



Building a better working newsletter

Straight to the bar

The first day started early – too early for those who forgot to close their blinds (4:47am?!). Monday at the 2013 ISS was all about **the bar**. Daniel Smith hobbled on stage showing that he gone too hard too soon at the bar on Sunday night.

Sam Bailey showed, through his courageous life story, the benefit of setting your personal **bar** as high as your imagination allows. Thanks, Sam – truly inspirational!

Paul O'Connor set **the bar** high for all following presenters with his thought provoking presentation on issues facing injury schemes in Australia. His reflection on the New Zealand welfare system's actuarial valuation gives us plenty to mull over. (We're too modest to say who those actuaries are but I hear that they are ridiculously good-looking.)

Lorraine Mackin and Mark Bagshaw proposed that the underlying cause of low participation in the Australian workforce (and life generally) by people with disabilities relates to low community expectations. Their simple solution is to raise **the bar** – an idea that was wonderfully presented in a video clip shown in their presentation.

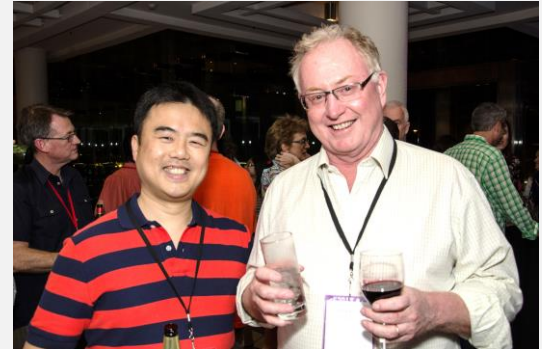
In the Health Outcomes plenary session, Niki Ellis wasn't having **a bar** of segmented schemes. However, she was able to confirm conclusively what you always expected: health checks lead to alcoholism.

The Gala Dinner was no holds **barred**. From singing to trivia to hula hooping, Austin Flowers kept spirits high. Many in the schemes thought actuaries got no more creative than a pie chart – but then they saw them with balloons. The Comcare gents were too busy reapplying eyeliner to care.

And of course, last night festivities finished off at **the bar**. The less said the better.

Airport shuttle

The bus for airport will be departing at 5:20pm. If you haven't booked you should talk to the Institute's events team



A hard earned thirst deserves wine and gin



Where are the red polos, PWC? Go and get changed!



Katie Rogers and David Gifford test the success of Aaron Cutter's antiperspirant

Overheard...

"I gained a high distinction in being able to find my way across to the girls' boarding school blind-folded"

– Sam Bailey

"I have never felt younger or thinner than when I was on a cruise"

– Anonymous on request

"I don't think we can wait for the lawyers to sort this out for us..."

– Niki Ellis summarises the Seminar perfectly

"Nothing good happens after midnight"

– Daniel Smith, confirmed a day later when Aaron Cutter started dancing

"Google me"

– Geoff Atkins



Quote of the day

"Are people at work when they're having sex romps?"

– Paul O'Conner

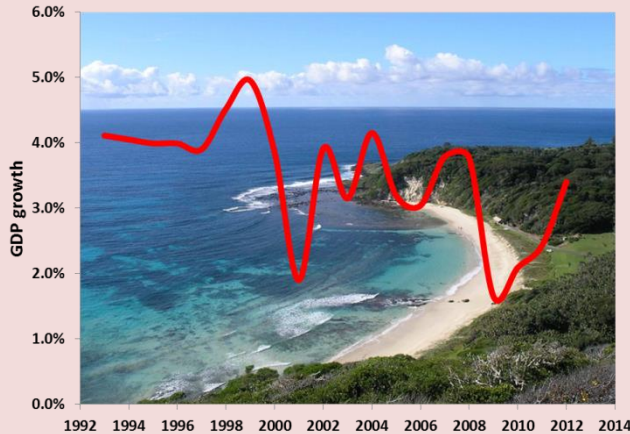


A final resort

We crunched the numbers by grading all conference venues out of five and we've found that the national GDP is higher the years after the Injury Schemes Seminar is held in a nicer location. Could this be a causal relationship? We think so. Put your house on the GDP growing by 3% over the next year (*this advice is general in nature and does not constitute financial advice*). Moreover, it is time to move the seminar to Lord Howe Island... for the good of the nation.

$$\text{GDP growth (\%)} = 1.1 + 0.619 \times \text{venue awesomeness} + \epsilon_i$$

2013	Gold Coast
2011	Brisbane
2009	Melbourne
2007	Melbourne
2004	Gold Coast
2002	Adelaide
2000	Hamilton Island
1998	Coolum
1996	Sanctuary Cove
1994	Gold Coast
1993	Leura
1991	Ballarat
1990	Canberra
1988	Wirrina (Adelaide)



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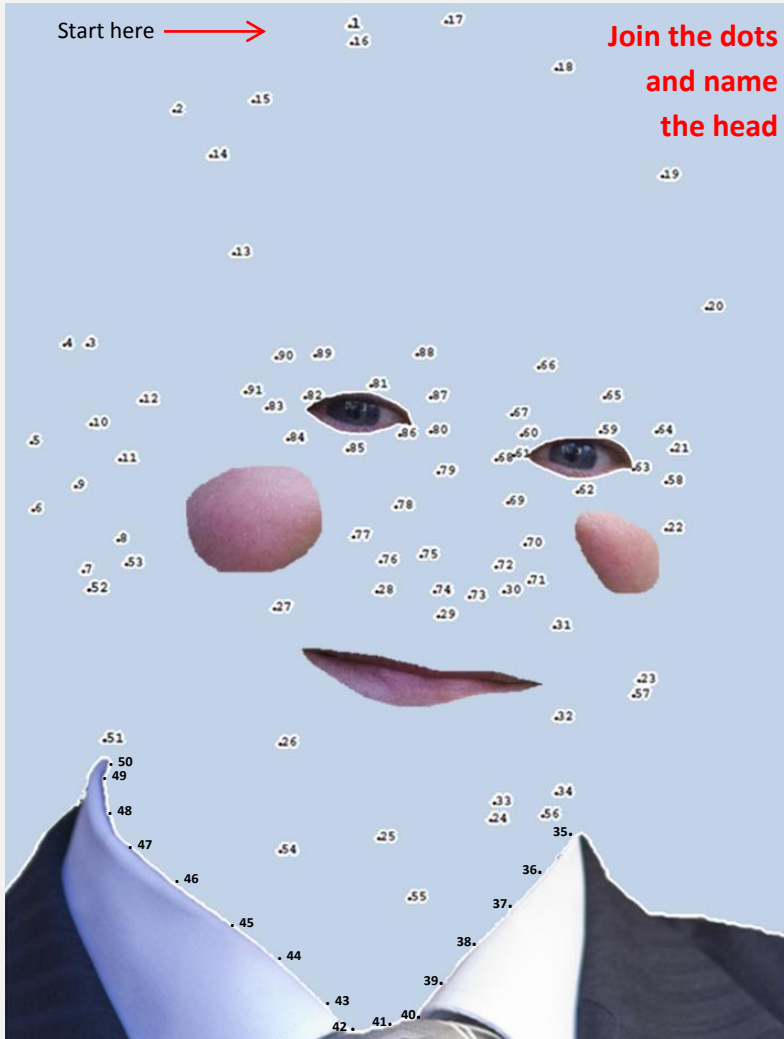
Never fear! The Royal Flying Doctor Service makes over 74,000 flights a year and, thanks to Sam Bailey, has flown its way into our hearts. As the seminar's nominated charity, we plead that you donate generously to ensure the RFDS continues to fly for years to come.

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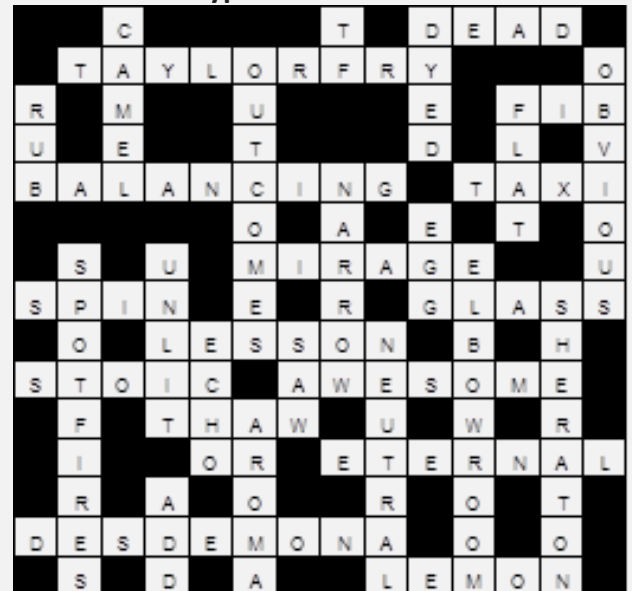
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Day 1 Solutions

Paul's cryptic crossword solutions

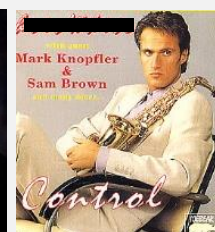


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