

NOTE: THIS LETTER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE  
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31/10/72

Dear Bob,

I think this is only the second time I have written to you since you have been in. I hope you don't mind but I have been keeping the most contact with Ian Turner, way up there in Ararat. (Did you hear about his "birthday party"?) How are you keeping, and not to forget Ken, how are the both of you? A variety of people have been going in and out of that place and keeping us reasonably up-to-date on what's going on. (I've been a good boy and behaved myself this year and haven't been in this year) Yeah - like fun!

Actually they appear to be holding up gaoing people for non-payment of fines until after the elections - boy, will some heads roll after it (if the worst happens). Are you allowed to wear "It's Time" badges in there; if not you are in the same category as some kits from a high-school where they have been banned by the headmaster. Is Bradley a benevolent master?

I saw your family the last time

we gathered outside these hallowed walls (15/10)  
 Peter Gunning turned up and burnt his call-up  
 notice, giving us and the Com. Guys quite a  
 surprise (Yes; Ronny Stewart was there again  
 if you really want to know.) We tried hard to get  
 a crowd but no-one seemed to want to come. I  
 even told people that "the great" Ron Barassi  
 would be there to kick a football over the walls  
 as a tribute to Carlton winning the final. Even that  
 didn't work, so I wonder what will.

Just a thought; do you have day light  
 saving in there? It wouldn't be of any use would  
 it; so why not whack you lot in the same boat  
 with Bjelke Peteresen's lot up there in sunny Qld.  
 They haven't got it when they need it - so why should  
 you when you don't need it. I don't suppose you  
 could pick up a good after-tea tan in those  
 dingy cells.

Anyway it's near exam time and I  
 have to be doing a bit more study so that I won't  
 end up one of those drop-outs (a terrible thing  
 to happen - might even get a job looking after you lot)  
 Best wishes to Ken - and to you of course. Hoping  
 to see you soon. Yours etc. Joseph E. Penney