



# Meredith & district News



August 2011

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## Drought Proofing the Rec



Council and the community provided \$10,000 through in-kind contributions.

“Council is delighted at today’s official opening and will continue to work actively with the State Government to develop community infrastructure across our region,” Cr Frantz concluded.

*Left: Cr Geraldine Frantz, Mayor of Golden Plains Shire, the Hon. Simon Ramsey, M.P., Member for Western Victoria, and President of the Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Terry Hart at the opening of the Meredith Recreation Reserve Irrigation System.*

## Policeman Appointed

*Below: Meredith’s new policeman Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen.*

*(See story, page 5)*

Member for Western Victoria, the Honourable Simon Ramsay officially opened the Meredith Recreation Reserve Irrigation Project at a civic celebration held on Monday 25 July 2011.

Golden Plains Shire was fortunate to receive State Government funding through Sport and Recreation Victoria’s Drought Relief for Community Sport and Recreation Program towards the drought proofing of facilities at the Meredith Recreation Reserve.

Mayor of Golden Plains Shire, Cr Geraldine Frantz said that drought proofing local sports grounds and recreation facilities is vital to the social fabric, strength and wellbeing of all communities across the Shire.

“Irrigation initiatives such as this will ensure that more sports grounds in Golden Plains Shire are low-maintenance, drought-resistant and able to withstand more wear and tear,” said Cr Frantz.

In addition to recently completed projects at Linton, Inverleigh and Smythesdale, the new infrastructure at Meredith will ensure local residents have more opportunities to play sport, despite the conditions brought on by drought. “On behalf of Council I would like to congratulate the community, particularly those involved in the grant application process and those who have contributed to in-kind works, on the achievement of this fantastic outcome.” said Cr Frantz.

The project was completed with \$40,000 contributed by the Victorian Government, \$10,415 contributed by



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# Community

## Meredith and District News

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### NEWS & VIEWS

Subject to the conditions outlined below, contributions accompanied by the contributor's name (which will also be published) and contact details, are most welcome. Please email to [mchnews@netconnect.com.au](mailto:mchnews@netconnect.com.au) or deliver to the Meredith Corner Shop.

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### Maternal Infant & Childcare Nurse

Call 0409 900 224 to make an appointment at the Meredith Community Centre  
**11th, 25th August 8th & 22nd Sept.**

### Geelong Regional Library Van

At the Meredith Community Centre  
**1-3pm 12th, 26th August 9th, 23 Sept**  
[www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au](http://www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au)

### Senior Citizens

Meet at the Meredith Memorial Hall  
*Ph. Hope 52861 306*  
**New members are always welcome**  
**8th, 22nd August 12th, 26th Sept**

### Justices of the Peace

Mr R Cooke Meredith	52 861 346
Mr H Woerner Meredith	52 861 402
Mrs S W Dynon Steiglitz	52 819 223
Mr G Leslie Bannockburn	52 811 854
Mr P Ryan Elaine	0409 861 296

Next **DEADLINE**  
**Thursday 25th August**

Earlier submissions appreciated  
& necessary when our input is required.



## Community Contacts

Community Centre-Joan	5286 1348
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Kindergarten-Kim	5286 1227
Police Station	5286 1222
Red Cross- Mel	5286 1558
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Jnr Footy Club-Terry	0418178513
M'bool Valley Masters- Mick	0408 545 246
Recreation Reserve- Mick	0408 545 246
Memorial Hall-Lynn	5286 1566
Hall Bookings-Sandra	5286 1545
Golf Club- Denis	5341 5748
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Cemetery Trust-Dawn	5286 1274
Motor Cycle Club- Mark	0437 009250
Angling Club- Daryl	53 543 879
Advanced Meredith-Di	5286 1291
CFA- Robert Cooke	5286 1346

*Let us know if you want your Community number added or changed, or you know of one that should.*

any **NEWS** or **VIEWS?**

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"Just as well for sheep they can't work out why the farmer's being so nice to them. Human beings need to look out for reasonless niceness too. It's never reasonless, and its reason's not usually nice."

David Mitchell - Black Swan Green

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24hr 5-18yo	1800 551 800
Golden Plains Shire	1300 363 036
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## ELAINE NEWS & EVENTS

**Elaine CFA** Scrap metal collection as equipment fundraiser  
Contact David 0418993239  
Junior Fire Brigade Training every Monday 5.30 pm  
Contact Viv 0428518675

**Elaine Mechanics Hall Committee** - Jayne 53415596

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**Elaine Tennis Club**  
Contact Shane 0448 291 074

**THE CENTENARY OF ELAINE  
MECHANICS HALL  
WILL BE CELEBRATED  
ON SUNDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY MEMORABILIA ON THE HISTORY  
OF ELAINE AND DISTRICT PLEASE RING JAMES  
CONNELL ON 53 415 550  
ALSO, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE UPCOMING  
EVENT YOU  
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A MEETING AT THE  
HALL  
ON MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUG. AT 7.30 PM.  
FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING  
IN LATER NEWSLETTERS.**

## Plant a Tree for Posterity



Join a willing group of fellow locals for an enjoyable tree planting bee on **Sunday 21st August** and make a real contribution to the development and beautification of the Meredith Police Paddocks. Bring gloves and a garden trowel or tree planter if you have them, and meet at the Campion Street. end (near the Wool Stores) at 10.00 am.

You'll feel good about it for the rest of the day!

## Meredith Charity Cabaret

**Saturday 15th October**

**8.30pm**

**Theme: Hollywood**

**Band: Mid Life Crisis**

**Meredith's Own**

**At the Meredith Memorial Hall  
Staughton St**

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## Meredith Senior Citizens

Jim Hynes

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, July 25, 2011 with a big attendance of members.

The following members were elected to the positions:

President: Jim Hynds

Vice President: Jo Primmer

Secretary: Robin Gallichio

Treasurer: Dianne Stevenson

On a sadder note Hope Hodge has decided to take a well earned break.

Hope has been a stalwart of the Seniors for some 15 years. She has held nearly every position and has worked tirelessly and on many occasions has worked single handed to keep the group together.

Her expertise and knowledge will be sorely missed.

Good Luck Hope.

She was presented with a lovely crystal vase and a bunch of gladioli in appreciation.

Meredith Seniors are planning their next trip to Ararat Jail and the Chinese Museum on August 8.

It will be an exciting day for all members and friends. We are all looking forward to it.

New members are always welcome!



## Closing the Circuit

Jim Elvey

Late last month a small party of locals spent a rare sunny morning planning and mowing an extension to the walking path at the Meredith Police Paddocks. (Actually super-fit retired bus driver Doug McFarlane did all the mowing!)

Although the extension is still a bit rough and will take a few cuts to tidy up, it is now a circuit walk which takes walkers past the valley ridge, the area where police buildings once stood, through a re-established woodland and picks its way through a natural wetlands before returning to the Campion Street entrance.

If you have good waterproof walking boots, take a stroll soon along this very pleasant 1.5km track.

## Meredith & District Red Cross

The Annual General meeting is to be held on Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Meredith Community Centre at 9.30 am. Everyone welcome.

The Unit meets four times year, is attached to the Ballarat Region, and does get called upon in emergencies for help.

Enquiries to Rosemary Hart 5286 8222 or Dawn Macdonald 5286 1274.

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### MEREDITH ANGLICAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday 11am with & at Uniting Church

4th Sunday 11am Uniting at Anglican Church of the Epiphany Parish Office, Byron St. Bannockburn open Wednesdays, call in for a coffee and a chat. Enquiries Fay McFarlane 52861283.

### UNITING CHURCH TIMES

Monthly Service Times: 2nd Sunday Meredith 11am Uniting Church; 4th Sunday, Meredith 11am Church of The Epiphany 1st and 3rd Sundays 9.45 am Buninyong Uniting Church Enquiries Doug McFarlane 52861283 or Jean 52817479

### MORRISONS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Contact: 5368 1342. 9am every 2nd & 4th Sunday and a combined service at one of our three churches on the 5th Sunday in the month.

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St. Joseph's Catholic Parish Meredith

Bannockburn - Mass every Sunday @ 9 a.m.

Winchelsea - Mass every Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Meredith- Mass @ 11 a.m. Meredith 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Anakie - Mass @ 11 a.m. Sundays August 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Sunday August 14th Youth and Family Mass at Bannockburn at 4p.m. followed by pizzas. All welcome.

*Confirmation enrolments will take place for Grade 6 children on Monday July 25th at 4p.m. at St. John's Bannockburn.*

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*...and we'll tell the Community!*

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## Meredith Community Centre, Inc.

4 Russell Street Meredith 3333

PH 5286 1348 Fax 52861 563

"Working for our community"



**Adult Learner's Week Sept. 1-Sept 8th**  
Come join us as we celebrate this special week with a variety of free classes, activities and demonstrations.

### Free "give it a go" classes include:

**Tai Chi: Tues. Sept 6 11:30-12:30**

**Card Making Mon. Sept 5 11-12pm**

**Crazy Art Mon. Sept 5 1-3pm**

**Massage Tues. Sept 6 1-3pm**

**Circuit Training Fri Sept 2 1:45-2:45pm**

**Free Interent use on Mon., Wed., Thur.**

**Free Devonshire Tea on Thurs Sept 1st from 10-11am**

**Bookings essential for all classes/activities**

### **NEW CLASSES**

**Yoga will run for 6 weeks on Tuesdays**

**16th August- 1.30 to 2.45**

**Bone Density Screening is on**

**5th September from 1-3pm**

**Free Hearing Test Monday 22nd August  
from 10-3.30pm**

**Bookings are essential for this 15 minute testing.**

**Phone 5286 1348**

### **COURSES AT A GLANCE...**

#### **August**

Sat. 13th- Food Handling

Sat. 13th- Picasa- photo editing

Sat. 13th- Paveropol Garden Sculpture

Tue. 16th Yoga

Wed. 17th- Retirement and your tax

Mon. 22nd- FREE Hearing tests

Mon. 22nd- Cooking with allergies

Sun. 28th- Felting and Dyeing

Sun. 28th- Cheese making

Wed. 31st- Balmers Natural products

#### **September**

**Sept 1-Sept 8 -Adult Learners Week**

Thur. 1st- Mill Markets

Mon. 5th- Crazy Art

Mon. 5th- Bone Density Testing

Mon. 12th Basic Comp. Organization

Wed. 14th You and your Home Loan

## New Bridge in Whinray Road Meredith.

*Dawn Macdonald*

In the January flood this year, the original bridge in Whinray Road washed away in recent flood waters. The new bridge has recently been finished and the road is now reopened to traffic. The road connects the Morrison area with the Durdiwarrah area, and is well used as a through way to Melbourne and Geelong. The old bridge had a six tonne load limit on it, but the new bridge has been constructed with no limit needed, which allows for heavy traffic to use it. The end result has been well worth waiting for. The road was originally called Whineray's Road after the family who lived on the Morrison side of the creek.

The Shire is still working on flood damage to other crossings in the Shire.



*Open for traffic - the new bridge at Whinrays Rd.*

## Community Feedback Helps Draw the Map

Golden Plains Shire Council is pleased with the number of residents who participated in the recent community consultation for the Meredith Community Facilities Map. Ten local residents took up the opportunity to speak directly with Council officers at the recent drop in session.

Residents in Meredith were invited to indicate their preferred location for community facilities by plotting these on a map of the Meredith township during the initial consultation phase in April. 250 surveys were distributed via mail and at the Meredith Roadhouse and Community Centre.

Items of specific interest included discussion around the potential location of the Meredith Visitor Centre and Meredith Kindergarten. All feedback is currently being compiled and residents were encouraged to support their views by sending a written submission.

For further information regarding the Meredith Facilities Map or how you can be involved in future community consultation, please contact Damian Waight on 5220 7159 or [dwaight@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:dwaight@gplains.vic.gov.au).

## Welcome Greg- Meredith's New Policeman

*Trudy Mitchell*

We would like to welcome Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen to Meredith as our new Policeman. Greg is 43 years old, married and has a daughter.

He has been with Victoria Police for 21 years and during that time has worked at Lorne and Winchelsea.

Greg has a background in large stations including Corio and Geelong.

His last job was with the Geelong Divisional Response Unit investigating medium and large scale drug trafficking in Geelong and surrounding areas.

Greg has a genuine interest in the local community and also in the youth of the community.

We welcome Greg and his family to the district and wish them a long and enjoyable stay.

### PLEASE NOTE...

**The Local Meredith Police Station Phone number is 5286 1222 but for all emergencies you must call 000.**

Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen has attended many fatal accidents during his career as a policeman and would like locals to know that he is very much against any form of drink driving, so please do the right thing and stay safe.

## It's a Small World

There's only a few houses in Taylors Road Meredith and very few with young families. It's surprising therefore that three pupils in one of this years classes live there. And so does their teacher!

### <sup>very</sup> It's a Small World

Matthew Elvey, who grew up in Taylors Road, recently spent several months in Cambodia. He saw a favourite musical ensemble, "Sunwrae" was to perform in Vietnam so emailed the band to ask where he could buy a ticket. The group's leader, Rae Howell, explained it was a private function for the visiting Australian Governor General, but sent him an invitation to attend and join the group afterwards for dinner. (Lucky he was in a city where you can get a suit made in a day!)

Over dinner Matthew learned that Rae's partner is Simon Baird, who also grew up in Taylors Road!

*(Tell us your 'small world' story. We'd love to hear about it. - Ed.)*





sports

## Golfers go to Berrigan

Marg Cooper

Meredith Golf Club held their annual golf trip from July 10<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July and visited Berrigan Golf Course in NSW.

The 22 visitors stayed at the Motel at the Golf Course which provided great hospitality, including a hot buffet breakfast each morning. Yum!

The good food in Berrigan included a pasta selection for dinner one night prepared by the Motel, meals at the local Hotel and Chinese meals at the Golf Club. All Great!

Some enthusiasts who arrived on the Saturday night found that the town was abuzz with a Deb Ball in the Town Hall and a reunion in the hotel that went from lunch time through to dinner, so we had to wait quite a while to get a seat.

The weather was cool and most of the time one needed to wear extra layers of clothes to keep out the chilly winds.

The shoppers found that the town almost closed from the weekend until Wednesday when most shops re-opened for trade. Some of the women travelled to Finley and to Yarrawonga to see the sights and to look at the shops.

Berrigan Golf Course is a good country course and has some strategically placed shallow waterholes and bunkers, tree lined fairways and very fast greens.



Here's Peter Rees with the resident curlew at Berrigan Golf Club where it's resided for over 30 years. It expects to be let into the building every time the door is opened and then it sits in a sunny spot, inside. The staff have orders to evict it and when banished it stands at the door and makes noises to be let back in. An interesting birdie!!

The golfers played Stableford on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and played Ambrose on Wednesday before departing for home.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the company, the golf, the food, the drinks, the holiday from everyday concerns and the pokies!

Thank you to Peter Rees for organizing the trip.

### Competition Winners

Sunday Stableford: Jeff Cooper {district legend}

Monday Stableford: Bert Moritz

Tuesday Stableford: Denis Gear

Wednesday Ambrose: Marg Cooper, Charlie Osborne, Simon Wilson.

## Meredith Ladies & Men's Golf

23.07.11

Played Semi Final of the Captains trophy

B Moritz def M Colvin 7/6

G Wilkins def P Schillier 2/1

Stableford

A Slocombe 37 pts

NTP- 9th & 10th B Moritz



## New Goals for Elaine Rec

Auskick will be starting next year at the Elaine Recreation Reserve and as such The Moorabool Shire has erected new goalposts that look fantastic.

The recreation reserve at Elaine looks a million dollars and it's a credit to the community for all the hard work that has gone into the reserve from all past and current volunteers.

More information will be available on the Auskick program early next year.



## Elaine Tennis Club Inc.

### REGISTRATION DAY

And open day for senior and junior players  
All old and new players required to register

Time: 1:00pm-3:30pm

Where: Elaine Recreation Reserve

Date: Sunday 7 August 2011

Tennis Victoria Open day Kit supplied including tennis racquets, radar gun, tennis balls and small junior nets

**ENQUIRIES Shane 0448291074**

**Russell 53415605 Ian 53415841**



## Anakie Community Garden

Next Activity Dates: Friday 12th & 26th August  
Time: 10am - 12.30pm

Venue: Anakie Community Depot, Geelong-Ballan Rd, Anakie  
Activity: Weeding of garden beds around the buildings, mulching of garden paths, establishing composting bays, planning activities and excursions for spring time.  
Please bring along gloves and warm clothes.

If you would like to receive information about our latest activities via email, contact Helena helenal@pacific.net.au or ph: 5284 1363

What to plant in August:

broad beans, cabbage, chicory, endive, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard greens, onion, parsnip, peas, snow peas, radish, shallots, spinach, turnips/Swedens.

<http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/vegieguide>



## Don't Slip on These!

Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?

Asparagus and rhubarb.

What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

Strawberry.

Lettuce

Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. What are they?

Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.

## Friends of Brisbane Ranges

Annual General Meeting Sunday August 14th  
Time: 10am—3.30pm Venue: Anakie Community House

Itinerary:

10am Morning tea 10.30am AGM

11.30am Guest Speaker Grace Lewis talking about birds in the Brisbane Ranges.

1pm: BYO Lunch at Steiglitz—Bert Boardman's Reserve.

1.30pm: Waterwatch at Sutherlands Creek, Steiglitz.

Everyone's welcome to attend.

If you would like more information about the day please, contact Judy Locke jlocke@parks.vic.gov.au or ph: 5366 0000



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**24 & 25 March 2012**

**Meeting for  
Golden Plains Arts Trail  
Participants and  
Supporters**

**24 August 2011, 7pm  
Napoleons Hall  
4715 Colac-Ballarad Rd,  
Napoleons**

The Golden Plains Arts Trail is a community driven event currently run in partnership with Golden Plains Shire.

The date for the 4<sup>th</sup> Golden Plains Arts Trail in 2012 is now set and organisation work has started.

**Nominations for committee members are now open and close 19<sup>th</sup> August. Nomination details can be obtained on the contact information below.**

Golden Plains Shire and the current interim committee invites interested residents and artists to come together for a meeting which will:

- Inform residents about the Arts Trail Advisory Committee
- Announce the members of the Committee
- Open application for the 2012 Arts Trail
- Provide the opportunity to register for volunteer roles

**The meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24 August 2011 at 7pm at Napoleons Hall, 4715 Colac – Ballarat Rd, Napoleons**

*Support your community event, come along and spread the word around!*

For further information contact:

Marita Batna, Arts & Culture Coordinator, Golden Plains Shire,  
direct phone 5220 7162, email: arts@gplains.vic.gov.au



## Artists Fly Again!!

Out of bed at 3.30 am, on the aeroplane for take-off at 6.10 am, in Sydney by 7.30 am, breakfast at Circular Quay at 8.30 am and then to the Rocks Market to walk, see and buy.

Some of the Meredith artists bought jewellery, some bought scarves that were silky soft and that you could wear a million ways, some bought ornaments and some just looked.

A young Malaysian autistic boy exhibited his amazing art which mostly was Sydney scenes of pen and ink and a man created eerie outer space scenes and central

Australian scenes with paint sprayed on paper from spray cans.

Some of the more adventurous Meredith artists then had a ride on Harley Davidson motorbikes around the Rocks area and over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, around the streets of Milsons Point and back over the bridge. What a BUZZ!

A leisurely ferry ride to Watsons Bay for a long, delicious lunch at Doyles, a ferry ride back to Circular Quay and a walk around the Opera House and it was time to fly home.

The 10 artists enjoyed the trip, the friendly company and the food. Where will they go next?



*From Left Betty, Vikki, Lyn, Mardi, Bindi, Joyce, Izi, Marg, Yvonne and Joy waiting for lunch at Doyles.*

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## Vale Mavis Charlotte Griffiths

*Marg Cooper*

Mavis Griffiths was born on September 5, 1919, grew up at 33 Bell Parade, Drumcondra, Geelong and was the daughter of Les and Eileen Pettitt.

She studied dressmaking in the 1930's and worked at the exclusive dressmakers Bryant and Lane and specialised in bridal wear.

She was engaged to Mervyn Griffiths from Meredith before he enlisted in the AIF and they married on July 15, 1944 during his 3 week leave from his wartime posting in Darwin.

After WWII they purchased "Woodbank" at Mt Mercer.

They had a family of Peter and the late Alan

They farmed there successfully until the sudden death of Mervyn from a heart attack on May 9, 1988, aged 72.

Mavis moved into Wendouree and remained in that house until the day before her death on July 13, 2011.

She was a member of Meredith CWA and in 1983 she was Group Craft Leader for 23 branches of CWA at Geelong and also Craft Leader for Meredith CWA, so she was busy planning craft days and exhibitions. She was awarded a Life Membership of the CWA.



Her fine needlework earned her several state awards and acclaim at the Melbourne Show.

Mavis also taught craft at Woodburn State School for nearly 10 years and to students at Meredith State School for 5 years.

Some of the crafts she taught were sewing hems, fancy work stitches, weaving, making baskets, macramé, knitting, crochet, using wooden pegs to make chairs etc, paper and silk flowers and Christmas decorations.

She gave a craft book each year to the school and signed it "from the honorary craft teacher" and she always attended the end of year school barbeque and concert.

Her family remembered her as being proud and confident, having old fashioned values and being strong on etiquette, being resourceful, that she always wore her long hair rolled up and pinned, that she loved her garden, that she loved her family especially her two grandchildren Jocelen and Luke and that all her life she ardently followed the CATS.

She handwrote beautiful letters and always carried an embroidered handkerchief, an umbrella and a brooch she had had made herself.

Mavis was also talented at arranging flowers that she had handpicked from the garden.

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*Ben Gallagher*

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The grade threes and Mr Colbert are extremely lucky to have an amazing feature wall, the old bluestone building, which is now inhabited by Mrs Gargan and the Preps.



Whilst everyone is very happy to be in the new school, it is extra exciting for some of our teachers. Mr Cations finally has a nice office that still keeps him close to the kids and actually has a window! Mrs Edmiston who was a student at the school and has seen it change over the years and is very excited by the new school and Mrs Elvey and Mrs Gargan who have been teaching at the school for many years have seen the transformation happen over time and couldn't be happier. We are extremely pleased with our new school here at Meredith and can't wait to welcome the community in to have a look at the amazing things we do in it. Keep your eyes open, with more information

## **From the Principal**

It has been a great start to the term, the rooms look terrific-and they are warm! A special thanks to the staff for coming in over the break to shift furniture/supplies and having the rooms up and running for the first day of term.

Demolition has commenced on the remainder of the old school and they hope to be finished by the end of next week. The next step is the completion of the deck, a quick refurbishment of the student toilets and finally construction of the new court area.

Hopefully we will start term 4 with everything completed. The new rooms are very multi-functional and have lots of new spaces for the students to work in. The students love to sit on the floor and to read or work with one another.



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## Meredith History Interest Group

Marg Cooper

MHIG is among representatives from all along the Geelong - Ballarat railway line enthusiastically planning events for their towns to mark 150 years since the railway line from opened.

We met last month to keep organizing events for April 2012 and we plan to have a Railway Talk Fest in September or October. You are invited to tell about the station, the line, the workers and what the railway meant to Meredith. If you have memorabilia, photos or stories, (like below) please come along or contact MHIG.

### Edward Tonkin Sutherland

Edward was the son of James and Grace Arabella Sutherland and grew up at "Spring Glen" on the Bamganie Road. He had married Elizabeth Ellen Cavey in 1909 and by 1916 when he enlisted for WWI they had 4 children and they were living at Durham Lead.

After the war he returned to his family at Durham Lead and they had four more children but family tell that he had been badly damaged, physically, mentally and emotionally.

His family remained in the Buninyong area but he died in Western Australia in 1952.

The Bamganie Soldiers Re-Dedication will be held on Sunday November 6, 2011. If you have any information about Edward Tonkin Sutherland, please contact me on 52 868201.

### PRO Workshop

Some of our members attended a workshop, "digitize it" run by the Public Record Office at the Gold Museum in Ballarat over 2 days. PRO staff taught how to scan and photograph collections, to label and describe, to save and to share on the internet etc. They taught us how to look at the big picture!!

### Geelong Event

An exciting event for everyone interested in history is being held in Geelong in September. "Unlock the Past" are holding a Victorian Expo with lots of talks and displays. MHIG have booked ½ a table and will be in an area with many other Geelong District Historical Groups.

*We catalogue on the last Thursday of the month at the Masonic Centre. You are welcome to come along to catalogue and to talk history from 9 am. We are also looking for volunteers to catalogue on computers. We would be delighted if you'd put your hand up!*



## It's History

At the Leigh road Police Court on Wednesday, Frank Holmes, a drover, was summoned by the inspector of sheep, under the 49<sup>th</sup> section of the Scab Act, for driving sheep without notice through Moranghurk, Lethbridge, and the case being proved, he was fined £5 with 2s 6d costs, to be paid within 14 days. The drover was driving sheep, the property of Mr. Morton, of Mount Bolton, from Mr. M'Killops, Duck Ponds, to Mount Bolton.

*The Argus Saturday 4 October 1873*

*Compiled by Jan McDonald,*

*Meredith History Interest Group*



"William Linford, Meredith came to Victoria from England with his wife in 1841 and went to work as a bricklayer, afterwards going into farming and gold-digging.

Next he worked in Melbourne as a stonemason, and was employed on the railways for twenty seven years.

Eventually he settled down on Woodburn Creek, in the Meredith district, selected land, and since occupied himself in farming and in the development of gold-working in the vicinity."

*From "Victoria and Its Metropolis Past and Present, 1888"*

*Contributed by Marg Cooper.*



"William was appointed to a position with the Victorian Railways in September 1859 as a repairer on the Western Lines.

He remained in the employ of the railways until he resigned and terminated his employment on May 15, 1885.

His wife Sarah Linford {Payne} was appointed as a Gatekeeper with the Victorian Railways in November 1870.

In 1887, William and Sarah were described: William Linford, father, residing at Meredith, Plate Layer. Sarah Linford, mother and nine children living with father whose wages is 39/- per week and this is their only means."

*From a history of "William Barlee Linford, 1825-1905."*

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It shrieked obnoxiously while it chewed up fabric and spat tangled threads. In the days before digital it somehow managed to destroy the picture quality on the telly every time the pedal was pressed. The needle was constantly jamming,

bending, snapping. Mum would curse, slam things and sit up half the night sorting out tangles and unpicking seams, but even with the worst of tools she managed to make beautiful things. My sisters and I wore gorgeous

handmade dresses, exquisitely smocked and embroidered, but the prettiest dress in the world couldn't convince me that sewing machines were anything other than stressful and scary. Whenever I got close to one, I'd remember the way my mother sighed through gritted teeth every time she

lifted her foot from the pedal and dragged the fabric out from under the jammed needle. It was a furious, fragile sound, the sound of a woman pushed to the edge by a heap of old metal and plastic.

When I got a little older, and began to accept I'm rather more fashion challenged than fashion conscious, I started to embrace all things shabby and thrifted. Caught up in the 'Make do and mend' movement, I fancied the idea of deftly churning out dresses from my lounge room, and asked for a sewing machine for Christmas a few years ago. I could tell Mum had her misgivings, but on Christmas morning there was a shiny new sewing machine with my name on it under the tree. I took it with me from house to house, but it never did much more than look pretty and collect dust. To tell the truth, I've always been a little bit scared of it.

Two weeks ago, I found a dress pattern and decided it was about time I conquered my sewing machine demons.

Scissors in hand and pins in mouth, I measured, snipped, pinned, hemmed, seamed, pressed, swore and wept my weary way through my first handmade dress. The finished product turned out a little crooked in places, pinched in others, but I'd never been quite so delightfully relieved. That relief lasted until I raced through taking up the hem and crunched over a forgotten pin in my haste. The needle bent. I heard myself sigh through gritted teeth. It was a furious, fragile sound, the sound of a woman pushed to the edge by a heap of old metal and plastic.

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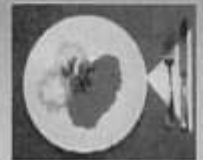
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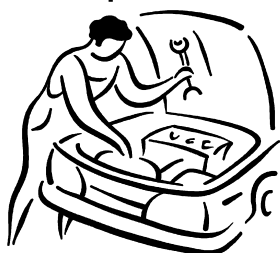
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## Market wins Excellence Award

*from media release*

The Golden Plains Farmers' Market has won a prestigious Geelong Advertiser Business Excellence Award.

In a first for Golden Plains Shire Council, the Farmers' Market took out the Judges Award and was recognised as a finalist in both the Regional Business and Tourism – Events and Services categories.

Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Geraldine Frantz was delighted with the win. "The Market is a fine example of how local businesses, Council and our community can work in partnership to create an event that is truly special," said Cr Frantz.

The Golden Plains Farmers Market was recognised for its authenticity, strategic marketing and its significant community strengthening activities.

"These awards can only be achieved with the passion and dedication of a very hard working team of staff, stallholders, local community groups and of course the market visitors," said Cr Frantz.

About 1000 visitors attend the market each month, taking the opportunity to sample from the region's best fresh produce, gourmet food and award winning wines. Each market also features free arts activities for the kids, showcases the talent of local musicians and provides regular community awareness initiatives for groups such as the local Lions Club, Landcare, the Country Fire Authority and State Emergency Services.

It is held on the first Saturday of every month and the next market is on Saturday 6 August.



## Marg's Book Review

**"Nickel and Dime'd, Undercover in Low-wage USA"**  
by Barbara Ehrenreich

Journalist Barbara Ehrenreich decided in 2002 to experience for herself "the other America" where people work long hours for minimum income.

She went serving in Florida, scrubbing in Maine and selling in Minnesota.

She found that society depended for basic but essential services such as cleaning houses and offices, waitressing, etc on paying wages that the workers cannot live on.

She found that the less people are paid the more anxious employers are to monitor them each second and to squeeze every bead of sweat out of their labour.

In most places that she worked she had to take on a second job just to survive, as did most of her co-workers and working two jobs put enormous pressure on their bodies.

She found it very difficult to find affordable accommodation. In three states she found that housing was depressing, unsafe, dirty and absurdly over priced. She often had to reside in a cheap motel or a trailer park.

The application for jobs process seemed designed to intimidate or over awe the applicant, especially the mandatory drug testing.

She found that the routine jobs she did de-humanized her and she asked "If you hump away at menial jobs 360 days per year, does some kind of repetitive injury of the spirit set in?"

There were limitations to her research because she knew and the reader knew that she was just visiting and could pull out at any time, but the observations in her book let the reader know that there is widespread poverty amongst the American Dream.

We enjoyed reading the book and it generated a lively discussion about many topics including minimum wages and unions, social welfare and employers.

*The book for discussion in August is "Tell Me I'm here" by Anne Deveson. The blurb tells that it is a moving and courageous story of a family's experience with schizophrenia. New members are welcome to join the bookclub to discuss a different book each month.*



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## **Bannockburn Pharmacy Newsletter**

**Proprietors: Scott Wilkes & Damian Bennett**

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Phone: 5281 1519

### **New Giftware arriving daily!**

It has come to that time of the year again where we are going to Melbourne to buy new gifts for the Pharmacy. While Christmas is still 4 months away we are already in preparation.

Last month we went to Melbourne to the Salt & Pepper showroom where we have bought a lot of new gifts for the Pharmacy. Many of these new products have started arriving already and more will arrive in the coming months leading up to Christmas. Our prices are still be below the recommended retail price you will pay at other leading retail stores, plus not to mention you also receive a further 20% if you are member of our FREE Gift Club! So come in and compare our prices and range before shopping in Geelong or elsewhere.

At the start of August we are also off to the Melbourne Gift Fair where we will visit over 850 suppliers to buy some exciting new gifts.

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#### **Homy Ped Shoes - new styles**

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