

We The People

Program 148

Seniors Week



Recently 4CRB asked me to write something for Seniors week which is of course this week. Now I put on my thinking cap and mustered all my literary skills and came up with.....nothing. It's all been said really and to repeat all the masterful words of others about Australian seniors seemed to me to be a bit repetitive. Mind you I still had to write something and then it came to me.....a poem, yes that's it..... a verse for seniors and so here is my offering for senior's week.

We've changed the nappies of a nation
Fought in lands both near and far,
We civilised Australia and
Built the first Australian car.

We slogged it out by land and sea
Built bridges roads and rail,
We raised the children of this nation
And delivered all the mail.

We've made mistakes and learnt a lot
We know what's right and wrong,
We love this country dearly
And we wrote this nations song.

Clancy of the overflow
A thumbnail dipped in tar,
Our histories all important
Regardless where we are.

This sun burnt country stretches forth
A welcome hand we give,
To those who come with peaceful hearts
To integrate and live.

The years roll by, we've done our bit
We cradle in our arms,
This nations past and present
In cities towns and farms.

We are the seniors of Australia
We claim this week as ours,
Life's lessons we provide to you
Like gems of native flowers.....
Live within your means my friends
Guard freedom as if gold,
Take up the Good Books cudgel
For those both young and old.

Defeat those who are against us
Let them not divide,
For we are one united folk
With a single national pride.....
We are the seniors of Australia
And on that glorious note
Let all the bureaucrats and politicians
Remember, we still vote.

Walk with pride my fellow Seniors and**Until next time this is Kent Bayley**