1. This study was the first to describe scurvy as observed in adult skeletal remains without the presence of preserved evidence of haematomas. Scurvy was recognized by the combined presence of widespread subperiosteal bone apposition and periodontal disease. *(This thesis)*

2. Three phases of ossified haematoma formation and remodelling could be identified with each stage showing gradual bone remodelling from loosely arranged radiating trabecular bone to more compact Haversian bone retaining a radiating bone structure. *(This thesis)*

3. The high prevalence of cranial fractures within the Gladstone skeletal sample is suggestive of high levels of interpersonal violence. Cultural differences among migrant workers, competition for resources, few females, regular overindulgence in alcohol and labour disputes were most likely some of the issues resulting in violent interactions. *(This thesis)*

4. Although it is possible that the supernumerary teeth observed in the Gladstone skeletal sample was just a random occurrence, or that syndromes responsible for the formation of supernumerary teeth could not be detected from skeletal remains alone, the possibility of a genetic relationship between some of the individuals presenting with these teeth should be considered. *(This thesis)*

5. The majority of labour at the Kimberley mine was done by migrant workers, while local communities (the Khoe-San) did not contribute much to the labour force. *(This thesis)*

6. Craniometric analysis is a valuable tool to determine the probability of ancestry of unknown individuals when viewed in the light of contextual historical information. *(This thesis)*
7. Histological investigations of archaeological bone alone can not aid in the diagnosis of specific diseases. (*This thesis*)

8. “The past of mankind, distant and immediate, is the only experimental situation we can study.” (J.L. Angel. 1981 The history of palaeopathology. *AJPA* 56:509-515.)


12. The ‘plateau WC’ can be regarded as symbolic of the true open mindedness and brutal honesty the Dutch are known for.

13. As Afrikaans speaking South African immigrant in the Netherlands you become emotionally torn. You fall in love with the country of your ancestors and the root of your mother tongue but stay unconditionally attached to your country of birth.

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