



# Meredith & district News



June 2011

Our Free Community Newsletter since 1972

## Mary Nolan A.M.

June Cameron

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Mary was one of 97 recipients of Australian Awards, which included Public Service awards, Police Medals, Service Medals for Distinguished Fire Service, Ambulance Service Medal, Emergency Services, Conspicuous Service Medals for members of Armed Services and a Commendation for Gallantry for a soldier in action in Afghanistan. The majority of the awards were Order of Australia Awards, and it was inspiring to hear of the various fields of community service undertaken by so many Victorians, from medical research, conservation and the environment, contributions to the arts, and the betterment of disadvantaged people such as through foster care, people working with people with disabilities, minority ethnic groups, promotion of religious tolerance, and much more! Before the presentation of the awards by the Governor of Victoria, the Hon. Alex Chernov, AO, QC, in the splendid Ballroom at Government House, the many guests were entertained by the Melbourne High School Band. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Governor mingled with the guests who were able to wander into the other reception areas and share in refreshments.

Australian Honours and Awards presented included the highest, Officer in the General Division (**OA**), next the Member of the General Division, (**AM**) and the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division (**OAM**). **Mary** was one of the 12 recipients of the AM. Most people in Meredith will be aware of her advocacy for young people in Nursing Homes, and for her success in having the State and Federal Governments finally

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*The Governor, the Hon. Alex Chernov chats to Mary and Chris Nolan .*

## The Pearly (Grey) Gates

Marg Cooper



There are new gates at the Morrison Cemetery designed, built and painted by John Parkinson. The Cemetery Trust received a grant of \$3000 from the Department of Health to renew the gates.

They replace gates made by Jim Cole of Meredith Engineering in the early 1970's and required removal of two huge pine trees.

John initially intended to just make a pair of gates to replace the dilapidated old ones but after looking at gates everywhere, creating many different designs and considering suitable materials and cost he built two grand but elegant, heavy duty gates and side panels.

These are attached to posts that he made and concreted six

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- And a 50 Years Married
- Mollie's Scary Tale

*plus Community and Sports News, Contacts, Regular Columns and much more!*

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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

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### Maternal Infant & Childcare Nurse

Call 0409 900 224 to make an appointment at the Meredith Community Centre

**16th & 30th June 14th & 28th July**

### Geelong Regional Library Van

At the Meredith Community Centre

**1-3pm 17th June 1st, 15th, 29th July**

**www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au**

### Senior Citizens

Meet at the Meredith Memorial Hall

Ph. Hope 52861 306

**New members are always welcome**

**14th & 27th June 11th & 25th July**

### 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 30th June**

Earlier submissions appreciated & necessary when our input is required.



## Community Contacts

Community Centre-Joan	5286 1348
Primary School-Doug	5286 1313
Kindergarten-Kim	5286 1227
Police Station	5286 1222
Red Cross- Mel	5286 1558
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Tennis Club-Julie	5286 1211
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
Senior Citizens-Hope	5286 1306
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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24 Hour Drug & Alcohol Counselling	1800 888 236
Kids Help Line	
24hr 5-18yo	1800 551 800
Golden Plains Shire	1300 363 036
A.H. emergencies	0408 508 635
Ranger	5220 7111 or 0409 830 223
Bannockburn Vet	5281 1221
Injured Wildlife	13000 wildlife

## 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

**Hall for Hire** Heating and Cooling

**Elaine Recreation Reserve Committee** Try out the tennis courts, bring your own racquet.

**Room with facilities for Hire**  
Ideal for meetings Contact Ron 53415703

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



**"A ruffled mind makes a restless pillow."**

Charlotte Brontë

## Afternoon Tea for Mary Nolan AM

You are invited to Afternoon Tea at  
St. Joseph's Parish Centre,  
On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June From 2.30pm.  
To celebrate Mary's achievements so far.

Spare a few minutes after or before the afternoon tea to  
go to the Kindergarten Market at the  
Meredith Memorial Hall.

## Meredith Kindergarten Market Day 10am-3pm Saturday June 25th 2011

Stall holders wanted Handmade crafts and  
wares

Quality fresh produce Home made foods  
Quality party plan products

**For further enquires call Kelly 0417287118**

## Shire Competition Winners

The winners from the GP Shire survey competition are  
**Verna Brookes** (Basket of local produce), **Sebastian Melendez**  
(Basket of local produce), **Zoe Duggan** (\$100 Westfield  
Voucher) and **Linda Warrenner** (\$100 Westfield Voucher)

If you have any questions about the Community Connections Project or would like to be involved please call Sam Lovejoy on 5220 7189.



## Christmas in July CWA Fashion Day

Once again the Meredith CWA is holding our great  
"Christmas in July Fashion Day".

This is an annual event where we raise funds to donate to an  
organisation within our local Community.

Last year the local kindergarten benefited from our very  
successful day, with winter fashions displayed by "Blooms".

When: Tuesday, 19th. July 2011

Where: Meredith Memorial Hall.

Time: 10.00 a.m. Fashions will commence at 10.30

Cost: \$ 5.00 per person

A magnificent morning tea of sandwiches, slices, cakes and  
Christmas delights, crackers and surprises will be served.

We at CWA are famous for our mouth-watering home cooking.  
Our artistic wares will also be on sale at our craft and produce  
stall along with our popular raffle. So spread the word and  
come along to support your local community and catch up with  
old friends. All at CWA Meredith Branch, look forward to  
greeting you on this special day.

## Lal Lal Moorabool Photographic Group

Supported by Moorabool Shire Community Arts  
Grants Presents its

### First Annual Exhibition

10 am to 4 pm, 26th to 28th August

Entries are invited for the Open, Novice and Youth  
divisions and must be lodged by 15th August.

*More information & conditions of entry from  
President. Trudi Simmonds: 53417908 or  
Secretary: Kristina Kitchingman 53417535*



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## Letters

To everyone in the Elaine, Meredith and surrounding district I  
would like to thank everyone for the support in the 2 months  
after my truck accident, people that sent cards, phone calls,  
messages and visiting in hospital and at home. I have just come  
out of hospital last week after nearly four weeks in the Alfred  
Hospital.

I would like to thank everyone for helping out doing things with  
both my businesses, the Truck Business and the Elaine Store. I  
would like to let everyone know that my truck business "Paul  
Ryan Transport" will be continuing on in the future..

*Paul Ryan*

To the people of Meredith and district, I have officially resigned  
from all of my committee duties that I was involved with in the  
area, this is due to health issues not any other reasons that you  
may hear. I have enjoyed my time on all committees and I wish  
them all the best for the future. - *Kim Medlyn (Primmer)*

## Classifieds

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## Church News

### 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.

### SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH:

Fr. Theodore—Ph. 5341 5568

Holy Liturgy 10am every Sunday, Saturday & Major Feast Days.

### CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA

St. Marys House of Prayer Elaine

Solemn mass Sundays 10.00am

Rosary and Vespers Saturday 5.00pm.

Confessions by appointment Fr. James Ph. 5341 5544

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

### MEREDITH & ANAKIE CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Baptisms, weddings, funerals, pastoral care. Father Herman 52861230

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. Sunday June 5th/ 19th

Anakie - Mass @ 11 a.m. Sunday June 12th/ 26th

*An invitation is extended to our Annual Healing Mass on*

*Saturday June 18th @ 11 a.m. at Meredith*

*Parish Centre. Delicious 3 course lunch afterwards at 12 noon at Meredith*

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



## It's History

Michael Pollard lodged a complaint against Isabella Ross, the holder for 12 months of 240 acres of land under the 19<sup>th</sup> section in the parish of Coolebarghurk, near Meredith. He said that she had never lived on the land, in fact had never seen it. The only dwelling place was a hut without a fireplace, and the other improvements consisted of a small amount of fencing. These improvements were not effected by Isabella Ross, but by Alexander Ross, her brother-in-law, whose cattle ran upon the land. Pollard said he met Miss Ross at Lethbridge railway station, and asked permission to run cattle on the selection, when she told him that it belonged to Alexander Ross, who selected in her name and then turned her out of doors. Some more Rosses were the holders of a square mile of land, and they were all dummies for Alexander Ross, who was a land jobber. He (Pollard) had no animus against Ross, nor did he wish to select, but "he did not like to see the whole stretch of country between Lethbridge and Meredith lying uncultivated."

*The Argus, 30 Nov 1872*

*Jan McDonald, Meredith History Interest Group*

## Meredith Community Centre, Inc.

4 Russell Street Meredith 3333

PH 5286 1348 Fax 52861 563

"Working for our community"



Joan Brick

Our Autumn programme is now available and can be accessed either directly from the Centre or on our website

[www.meredithcc.com.au](http://www.meredithcc.com.au).

Winter is around the corner and a great time to think of doing some creative and interesting hobbies inside. The Meredith Community Centre provides a very warm and welcoming place to learn something new while having the chance to also meet some others in the area.

Our classes range from Cheesemaking, Machine Quilting and Crazy Art to Renovations, Computers (various applications) and Certificate Courses such as RSA (NEW DATE NOW JUNE 18TH) and First Aid Level 2.

Our Circuit Training class is great for those wanting to keep up their fitness and strength endurance. We always welcome suggestions for new courses and activities and are also interested in people sharing their hobbies and skills with others by being a tutor. Come in and get involved in Learning Local!

### COURSES AT A GLANCE...

#### All Term

Fridays - Creative folkart - Circuit Training w-Pizzazz

Tuesdays —Tai Chi

Mondays— UFO craft etc

Saturdays —Painting

#### June

Sat. 4th-First Aid Level 2—Home Building Renovating

Sun. 5th—Intro to Cheese Making

Thur. 9th— Quick Quilt

Sat. 18th—RSA

Mon. 20th—Medications do's-don't's

Sat. 18th Microsoft Outlook

Tue. 21st—Relaxation Massage

Sat. 25th Microsoft Outlook

**Bookings are Essential Phone. 52 861 348**

## Meredith Playgroup Thursdays 9.00 to 12.00pm

Various activities are organised over the term for the children. This is a great way to meet other parents and children in the community. Contact the Centre for more information.

### Meredith Playgroup Activities

Thursday 16th June— Music/Disco Day. Bring a musical instrument for your child to play and dance the day away.

Thursday 30th June— Toy swap Day— Bring along any toys that your children wont play with anymore, make sure they are safe and clean and swap them.

Thursday 14th July—Canvas painting day

Thursday 28th July—Play Centre (Run 'em Raggeder)  
Pakington St. River end) 10am. Meet there.



## Connections Project Workshops

The Golden Plains Shire 'Community Connections Project' is developing its three year Strategic Plan. The aim of the plan is to set out clear goals and objectives to help address transport issues in the community. The workshops will provide residents with a chance to discuss local issues relating to the project as well as the preliminary results from the recent Community Connections Survey. All residents are welcome to attend any of the workshops. Refreshments will be provided.

### Location Date Time

Memorial Hall, Staughton Street, Meredith.  
Tues 7 June 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Inverleigh Hall, High Street, Inverleigh.  
Wed 8 June 1:45pm - 3:15pm

Bannockburn Family Services Centre  
2 Pope Street, Bannockburn.  
Wed 8 June 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Hesse Rural Health Service  
57 Ferrars Street, Rokewood.  
Thurs 9 June 1:45pm - 3:15pm

To RSVP your attendance to any of the above workshops please contact Alexa Menzies on 5220 7135 or [amenies@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:amenies@gplains.vic.gov.au).

Can't make it to the workshop?

**Complete a Survey** - The survey is available in the 'Latest News' section of the Golden Plains Shire Website [www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au](http://www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au).

**Send an Email** - Got some thought or issues you want us to consider as part of the project? Please email Sam Lovejoy at [slovejoy@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:slovejoy@gplains.vic.gov.au)

## Friends of Brisbane Ranges



### FRIENDS ACTIVITY FOR JUNE

#### Defining the Burchell Trail

Date: Sunday 19th June

Venue: Anakie Community Depot  
(Geelong-Ballan Rd, Anakie)

Time: 10am

Activity: Defining the Burchell Trail walking track. The proposed track will run parallel to Switch Rd north of Stony Creek picnic area to remove the walkers off the road. This will be an all day working bee so you will need to bring lunch, sturdy boots, gloves, raincoat and warm clothing.

For more information contact Judy Locke, Parks Victoria ph: 5366 000.

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## Meredith Ladies & Men's Golf

**10.05.11**

Ladies played 2nd Rnd Annie McNaughton Match Day  
Winner S Rees & S Parkinson 7/6 def S Watson & K Macdonald

**14.05.11**

Mens Monthly Medal

Winners C/B G Sedgman, A Slocombe & P Schiller 70

Birdie Ball S Wilson 7th & 18th

Club Champion "A" grade S Wilson 249, D Armstrong 265.

"B" B Moritz 262, P Schiller 272

**17.05.11**

Ladies played 2nd Rnd Ballarat Silver Spoon

Winner S Watson 36 pts Runner up M Diffey 29 pts

Winner of Ballarat Silver Spoon—S Watson 70pts.

**24.05.11**

Ladies played 1st Rnd Championships & Monthly Medal

Winner K Rosch 106-30-76

Runner up C Powles 112-33-79

Monthly medal K Rosch



## Meredith Cricket Club

Chris Hart

As the depths of winter approach, cricket may seem a sport with few pressing issues but nothing could be further from the truth. The time of year set aside for frolicking in the mud or backing up to a warm fire, also heralds the time for a cricket club administration to be at its most active. In order to consolidate the on and off-field gains of last season, planning for next season has been completed and now is the time to enact those plans. The playing results for the Rams have showed a marked improvement over those of previous recent seasons. However one facet of the club continues to struggle to make any significant inroads on field: the continuing participation of local juniors. The long term survival of one of the area's oldest and strongest sporting clubs is dependant the level of local content and in particular the nurturing of young talent through a formalized junior structure and into the senior teams. The club has put in place the coaching assets to enable this to happen, but it is up to the locals to avail themselves of the opportunity. The formation and sustaining of a **junior pathway is the highest priority of the current club administration** and will be the major item of general business at the upcoming AGM. Submissions and nomi-

nation of junior teams **MUST** be made almost two months before the start of the season so any prospective juniors and/or their parents are urged to contact the club at or prior to the AGM.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Meredith Cricket Club will be held at the **Meredith Recreation Reserve**

**Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

All past and prospective players are invited and urged to attend.

For additional information contact:

Chris Hart 0417 370 681

## Moorabool Valley Little League

Karen Pritchard

Well it's Footy season again. A big welcome to all our new players this year, our new coach, Jaron "Barra" Mundy and our Assistant coach, Darren Emmlin. The junior Crocs have played 4 games so far this year. Our 1<sup>st</sup> game was at Teesdale with the Junior Crocs being defeated by 46 points. As this was our 1<sup>st</sup> game with all our new players and coach it was a pretty good effort by all. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> game was at home against Anakie, (last years Premiers) on a Friday night and what a turn out we had, I think half of Meredith came up to the game. It was a great crowd and fantastic to see everyone there supporting the Juniors. The Crocs won by 4 points and the Team song was sung with great gusto at the end.

The players (and all the adults) were very excited by the win as they hadn't defeated Anakie in quite a while.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> game was played at Lethbridge and the Crocs were defeated by 2 points, again a great team effort by all.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> game was played at Inverleigh, in the pouring rain, with the Crocs being defeated by 108 points.

**We have some great Friday night home games coming up and would love the support of everyone in town .**

**We have a great canteen and a BBQ every home game.**

**FRI 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 7pm MEREDITH V TEESDALE,**  
**FRI 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 7pm MEREDITH V LETHBRIDGE**  
**FRI 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 7pm MEREDITH V INVERLEIGH,**  
**FRI 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 7pm MEREDITH V TEESDALE**  
**FRI 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 7pm MEREDITH V ANAKIE**

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## Vale: Keith Mortimer (Tojo) Hearn,

Marg Cooper

Keith b. 23/6/1938 was the son of Archie and Lila Hearn and brother to Ian, Margaret, Ron and Daryl. The Hearn family lived on the farm down the Midland Highway and he walked to the State School.

When he left school he worked on Gargan's farm doing general farm work and learnt to shear.

He had his own semi-trailer and carted wool and super (in bags in those days) and worked spreading super with his brother Ian. After Ian had his stroke, Keith's brother-in-law Paddy Scanlon took over the business and Keith continued to work with him in the season.

In the off season, Keith did quite a few different jobs, working at Jacksons and Herds Abattoirs in Geelong and carting sheep for live export to Portland. John Nolan told that he carted the hardwood timber for John and Mary's new house at Cargerie in 1964.

He met Dorothy Scanlon at the local in 1959 and they were married in 1961. They courted in the truck. Locals tell that they'd drive to Ballarat for fish and chips in the truck, to Geelong to a dance in the truck. Keith drove to Gisborne to visit Dot and she had to drive the truck home after he'd had a few drinks.



*A wedding photo of "Tojo" and Dot.*

It was his sports car and both he and his son Craig loved trucks!

They had a family of Darryn, Leanne, Debra, Craig (dec) and Susan.

Everyone called Keith "Tojo", a nickname he picked up when he had his hair cut rather short one day as a child. An Uncle of his who had been to WWII came around the corner, saw him and called him Tojo because the cut resembled that of the Japanese Emperor Tojo. Ron couldn't get home to Meredith quick enough to tell his friends and the name stuck!

In the early 2000's Keith fenced with his brother Ron. He supplied wood around town and even helped Dot with the country mail runs.

In the last few years when he couldn't drive, Dot would take him to Melbourne with her on her runs for Camerons. In the last years Dot looked after and nursed Keith and did a wonderful job to keep him at home where he was happiest.

He died in Geelong on May 4. A service was held at Meredith Cemetery on Tuesday, May 10. A huge crowd of friends and family attended and

afterwards swapped stories over a cup of tea.

He was a quiet man and a great listener, had a lot of friends, loved a drink or two and knew the district better than most of us.

He was also a lovable larrikin!

## The Pearly Gates *(from Page 1)*

feet into the ground with stones at the base. He found engineering works either couldn't curve the steel or were cost prohibitive. So he made adaptations to his pipe bender and bent them himself!

The lids for the posts consist of 13 parts, the gates close with a magnetic catch and the hinges are made out of 1 inch ball bearings for easy swinging.

John tells that there are more Parkinson's interred in the Cemetery than any other family so it is apt that he became the creator of the Pearly Grey Gates.

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## Mary Nolan, AM *(from page 1)*

communicating with each other so that some funds were provided to build four special houses to accommodate up to 10 young people in each. Unfortunately there have been problems with the one into which Christopher was planned to move, as he would lose the funding for his therapy, and provision of a carer necessary for him to be able to go out with his friends, go to hydro therapy and to come home. So there is still work to be done! However there is no doubt that the work which Mary has done on behalf of this very disadvantaged group has raised awareness of the problem and has improved conditions for many.

Although Mary's AM was *"For service to people with acquired Brain Injuries, particularly as an advocate for age appropriate accommodation"* she has had a long involvement with community service. She was one of the founding movers for the Meredith Kindergarten, Cubs and Scouts in Meredith and coached a local junior netball team for 4 years. Always interested in education, she was involved with St. Joseph's Primary school and later with Woodburn Creek Primary school for many years, where she not only taught Religious Education but was a member of the Woodburn Creek Tennis team. In Ballarat she was a member of the first Sacred Heart College Development Council and after doing a course with the Ballarat Regional Alcohol and Drug Dependency Association, worked as a Drug and Alcohol counselor at a drop In Centre in Ballarat.

In 1983 Mary became involved with Christian Life Community a world wide Christian Community.

She was involved at a State Level, became National President and was eventually elected to the World Executive - the first Australian to do so - and in 1998 became World Vice president. Her advocacy for young people in nursing homes began when Christopher was discharged from hospital after 6 months. She was instrumental in founding the Young People in Nursing Homes (YPNH) Consortium and 2001 Inability / Possibility specifically for young people with Acquired Brain Injury.

Of course her other big contribution with Chris and John has been the Meredith Music Festival on their property. It combines their love of music and the land and their great hospitality to people of all ages, especially young people, and also provides a source of funding to local organizations in the district which they love.

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## Looking for a Fungi

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We went for a walk along Manna Gum Track within the Brisbane Ranges a few weeks ago and while Chris was on the look out for birds to add to his ever growing list that he uploads onto [www.eremaea.com](http://www.eremaea.com) (a free birding atlas), the girls and

I went on a fungi hunt. This is definitely the time of the year to be on the look out for fungi. We found 13 different species of fungi on and along side the walking track and the girls were having such fun finding them for mum. They showed exceptional control in not touching them, as some of them maybe toxic, while others perhaps could be eaten, but to a novice, it's best to take a precautionary approach and leave them alone.

There's a great website to help improve your knowledge and identification of Australian macrofungi [www.rbg.vic.gov.au/fungimap](http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/fungimap). One of the main activities of Fungimap is the mapping of 115 readily recognisable target species of which anyone can submit their records.

## Senior Citizens Coast Trip

Jim Hynds.

We left Meredith at 9am on May 9<sup>th</sup> with a full bus and everyone in good spirits.

The weather was great and after a casual drive to Barwon Heads we stopped for morning tea with a big supply of cakes and slices. Cameras were snapping and many poses were taken!

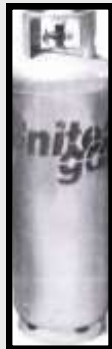
We then continued our tour of the coast and arrived at the Queenscliff Bowling Club for a two course lunch.

After everyone was well fed we boarded the bus for a coastal drive to Port Lonsdale.

We visited many lovely spots, saw many beautiful houses, stopped at the Lighthouse and had time for a spot of shopping and a visit to the Op Shop.

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- ☔ It's porridge season
- ☔ Figure hiding clothes
- ☔ The mower gathers dust.

## Brian Stanley Turns 80

*Marg Cooper*

The son of Morrie and Gwen Stanley and brother to Bill and Wendy, Brian grew up in Steiglitz where his mother ran the Post Office and shop in Regent Street. He married Elaine Osborne in 1959 and moved to Meredith.

Morrie, Brian and Bill produced and sold slate for landscaping for many years and they grew onions, peas and carrots. After Morrie died Bill and Brian continued to grow vegetables and also worked at Meredith Engineering and International

Harvester and played football together for Meredith.

Brian and Elaine have two children, Karen and Daryl, and several grandchildren.

Brian suffered a stroke in 1995 and has worked diligently to improve his mobility and he loves a chat about old times.

Brian and Elaine moved to a new unit in Bannockburn in 2010 and are kept busy catching up with all the Meredith people living in Bannockburn.

Brian celebrated his 80th birthday with a family lunch.

## 50 Years Married

*Marg Cooper*

Our English couple who are now proud Australians celebrated 50 years of marriage on April 29, the day that William and Kate were married.

Joy fell in love with Jerry Smith when she saw him in his Air Force Uniform in 1956.

They courted on his BSA motorbike. Joy tells that it was sometimes so cold on the back that she'd get off and would take ages to thaw from the crouched position.

They later had a bubble car with heating! They married in 1961 and had their honeymoon in Spain. Joy wore a pale pink dress of heavy brocade with a full skirt with plenty of stiffened petticoats, pink high heels and a short veil.

They migrated to New Zealand with their 3 sons in 1971 and in 1980 migrated to Melbourne.

They retired to Meredith in 1996 and Jerry became widely known as the "Rocking Horse Man" and Joy is renowned for her artistic skills. Joy tells that they love living in Meredith because the people are so friendly. It feels like home! Recently Joy had her sister and husband to visit from England and it happened they were here to see the Royal wedding and to celebrate with Joy and Jerry.



## Peter Celebrates 40

*Marg Cooper*

Peter celebrated this exciting milestone with a party at Commun Na Feine Hotel on May 28.

Peter is the youngest child of Roy and Joan Taylor who farmed at "Menari" on the Geelong/Ballarat Road before retiring to Geelong in 2001.

He is brother to John, Anne, Faye dec., Robyn and Sally.

Peter went to Meredith State School, Bell Park Technical School and St Mary's. He worked cleaning windows and was the best window cleaner in town. Peter now works for the Salvation Army keeping their fleet of cars in tip top condition.

He is a committed worker and a very caring friend. Happy Birthday Pete.

*1971 was a good year! Nigel Parkinson celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 7 and another who I am not allowed to mention celebrated on May 17!!*



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## Meredith History Interest Group

Marg Cooper

MHIG visited the property of Rosemary and John Hart on May 8, 2011 to see and learn about the flume or the fluming as the Soldier Settlers called it.

The flume was a wonderful engineering feat where water was diverted from Native Hut Creek in an open channel on the west side of the south flowing creek. This channel carried water to fill dams, lagoons and lakes towards Shelford.

### Masonic Lodge Talk

On Sunday, June 19 at 1.30 pm the Masonic Lodge in Meredith has invited the MHIG and everyone who is interested to a talk about their Lodge and to show us their building.

### The Bamganie Soldiers Re-Dedication

This will be held on November 6, 2011. A grant has been approved to erect a sign near the Bamganie School site and to have an unveiling of the sign and an afternoon tea.

### A Query?

John O'Connell's family lived on the Leigh River not far from the end of Coopers Road. He enlisted from Lethbridge in 1916, aged 44 years and died at Lorne in 1954. He was unmarried. His next of Kin in 1916 was his sister Mrs Marg Gorman of Lethbridge. He was a member of the Lodge at Meredith. Does anyone know anything more about this man or his family Please ring me on 5286 8201.

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Home and her warm bed weren't too far away, but the dark deserted kilometres stretched before her. She didn't look too closely in to the shadows at the edges of the pools of yellow light in front of her as she began to edge down the gravel road. Secretly, she'd always been a little afraid of driving alone in the dark on deserted roads. Supposing the old car broke down? Supposing *something* crawled out of that ditch as she drove by? Supposing - ? She flicked on the radio with fingers that trembled.

Her heart lifted as she reached the little town of Meredith, sleeping under the glow of the streetlights. She turned right at the pub and bounced over the railway line, imagining sleepily that she could already see the verandah light shining at her family's house up on the far away hill. The car sped up a little until she reached the cutting, where a little wallaby bouncing

unconcernedly along the middle of the road made her hit the brakes. It continued to bounce along in front of the crawling car for a little longer, another wallaby watching curiously from behind a shrub on the side of the road. The girl drove on cautiously, eyes raking the edges of the bitumen just in case another wallaby decided to jump out. She finally turned on to Bamganie Road, yawning hugely. She could see the lights on the hill. She was almost home safe...

*Slam.* She screeched as a huge grey-brown creature hurtled into then rolled up her crumpled bonnet, hitting the windscreen right in front of her horrified face before ricocheting off again.

Caught mid bounce between the trees at the edge of the road and the front of the car, the kangaroo had been enormous. As her wrecked car came to an abrupt halt, her thoroughly shaken brain realised slowly that she hadn't just collided with a kangaroo; she'd collided with the last of the mega fauna. Roozilla. She took one big gulp of air and burst in to hysterical tears.

Even if you haven't heard this story already, you might not be surprised to learn this hysterical heroine was, in fact, me on one dark night two weeks ago. My poor, finally defeated old car and I managed to limp home somehow, with me peering tearfully over the smashed bonnet as we rolled slowly along, grateful for the downward slope of the road. With the steering almost completely gone I somehow managed to scrape through the front gate by shutting my eyes and praying very hard to anyone who might be listening. Every light in the dashboard was flashing wildly, but thank goodness, I was home.

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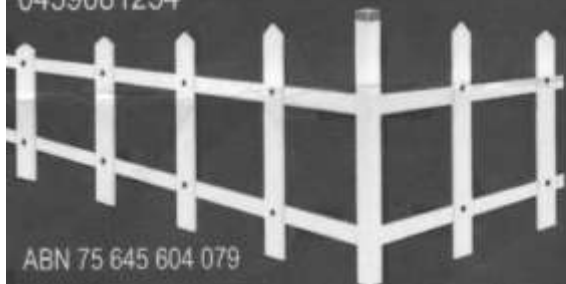
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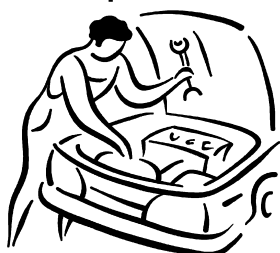
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## Alvie Wiseman celebrates 90 years

*Marg Cooper*

Alvie grew up in Geelong and worked at the Grammar School. She married Bill Wiseman from Meredith in 1946 and they lived at 8 Sutherland Street.

Bill's father, Sam, who had a trucking business in Meredith, gave them a blue Ford truck. They grew onions and peas, carted wood, wool, sheep, cattle etc, carted and spread super phosphate, had a fuel depot for B.P. and delivered it to farmers.

Alvie bought her first Fowlers bottling outfit from money she made picking bags of peas. She would pick 5 or 6 bags per day and receive 50 pence per bag.

Bill was diagnosed with arthritis in 1953. He tried to drive and be actively involved in the business but as time went on, it got more difficult for him. They employed several drivers and during this time Alvie organized the work, the drivers, the trucks, the business, the phone calls, the book work, looked after Bill with his doctors, diets, pills, bets and clothes and their children, Geoff, Ross and Rhonda.

Jeff Cooper bought the business in 1967 and Alvie continued to organize the business. Jeff became part of the family.

Alvie was famous in Meredith for milking her cows. She milked, separated, made butter and baked for her family, friends and the many organizations she belonged to.

In her small kitchen she was always coaxing the fire in the wood stove to go with a few sticks or pine cones, the kettle was always on the stove, scraps were boiling for the chooks, butter was being made, an apple slice just out of the oven would be on the bench, a ginger fluff sponge being prepared on the kitchen table for someone's birthday, flour being ground for bread making, fruit on the floor for bottling, scones always freshly baked for guests and a breakfast concoction being served to Bill at any time of the day.

Alvie lived in her small house with her chooks, cats and cows and continued to be busy until she sold out and moved to Geelong in 2003 where she continues to cook, knit, tend her garden and look after her family and everyone else.

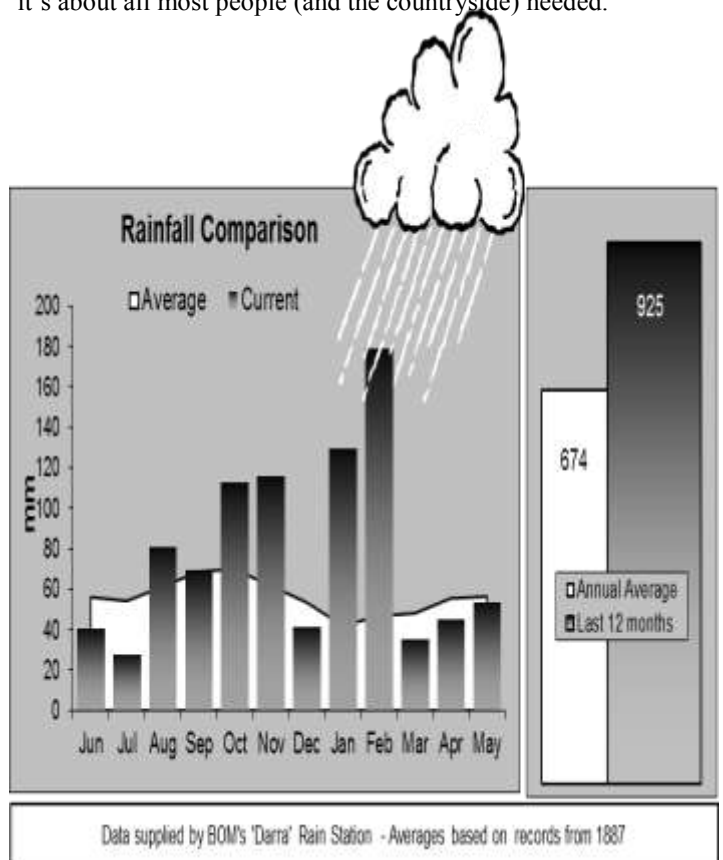
Meredith CWA held their monthly meeting at Alvies' on May 17 to celebrate Alvie's birthday. Family and friends gathered on May 29<sup>th</sup> for a party. Happy Birthday Alvie.



*Alvie collecting the morning milk.*

## Autumn Delivers

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## Marg's Book Review

### "Roundabout at Bangalow" by Shirley Walker

This is a memoir and she tells that no memoir is entirely reliable. This is an autobiography. She tells that there are three parts of her life.

In her first life she was a fearful and stressed out child and adolescent.

She tells of the difficulties of her early life. From 1936 until the outbreak of war in 1939 Shirley and her family were wanderers because of her father's erratic record of employment and because he was restless and discontented. Her mother was a damaged person.

She tells of her second life as a farmer's wife working beside her husband firstly on a soldier settler block in the Burdekin Delta, sharing his determination to succeed and then on the wonderful farm beside the Big River of her ancestors.

She escapes from the family to Teachers' College in Armidale and as a newly wed she moves to a Soldier Settler block in Queensland when her husband is allotted a block where they grow sugar cane. It is isolated and difficult and after some years they buy her husband's family farm on a peninsula in the Clarence River. They get flooded here several times.

In her third life she is on clover. She has a life of University study, writing and teaching which she tells is the most exciting adventure of all. She returns to Bangalow, a heritage village in the hinterland behind Byron Bay where her parents were married. She admits that she is mesmerized by her family drama and obsessed with the past!

All bookclub members enjoyed reading this book and admitted that reading family memoirs is fascinating.

*The book for discussion in June is "The Map That Changed The World" by Simon Winchester, a "Tale of Rocks, Ruin and Redemption!"*

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## **Bannockburn Pharmacy Newsletter**

**Proprietors: Scott Wilkes & Damian Bennett**

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### **New KODAK Digital Photo Kiosk now available in-store!**

#### **New Kodak Digital Kiosk**

After patiently waiting last month we finally received delivery of our new Kodak Digital Photo Kiosk. We have had to purchase a new digital photo kiosk after not being able to get paper on our old machine due to supply problems because of the Japan earthquake.

The new Kodak machine is far superior to our previous digital photo machine with many new options available for customers to use. One of the most exciting new functionalities is you can now print photos directly from your mobile phone via Bluetooth! Unfortunately if you have an Apple iPhone you cannot use the Bluetooth functionality but we have a USB cable here to connect to the digital photo kiosk so you can still print photos directly from your Apple iPhone. Other new features include the ability to print: greeting cards, invitation & thank you cards, collages, mini prints & calendars. You can also now put your photos as a slide show onto a DVD with accompanying music which is perfect that special occasion or just for memento sake.

Our prices on standard prints have also come down due to our ability to buy photo paper at a better price through Kodak.

Our standard 6x4" prices are:

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You can also print 7x5" and 8x6" enlargements for 99 cents & \$1.49 respectively.

Don't forget we also print passport/ID photos as well at the Pharmacy.

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#### **Welcome to Lisa Lowrey to the Pharmacy**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Lisa Lowrey to our pharmacy team. Lisa has a wealth of Pharmacy experience previously working at Pharmacies in Geelong. We encourage everyone to make yourself known to Lisa when you are in the Pharmacy next. Welcome Lisa!

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