



ChimDingo Publishing – Life of Brian

“Timeline 1959 - 2010”

Authors Note: This is a tabular depiction of key points in my life to date of both the ups & downs; it's an open book. I hope you find it useful to see the number of changes & Alternate Directions™ I have made on my journey through life in pursuit of happiness & my dreams despite some setbacks early in life. If a basically shy person like me can turn my life around I am sure you can if you really desire it.

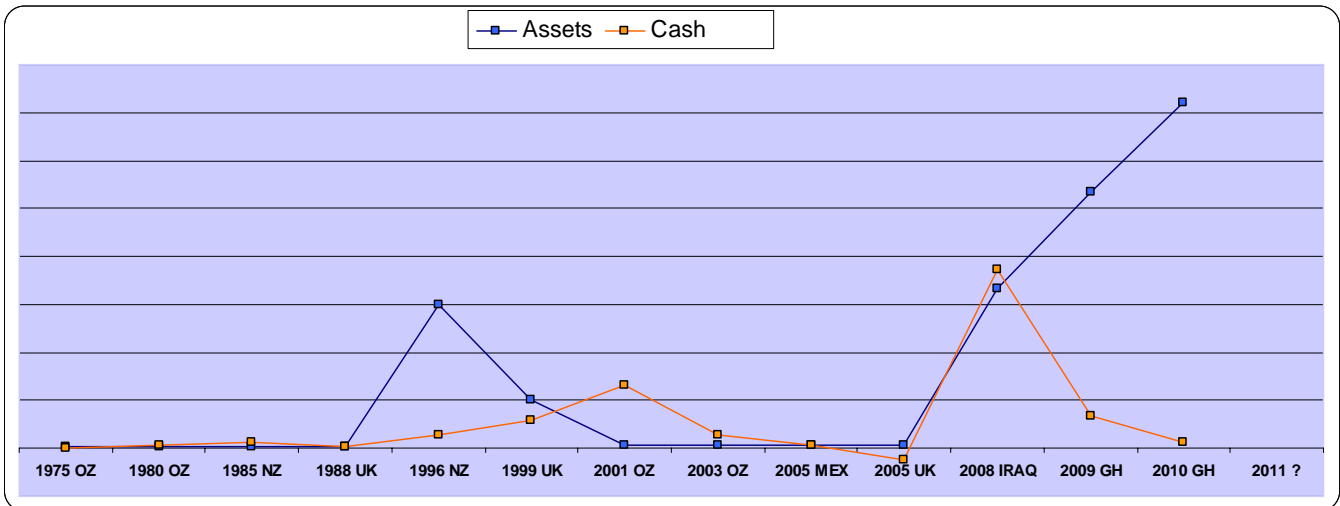
Life of Brian Timeline 1959 – 2008				
Downs	Age	Year	Key	Ups
	0	12 Sep 1959		Born.
Buranda House – Brother Set Kitchen On Fire.	1	Oct 1961		Arrived Australia On Ship Via Suez Canal. Wacol Migrant Camp, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Dad Retired From R.A.F. In UK Left With 5 Kids & £50 To Start A New Life.
Fridge Fell On Me When Swinging On Door With Brother – Broke My Left Arm.	3	1962-64		Holland Park, Brisbane – Parents Owned Own Home (Only One Ever).
Right Eye Tissue Damaged By Dog Bite.	4	1964		Esk - Dad Sold Home To Set-Up Café Business. Esk Was Fun For A Kid. We Had A Black & White Cat (Hector Heath) & Nice Aboriginal Nanny, Mrs Richards.
Esk Business Went Bust. Dad Bankrupt.		1964-65		Ipswich – Lived There Temporarily.
	5	1965-66		Toowoomba – Lived There A While, Twice I Think, Nice Place. Roma – Brief Stay There.
“Alkira” Boys Home Indooroopilly – Subject Of Forde Commission Inquiry Into Abuse Of Children In Queensland Institutions. Still Don't Know Why Brother & I Ended Up In Here. Mental & Physical Abuse.	6	1965-66	↓	
Remember Getting Glasses – Hated Four Eyes Teasing. Also Got Bullied At Primary School.	7	1966-70		Highgate Hill, Brisbane. Cool Old Rented House, Great Garden For Go-Karts. Fond Memories Of Cricket With Dad In Front Yard. Neighbours Gave Us A Cricket Bat. Possums On The Roof. Bit Of Stability. Remember Neil Armstrong Walking On The Moon (West End State School). Had Aboriginal Friends.
Suffered Some Minor Sexual Abuse. Neighbour Of School Friend. Long Since Dead & Offices Where House Once Was.	10	1969	↓	
Morningside, Brisbane. Hated It.	11	1970		
	12	1970-74		West End, Brisbane – Very Old Rented House. Dirt Poor Here. Cricket In The Vacant Lot Next Door Was Fun. Smashed The Council Library Windows A Few Times!
Forced To Leave School Due To Poverty At Junior Level. Was Devastated As Wanted To Do Senior & Go To University.	15	1974	↓	Brisbane State High School.
Public Service – Hated It, Lazy People With No Ambition.		1975-76		Resigned & Joined National Bank. Relieving Staff Was Fun.
	17	1976		Formal Australian Citizenship.

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I Was Acutely Shy & Introverted In My Early Teenage Years & Early Twenties & My Love Of Sport Kept Me Functioning.				
	18	1977		Mooloolaba, Sunshine Coast. Bank. Was Great Up Here. Surf, Fishing & Cricket. Pretty Much Never Lived At Home Again Apart From A Few Visits.
	19	1978-79		Mt Isa, Far Western Queensland. Drove Up. Was Good There But Job Changed So Volunteered For TI.
Lost My Virginity Here – Wasn't A Great Experience First Time.	20	1979-84	←	Thursday Island, Torres Strait, Far North Queensland. Was Great Fun Here, Pretty Much Ran Amok Here & Outdoor Ocean Lifestyle Was Fantastic. This Was The Place To Escape Reality – It Was The Wild West In Those Days. Only White Guy In My Football Team. Worked and friend with Seaman Dan who won an ARIA in his 70's.
Broke My Collarbone Badly In Motorbike Crash.	24		↓	Political Arrest For Streaking NYE 1979 (15 Minute of Fame Moment). Had To Resign From Bank & Took Up An Outboard Marine Trade. In Hindsight Was Good, No Future In The Bank.
Derailed A Bit Towards The End - Binge Drinking, Marijuana, Paranoia & Depression. Got Arrested Twice for Drunk & Disorderly. Broke My Own Arm. Was Starting To Go "Troppo" So Left. Crewed On Old WWII Landing Barge As Cook To Cairns Then Sunlander Train To Brisbane.				
Meat Works (Slaughterhouse) Was A Smelly, Disgusting Chamber Of Horrors.	25	1984		Roma. Finished Last 6 Months Of Apprenticeship At Meat Works.
First Big Step To Change My Life.	26	1985	→	Worked In My Trade For Part. Sold Up & Went To New Zealand.
	27	1986	↑	Polytechnic Christchurch New Zealand. Computer Course. Vice-President Of Student Association.
Sacked - Last Programming Job, Not Suited To Code Cutting.	27	1987		First Computer Job – Dbase Programmer. Met Ex.
	28	1988		Packed Up & Went To London. 3 Months Work In Pub, Then Computer Job. Good PC & Networking Experience.
Got Married. Wrong Reasons.	29	2 Jul 1989	←	Christchurch, New Zealand
	30	26 Jan 1990	↑	1 st Son Born.
		1991-94		IT Contractor Container Shipping NZ. Bought My First House Jointly.
		1994-95		Contractor / IT Director ECNZ Hydro, Twizel.
		1995-96		Jointly Owned 3 Houses.
		1996		ECNZ SGN Corporate Rowing Gold Medal
	38	1997	↑	Lasik Eye Surgery
Separated – Was A Relief, I Was Miserable, You Only Have One Life.		May 1998	↓	Separated – Always Difficult Especially If Child Involved.
		1999	→	Life Plan – First Serious Planned One.
Voluntary Redundancy ECNZ Govt Split Of Company. Jumped Before I Was Pushed.	39	Feb 1999		
		Mar 1999		Sold Up & Traveled To UK. Obtained Contract With Nortel UK/France.
		9 Sep 1999	↑	2 nd Son Born. Different Mother. 9/9/99
Dumped From Contract (Nortel Networks) In Restructure – Loss Of 3 Month Profit For Hard Work To Set-Up In London.	40	Dec 1999		
Hadn't Achieved My Goals.		Feb 2000		Travelled Home To Australia
		Apr-Sep 2000		Marched In ANZAC Day Parade With Dad For 1 st Time. Olympic Games & 1 st Full Family Re-Union In 30 Years.

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Dumped From Contract (Chello Broadband) As [Dot.Gone].	41	Dec 2000		
		2000-2001	↑	Manly Life Saving Club. Obtained Bronze Medallion. Turned My Life Around At This Point & instilled Confidence.
Dumped From Contract (Crown Castle) 10Oct After Terrorist Attacks .	42	11 Sep 2001		
		2001		MGSM Uni Full-Time – Self Funded
	42	2002	↑	Graduated Mstr Mgmt - 1st Degree
		2002		Manly LSC Ray Leighton Inspirational Shield (Inspires Others By Deeds, Actions & Conduct).
Dad Died Aged 88 Flt Lt L. S. Heath RAF Retd.		29 Jan 2003	↓	Was at his bedside maintaining vigil when he died.
Crazy Thing To Do.		Feb 2003		Bought Old Silver Ford Capri Convertible On Visa To Impress Seniorita.
Didn't Work Out. Broken Heart. Changed My Life For Better Though.		Jul 2003	↩	Lodged Divorce Papers. Wonderful Love Story. Followed My Heart To Mexico. Was Truly In Love.
	43	Oct 2003	↑	Graduated MBA General Mgmt
Couldn't Find Job After MBA.	44	Nov 2003		Travelled To London
		Apr 2004		Travelled To Acapulco, Mexico To Volunteer For Orphans & Street Kids.
		Aug 2004		Updated Life Plan. Worked In Skilled Migration In Mexico. Decided I Wanted to Live Second Part of Life Differently & Do Whatever It Took to Achieve That Dream.
Lived In A Hostel & Survived Doing Hospitality & Temp Data Entry.		Mar 2005		Travelled To London.
Technically Insolvent.	46	Jul 2005	↓	Had Used Savings Up & Run Up My Credit Card.
		Aug 2005	↑	Travelled To Cairo, Egypt At Own Expense To Insist On Being Interviewed For Iraq. It Worked. Pyramids & Tutankhamen Sarcophagus Were Fabulous.
		20 Sep 2005		Iraq - GSM Telco Director Job With Iraqna (Orascom). Sold Up Or Gave Away Virtually Everything Before Leaving Australia.
Iraq Work Colleagues – Kidnapped / Killed. Escalating Violence / Indirect Attacks / Threats.		2006		
Shambolic Evacuation From Iraq For 9 Days. Dumped In Jordan.		14 Mar 2006		Spontaneous Dinner With Saddam Hussein's Lawyer, Ramsay Clarke, At Le Royal Hotel. Fascinating Guy.
		Aug 2006		Purchased Unit Pre-Construction, Panama & Beach Land. Paid All Outstanding Child Support In Advance + Extra For Goodwill.
	48	Jan 2008		Purchased Unit Pre-Construction (Historic Restoration) Casco Viejo, Panama.
Iraq Exit - Dumped In Zain Hostile M&A Takeover . Situation With Militias / Security Critical At Time.	48	31 Mar 2008	↩	Survived 2.5 Years. Last Western Expat On Executive. Made Several Donations To Charity & To Help People Out Last 2 Years To Give Something Back.
Travelled To El Salvador For Speculative Interview.	48	Apr 2008	↑	Purchased Commercial Historic Building In Casco Viejo, Panama For Future Restoration & Setup Business. Time Off To Recover From Iraq.

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Not Much Fun Though!		Apr 2008		Do Something For Myself – Complete Dental Overhaul in Acapulco.
Next Chapter Of Life - New Job Challenge.		☺		Next Chapter Of Life - New Job Challenge.
Basically Unemployed for 12 Months		2008		Financial Crisis Bites. Bad Timing. Travelled to 8 Different Countries Job Hunting and Seeing Friends.
		Apr 2009		Travelled to Ghana to Help Old CFO. Lucky Break But Basic Survival \$\$.
Pretty Scary.	50	Sep 2009		Lot of Life Left Yet
Facing Default on 1-2 Properties in Panama.		Dec 2009	↓	
		Jan 2010		Managed Bridging Loan Finally After 3 Attempts. Was Literally Faced With Loan Shark or Default Settlement & Lose Big Deposit. Never Give Up.
Ghana Not My Cup of Tea. Keeping Dream Alive.		2010		It's a Job / Work. Looking For Alternative
		2011		Hope To Be Finally Working & Living In Panama Or Nearby & Visit Home Periodically.

Fluctuating Financial Fortunes



2005 - In Debt & "Technically" Insolvent. Risked Life to Work in Iraq (How Much Do You Want Your Dream?)
 2009 (Early) – Close to Broke. Visa's Maxed Out. Radical Survival Plan Required.