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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brian Albert Carter (BAC) was born in Mildura Base hospital in Victoria Australia beside the great Murray river on the 28.6.1942. The son of a fruit blocky and one of five children. Brian was obviously going to be a gardener all his life and showed great interest in the environment, particularly birds, bugs, reptiles, spiders, and generally all natural creatures. The family lived in Merbein West on a dried fruit vineyard. We shifted to West Footscray in 1955 where the author attended Sunshine High school until leaving school in June 1956 to commence work as a lad gardener with the Footscray City Council. He attended Burnley Horticultural College and gained certificates in Botany, Plant pathology, General science, Entomology, Propagation, Floriculture. This was followed by a useful course in Human relations and Psychology. At the age of twenty three the author threw his last empty beer bottle into the Maribyrnong river after realising the stupidity of these actions. Brian has been assistant Parks Superintendant of the City of Footscray, Parks Superintendant at the City of Frankston, Gardens Administrator of the City of South Melbourne pioneering many gentle ways of improving the urban landscape. Conducted a Landscape design and construction business for many years and concluded fifty years of working

directly and indirectly for local government landscape, public art, recreation, play, and Park management with ten years as Landscape Architect with the City of Casey to July 2006. His private practise serving local government involved playground, parkland, main street and general municipal garden design with tourism components. Brian was Executive Officer of West coast tourism limited for a year or so till he reported himself out of a job and change in the industry. Other activities include publishing of six of his own poetry books, running a small publishing business that dealt mainly with non mainstream environmental information including the important publication of Verne Maclaren's book "Let the earth live" in 1981.

In the mid nineteen sixties he became involved in anti-litter activities whereby he went on to spent much of his own money on a personal campaign over nearly twenty years. "It seemed the sensible way to go. If people could not even take care of their own litter which effects everybody directly , how could we possibly expect them to take an interest in salinity problems, uranium issues, erosion, the peace movement, the concern for the welfare of all life, the pollution of rivers and streams, negligent bulldozing of forests or problems affecting the ozone layer, which was first brought to the world's attention in 1975. In the early days Brian established recycling practices and displays. The author also was a pioneer in methods of mass planting and community participation in the Urban environment, promoted and practiced gentling down of rural towns when it was believed impossible to do so. He has written many articles including an article on community participation for the foundation magazine of the Landscape Australia journal. Brian has been a guest speaker at many peer related conferences and forums and other professional organisations, winning several awards. These included a "Community design" award from the Royal Australian Institute of Architects Victorian chapter, the "Better world certificate" from the Conservation Council of Victoria and many shared awards from the Keep Australia beautiful committee and "The Garden state" awards in Victoria. He also narrated and

presented a half hour ABC presentation on TV called ‘‘The changing landscape, also conducting, as foundation presenter for nearly six years of a talk back gardening program for ABC radio titled ‘‘The Western Victorian Gardener’’.

To accompany this book Brian has written his autobiography which clearly shows his worthy credentials to offer this book to you . The Autobiography is titled ‘‘ I sing now’’ .Look for it. Brian is a minimalist and travels light, has shared his life with some fine women and has three children. The author still believes that degrading trends created by exploitation and out of control populations can be reversed and all positive people must work to that end. The author has shown that he is well qualified to offer real solution on the future .Hard decisions practiced by reasonable adaption . It is not necessary to have a PHD to march confidently into the future with a guiding hand to the young with the earth as a mentor.

INTRODUCTION.

Why this book?

At a Coastal Forum held at Hastings on Westernport Bay in Victoria, Australia in early 2000, I was further awakened to the lost civilization that we had become .Rules on the run. No answers for our children to developing problems of health and well being of all life associated with the constant degradation and exploitation of the environment. The Forum was on Catchment management of Western port Bay (Below Melbourne in Victoria, Australia) and associated influences. Panel experts exposed what they are doing at work and their credentials without question. At final question time following some general inquiries, a student asked a question to end the days proceedings, the student representing quite a number who had been invited, asked the last question of the day...’’What can we

do to fix all these problems such as bad land management, all forms of pollution and including climate change”? To my disgust the expert’s handpassed the question from one bewildered, non-plussed look to the other. None would or could give an answer from their “Cotton balled “safe position of”Say nothing if you know little”. No answer given at all from the expert panel of speakers on varying subjects , all relating to this question from the benefactors of our deeds, current and past..... I was disgusted.....How disgraceful was it that here is the future generation told by experts at the start of the twenty first century, who represent those who literally served it up!!...”Sorry can’t help you “Mmmmmm.” We havn’t got a good idea between us”.....I decided then to write this book “Life is....be ready”...I would write it in company with my Autobiography “I sing now” to establish my credentials to the reader , the inquisitive and those going forward .

The young now and forever and those who care. The folly of increased population....only the rich and powerful , fools and violent benefit from that. It is academically, pragmatically ,environmentally and even religiously, culturally insane ,decreasing and exhausting resources.....No sense. What religion or culture would blow out it’s numbers where they cannot be managed fed or die, just to balance the earth for the privileged , greedy ,violent, fatalistic, selfish and totally ignorant with short term agendas that don’t include all life, all cultures. Even the career professionals and politicians in the sad belief that having not done enough to prevent the degradation, in fact prospered from it, showed their zealous stupidity by believing they only can fix such problems as the young are not smart enough.(J Howard ...Australian Prime Minister 2007 to little ,to late)Patronising to the young mmmm. We must trick the Gods/Spirits at their own little game of “Test the human race and watch them stuff up again” with all their historic practices of folly. Let us bring balance and calm to all creatures and life on earth where we share it all in great faith amongst our wonderful diversity. It is time. I have I believe, a sense of what is fair and what is not. Most of us believe in the same but few practise it enough. Many

have different views on what is fair and what is not, that is the diversity of our minds and our environmental influences. Many change our sense of fairness to suit our circumstances, our job, social life, our home, our economic situation, our politics, cultures and religions.

I have often wished I was someone else, because I am led by a strong sense of honesty and truth I sometimes wish I could deny. This I have found is only a result of the society and pressures we live in competing with the inherent values of my Mum and Dad. I cannot sit by and say nothing if another race, culture or good person, plant, creature, air, water, soil is being degraded by another and the victim is not able to defend their rights or personality against others superficial judgements. It has often made me a social outcast, a work place misfit, a sporting dreamer, someone you are careful what you say in front of, if you do not want to confront another opinion via pragmatism. Racism only becomes so when you discuss in any degrading way another race, group or individuals. All are wrong or tainted badly with their wrong if taunting others for who they are, if they hurt no one. Though one act of folly by one person of another race is not representative of that whole race, it is bullying of the highest level. I cannot change, I have tried. My values will not allow it, especially when those who taunt, lie to make their point, defend their point, maintain their attacks with deceit, greed and violence.

I am what I am. Do not degrade another in front of me, all are people, plants and creatures. I address them as such on equal terms.....But know that if you are being damned with wrong and disrespect in any way...I will work and stand up for you, whoever, whatever you are. I will deliver fairness your way despite threats and harassment from mind bludgeoning bullies who themselves need help and love. I am what I am ...I am not a rock, I am human jelly that trembles with the need of this calm defence. I would also just wish to get on with my fleeting journey of life. Others bring confrontation to me. Some choose hate and leadership of fools with

degradation to others rather than ambience and understanding. I am saddened by this. I am me. I am not alone... I am a dreamer with others... The bad can come forward and do good, the narrow can unfold the blinkers to all life. This book is for the future generations and those that care now. A handbook, a referral, a reminder to the gentle side with calm, patient firm action. A guide not a testament, nor an instruction but a warning with respect to the creative and caring touch of the future generations who will go on and on and on.....A culmination of my life and efforts with a few to start then many ,then all...The need of now for those and from those of tomorrow. Almost all are aware ...the world knows. Sing despite those who can't and don't want to....but for those who can and can't and want to hear the gentle of the world sing. Teach all to sing. Hear me or like Monopoly'Please take a card, your clue is a down hill ride all the way or paradise by becoming a saviour yourself. The Gods and spirits will smile with great light, thunder and pride. In the long term, people do not live on rubbish tips....People turn towns, cities and wild places they live into tips in the long and often short term.....The government does not support us and take care of us....the earth does!! Yet we degrade and insult the earth every day, with our layer of fabricated filth, building more every minute.....

FORWARD SUMMARY...A thoughtful jaunt.

Though climate change gains all the headlines and is a popular current pending catastrophe or challenge, I see only the bigger picture in full that brings longer spells of weather change not recorded. Snaps of unrelenting weather and turmoil. Historically random but predictable in the big picture. Though disconnecting outcomes from human pressure and indulgence, speeding the outcome to some elements of nature's way. My biggest concern is overpopulation. Humans drive to have more people on earth than the earth can manage for economic, political, and religious reasons combined with ignorance. This is criminal and would never be sanctioned by the Gods..

Contamination to the air, views one in four people with respiratory problems. Water contamination. Poisoning and desertifying the soils and forests of the earth. Destruction of wild places and ocean pollution. It is believed all useful fish stocks will be exhausted by 2050 at our current rate of exploitation. Unless we want to eat dirt, plastic and rock, humans should sit at the current population and not go beyond six point five billion that will ultimately starve or choke us to death if we survive the anarchy. Drastically reduced potential to feed all life on the earth. Habitat loss bringing species decline. Inability to house people in all seasons. Reduction in safe energy by gluttonous and wealthy. Poor temporary housing design with no replacement opportunity. Disease of animals and humans effecting clothing, shelter, health, death, birth, quality of life. Contamination by transport. Disease from animals alien to us now! The earth when under to much pressure from human intrusion will just cough for a while then implode us with the scourge of disaster, disease and oblivion.....Then pick up and continue in a slightly modified form....mmmmmm.

All life has a right to fresh water...How many creatures in any life would pollute pristine water by neglect, recreation, industry, agriculture, horticulture and own and pet feces/affluent disposal, only to then provide highly treated and contaminated water as our useful future alternative!! Dahhh. All could end up with three heads. Maybe two heads with two brains might be useful! Mmmmm. The Aliens that arrive will be the ones we breed up ourselves from impatient greed, mistakes, creative technical errors. This book is telling you that no one has to kill, maim or damage property or the earths cradle, to bring about change with gentling down...Just be faithful to yourself and check yourself against the earth regularly that you are not wrong.

Talk to all and keep all communication open to other non harmful respectful opinions. Let the earths history and survival needs be your guide to everything with the book of "Why?" laid out in the

universe above us every day. Economic systems provide juggle, manipulation, tweak and when all options lost....decay!!....

This book will be loved by those that care and matter...It won't matter to those who don't care!!...so let the impatient, greedy, violent fatalists fall by the wayside in their own time soon...

Why this book? To show the next generation many did care. Some recorded history was recorded badly, loud, vocal, violent invaders, oppressors, self interested plunderers. Show that caring individuals can make a difference. Ban and mentor the angry, lost and deceitful. Honesty is ok!!.....All nations only go forward well, when all the past mistakes have been made honest, truthful and forgiven or compensated with sincerity. This is not a long fantasy jaunt of more words than needed, but a quick reminder of what is wrong and what to do. A guide book without the long words in the author's language....My truth...with my earth. Go forward forever in all good company, cradled by the earth and faith, patience, honesty and hard work with enjoyment....

CHAPTER ONE.....Disasters of the past and now.

I have personally observed many terrible examples of environmental vandalism. While working for Footscray City Council in Victoria, Australia, from 1956 to 1966 the chemical rains (probably sulphur) from chemical companies beside the Maribyrnong river in Yarraville, would burn the eyes and throat of Gardeners and visitors to Yarraville Gardens and all neighbours and their properties. The foliage of trees and shrubs would be burnt off following the release of these toxins.....often daily.... into the air with wind blowing the

cutting , killing, burning contaminants to varying neighbourhoods in the area. The gardens suffered badly as did creatures and human beings. Some days and often, it would make you cough and choke, but all would just carry on. The Maribyrnong river beside the famous Flemington racecourse where the great Melbourne cup for thoroughbred racehorses is run on the first Tuesday in November every year, would often turn pink ,red and other colours with dyes from industry above the river, pouring their poisons into storm water drains. This terrible practise which killed millions of fish over the years and almost destroyed the river, ceased in the seventies, early eighties from protest. The dumping of empty herbicide and pesticide containers into the Wimmera river and probably many other waterways. The encroaching salinity problem over the lowlands and some hill country of Australia. The Grampians range fringe farming around 1980..... A farmer while talking proudly to me that he was receiving one dollar a railway sleeper from sleeper cutters scouring and razing his property and to this point earned six thousand dollars. In the same breath spoke vaguely about the salt water levels rising in his farm dams.

“The cowboys” who still cut down thousands of hectares of land making it vulnerable to salinity, fire, silting, pollution to waterways ,carbon sink issues and “A now” developing problem of dangerous higher levels of acidity in the soil and the air. State Government legislation prepared in Queensland to stop wholesale clearing of bush, with-held for five years to allow the favoured plunderers to clear the land they wanted. Mildura..... Hobby farm owners of small and some large properties who irrigated by turning on the water all over the property, then taking the weekend or more off while water soaked in and /or wasted, bringing the salt to the surface, often affecting neighbouring land and running for days when an hour or less would be enough. So much waste of water. Disgraceful land management by hobby farm non skilled boofheads. This went on everywhere and still does in some areas. No land management skill at all. Would you put a bank robber in charge of a bank safe full of money? Illegal clearing of forests. The

work of short term greedy fatalists. Genetic malformation and blatant destruction of bird species and their habitat, soil degradation. Destructive interference with predatory birds via highly toxic herbicides and pesticides, the last of these stocks of which are still being sold to gullible nations for devious profit as miracle products, though sadly with catastrophic outcomes. Thousands of hectares in Australia non productive now due to toxic levels of poisonous residues from these chemicals used there long ago. Developing desertification throughout the drier parts of Australia. Expected to continue.

Above the Sunset country when farmers whole paddocks disappeared in a dust storm. Fences were covered and roads became impassable with blowing sand. Early farmers homes disappeared under the sand. I saw all this happen only fifty years ago as human's were planning to go to the moon mmmmm..... and all the genius was focused on communications trillion dollar potential. The continued removal of wetland, forest and bush for development with the resulting loss of topsoil that had taken millions of years to develop and habitat. The 'Shoot it if it moves' mentality that a lot of our early development lived by. Get rich quick. Temporary Australians or people living on earth with temporary visa's living destructive self interested lives with no thought or caring for the hand that feeds us all forever at great cost to the earth. Practise of barrel draining creeks and rivers. Removing important species, habitat and natural water purifying mechanisms. Along the Murray river, forty kilometres of Dairy farm land running straight to the river banks taking it's build up of affluent with it unimpeded into the waters of the Murray, increasing damaging foul nutrient levels and complete loss of natural habitat for native creatures. Willows planted along this bottom dairy section of the Murray to make it look like the rivers and canals of Europe. A three hundred metre planted buffer of indigenous life and mulch as protection for the water quality of the river should apply everywhere. Billions of dollars and ultimately greater effort is required to restore river bank frontages to a filtering natural state. When the money has gone we

will have to do it all with faith and hard work. Sheep and cattle overgrazing resulting in soil compaction. Shade reduction so evident in the Mallee /Wimmera and further north and west in summer for the poor beasts and loss of corridor habitat.

Boats still disposing of their sullage waste from baths, sinks, washing, untreated straight into the rivers. It would cost around five thousand dollars maximum to fix per boat. Some boats worth two hundred thousand dollars to several million dollars. Legislation states all must be converted by 2010.....to late, to weak.

Displacement of Aboriginal's and culture from land, along rivers and much of Australia and the world generally. Competition by slow but efficient land grabs by the privileged for large tracts of land, riches and dollars. Though capitalism offers great freedom and creativity with wealth, the mathematics with time, evolution and inevitable changing times will always bring the ownership of wealth back to a few. The Lords of the Manor, the greedy minority, those who feel entitled to comforts and feed off and end up with all. History has proven so. It can't be avoided unless a simpler, gentle but all encompassing governance is followed that considers all life and balance. Government over-exploitation of resources via extravagant permit release of land and water combined with shifty landowners stealing more than is permitted.

The poor record of science historically by fast track advice to farmers and get rich quick, approved manufactured product that reduces much of the land to be closed to food production or become deserts, saline waste and lost to future generations for possibly hundreds of years because of high toxic levels.. Rivers and streams used as sewers to remove human waste off land, residential, commerce and industry. Much of the raw sewerage of the world has historically gone straight into the seas, our precious rivers and is still happening in many places in the world. High levels of quick fix fertilisers creating havoc in our rivers with nutrient run off causing outbreaks in suitable conditions of the poisonous 'Blue green algae'. This also effects natural plant, animal bird, insect and water

creatures such as fish and crustaceans and many other small and large creatures.

Outrageous, ignorant, no pride attitude of people towards a simple thing that effects us every day....”Litter”...Take care of your own rubbish. The throw away society conditioned by the manufacturer via the media to buy and throw away. Both were the instigators that should have taken and been held responsible for this garbage state. Nothing was considered when this era of getting rich via throw away product was imposed for the wealth of a few. No built in waste recovery by the profiteers at the design and implement stage..... only after thought following imposition to Communities and Government. Take care of your own rubbish. Forty years ago most people just threw their rubbish out of the car onto the street or from their home dumped onto the street , rivers , creeks , parks and other public places or vacant blocks. This appeared normal but grubby and sub human. The disgraceful build up of packaging causing waste disposal problems. Lack of recycling opportunities or education. No deposit legislation enforced. If you want to buy convenience, you pay for it’s rightful disposal. Nominal legislation in South Australia.

Twenty seven percent of vegetation removed in Australia and increasing world wide. Rain forest, the lungs and carbon sinks of the world being chopped down world wide at a rapid rate ... Thirty five thousand children die every day in the world from starvation, disease, war, violence and contamination. One in four people in the world have respiratory problems, with the choking and suffocation of all the outcome if change is not forthcoming and wanted by all. Fishing stocks are becoming dangerously low in many places. Criminal netting and harvesting to extinction. What will the young families of thirty years on (2040) or more be expected to think other than anger , when our ...”Financial compensate for everything” civilization... they discover, were paid compensation to get off the land and sea when they had exploited it all to starvation levels to this time in the future. Not only catastrophically exploit it to almost

extinction but be paid compensation to move onto something else....mmmmmOnly a badly managed , weak, greedy civilization would act in this way. Compensation or agreeable restitution of perpetuity would be offered only to those countries or villages pillaged by other nations or the greedy in their big boats and insatiable growing bank accounts. Future of food production will be enormously decreased or make a few rich by the loss of insects , bird populations that provide most of the pollination of plants on this earth, No pollination....no food for anything on this earth. We will then eat what is left to our own extinction with almost everything else. Ozone depletion. Increase in carbon producing motor vehicle madness.. Poor public transport systems. Increase in world populations that only benefit consumerism , political, violent or religious power seekers. Certainly not sanity and earthly balance.

The constant desire for growth that logically will end, but with catastrophe and anarchy. Change in housing. Building large temples only for the countries growth factor. Large wasteful houses full of wasteful energy housing often only one person. Consumer cancer that convinces us that we must go into debt for something we don't really need to help the growth percentage and ensure "shrinks" continue to thrive. The practise of a new law that makes us pay, quickly increasing growth at the stroke of a Government pen. No encouragement to have less. This brings less of everything , including debt, worry, distrust, deceit, suspicion, illness, envy. A stock exchange that is as vulnerable as a termites nest on a flood plain and with all the major players disappearing underground like the termites do when a flood or catastrophe appears and it always will. We act like a temporary civilization when we could become the greatest ever perpetual civilization on earth with the sanction of the spirits and the gods. A stock exchange and monetary system that has fifty years to go if lucky when all resources are expended and human bodies will be recycled completely. Where all life and spirit is gradually drained from the living for the purpose of the few rather than the purpose of balance on the earth. Crime and anarchy is perpetuating in many forms of terrorism.

Thousands of creatures lost to the world from over kill or loss of habitat. Thousands of get rich quick schemes involving individuals to large companies that have degraded communities throughout the world. Western societies damning other countries as below the poverty line on over indulgent western guidelines that degrade the historic peaceful, simple and happy culture of those nations. More numbers for power and consumerism. Displacement of communities/civilians by boofheaded, violent, power conflict between the violent and the violent, the violent and the power seekers who are generally mad /insane. There is a minority that enjoys killing because they do.....!!...and should be brought to account..... Poor delegation of world human energy. Occasional poison spraying of schools and neighbourhoods by air borne crop dusters. Poisonous affluent into oceans rivers and streams by industry , commerce , residential and the farming community. Dangerous oil spills. High soil radio activity levels in places in the USA. Plutonium/Uranium waste dumped into the depths of the sea in drums with an expected life of a hundred years!! Disrespect for other harmless creatures and cultures in many countries old and new including Aboriginal displacement by contamination, invasion, neglect and ignorance. To consider....

For every tree Land Carer's plant...Profiteers pull out a thousand. Ten years ago there were fifty dead spots in the sea. Now there are one hundred and fifty dead spots (July 2009). Around eighty percent of our oxygen comes from the sea.....Plankton...We will probably lose sixty percent of all species from now in the next hundred years if the trend is not changed/halted. The important question is what scary, creepy, destructive possibilities will emerge to take their place?

History will show....The civilization that caused it....Then the generation that did not do enough to heal it...(Probably arguing or fighting each other) Then the generation that suffered all the consequences of it, much of which we can predict. Possibly horrific consequences we can't possibly comprehend.

Human's are known to wait until the good is gone, the damage is done, and the bad have prevailed before action is taken.

COMMENT.....Humans on earth took fifty years to put many of the damning things in place. Thirty years to wind much of it back. Another thirty years to complete the job by bringing all into a flexible balance in a new world of patience, calm and sharing with complete respect for all life. Only those with temporary earth citizenship, out of the grave feelings and with no responsibility for anything , would damn our future and see to it.

CHAPTER TWO..... Understanding of what we don't know.

One of the prime needs of future generations to bring balance to the teetering environment and put humans back into a position of stability with all life, clean water, healthy atmosphere, rejuvenated soils and uncomplicated minds, is to always respect what we don't knowand shouldn't. We would be lucky to know .001 % of what there is, with all our professors, scholars, computers, philosophers and other great minds. But that's all they are including me, of the earthly civilization of the time, not the universe and beyond and the big picture no one could know or should know. This demand for knowledge outside of the earth and beyond the universe has not helped us with earthly needs to save ourselves on our beautiful planet. A proverb of mine...'The reason many of the insects are doing so well is that they just get on with it and over it, unlike humans who spend their whole lives trying to work out why they are here ! '.The bottom and top line is 'Life is...be ready' I am me. Why discover more if we can only use the information for greed, vanity, destruction , degradation, and are thrown off the planet by the earth gods to maintain the ocean and spirit of the pure air and rain in a new form without human life ...as a result of our vanity and impatience.....unless it is essential just to keep us busy and entertained mmmmm. I have always been of the belief that there has probably been at least twenty five 'Modern' civilizations before this wobbly one I now live in, unknown to science, to