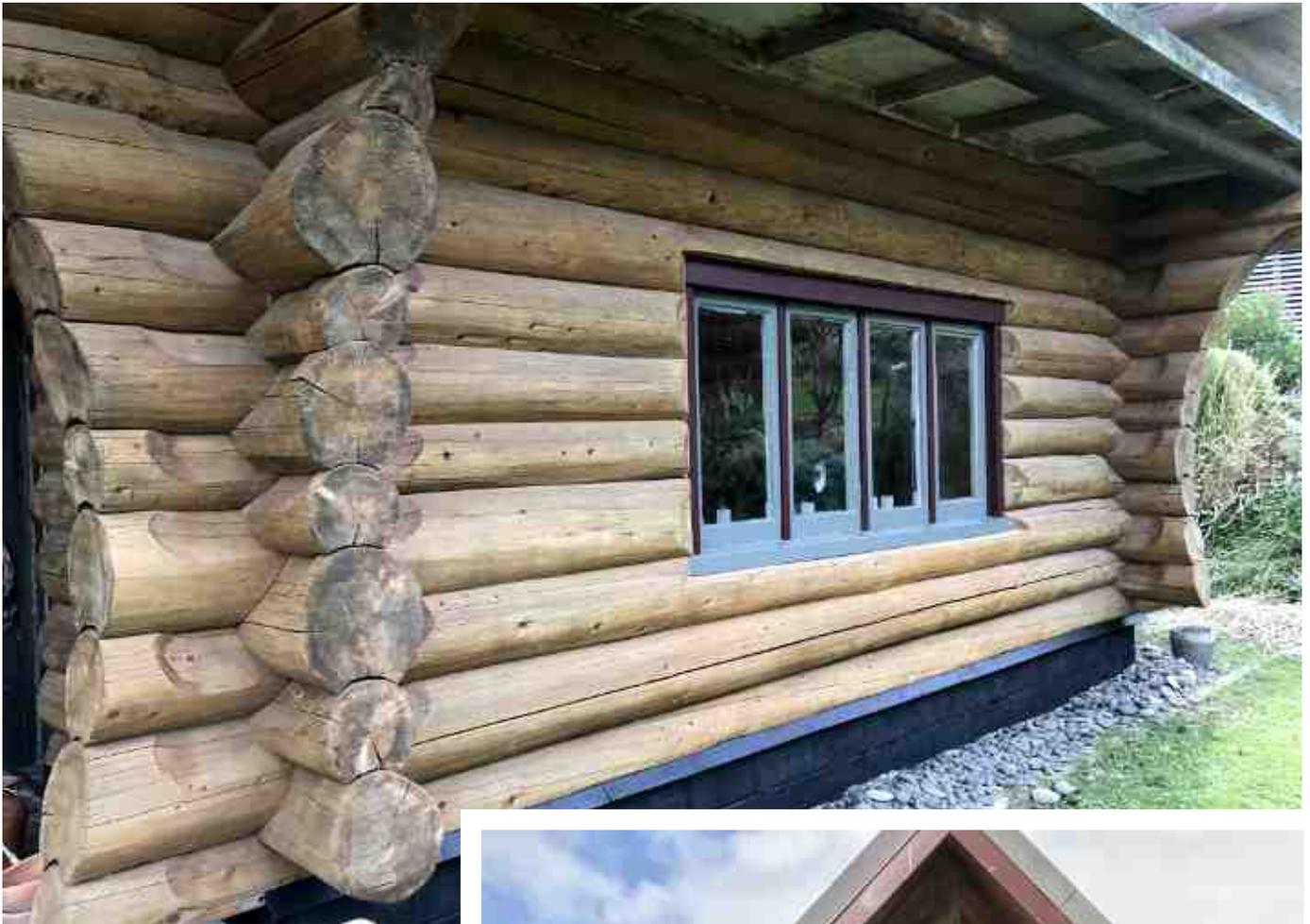
There are areas he cannot reach via ladders, so the next task is to erect scaffolding.

But that’s not all. “A new roof in deep green is scheduled to go on too,” says Jeff. He adds, “A new kitchen, internal laundry and second bathroom in the garage which is being turned into my studio. Internal shutters on all windows and I am whitewashing my internal logs and wood ceilings. We are removing the tiled ceilings in the bedrooms to expose the ceiling to the rafters too.

“So much to do.”



*Here is an overall view of the decks surrounding Cappamore. The extended deck acts as a carport and provides tons of elevated outdoor space off the upstairs french doors. The new stairway is not only beautiful, but is a safety feature as an emergency exit from the upper level.*



*Above: This colour scheme will look fantastic with bronze logs. The black at the foundation is the undercoat and not the final colour.*

*Right: This deck from the upstairs french doors is huge. It is actually the roof for the carport below. What a great place to ease back to enjoy the shade and scenery.*



# Conference Schedule

## *2021 LBANZ Conference Queen's Birthday Weekend*

The 2021 LBANZ Conference and AGM will be in Alexandra Friday 4 June through Monday 7 June 2021, hosted by Jon and Clare Morris at Homewood log home.

### *ACCOMMODATION*

We have two options for accommodation.

1. The Asure Avenue Motel, 117 Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. <https://www.avenue-motel.co.nz>. \$140 per night which includes a super king size bed and kitchen. Continental breakfast is available for an additional cost. These rooms must be booked before the end of April to ensure availability.

2. Our hosts are generously offering in-house accommodation at Homewood. They have a BnB cabin (one queen bed) <https://www.airbnb.co.nz/rooms/41566297?>, at least one room in the log house (queen bed) and the upper floor of their log garage (private, self contained, one queen and two singles in the same space and one pull out sofa bed). They do not want any payment for the rooms so don't hesitate to show your interest.

### *CONFERENCE SCHEDULE*

#### **Thursday 3 June 2021:**

If you want to spend more time in Alexandra, book your accommodation to arrive on Thursday night. Then, Friday morning you can cycle the Otago Rail trail; rental bikes are available. At 4pm we will be visiting the Como Villa Museum and Vineyard for a tour, tasting and platter, [www.comovilla.co.nz](http://www.comovilla.co.nz). Cost is \$20 for this activity, payable on registration.

#### **Friday 4 June 2021:**

Check in to Asure Avenue Motel or Homewood. If you arrive early enough, take in the Como Villa Tour, see above. Dinner on your own or with LBANZ associates!

#### **Saturday 5 June 2021:**

After breakfast together at Industry Lane, a local cafe in Alexandra, or on your own, we tour a few log homes in the Alexandra area. We will finish the tour at Homewood where we will have morning tea and hold our AGM including a catered lunch. (You can find the 2020 Teleconference Minutes in the Winter 2020 Issue 129 *No Problem!*) After the AGM walk to the Judge Rock Winery for a \$5 wine tasting, [www.judgerock.co.nz](http://www.judgerock.co.nz) and/or afternoon tea. Back to Homewood for drinks or some free time before climbing in a minibus to go for dinner.

Dinner will be at The Post Office in Clyde. <https://www.postofficecafeclde.co.nz/> We can choose our own meals from the extensive menu, suiting all tastes and budgets. After dinner we will hold our auction in a separate space reserved just for us. Don't forget your auction donations!

#### **Sunday 6 June 2021:**

After breakfast together at Industry Lane, we will travel to the Clyde Dam for an exclusive tour. If you are intending to head north at the end of the day, you will need to bring your own vehicle. The Dam Tour guide is offering this private tour for free but we will collect a small sum to provide him with a gift. There is a limit of only 15 people so register your intent ASAP. For those less excited about touring the dam, spend your time exploring Clyde with a Historical Walking Tour and/or an Art Gallery Tour. Lunch is your own preference with plenty of cafe and restaurant options in Clyde. After lunch we tour more log homes. Those going back to Alexandra can experience another wine tasting at Grey Ridge for a vineyard tour, wine tasting and platter, [www.greyridge.co.nz](http://www.greyridge.co.nz). Cost is \$25 for this activity, payable on registration. A dinner booking has been made at Paulina's in Clyde – pizza and tapas bar.

#### **Monday 7 June 2021:**

Check out in the morning, say your goodbyes and head home.

Any questions? Contact Marian at [secretary@logbuildingnz.org.nz](mailto:secretary@logbuildingnz.org.nz) or phone 03 744 3128.

# Conference Registration form

## 19th Biennial LBANZ Conference & AGM Alexandra Registration form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference and AGM

Night	Room Asure Avenue Motel	Room Home-wood Log house	Friday cycling Bike rental	Como Villa Museum and Vineyard	Grey Ridge Vineyard	Dinner please indicate #	AM Tea	Bus	Lunch	PM Tea	Dam Tour	Total for the day
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Friday 4/06/21	\$140 double	N/C	\$80 e-bike \$40 regular	\$20 pp								
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## Conference Auction



Here are some examples of items which might be put up for auction at our group dinner in Alexandra.

Robyn Hadley is offering some stained glass pieces which she has designed and made. I have some hand carved items in various timbers. The set of 2 spoons is from the rewarewa given to me by the McCanns at the last conference. I hear there may be some turned items coming from one of our avid wood turners. Our hosts are offering a stay at their BnB. AND we have confirmation that Churton Pacific is once again donating 20L of CD50!

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# The Class of 2021

Course 2021

Hi folks, well after last year's course being called off short due to Covid, we were all Covid free this year, and all from NZ funnily enough, well some not originally from NZ but are now locals.

This is the first year I've had two different students that already had log homes that I had not built. Wierd, but cool.

One of the great stories of this year was a father and son team from Hawkes Bay with a few cabin ideas. Neil had planted his trees for his cabin some 25-30 years ago, and he's been following us tentatively for that many years just waiting to go on this Log Building Course. Amazing, he remembers when I started log building.

This year students started the Log Alpaca home for Hilton view, and met the alpacas.

We got 30 logs laid over a couple of different structures, as well as numerous practice logs chopped into fire wood.

The group was very well matched and got on immensely. I hate to think how we would have been if like the early days we all camped on site and were with each other 24/7.

I often talked about the North Island as if I didn't know where it was, which amused those from here, and those not from there.

Some home brew made it down from the North Island, something called Omana Crude, very, very tasty, and some very special gin from the UK.

See in the pictures the strangest notch scribe I've ever seen, but I straightened that out. It still amazes me and the students that they were still learning things right up to the last day.

Again working in the professional yard makes a huge difference when wanting to demonstrate something, or view something different than they have seen. Three other log home structures were under construction during this time. Also the students got to meet and chat with real log builders. They also got to use all of the professional tools and there is absolutely no substitute for that remote controlled crane.

The Day Tour is always a blast and has to be just at the correct time for the students to know and understand what they are looking at. The inspiration is huge with style, colours, shapes, roofs,



*Above: Practice logs. Pics by Graeme Mould (GM)  
Below: Next comes the dreaded, hard work of peeling the logs.*

*Bottom: Meeting the alpacas.*





*Clockwise from top left:*

- *The maths of cutting notches. photo by Andrew Lock (AL)*
- *More measurements needed. photo by Chris Whiley (CW)*
- *No names are mentioned but normally one scribe line is drawn to chisel to. Although Graeme did fix it, he has never seen a notch scribe like this, ever. GM*
- *A good example of how the joints are filled with gasket to reduce air flow. AL*
- *The group having a classroom moment. When in doubt, read the manual. AL*



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foundations, dormer windows, gable ends, etc all being scrutinized with 13 log structures being visited.

We did visit Lake Ohau village and viewed the log homes of NLH that survived the village fire and one other under construction. The tour took in the fantastic Fantail Lodge and we had lunch at the log camp site around the camp fire.

Feeding the hungry bison in their paddock with Luke pouring the food out the door of our van is always a highlight.

Again no weight loss on this course, in fact weight gain according to some, thanks to Christine's great food supply. Thanks Christine. Sunny and hot most days but rain just when we needed it for some much needed classroom work.

The Wednesday night prize giving was at my log home where each student received their certificate and I was presented with a lovely gift.

All in all a great time with loads of learning and some fun along the way.

Thanks again to the LBANZ for the chance to tutor.

G Mould



*Top: Selfies have reached our log building courses. Great group picture by Andrew Lock. Lower: A pair of synchronised chainsawers, Neil and Justin cutting w's and v's. GM Left: Tahlia having a go with the drill. CW*

## Recognition

Once again, Graeme Mould and his team have thoroughly impressed 8 lucky students with the knowledge of log building.

Here is what Andrew had to say: "An absolutely amazing course. Graeme was a fantastic instructor, very patient, he and his staff were always willing to help. I have the utmost respect for the log home builders."

Chris followed up with, "Course was fantastic, Graham was an awesome host and trainer and we

all enjoyed the three weeks onsite."

We want to send a huge thanks to Port Blakely for their donation of practice logs once again. You can see in the photos here that many logs are sacrificed to give the students a chance to perfect their chainsaw skills. The carcasses are then used for firewood so they are not completely wasted.

And of course a gigantic thanks to Graeme and Christine for providing a memorable course for all our students.

Marian





*Above: The Class of 2021 and all their tools! GM*

*Right: Now that is a look of pride of accomplishment! AL*

*Previous page:  
Top Left: Tahlia, Morne and Luke trying to decide who is right. GM*

*Top Right: Lunch at Fantail Lodge on the day tour. GM*

*Bottom: Team working on one of the three buildings on-site. CW*



# PORT BLAKELY

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## Our log home journey - part 13



Our roof is on, our windows are finally in and our tapware has arrived. We are now self-sufficient in our house (but we are still sleeping in the caravan). Things are happening around here and every day just gets more and more exciting.

We have had hold up after hold up however with this covid 19 business. My tapware that I ordered in November arrived late February, our windows that were ordered in October, supposed to be here before Christmas, arrived late February. We couldn't get the hot water cylinder we wanted due to none being in New Zealand and our suppliers of the stainless-steel range being non-existent on their shelves just shows how much we as a country rely on the rest of the world for things! We are very blessed to be able to carry on with other jobs without these things holding us up too much.

As of the end of December we moved our caravan right outside our house, setting up a temporary kitchen and long drop, this gave us the ability to work late into the night smashing out all the necessary jobs that needed to be done! Slowly we started getting the big things done like a flushing toilet and running water. We have had several contractors here which is a rarity for us, with the spouter, drainlayers, plumbers and electricians. We have several lights working including our awesome chandeliers, my oven and fridge and hot water cylinder all making life so much easier. I also got a clothesline and our washing machine is pumping out the washing! All luxury things that I

haven't had for 3 years living in a caravan.

I'm super busy with the house, kids and church that my head is all scattered. We have been making special wooden creations as we have a Black Dog furniture stall at the Central District Field Days and want to launch our business there with chopping boards, bread knives, platters and grazing boards. So on that note, I don't know what else to say other than we are working hard and long hours to get this house finished and we are getting closer and closer!

See you all at the AGM when we have ourselves a nice little family holiday!



*Top: The back of the house showing the garage door.  
Bottom: The temporary coffee nook using a live edge slab.*



*Top left and right: Wet floors after waterblasting the inside logs to prepare them for oiling.*

*Right: An interior log bench looking to the front door.*

*Bottom: A newly finished gable end. The soffit has been white, but it was decided the colour did not do it justice, so it was changed.*





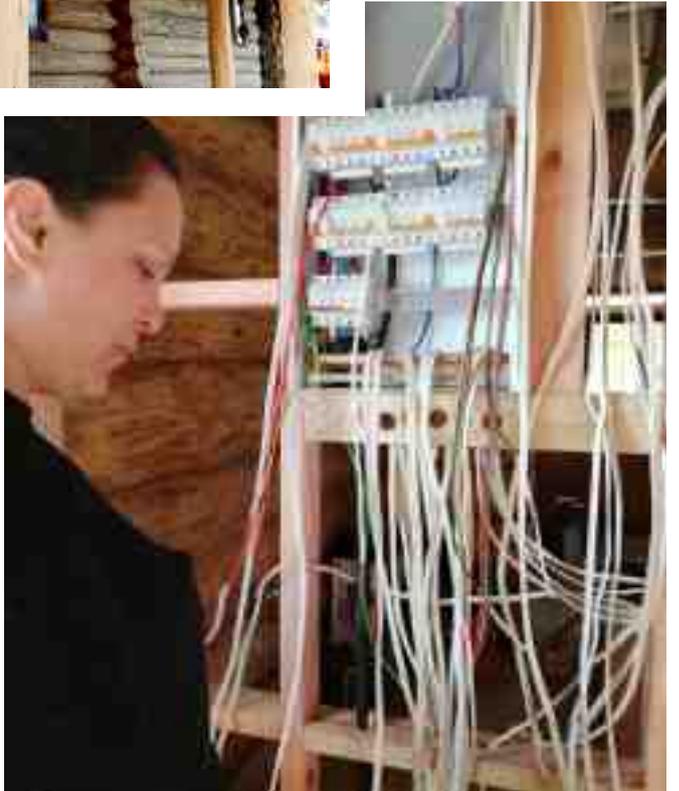
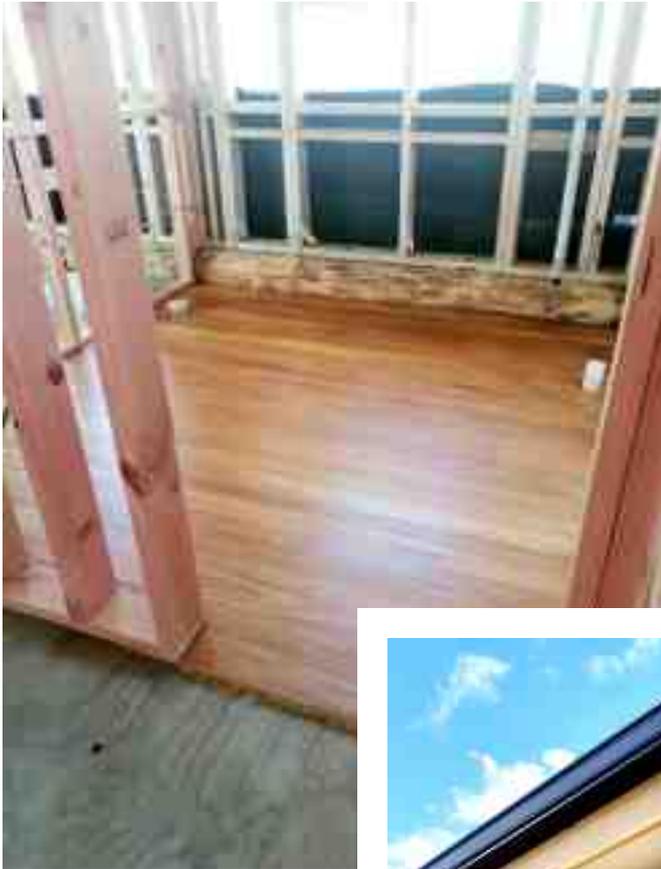
*This page  
The soaring front bay. The image below is showing the  
2am decision of the chandelier's height.*

*Next page  
Top: A timber bathroom floor and more timber is  
clamped to become interior doors.*



*Centre: The gorgeous detailing of the rafters, soffits  
and verandah posts.  
Lower right: Organizing the wiring.  
Lower left: This stained glass door will be used for the  
laundry room. There is a matching one for the garage  
door.*







## logs of laughs

*Jokes in this column were found on Pinterest*

### The Mum Test

I was out walking with my 4 year old daughter. She picked something up off the ground and started to put it in her mouth.

I took the item away from her and asked her not to do that.

“Why?” my daughter asked.

“Because it has been on the ground, you don’t know where it came from, it is dirty and probably has germs,” I replied.

At this point my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked, “Mum, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart.”

I was thinking quickly and replied, “All mums know this stuff. It’s on the Mum test. You have to know it or they don’t let you be a Mum.”

We walked along in silence for a few minutes but she was evidently pondering this new information. “Oh, I get it!” she beamed. “So if you don’t pass the test you have to be the Dad.”

“Exactly,” I replied, smiling.

### The ultimate blonde joke

A blonde was speeding down the road in her little red sports car when she was pulled over by a policewoman, also a blonde.

The policewoman asked the blonde driver for her driver’s licence. She dug around in her purse and was progressively getting more agitated.

“What does it look like?” she finally asked.

The policewoman replied, “It is square and has your picture on it.”

The driver finally found a square mirror in her purse, looked at it and handed it to the policewoman. “Here it is,” she said.

The blonde policewoman looked in the mirror, then handed it back saying, “OK, you can go. I didn’t realize you were a cop . . .”

*from scotsman.com*

More Coronavirus humour . . .

I’ll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you’ll have to wait 2 weeks to see if you got it.

Why do they call it the novel coronavirus? It’s a long story. . .

So many coronavirus jokes out there, it’s a pandemic.

My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, “Throw this and wherever it lands – that’s where I’m taking you when this pandemic ends.” Turns out, we’re spending two weeks behind the fridge!

Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow romaines to be seen!

Two grandmothers were bragging about their precious darlings. One of them says to the other, “Mine are so good at social distancing, they won’t even call me!”

Did you hear the joke about coronavirus? Never mind, I don’t want to spread it around!

Who’s idea was it to sing “Happy Birthday” while washing your hands? Now every time I go to the bathroom, my kids expect me to walk out with a cake!

I never thought the comment “I wouldn’t touch them with a six-foot pole” would become a national policy, but here we are!

I ran out of toilet paper and had to start using old newspapers. The Times are rough!

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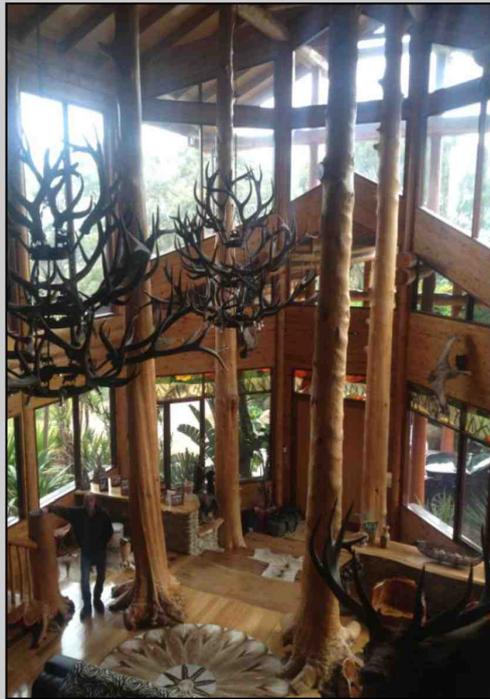
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