



# Meredith & district News



May 2011

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## A Tribute to ANZAC Day

*We have reproduced below Ken Bunker's poem "A Tribute to Anzac Day" read by Stuart Jones at last month's Anzac Day Service in Meredith.*

With their hair a little white, their step not quite so sure  
Still they march on proudly as they did the year before  
Theirs were the hands that saved us their courage showed the way  
Their lives they laid down for us that we may live today.

**From Gallipoli's rugged hillsides, to the sands of Alamein**

On rolling seas and in the skies, those memories will remain.

Of airmen and the sailors, of Lone Pine and Suva Bay.

The boys of the Dardenelles are remembered on this day.

They fought their way through jungles, their blood soaked desert sands

They still remember comrades who rest in foreign lands.

They remember the siege of old Tobruk, the mud of the Kokoda Trail.

Some paying the supreme sacrifice with courage that did not fail.

To the icy land of Korea, the steamy jungles of Vietnam

And the heroic battle of Kapyong and that epic victory of Long Tan.

Fathers, sons and brothers, together they fought and died  
That we may live in peace together, while at home their mothers cried.

When that final bugle calls them to cross that great divide

Those comrades will be waiting when they reach the other side.

*(The Meredith Primary School's address to the Service is on page 11.)*



Above - a scene from last month's Anzac Day ceremony in Meredith.

## Congratulations Lachlan

The Meredith Cricket Club presentation night was held on last month at the Meredith Recreation Reserve.

Congratulations to Lachie for receiving the coach's award for his dedication to training, playing and effort to improve his cricket all season.

Well done to all the organisers and winners on the night. (See page 6 for a full report.)

This photo  
omitted from  
online version

## in this issue....

- Vale Doug Henderson
- Dutchy's Six Decades in Oz
- Rail Line Turning 150

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

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## Meredith and District News

The Meredith and District News is published by a volunteer sub-committee of the Meredith Community House comprising: Jim Elvey, Dawn Macdonald, David Jones and Trudy Mitchell.

### 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** 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

**19th May 2nd & 16th June**

### Geelong Regional Library Van

At the Meredith Community Centre

**1-3pm 20th May 3rd & 17th June**

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

### Senior Citizens

Meet at the Meredith Memorial Hall

Ph. Hope 52861 306

**New members are always welcome**

**9th May**

### 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

### DEADLINE

for the June issue is  
**Thursday 26th May.**

Earlier submissions appreciated & necessary when our input is required.



## Community Contacts

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Hall Bookings-Sandra	5286 1545
Golf Club- Denis	5341 5748
Senior Citizens-Hope	5286 1306
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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.

## Emergency Phone Numbers



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(from mobile phone)	<b>000 or 112</b>
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Poisons Information	13 11 26
Barwon Water	1300 656 007
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Ranger	5220 7111 or 0409 830 223
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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 Recreation Reserve Committee** Try out the tennis courts, bring your own racquet.

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



"Failure doesn't mean you are a failure - it just means you haven't succeeded yet."

Robert H. Schuller



## Police Paddocks Meeting & Tree Planting

A meeting of the **Meredith Police Paddocks** local management committee will be held

At midday on **Sunday 29th May**

at the **Meredith Community Centre**

to discuss and resolve issues relating to the development and maintenance of the reserve.

A tree planting will be undertaken at the reserve at 10.00 am the same day. Interested members of the public are warmly invited to attend the planting and/or the meeting.

*Contact Jim Elvey (5286 125763) for more info.*

## Meredith & District Red Cross Unit

We will be holding a meeting on Thursday May 12th at the Meredith Community Centre at 9.30 am.

Everyone welcome. R. Hart Chairman.

## Meredith CWA News

Our members have been very busy this year knitting and crocheting rugs, scarves and beanies, these along with toilet bags containing toiletries have been donated to Glastonbury Services, McKillop Family Services and Cottage by the Sea.

Lots of bags with liners have been made for injured wildlife, these will be given to Animal Welfare. Members have also been catering for Senior Citizens, the Ulysses club, and at the Meredith Community Centre. Due to the success last year of our "Christmas in July" Fashion Morning we will be holding another this year at the Meredith Hall on Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Once a month we hold a Craft day, the next being on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10am to 2pm at the Meredith Hall.

Anyone wishing to join in will be most welcome, we are always looking for new ideas.

The CWA Wheelchair is available for hire; cost of hiring is a donation to CWA for details call 52824372.

## Friends of Brisbane Ranges

### ACTIVITY FOR MAY

#### Frogs of the Brisbane Ranges

Date: Sunday 8th May

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

Time: 10am

Activity: Frog talk by Ade at 10am followed by a walk in the Park looking for frogs. We'll be having lunch in the Park (BYO lunch), followed by Water Watch activity in the afternoon at Sutherlands Creek.

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



## Meredith Senior Citizens

Jim Hynds

We have some exciting trips planned and invite anyone to join us. Seniors are planning a road trip to Queenscliff with lots of stops on the way for tea, coffee and slices.

We plan to have lunch in Queenscliff and sightseeing along the way. This trip is planned for May 9, 2011.

We will meet at the Memorial Hall at 10 am.

Another amazing trip is planned for June 14, 2011 to the Melbourne Museum to visit the Tutankhamen exhibition.

As there are limited seats on the bus, please book early for either one of these trips by ringing Diane Stevenson on 52 861312 or Hope Hodge on 52 861306.

## Elaine Biggest Morning Tea

To be held at the Elaine Recreation Reserve  
**9.30 til late morning Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010**

Why not collect your papers and then come and have a cuppa with us

Show your support for some of our locals and raise funds for cancer research.

## World's Biggest Morning Tea - in Meredith

**Wednesday May 25th at 10.30 a.m.**

St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Lawler Street, Meredith.

Lots of fun, prizes and scrumptious morning tea.

Please bring a plate. Make your cup count- in the fight against cancer!!!

If you are unable to come but would like to donate please ring Diane Ritchie 52861291, Jessie Osborne 52861260, Mary Foster 52 861459, Karen Macdonald 52861542 Or Sarah Molesworth 52861525.

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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.

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Mass times for the month of May

Meredith @ 11 a.m. Sunday May 8th/ 22nd

Anakie @ 11a.m. Sunday May 1st/15th/29th.

*Friday May 6th Mother and daughter night  
6.30 p.m. Dinner at Waurin Ponds Pizza and Pasta  
8.00p.m. Bowling at Belmont Bowling Lanes*

## It's a Good Day When...

You might already know this, but whenever you plant a tree, you feel you have done something worthwhile. Thousands of people, birds and insects into the future will have cause to thank you as they enjoy the fruits (shelter, beauty,...) of your labour.

You can make **Sunday 29th May** a feel good day for you, and a good day for many others, by joining in a community tree planting at the Police Paddocks.

We'll be meeting at the Campion Street end (near the Wool Store) at 10.00 am and expect to be finished by midday.

If you have them, bring spade, gloves, planter, etc.



## Public Internet Access

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Days: Tuesdays 10-12pm

Wednesday 10-2pm Thursday 10-2pm

Public internet access is available to community members on the above days and times. Bookings are recommended as limited computers are available for this service.

This service made possible through State Govt. funding.



## Meredith Community Centre, Inc.

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## Meredith Community Centre

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). Please take the time to browse through it and discover a class or activity that you would enjoy attending. We continue to gauge the interests and needs of the community in the courses that we offer but are always open to new ideas and offers to run other classes. Please also check out the short version of our program included in this newsletter. We welcome all community members to drop in and let us introduce ourselves and show what our centre has to offer you!

## Arts Trail

Joan Brick

Meredith enjoyed having two venues representing various art and craft works produced by local community members. The Pearce Studio Garden provided displays of paintings exhibited by Louise Corral and Scott Pearce.

The garden setting and studio provided the perfect environment to appreciate the works of these two fine artists. Meredith Community Centre was the setting for works done by members of the Community Centre Painting Class which included oil, watercolors and pastels. Members of the public were also able to see the class at work on the Saturday and marvel at the wealth of talent in this class. In addition to painting, items exhibited also included works from classes at the Centre including Folk Art, Patchwork, Crazy Art, Knitting, Scrapbooking and Card Making.

The Arts Trail was an excellent opportunity to show the creativity and unique contribution that members of the Golden Plains Shire make to the Visual and Decorative Art.

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MORE DETAILS.**  
Any enquiries to 52861274

## **EXHIBITION OF THE REVISED MEREDITH STRUCTURE PLAN**



Golden Plains Shire Council has prepared amendment C57 to the Planning Scheme. The amendment proposes to make changes to the Local Planning Policy Framework of the Golden Plains Planning Scheme by replacing the Meredith Structure Plan and inserting a precinct plan for Meredith in Clause 21.03 and referencing the Meredith Structure Plan document in Clause 21.04. The amendment will also rezone land as identified in the Structure Plan.

The Meredith Structure Plan document is available for viewing on the Golden Plains Shire website [www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au](http://www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au). An explanatory report and other documents which support the amendment may be inspected at the following locations:

During office hours, at the office of the planning authority, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn.

At the Department of Planning and Community Development  
web site [www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection](http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection).

Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to  
the planning authority.

The closing date for submissions is June 10<sup>th</sup> 2011. A submission must be sent to the Golden Plains Shire Planning Department PO Box 111, Bannockburn Vic 3331.





## Award Nomination for ETC

Elaine Tennis Club has been nominated as a finalist in the Sports Club category of the Ballarat Volunteer Recognition Awards for 2011. A hearty congratulations to the newly reformed club on this recognition.

## MCC Presentations

*Chris Hart*

**Presentation Night** marked the conclusion of the cricket season and was held at the recreation reserve pavilion on April the 15<sup>th</sup>. A good size crowd gathered to celebrate a year that was ultimately both promising yet frustrating. Promising in that ultimate success is tangible in the higher grades; frustrating in that the success was so close this season but thwarted by weather and bad luck.

Sectional award winners for the night were monopolized by Terry Hart in the seconds and Matt Willis in the thirds with a wider spread of trophy winners in the first eleven.

Ty Watts took out the first eleven allrounder, bowling and Captains Medal, with Troy Bott picking up the batting with a solid average approaching 50. Chris Moreland's season was rewarded with the T20 player of the series.

In the seconds Terry Hart had a clean sweep of the batting, bowling, allrounder and Captains Medal awards to compliment his GCA Second XI bowling trophy won with an average of 7.7 runs per wicket.

Matt Willis collected the thirds allrounder and bowling trophies while Darcy earned the batting trophy. The Captains Medal was a four way tie between Matt, Darcy, Michael and Danny.

The Club awards were distributed amongst some most worthy winners. Terry Hart retained his club championship on the back of two outstanding late season bowling performances in the first and second elevens to narrowly defeat the coach, Ty Watts.

Paul and Trudy Mitchell were awarded "Best Clubman" for their efforts on and off the field and all around contribution to the club during the course of the year.

Aaron was voted the junior cricketer of the year.



*Chris Hart with Club Champion Terry Hart*

Lachie received the coach's award for his dedication to training, playing and effort to improve his cricket all season.

Alfie Rayner earned the dubious honor of the "Duck Award" with four; the lowest bag on record but still a winner.

Planning is now underway to consolidate the forward steps taken this season under Ty with he and his assistants committing to the pursuit of success in the coming seasons. The club would like to thank them and all of the players, their families and friends who have provided another enjoyable year at the MCG.

Thanks also to our sponsors especially Geelong Guardrail, Shane Grinter Carpentry Services and Totally Workwear without whose support the club would struggle to remain an important part of the community.

For club contacts and other information visit our website at [www.freeteams.net/meredithrams](http://www.freeteams.net/meredithrams).

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## Meredith Ladies & Men's Golf



02.04.11

Mens Stableford

Winner P Rees 40, A Slocombe 39, D Armstrong 38.

NTP 9th B Moritz, 10th A Slocombe

23.04.11

Mens Stableford

Winner D Gear 41, D Jury 39, D Slocombe 38.

NTP 9th S Wilson, 10th H Donaldson

Birdie Balls A Slocombe, B Moritz

05.04.11

Ladies 18 Hole Comp.

Winner K Rosch 42.

Runner up S Parkinson 36

9 Hole Comp.

Winner K Rosch 23

Runner up S Parkinson 16



## Vale to Douglas Lloyd Henderson

Marg Cooper

Doug Henderson passed away peacefully on March 29 at Bannockburn Aged Care and was interred in Ballarat Cemetery after a Family Service.

Doug was a devoted husband to Maureen for 68 years and father of Helen, Donald {dec}, Allan {Dooz}, and Lorraine {Pip}.

He had 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Doug had recently celebrated 2 family occasions; Maureen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 9<sup>th</sup> and Grandparents Day at Bannockburn Aged Care, when 15 of his family visited him.

Doug was born and lived in Bamganie, went to school at Bamganie State School where he obtained his Merit Certificate and left school in May 1933 and the school closed!

He caught rabbits, cut wood and did fencing for farmers. He sometimes cut the posts from the trees, dug the holes for the post with a shovel, bored holes in the posts with a brace and bit and pulled the wires through and secured them in place.

After WW11 he erected 8¼ miles of fencing for Sir Henry Bolte at "Kialla". He also erected a lot of fences at "Narmbool" and helped to build the tennis court there.

He spent 3½ years in the Army. He enlisted in the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse. He told that he went everywhere, he never had a horse, never got on a horse and later the Division was called the 4<sup>th</sup> Motor Division. He spent the last 12 months on Thursday Island.

When he returned to Meredith he went cutting "bloody wood"

again, still with the axe!

Doug worked on the Bannockburn Council maintenance truck for 25 years repairing roads, bridges etc.

At weekends he worked, fencing for farmers, on his own farm or in his vegetable garden.



Doug told that his hobby was work!

Maureen tells that he was organized and always had a job planned and that he had many skills.

He was a member of Meredith Fire Brigade for 54 years.

He served 14 years on Meredith School Committee and organized

the Austin Cup School Sports on Meredith Oval on a number of occasions.

He was President of Meredith Landcare for 4 years and was a very active member.

He was Treasurer of Meredith Senior Citizens for 9 years and on the Meredith Hall Committee for 10 years.


Doug and Maureen moved to Bannockburn in July 2003 after living for 62 years at 27 Wallace Street, Meredith.

Doug was a valuable citizen of Meredith.

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## Meredith History Interest Group

MHIG visited Nash's Quarry at Lethbridge on April 7 to see and learn about the quarry that supplied ballast for the construction of the Geelong to Ballarat Railway Line and supplied the bluestone for the Railway Stations and many local and other buildings. Thanks to Colin O'Connor for the tour and to Raymond Kelly for organizing the event.

John and Rosemary Hart have invited MHIG and interested people to their property at 1050 Shelford Road on Sunday May 8 at 1.30 pm to see and learn about "The Flume".

The flume was a wonderful engineering feat where water was diverted from Native Creek and ended up nearly at Teesdale and nearly at Shelford. Later the Soldier Settlers relied on the flume to get water to their properties.

The Minister of Veterans' Affairs informed MHIG that their application for funding under the Restoring Community War Memorial Grants Program has been approved for the Bamganie School Soldiers Re-Dedication project.

A sign will be erected near the Bamganie School site to tell about the school, the pine trees planted around the school grounds for the Bamganie soldiers who went to WW1, the Honor Roll and the soldiers.

An unveiling ceremony will be held, probably in early November.

Memberships of \$10 are now due.

Members are notified by mail or email of all planned events and memberships help to fund the running of MHIG.

Neil from Buniyong History Society visited the Masonic Centre on Tuesday April 19 to help set up the computer program.

Visitors will be able to enter a name, place, building etc and all

references in our collection relevant to that word will appear on the screen.

Visitors will then be able to go directly to the references for more information.

We have been dreaming of getting this system going!

We are about to start entering information!

The last Thursday of the month, after 9 am we meet at the Masonic Centre to catalogue.

If you would like to help or visit, you will be most welcome.



## It's History

### Lost Fisherman

Another party of fishermen from Meredith were lost on Saturday night last. A party of three had walked to the Moorabool River and armed with a lantern commenced the return journey after nightfall.

They reached the Ballarat Rd and started off in the right direction until one of the party become convinced that they were walking away from Meredith and finally persuaded the other to turn about, after a long walk they made inquires of a passerby and found to their amazement that they were half a mile from Lethbridge and were obliged to turn about once more and tramp nine miles back to Meredith.

*Geelong Advertiser. Wednesday November 16th 1927  
(Submitted by Geoff Hardy)*

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## Celebrating 60 Years in Australia

*Marg Cooper*

Don Van Beusichem arrived in Sydney on May 6, 1951 after his Auntie had paid the fare.

He had decided that there was no future for him in Holland and decided to immigrate to Canada. The Immigration Department offered him a vacancy on a plane to Australia on a Friday however, and he left Holland the following Sunday.

Don tells that there were thousands leaving Holland at that time.

He had met two Dutch girls on the aeroplane who were coming to Australia to be with their Dutch fiancées at Lilydale and they invited him to come to Lilydale with them.

Don could speak English which was one of the four languages he learnt at school. The girls had little English language so thought Don would be a help to them.

Don worked at various jobs in different parts of Victoria until he applied and got a job with the Lands Department in Meredith in 1956.

He met Coral MacDonald outside Lucas Factory in Ballarat where Target Store is today. She came from Gellibrand and was boarding and working in Ballarat.

Don and Coral were married on March 7, 1959 and have lived at 35 Wallace Street, Meredith for 52 years. Their family comprises David, Lynette, Lois and Peter who died at 11 months from a congenital heart defect.

Don was Meredith's handy man. He was willing to work at

weekends and was talented at building, fixing, demolishing and reusing.

Don and Coral have always had an extensive flower and vegetable garden and extensive knowledge, experience and expertise of propagation and plants.

Don's passion now is collecting old shearing shed gear. He attends clearing sales, buys, cleans, restores and displays and in recent years has visited some famous outback shearing sheds in NSW.

Something you may not know about Don is that he was a self taught pianist who played by ear. When he first came to Meredith and boarded at the Royal Hotel, he played for sing songs and dances. Bob McArthur and Don played the piano, sometimes together, and two Soldier Settler surveyors played violin and accordion.

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## Primary School ANZAC Day Address

Hattie and James



James: A few weeks ago after reading an article about the ANZAC legend, our teacher asked us to answer this question: "How are you going to keep the ANZAC legend going?"

Hattie: The first thing we did was to come up with a definition of the ANZAC legend and spirit. We came up with the idea that the ANZAC spirit was all about people trying to do their best in very challenging conditions and situations and to stand up for what they thought was fair and right.

James: The students in the two grades that were given this activity then came up with a range of ways in which they could remember the efforts of the people who served our country. There were many different ideas and these included some of the following things:

Hattie: One idea that came up a lot was to continue to attend the ANZAC service each year at Meredith. For a few years I was involved in the service as part of the Guides group as well as singing "We are Australian with the primary school". Even though I feel nervous about getting up in front of people, just like today, I feel proud that I am remembering the efforts of all these brave people and that I am showing a little bit of this spirit by facing this challenge and getting the job done.

James: Another idea that was brought up was to continue to pass on what we know about ANZAC day and the reasons why people went off to fight for our country for other children and people. I know that if my little brothers asked me about ANZAC day that I could tell them that people went off to places a long way from home and because of what they did way back then, that we are able to play and move around Meredith feeling safe.

Hattie: This year I am looking forward to going on grade 6 camp to Melbourne because one of the places we get to visit is the Shrine of Remembrance. Even by visiting this place I feel that I am keeping the ANZAC spirit alive by

having the chance to learn more about the efforts of the men and women who served in all the various wars.

James: There were lots of other ideas that kept on being brought up and these included baking ANZAC biscuits to remember what the families of the soldiers were going through when their husbands, sons, daughters and friends went off to fight. One of the boys in grade 5 though came up with a very simple but excellent way to keep this spirit going.

Hattie: His idea was that every time he was faced with something that scared him he was going to try harder to overcome this fear or situation just like those people did when they were confronted with frightening situations when they were serving our country.

James: These are all simple ways in which we can keep the ANZAC legend alive and continue to appreciate the way we live now.

Hattie: Once again I am really proud to take part in this service and I would like to think that one day that I can bring my own children along to take to part in it..



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2 tsp dried oregano                  Juice of 1 lemon  
2 tbl olive oil                          300ml red wine  
1 cup puy lentils                      100g sun-dried tomatoes  
Bunch of fresh mint, chopped

#### Method:

Pre-heat oven to 220c. Scatter onions over large casserole dish, place lamb on top. Sprinkle with garlic, oregano, juice, oil and wine. Season with salt and pepper.

Cover tightly with foil place the lid on top. Place dish in oven for 2 mins, reduce heat to 170c and cook for a further 3 hours, removing foil after 2 ½ hours.

Meanwhile cook lentils in 1 litre of cold water. Simmer for 15 mins until just tender, drain well. Mix lentils, mint and tomatoes into juice around meat. Replace foil and cook for a further 20 mins.

Transfer lamb to large serving plate and pull apart with fork and spoon, serve with lentil mixture around meat.

**\*Tip:** Serve lamb with crusty French bread and steamed greens, baby spinach or cavalo nero with olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

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# Mollie's COLUMN

## Girl vs. Wild

I thought I'd misheard my friend Elyse when she told me what she wanted to do on our one precious week of uni holidays.

'Camping?' I repeated, baffled. My phone reception must have been very bad. 'Camping? In a tent, you mean? Outside?'

Once Elyse had repeated her idea, and I had remembered camping usually did involve being in a tent outside, I opened my mouth to say I couldn't possibly go camping, I was much too busy for that. But something stopped me. What was I really busy with? Sure, I was simultaneously stirring dinner, typing a rather uninspired essay, checking facebook, chatting on the phone and watching some ridiculous show about people with terribly untidy houses. As much as I like little luxuries like a roof over my head, indoor plumbing and a comfortable bed, it was time for a break from being permanently attached to my phone and computer. That's how I ended up bouncing down a rutted track in an old panel van in a bush paddock near Meredith.

The first challenge our intrepid band of campers faced was getting our site set up in the two minutes we had before the sun disappeared. Our tent, though bearing the cheerful promise of being 'The 30 second tent!', looked alarmingly complicated. I like to think one of my strengths is knowing my weaknesses, and let's just say putting up tents is not my forte. I can barely manage it at music festivals, where I have, on separate

occasions, lost all the pegs, forgot the fly and realised the suspicious lump under the pegged out tent floor is the roll of duct tape I'll need to keep the roof on. If 'The 30 second tent!' was left to me, there was a fair chance it'd be all set up about three minutes before it was time to pack up and go home in the morning. Luckily one of my fellow campers was a former boy scout, so I left it to the experts and went to gather firewood as the sun set.

As I dragged half a tree back up the hill in the fading light, listening to birds calling sleepily and mozzies humming, I was struck by how beautiful the country is around Meredith, especially at this time of year. When I lived at home I took it for granted, and these days I always seem to be driving through on my way somewhere else. I don't take a lot of time to breathe the crisp chilly air or lie on the cold hard ground and look up at the sky. On our little trip I realised how much I miss out on in the bustle of Melbourne and the suburbs of Ballarat, where buildings crowd in on all sides and it's never quite dark enough to see the stars.

I came home covered in dirt, with my clothes and hair reeking of campfire smoke and my back aching from sleeping on rocks in a crowded tent. As I packed my sleeping bag away, listening to cars racing up and down the street and the neighbour's dog yapping incessantly, I felt a bit of regret over deciding to move away from quiet paddocks and deserted roads. But as I fell in to my soft bed after a hot shower, my only thought as I drifted off was how thankful I am to live in a warm house with a bathroom and internet connection, and not in a cramped and decidedly breezy '30 second tent!'.

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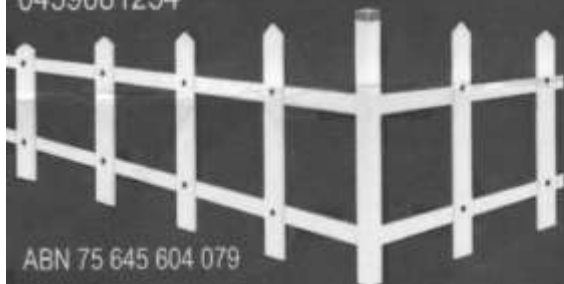
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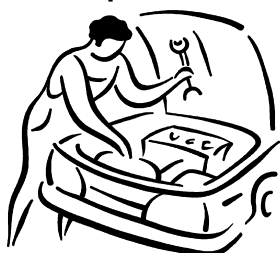
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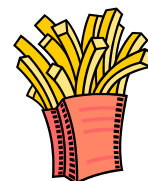
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## Marg's Book Review

“Cows, Pigs, Wars and Witches” by Marvin Harris.

Marvin Harris answers some perplexing questions about human behaviour and reveals that the reasons always stem from identifiable and intelligible sources.

He suggest a solution to why the Hindu treats his cow as sacred, why the Jew will not eat pork, why societies enter into wars and why an estimated 500,000 people were convicted of witchcraft and burned to death in Europe between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries etc.

For example: he thinks that the Bible and the Koran condemned the pig because pig farming was a threat to the integrity of the basic culture and natural ecosystems of the Middle East.

He informs the reader that the causes for apparently irrational and inexplicable lifestyles is not understood by the people involved.

They will give an answer if questioned but he asks us to dismiss those answers and look at the results of their behaviour and work back from the results to discuss reasons for the behaviour and eventually to identify a cause.

He challenges the reader to use this method to solve riddles of our own time.

There is also much valuable and interesting information in this book eg. India's cattle annually excrete 700 million tons of recoverable manure.

“He has chosen a number of bizarre and controversial cases that seem like insoluble riddles, linked them and taken us on an engaging adventure in sociological and anthological understanding.”

The adventure was often complex and it was difficult to absorb all his reasoning.

The book for discussion in May is “Roundabout at Bangalow” by Shirley Walker.

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### **20 Minute Health Checks now available in-store!**

Before I introduce our new Chemmart Health Checks I would like to take this opportunity to wish Sarah farewell and best of luck for the future. Last month Sarah decided that, after 18 years of working at the pharmacy in Bannockburn, it was time for her to move on and experience working at another Pharmacy. Sarah said that it was a very difficult decision to make as she really enjoyed working at the Pharmacy, loved working with the girls and most importantly all the customers she has got to know over the year. Sarah has decided to work at a Pharmacy closer to where she is living in Geelong. We wish her the best.

Jenny will be taking over Sarah's role in the dispensary, and we also have a new staff member, Catherine Bolger, commencing work at the Pharmacy at the beginning of May. Catherine is a very fun and friendly person and has nearly 10 years experience working in Pharmacy. We hope that everyone welcomes Catherine to our Pharmacy the next time you are visiting.

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#### **Chemmart Health Checks**

Health Checks is a **20 minute health check** where we check your blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol, body mass index and waist measurement. It costs just \$20 and you receive a detailed health report. We have 2 fully accredited staff members (Marilyn & Catherine) who will confidentially and privately check and provide you with your health check report. This is a great opportunity to check your health in just 20 minutes. No appointment is required. If you would like to know more about our 20 Minute Health Check please call us or come into the Pharmacy.

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#### **Bowelscan Kits (now available)**

In May every year we sell the Rotary Bowelscan kits for \$10.00.

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#### **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Thursday 26th May**

Mark your calendars, we are hosting our Biggest Morning Tea again this year on **Thursday 26th May from 10:30am—11:30am** in the Pharmacy. All the girls will be cooking again this year to provide some beautiful food. Entry will be via gold coin donation. So come along and support a great cause. Plus it's a great chance to catch up with friends you may not have seen in a while!

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

We will have arriving this month our new Kodak Digital Photo Kiosk. We have had to purchase a new machine after not being able to get paper on our old machine due to supply problems because of the Japan earthquake. There will be all the functionality of the old machine but we can now offer **Bluetooth** so that you can print photos from your mobile

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