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Welcome to the Gold Coast

Welcome to the Gold Coast; the home of sun, surf and sleazy time-share salesmen. A stroll down the Surfers' Paradise mall helps you understand why this is Australia's tourism hot-spot. Overpriced swimwear retailers dot the boulevard and McDonalds and Burger King are the most appealing dining options. In truth, the Gold Coast has plenty to offer outside of Surfers' Paradise. Away from the main strip, Main Beach and Broad Beach have more appealing environments and fewer skateboarders. For those looking for some time away, Main Beach is a short walk south of the conference. It offers the best food in the area, and the shopping has fewer Hawaiian flower prints than the rest of the Gold Coast.

Last night was a great casual opening to the proceedings, with good food, pleasant music and short speeches. The Chicken Surprise was a crowd-pleaser, but the Chilli Crab proved to be a trap for young players. With limited elbow room, Aaron Cutter grappled valiantly against a plate full of claws, but lost in a scene reminiscent of a B-grade horror flick. Realising that the seminar is a marathon and not a sprint, sensible delegates retired early. However, this morning we received unconfirmed reports of midnight pool shenanigans (sms names and/or photos to Unpeered Review).

Any sore heads from last night are only going to get sorer because today's sessions are going to blow your mind! (Sigh, I apologise for the awful pun.) There are some great presentations and you will need to make some hard decisions. I recommend getting to the technical sessions early in the day (I can't absorb anything harder than bourbon after 3pm). And remember, CPD hours count whether you are awake or not.

This is your forum, so feel free to sms Unpeered Review any musings on the seminar as the days go by. You'll get to see your 120-character gems in print.

Warrick Capper, now a Gold Coast local, showing off more of the Gold Coast than really necessary

The Actuarial Lexicon

actuary
- the person employed to do a task

analyst
- the person doing a task

close of business
- 2am

compliance
- <insert generic clause>

deadline
- delivery date of single numerical potential result

insufficient data
- inappropriate analysis

not unreasonable
- reasonable, but without balls

prevailing experience
- recently discovered errors of previous reports

reliances <sic>
- why our errors are your fault

significant
- big, but I feel inadequate using short words

substantial
- same as significant but even more so on both counts

The camera loves David Gifford, Rick Shaw and Dan Tess

Quote of the Day ...

"I hope that you aren't going to associate my name with this drivel"

- Greg Taylor

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Finish this sentence

"I was thinking of joining Council but …"

SMS entries to 0412 277 588 for a chance to win a bottle of wine.

Top 5 reasons to …

… turn up to an actuarial conference:

5. Beats staying in the office

4. Provides an opportunity to do some work in peace

3. Gives you a chance to have a night out without the kids

2. It presents the opportunity to abuse Alan Greenfield

1. You thought Daniel Smith wasn't going to be there.

DANIEL'S DAILY LIMERICK

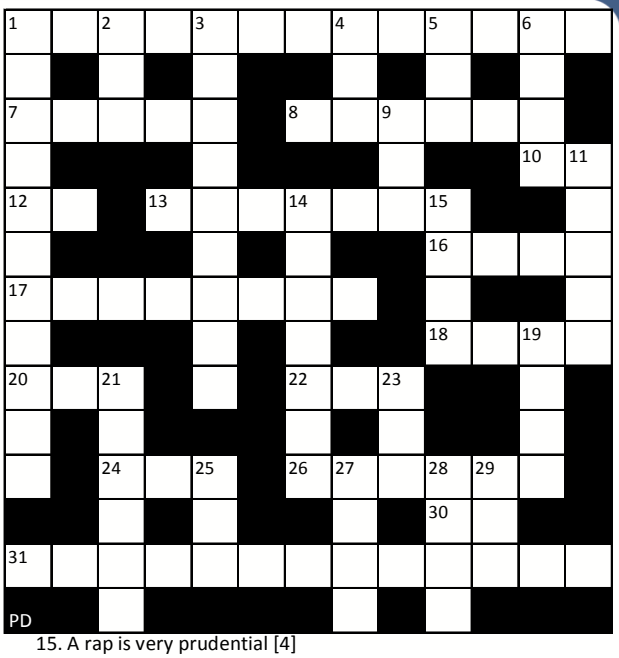
In checking through the claims incurred
A pattern of growth had occurred
To see the inflation
Brought great elation
To the actuary, a self-proclaimed nerd

ACROSS

1. Canberra tax or risk impost? [7,6]
7. Recital lyric hides overall count [5]
8. Ref tamer not concerning number theorist [6]
10. Fixed odds from returned postscript [2]
12. Is back to add to the cost of claims [2]
13, 26. Bono, a ninth Zen, is very presidential [7,6]
16. Mexican currency lost in pipe song [4]
17. Skier ref? No worries! [4,4]
18. Soldiers find salvation [4]
20. Even spliffs provide exposure [3]
22. Admiration for inflation [3]
24. Legendary bird of prey sets target income [3]
26. See 13 Across
30. Printing measure in French [2]
31. Kept concentration on standard investment [5,8]

DOWN

1. Problem with a sharp octet is a disaster [11]
2. Media giant emerges from odd pebble [3]
3. Rotary Fly is great for actuarial advice [6,3]
4. Revolutionary allowance [3]
5. Finally, Sara left him for easy money [3]
6. Courage after gold was lost from messy August [4]
9. What Spot did to execute the model [3]
11. For men, instead [5]
14. With my cigar I will do this to keep the dust out. Or so I hear. [7]
15. A rap is very prudential [4]
19, 28. Nasty duration, or just average? [4,4]
21. Old insurance return, or top-notch cricketers? [4,2]
23. One German beer mug, sans thouroughfare [3]
25. Fish will pay when the goods arrive [3]
27. Normally, the last innings in Greek is small [4]
28. See 19 Down
29. Sounds like victory for the individual [3]



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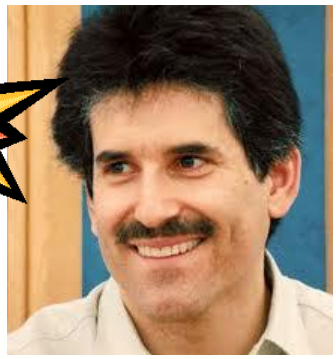
Google Imaged!

The aim of this game is to match the 2010 GI Seminar speaker with their namesake (courtesy of Google Images).

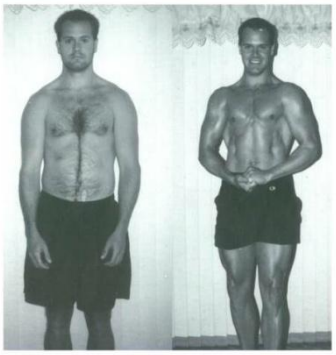
Bruce Lambert
Andrew Cohen
Andrew Smith
Rick Shaw

A. He is a mode of human-powered transport: a runner draws a two-wheeled cart which seats one or two persons. He is commonly made with bamboo.



B. He is an American guru and editor-in-chief of EnlightenNext. There have been some serious accusations of cultic behaviour levelled against him.

C. The 23 year old Australian-born model debuted in the Spring 2004 Calvin Klein show in Milan. His high cheeks and full lips make him every lady's dream.



D. He'd been trying to see more definition in his waistline for years. Thanks to Shawn's Ultimate Fat Loss Program, he's been able to! (I like that he waxed between photos.)

Today's Weather

Starting off warm and dry in the morning with moderate seediness.

Cooling down in the afternoon with a high wind chill (air con) factor.

The evening should see temperatures rise with an increasing haze moving later into the night.