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## Steamed muscles

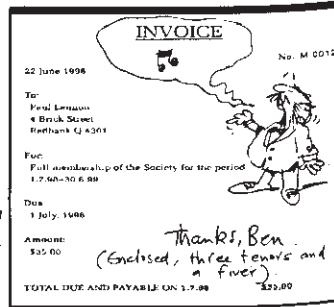
Member Sandra Hodgson has sent us a menu from up north. It has some tasty morsels including steamed muscles, curried boulibaise, chicken supreme complimented tasmanian bree, and vegetable parcels. Sounds grate.

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## Bizarrely named books

*Here's another bit of fun, from the Guardian (UK)—the finalists in the Bookseller's 1995 competition for the most bizarrely named book:*

- Reusing Old Graves (the winner)
- How to Avoid Huge Ships
- The Book of Marmalade: Its Antecedents, History and Role in the World Today
- Group 4 Prison Escort Service: a Survey of Customer Satisfaction
- The Baby Jesus Touch and Feel Book
- The Joy of Chickens
- Amputee Management: a Handbook
- Highlights in the History of Concrete
- Big and Very Big Hole Drilling
- How to Shit in the Woods: an Environmentally Sound Approach to a Lost Art
- Versailles—the View from Sweden
- Virtual Reality: Exploring the Bra
- Simply Busting: a Guide to Bladder Control
- The Proceedings of the Second International Workshop on Nude Mice ☼



*Paul Lennon paid his \$35 fee with three tenners and a fiver>*

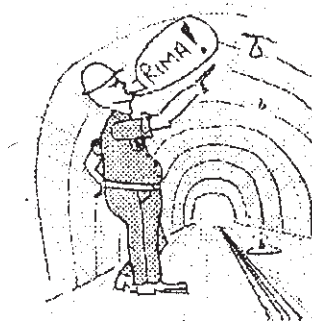
## Lumpy English style

*collected by Paul Bennett*

From ABC RN, during a report about allegations against Geoff Clarke: 'Mr Clarke said he had no comment on the advice of his lawyers.'

Channel 9 finance news, 28 July: 'The dollar caused a jump that investors have swallowed'.

Channel 9 sports commentary, 28 July: 'They set a new world record — in fact, they smashed the old world record.'



ABC RN's 'Breakfast Show', 22/2/01: A spokesperson for the Burnley (Vic) Tunnel said: '... leaks will occur, and we'll have to address these leaks ...'

The cartoon shows a Burnley Tunnel worker addressing a leak vocatively (in Latin).

an uphill battle, and parents have to resort to sticks, carrots and whatever else they may have in their arsenal to cajole their children into learning and retaining a foreign language.

*take back  
for heaven's  
sake*

## Silver Bullet Award entry

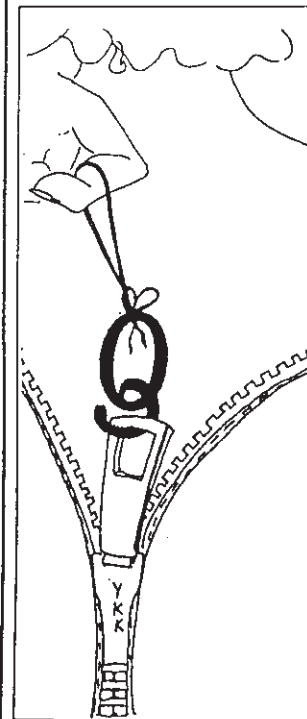
To protect the innocent and the guilty, we will not reveal the identity of the donor or the writer. We do not want the donor to get the sack. From a draft government document comes this paragraph:

The manager will provide the routes for each subsequent work package on the specified completion date of that work package which immediately precedes the work package which immediately precedes the work package for which the routes are to be provided.

## National body draws closer

Meeting of the Council of Societies of Australian Editors, Melbourne, 2 August 1998

Q  
Many publishing people say that the Baskerville Q is the most beautiful Q in the world. It follows that there must be an ugliest Q. I dare to name the Bookman Q for this position.



The Bookman Q is so ugly that all the other members of its family sit, unwanted, in their upper or lower cases (especially in Queensland). As the Bookman Q is with us, however, we cannot just ignore it. I have invented some uses for it.

*Uses of the Bookman Q, no. 1: doing up a back zip*