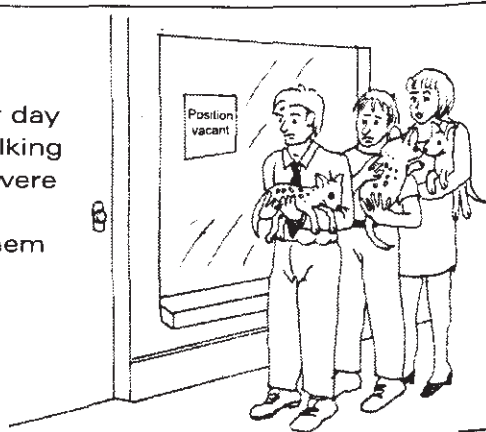


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Highly quollified

I was in a meeting the other day where some people were talking about job applicants. They were discussing their mandatory qualifications, referring to them as 'mandatory quolls' ...



New words

Guffecate: verb — the act of a public servant writing a speech for a government member of parliament. [Gone are the days when MPs could prepare their own speeches, at least for members of the Queensland Government. It is a portmanteau word, the first syllable suggesting the standard of the spin required and the rest from the word *defecate* suggesting what the writer thinks of the exercise.]

John Kerr

Planning starts for the National Editors Conference, Queensland 2003

Robin Bennett, conference convenor

The Society of Editors (Queensland) will be hosting a national editors conference next year.

Standards update

Jan Whelan (CASE Standards Working Group)

By now, all full members should have received a copy of the 'Australian Standards for Editing Practice' for voting upon.

I urge all full members to consider these standards carefully, and to register their votes by the deadline, 9 March 2001.



Be a devil! Join our Romp-and-Revel.

Where were we when they needed us?

INSTRUCTIONS:

(found on a contact cement package)

An dirt dil and gease on surfaces should be clean thorbugly.

Remove caps and apply plaster on both surfaces to bondecl eveully.

Wait 20 to 30 miuntes before putting them together with pressure.

Be sure to put cap back onto the tube from which it was.

CAUTION: Keep away from sources of ignition can not eat on smoke. Use this contact cement far from fire!

Harmful by inhatation and in contact with skin to eyes respiratory system and skin.

Avoid contact with eyes. Do not emply in drains.

Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

Writing is: Bum on seat, words on page [and so is editing]

From *Keep The Words Coming. The Writers' Guide to Life* by Pauline Luke and Julie Capaldo

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Australian editors vote overwhelmingly to adopt standards.