



Meredith & district News



November 2011

Our Free Community Newsletter since 1972

Our Local Heroes Pam and Bill



Bill and Pam Crow enjoying their lovely garden following their recent great act of bravery!!

LOCALS BECOME HEROES FOR BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME AND VERY BRAVELY DOING THE RIGHT THING.

Meredith must be proud and congratulate Bill and Pam Crow who happened to be first on the scene of a road accident in Slate Quarry Road on Thursday 20th October. A vehicle hit a tree and had just caught alight when Bill and Pam, returning from a trip away, arrived on the scene.

Without thought for their own safety they were able to save the man, who was trapped in the vehicle, and pull him to safety before the fire spread through the

vehicle, and the roadside.

Brisbane Rangers Wild Flower Show Success

Helena Lindorff

The Brisbane Ranges National Park was truly in its spectacular form, showing off its colourful display of wildflowers for those that attended the Friends of Brisbane Ranges biennial Wildflower Show.

A small committee of locals had been beavering away for 18 months, and their pure dedication and enthusiasm had delivered a successful show. The weather was a bit ordinary on the day but that didn't stop over 500 people attending the show. They came from all over Melbourne, even as far as the Mornington Peninsula.

The two bus tours were extremely popular, even so that they were booked out 3 weeks prior to the event. The free workshops that were on offer (orchid identification and macro photography) added a great educational element to the show.

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Our local policeman Greg Kitchen, has nominated Bill and Pam for a Bravery Award so we will await that result, and wish them well. Senior Constable Greg Kitchen has more in his article on Page 5.

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- Are you Bushfire Ready?
- Jack Turns 80
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Plus Community and Sports News, Contacts, Regular Columns, Services and much more!

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Community

Meredith and District News

The Meredith and District News is published by a volunteer sub-committee of the Meredith Community Centre 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
3rd, 18th Nov 1st, 15th, 29th Dec.

Geelong Regional Library Van

At the Meredith Community Centre
1-3pm 4th, 18th Nov 2nd, 16th, 30th Dec.
www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au

Senior Citizens

Meet at the Meredith Memorial Hall
Ph. Jim 52868 232

New members are always welcome
14th & 28th Nov. 5th Dec.

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

Wed. 24th November

Earlier submissions appreciated & necessary when our input is required.

PLEASE NOTE: NO JANUARY ISSUE



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Cemetery Trust-Dawn	5286 1274
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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.

any NEWS or VIEWS?

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"If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed? ." *George Carlin*

Emergency Phone Numbers



Police, Ambulance, Fire	000
(from mobile phone)	000 or 112
Meredith Police Station	5286 1222
Power Failure	132 412
Nurse-On-Call	1300 606024
Mental Health Advice	1300 280 737
Poisons Information	13 11 26
Barwon Water	1300 656 007
SES Emergency - flood & storm help:	132 500
24 Hour Helpline	1800 629 572
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 a fundraiser Ph David 0418993239
Junior Fire Brigade Training every Monday 5.30 pm. Ph 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

Anakie Cubs and Scouts

Cubs: Meet School Term times Wed. 6.30 -8pm Amanda 03 5281 9497

Scouts: Meet School Term times Tue. 7.00 - 9pm Bruce 03 5284 1257
Staughton Vale Hall, Staughton Vale.

Australia Day Awards 2012

Nominate someone great! Celebrate our local achievers and nominate an outstanding GPS Citizen.

Do you know an outstanding citizen? Someone who has made a special contribution to our community?

The Australia Day Awards are a wonderful way to acknowledge worthy people or events that have made an extraordinary contribution to our community.

Golden Plains Shire is inviting nominations for Council's 2012 Australia Day Awards. Nominations are invited under the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year

Nominations must be made on the official nomination form available at both the Linton and Bannockburn Customer Service Centres, by telephoning 1300 363 036 or by visiting Council's website www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au to download a form and guidelines.

A one page written evaluation of the person or event being nominated for the award must accompany the form. For more information, contact Council's Events and Information Officer, Felicity Bolitho, on 5220 7111.

Nominations close at 4pm on Wednesday 23 November 2011

Meredith Charity Cabaret

The Meredith Charity Cabaret was cancelled on the 15th October due to the lack of numbers.

Thankyou Denise Jude.

Meredith Primary School Urn

The Meredith Primary School urn was borrowed at the end of last term, and we would very much like it returned as soon as possible.

Apology

Avon Rep Hope Hodge wishes to apologise for any phoned orders missed due to her phone being out of order. Please call again. Hope

Meredith & District Red Cross Unit

The Red Cross will meet on November 10th at 9.30am at the Meredith Community Centre for the last meeting of this year. Everyone welcome. Come and hear what Red Cross are currently doing all around Australia and the world.!!

Rosemary Hart Chairman 52868222 or
Dawn Macdonald Hon Sec 0428 861274 if you have any enquiries or to send apologies for the meeting.

A Thank you from grateful grandparents

Wendy and Robert Cooke wish to thank everyone for the phone calls, best wishes and prayers during Louise's long stay in hospital. To the families who made delicious meals and organised play dates, these were greatly appreciated by us. We are very grateful for the wonderful care given to Louise and baby Thomas by the staff at the Royal Women's Hospital, Level 5, St John of God, Geelong, Level 3 and the Special Care Nursery.

THE 2011 MEREDITH KINDERGARTEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE KINDER ROOM ON THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7PM.

Enrolment forms and Welcome packs for 2012 will be available for collection at this meeting and the Committee for 2012 will be voted on.

Please keep this date free as we encourage all families to attend this important meeting. If you would like any information about the AGM please contact the Kinder or Stefania Parkinson on 5341 5570.

Registration#: A0018003Y
31 Staughton Street Meredith VIC
3333 Ph: (03) 52 861227



Christmas Sheep in Meredith

Marg Cooper

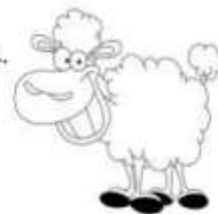
It is only November but it's time to start preparing the mob for the Christmas display. Bring them in and clean them up ready to display from mid November. Some lambs have been born and will be added to the display this year.

Calling for some sheep handlers! If you could help with the Christmas Sheep project please ring Marg Cooper on 52 868201.

Meredith Kindergarten

Mutton Muster 2011

Be a part of
Mutton Muster 2011.
Support the
Kindergarten by
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For donations & enquires phone:

Andrew Cooke: 0417594324 or Stefania Parkinson: 5341 5570

Police Paddocks Social Walk

Every Sunday morning at 10am. Come down for a leisurely stroll along the new walking path at the Police Paddocks in Campion Rd. Meet fellow Meredith residents, and enjoy the beautiful views and peaceful atmosphere of this wonderful site

Classifieds

For Sale

The kinder has a Bar Fridge in very good condition \$50 and bench top oven also in VGC \$20.

For info call the Kinder on 5286 1227.

For Sale

Chicks, Ducklings, and Goslings. Cheep. 5286 1553



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

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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. Meredith 6th & 20 Nov.

Anakie - Mass @ 11 a.m. Sundays 13th 27th Nov..

Sunday November 20th @ 11 a.m. Annual Parish

Thanksgiving Mass at Meredith followed by BBQ lunch.

Meredith Christmas Carols Meeting

If you are interested in the future of the Christmas Carols in Meredith you are warmly invited to a meeting at St. Joseph's hall on Tuesday Nov. 8th at 7.30 p.m. Please come along and give your support. Contact Mary Foster 52861459, Di Ritchie 52861291.

Meredith Community Co-ordinators

The current project that the community co-ordinators are working on is a walking/cycling/fitness track initially in Pioneer Park, and later to link with other walking tracks in the police paddock and along Coolebarghurk Creek.

We are also looking at the street lighting in Meredith and making a submission to Council.

Community Co-ordinators are working in all the small towns of the Golden Plains Shire and are supported by council staff and a Community consultant Neil Noelker.

If you are interested in learning more about this process contact Damian Waight at Golden Plains Shire.

Meredith Community Centre, Inc.

4 Russell Street Meredith 3333

PH 5286 1348 Fax 52861 563

"Working for our community"



Centre Courses Proved a Community Success

This term we have already had success with some of the new course we had on offer. Our Cheese making course proved such a success with our students that we are running another class this term! In this class you not only learn to make them you also get to take samples home for the rest of the family to sample.

Charcoal drawing was another class we offered for the first time. The students attending the class enjoyed being able to work in a new medium and discover their hidden abilities in this type of art work.

Yoga was another class that we offered for the first time. It has proven to be very popular with many members of our district community as the class is full!!! These classes are the result of suggestions that we have received from the community as well as being able to have such competent and eager tutors who make themselves available to us for these classes. We look to expand the variety of classes we offer so please keep those suggestions coming!!

For more information regarding the classes and services we offer please check out our website:

www.meredithcc.com.au as well as our page on Facebook for current courses and events.

November Classes...

Sat 5th— Miniature Photo album. Tues 8th— Digital Photography. Thur. 10th— Flexi patchwork. Sat 12th— Picasa/ Photostory/ Chainsaw Maintenance, Digital Photo Albums. Mon 14th— Craft Bonanza. Thur 17th— Werribee Mansion. Sat 19th— Watercolour Workshop/ CPR. Mon. 28th— Beaded Bookmark. Mon 31st— Card Making/bookmarks.

December Classes...

Mon. 5th Olive oil making, Basic Candle Making



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meredithPolice**news**

Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen

POLICE NEWS FROM MEREDITH.

Well this last month started very well indeed with no crime to report and no traffic accidents however in the past week the town has seen a number of attempted thefts from motor vehicles during the night and a theft together with a very serious motor vehicle accident.

I am happy to report that a Meredith person has been interviewed and charged with one count of theft. That matter will be heard at the Geelong Magistrates Court in November. I urge all residents to be mindful of leaving vehicles unlocked and on the street during the night. On Thursday the 20th of October at about 2.00 p.m., I received a report that a vehicle had collided with a tree along Slate Quarry Road between Meredith and Durdidwarrah. On arrival at that accident scene, I saw two elderly people supporting the driver from Anakie who had sustained serious chest and facial injuries. When I arrived, the vehicle was on fire and it had sustained extensive damage.

I learnt shortly after that the elderly driver was removed from the vehicle by two Meredith residents Bill and Pam Crow in what can only be described as heroic circumstances. The driver was trapped in the burning wreck due to his injuries and due to the damage sustained by the vehicle as a result of the accident. A comprehensive story which detailed the circumstances was published in the Geelong Advertiser on Friday the 21st of October and reporters from Channel 9 attended Meredith on Saturday regarding the story.

It is rare in today's society to see acts of courage to this degree. I praise both Bill and Pam for their efforts. It is only due to their efforts that the elderly male driver is alive today.

Regards Greg Kitchen.

Meredith Music Festival—Traffic Management Plans 9th-11th Dec. 2011

Kristie Walker

Dear Residents,

The 2011 Meredith Music Festival traffic management plan has been approved by VICROADS. A summary of the plan is outlined here.

- School buses will undertake their normal route.
- We will implement one-way traffic on Mount Mercer Road from Bamganie Road to Cameron's Road from 4am on Friday 9 December to approximately 7pm. Traffic within the one-way zone travelling to Meredith will be diverted down Cameron's Road.
- We will implement a speed reduction on Mount Mercer Road and Cameron's Road from Thursday 8 December – Friday 9 December.
- We have assigned traffic controllers to the corner of Midland Highway and Mount Mercer Road on Sunday 11 December to assist vehicles turning left or right onto Midland Highway from Mount Mercer Road.
- We will install a no-parking zone along Mount Mercer Road and some surrounding roads.

Please also note due to state-wide legislation changes that came into effect on 1 January 2010 cigarettes can no longer be sold from the festival site. We have notified the public via the festival website and pre-festival email that they should bring what they need with them however we do anticipate some people will drive into Meredith over the festival weekend to stock up. We will be providing a shuttle bus service to help decrease additional vehicles on the roads.

If you have any comments or ideas about any matter related to Meredith Music Festival please contact me on 0417 593 876 or 24 hours during the festival on 0430 091 120.

Once again, thank you for your support and participation.
On behalf of the Festival Organising Team

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sports

Meredith Cricket Club

Chris Hart



Its on again: MEREDITH: ON THE RAMPAGE
The new cricket season is underway and the Rams have already claimed one important scalp. Against a side which was battling for a similar finals position last year; the first eleven completed an outstanding victory over Bannockburn in round one on the back of a brilliant 94 by gun all-rounder Chris "Spud" Moreland. Although falling disappointingly short of his maiden ton for the club his knock was a reward for the early application shown by Heath Bush and coach Ty Watts at the top of the order. Ty and Bushy backed up with the ball claiming three wickets apiece as the Rams got home by 25 runs: both teams all out 197 to 172.

The second eleven, although dismissed for only 65 showed that early season runs on the board count for a lot. Adam Lovett contributed a third of the score but it wasn't enough to hold up the visitors who just snuck home with six wickets down; father and son combination Terry and Aaron Hart picking up two economical wickets each.

The thirds were no match for a full strength Bannockburn outfit going down by 6 wickets.

Round 2 saw all three teams pitted against Winchelsea in another fixture of 1 day games and disappointingly no points as a reward. Without Spud the runs dried up for the firsts and the visitors romped home by over 60 runs with only Ty (2-25) having any significant success.

In the seconds only Terry Hart (30) and Craig "Dougie" Whitehand (15 & 3/25) had any real influence on a game lost by 6 wickets. Aaron Hart opening the batting and bowling 5 economical overs again showed that the future is far from bleak for the young Rams.

The thirds were again hurt by a lack of numbers but still pushed their opponents before going down in a tight contest.

Round three had them pitted against reigning premier Shelford and although again missing out on the points showed real determination against a more powerful opposition.

Congratulations to Todd Hearn on picking up three wickets when being entrusted with the ball, including a sharp stumping by Adam Lovett. Damien Brunt provided stubborn resistance as an opener with the bat, when the balance of the top order succumbed to tight bowling by the experienced Shelford attack. The youngest player at the club Joel Hart (11no) and Lachie Lamond batted through to the end of the innings to again prove the Rams don't lie down. Although going down by 50 runs, Joel and Lachie only allowed four wickets to be conceded, and showed the determination required that will hold the club in good stead going forward.

The seconds have a bye and the firsts will be disappointed to only lead by 100 runs at the end of day one against Shelford where the opposition have 9 wickets in hand. Ty and Troy Bott lead the way with the bat but the bowlers will need to establish an early dominance if this match is not to slip away.

It's great to see a number of new faces around the club, playing across all grades, especially some of the younger fellas appearing in the seconds. There is still plenty of room for anybody looking for a game. The club trains on a Thursday

evening and any prospective players are welcome to come and join in.

The Rams have matches against near neighbors Inverleigh and Teesdale in the next month and will be looking to retain the local bragging rights- so come along and support your local cricket club.

For club contacts and other information visit our website at www.freeteams.net/meredithrams

Meredith Golf Club

11.10.11 Annie McNaughton Final

S Parkinson & S Rees def K Rosch & S Molesworth 3/2

Match play for Captains Trophy 3rd Rnd

S Watson def C Powles 5/4

25.10.11 Final Rnd Winner S Watson def S Rees

14.10.11 Irish 3 Ball

12 Teams attended

Winner Snake Valley 3 72 pts

Runner up Midlands 1 71 pts NTP 9th Deb Nicholls

18.10.11 Stableford

Winner S Parkinson Runner up M Diffey.

22.10.11 Stableford

Winner B Moritz 40pts J Cooper & P Rees 37 pts

Birdie Ball J Cooper 2nd and 16th

A Slocombe 16th NTP 9th P Rees



Elaine Tennis Club Inc.

Results Round 1 A4 seniors Elaine 3-38 lost to Ross Creek 6-63 Simon Colla, Shane Dunne, Vaughn Ellen, Bindi Emmlin, Lynn Heard, Melanie Kocon

Juniors C2 Elaine 0-8 lost to Ballan 4-24 Brady Dunne, Jacob Heard, Wade Hearn, Lachlan Emmlin defeated Gordon White 1-16 Mitchell Emmlin, Emily Kocon, Max Kocon, Lucas Kocon

C5 Elaine drew with Meredith Lachlan Baker, Seamus Dunne, Natasha Ford, Sophie Emota C6 Elaine 1-15 lost to Meredith 3-19 Sam Platt, Molly Dunne, Megan Farhall, Hannah Farhall, Zara Williams

All senior and junior players now have hats and t shirts provided by the club and sponsored by the Golden Plains Miner.

Professional tennis coaching is available every Thursday at 4pm till 6:15pm for all members.

Results Round 2 A4 seniors Elaine 2-35 lost to Mt. Clear 7-63 Darren Emmlin, Shane Dunne, Les Kocon, Bindi Emmlin, Lynn Heard, Melanie Kocon

Juniors C2 Elaine 4-24 defeated Ross Creek 0-9 Brady Dunne, Jacob Heard, Wade Hearn, Max Kocon C3 Elaine bye

C5 Elaine 3-21 defeated Navigators 1-10 Lachlan Baker, Seamus Dunne, Natasha Ford, Renae Young C6 Elaine 0-7 lost to Ross Creek 4-24

Sam Platt, Molly Dunne, Megan Farhall, Hannah Farhall

Results Round 3

A4 seniors Elaine 6-57 won against Rokewood 3-38 Vaughn Ellen, Shane Dunne, Simon Colla, Bindi Emmlin, Kelly Murfett, Melanie Kocon

Juniors washed out.



MV Crocs Footy

Another successful season for the senior Crocs has come and gone with over 50 players representing the club as it travelled across the state from Traralgon to Wodonga with detours at Bendigo and Kerang. The road trips were certainly a feature of the year with much merriment being had on the buses. No doubt the highlight of the year was much closer to home when the Crocs took on Colac under lights at Bannockburn on a balmy evening in April.

Relive all the seasons entertaining moments at the

CROCS SEASON'S END CABARET


Saturday November 19th from 7.30

Featuring music by
ROCK DOGS

Tickets at the door
B.Y.O. nibbles and drinks

**The MVMFC Crocs will be conducting their
AGM on Wednesday November 9th
7.00 pm at the Recreation Reserve Pavillion.**

The club will be looking to expand its playing base and field an additional team next season in the new over 45s competition so any interested prospective players and supporters are encouraged to attend. Your input will be appreciated.



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Meredith Visitor Centre Location Consultation

Council is pleased to invite the community to participate in the next stage of community consultation for the Meredith Visitor Centre location. The location of the Meredith Visitor Centre has been decided with the finalisation of the Meredith Community Facilities Map. Golden Plains Shire Council has completed a thorough consultation process and determined that the Visitor Centre will be located on the vacant land on Wallace St, opposite the Anglican Church. Residents now have an opportunity to provide input into components of the design and operation of the Visitor Centre. There will be a suggestion sheet mailed out to residents in November including a reply paid envelope, to maximise your opportunity to provide feedback. Residents are also encouraged to attend one of the following two open discussion sessions.

Date: Thursday 17th November 2011

Location: Meredith Community Centre, 4 Russel Street,

Session 1 Time: 2:30pm **Session 2 Time:** 6pm

RSVP and enquiries: Required by Monday 14th November
Damian Waight, 52207159 or

dwaight@gplains.vic.gov.au

The Meredith Community Facilities Map has been created based upon surveys received from 250 surveys distributed and open community consultations held in June.

The Meredith Community Facilities Map establishes the preferred location for community facilities so that land and buildings can be identified for particular uses, and so that Council is ready to apply for government grants for community facilities as funding becomes available.

The Facilities Map does not prioritise particular community facilities or service requirements as being more urgent or important than others. Inclusion of a particular facility on the map does not indicate that the facility is a priority for Council funding, but will provide the location of the facilities to assist Council with future planning.

Final Meredith Community Facilities Map - October 2011

Visitor Centre, Primary School, Kindergarten (new, relocated from current site), Community Centre / Neighbourhood House
Community Health Centre, Mobile Library Stop
Aged Accommodation, Memorial (Public) Hall
Emergency Services, including Community Emergency Response Team, Fitness Track, Recreation Reserve Facilities and Amenities

For further please contact Damian Waight on 5220 7159 or
dwaight@gplains.vic.gov.au

Antiques & Collectables Fair

Saturday Nov. 5th 2011

9am– 4pm

**Community Stadium High St
Bannockburn**

Entry \$5 Children under 15 yrs FREE

“Antique Appraisers”

Door Prizes

Free Tea / Coffee with an entry fee

Light luncheon & Refreshments

Enq. 0408 874 367 or 0414 735 687

Jack Boardman turns 80

Marg Cooper

Jack who recently celebrated his 80th birthday has been a farmer at She Oaks all his life. He is also an avid historian and started recording "oral knowledge" about 1965.

He firstly wrote his notes on sheets of paper and had collected 6 folders of paper when in 1997 he bought a computer.

Jack has evolved a system of cataloguing his huge collection of history on his computer, so he can cross reference all the material and he pays special attention to record the sources of the material.

Jack tells that his father, Bert Boardman who lived in the Steiglitz and She Oaks area for about 86 years had a life long interest in local history and was always relating some historical information to Jack and others. One day he asked Jack a question about Auntie Polly and Jack couldn't answer him. Jack suddenly realized that he needed to take notice and record what his father and other locals knew as they would not be around for ever.

Bert Boardman collected history both in oral and material form and he had an excellent memory almost until his death in 1994, aged 87 years. Bert was brought up at the family farm at Long Gully, Steiglitz that his grandfather Robert Boardman had bought about 1878.

The family believe that Robert Boardman walked to Steiglitz from Melbourne soon after he arrived in Australia from England in 1853. He walked through Long Gully and liked the area.

His wife and 2 daughters arrived in December 1856. They had 11 children in total. Robert did some mining then had a successful general store in Steiglitz and was known as a gold buyer.

Robert's son Arthur was born in 1871 and married Ada Muhlhan in 1901. She was the daughter of the battery manager of the Mariners mine in Steiglitz. Arthur was a butcher in Steiglitz and delivered meat to some of the surrounding districts.

He also had slaughter yards. Arthur and Ada lived in Steiglitz but moved to Long Gully about 1902 where they farmed and continued to run the butchering business.

They shifted the house they lived in Steiglitz out to Long Gully. Arthur and Ada had 4 children, Marie, Bert b 1906, Viv and Stan.

Bert married May Wardlaw in 1930. She was the daughter of a miner from Amphitheatre and they lived at Long Gully until moving to a farm at She Oaks in

1941, that they bought from

Donald Frazer.

May was a teacher at She Oaks before her marriage and beside others, she taught Arthur and Joe East and Fay



Jack Boardman celebrates his 80th Birthday.

McFarlane's mother.

It is no wonder that Jack has a passion for local history and for Steiglitz.

Robert Boardman came to the Steiglitz area about the beginning of white settlement of the area and a lot of his descendants lived and live in the area including Jack's direct line, the families of Arthur Boardman, then Bert Boardman and then Jack Boardman. Happy Birthday Jack.

Council seeks volunteer Community Transport Drivers

Golden Plains Shire Council is seeking volunteer drivers to assist the community, mainly older people and people with disabilities, who receive support from the Golden Connections Transport program.

The Golden Connections Community Transport Project forms a part of Golden Plains Shire Council's strategy for making life easier for people with transport disadvantage.

Council is looking for drivers to support the Planned Activity Group based at Haddon and for medical appointment transfers from townships in the north of the Shire to travel into Ballarat and, on occasion, Melbourne.

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A Party at Foxy's

Marg Cooper

The tables were moved out, the chairs were moved back, the juke box came in and purple/pink balloons and streamers were hung from the ceiling to prepare Foxy's for the party. Katherine celebrated her 40th birthday on Saturday, October 8th with an almost all night party at their café in Wallace Street. Katherine tells that the party was awesome! It took her a few days to get over it! She invited about 50 special members of her family and friends.

She wanted it to be a happy day so she invited people who are positive, who want to have a good time and are happy. The crowd danced to 60's, 70's, 80's and old time country music, sang, drank and ate special food cooked at Foxy's. Katherine's daughter Jess entertained by singing some country songs. Katherine and Ross tell that she is auditioning for "Australia's Got Talent" on October 29th. We wish her all the best and hope to see her perform on TV soon.

Katherine has many talents, qualifications and experience and tells that she likes to have a challenge. She admits that she can't sit still, loves to meet people and to see people enjoy themselves.

Ross and Katherine started Foxy's Cement Products in Wallace Street almost 7 years ago and started Foxy's Café a year ago. Last week a woman who has travelled the world visited their business. When she left she gave Katherine a hug to show her appreciation.

She told Katherine that the café building was so different to anything she had seen, it was sort of quirky but it had such a happy atmosphere.

Ross and Katherine tell that they have "more vision" to develop the business.

Happy 40th
Birthday
Katherine.



Victorian Seniors Festival

Marg Cooper

Meredith Seniors took part in the 2011 Victorian Seniors Festival.

It kicked off with a big day out on Wednesday, October 5. We left Bannockburn with a very full bus and headed for the Colac Botanical Gardens, where we were treated to a lovely Devonshire tea and a lovely stroll through the gardens which were looking splendid.

We were all too soon on board the bus again and heading for the Otways Winery Estate.

On arriving we were given a guided tour of the vines, then we had a wine tasting which proved very popular with everybody, then to our surprise we were invited to tour their brewery where they brew boutique beer.

The tour was followed by a delicious sit down buffet lunch cooked by the Estate Chef.

Feeling quite full we travelled further into the Otways to Triplet Falls.

We had a lively walk down to see the falls, a truly beautiful experience.

We then boarded the bus for the trip home and judging by the laughter, a fabulous day was had by all.

On Wednesday, October 12 we were treated to live entertainment at the Meredith Hall.

We were entertained by Mr Don Jones who is an extremely funny comedian and a local band called Shy Boyz who played music from the 50's to the 80's.

There was plenty of foot tapping and glazed eyes when they played their music.

Lunch was organized by the Golden Plains Shire.

The caterers cooked noodles, seafood and rice in massive woks and fed the hall full of people with ease.

We all agreed that it was a fabulous day.

Many thanks to Sam Lovejoy and the Aged Care Group from the Shire for organizing the 2011 Seniors Festival.

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Meredith Senior Citizens and Guests Tiptoeed Through the Tulips!

Jim Hynds

We set off from Meredith at 9 am for Tesselaar's Tulip Festival at Silvan with a full bus, much laughter and a new driver, Arthur. When we got near the Dandenong Ranges we had a slight navigational problem but this gave us a tour of the ranges and the district.

We soon arrived at Tesselaar's for a welcome cup of tea and coffee and slices and then were let loose.

The tulips were in full bloom. Can you imagine field after field of these beautiful flowers.

Apparently there were ½ million tulips flowering of every imaginable colour, of more than 100 different varieties. After about 2 hours of strolling around, enjoying the music from the band playing and other entertainments, watching the staff dressed in Dutch clothes including clogs, buying from market stalls etc some gathered for something to eat and drink and a well earned rest in the sun.

The weather was perfect. We gathered for a group photo then boarded the bus for the trip home.

Our driver Arthur set a new course for home with a pit stop planned at Little River. We arrived back at Meredith in good time.

Many thanks to Noel Brinner from the Shire for his help and to Arthur, the driver, for a job well done.

Judging by the amount of bulbs and potted tulips that were brought home there should be some great displays around Meredith next season. A fabulous day was had by all!



Meredith Senior Citizens all enjoying a day with the tulips at Tesselaars.

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Wildflower Show

(from page 1)

The hall was filled with a vast array of wildflowers that were on display in vases, Uncle David Tournier from the Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-op provided information about the bush foods in the area and the aboriginal history of the Brisbane Ranges.

Department of Primary Industries had a display of pest plant and animals and Corangamite CMA Water Watch had an interactive display of water critters for children. The local schools that surround the Brisbane Ranges; Anakie Primary School, Meredith Primary School and Meredith Kindergarten had three colourful poster displays of wildflowers.

I cannot finish without thanking the wildflower show committee for their support, hard work and enthusiasm for putting together, yet another successful show. Thank you to Maude CFA for feeding the masses. The cups of coffee and yummy homemade cakes went down a treat.

A special thanks goes out to Peter Box—Chief Ranger in Charge and Judy Locke from Parks Victoria for their support and encouragement over the numerous years that this show has been running.

If you would like to see photos of the show or would like more information about the Friends of Brisbane Ranges, visit our website: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fobr/>.

Our next activity is on Sunday 13th November at 10am at the Anakie Community Depot, Ballan Rd, Anakie (old Parks Vic office in Anakie). Cheers, for now:

Back to Steiglitz Reunion

Chris Kempers

The Back to Steiglitz reunion was held on the 16th October and was attended by many invited past residents and their families; who enjoyed a scrumptious afternoon tea supplied by The Back to Steiglitz assoc.

The gravel roads with the cobblestone gutters were well traversed with many people curious to visit this once booming goldmining town. The uniqueness and ambience of which this township offers is also a rare glimpse into the past.

St. Pauls Church was open for viewing as was the Courthouse and Suggs Blacksmiths cottage, which was beautifully displayed with handmade quilts, and memorabilia from the 1870's.

The Historical Society, located in St Thomas's Church had an informative display for people to view and looked very inviting with a lovely display of handmade quilts hanging on the fences. The Back to Steiglitz association have raised money and gained funds to renovate the Blacksmiths cottage and St Paul's church. These achievements are to be lauded; as they are a group of volunteers who have made it their vision to preserve and maintain the integrity of these historic buildings.

With many upcoming projects initiated by The Back to Steiglitz association we hope to raise awareness and money for the upkeep of these historic buildings; before they dissolve into a state of disrepair.

The Back to Steiglitz Festival will be held in 2012 which is a big event for this tiny town and we look forward to seeing lots of visitors to our special festival then.

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A Premiership for his Birthday!

Marg Cooper

Roy Ritchie celebrated a significant birthday on Friday, September 30th and the next day all his dreams came true when Geelong won the 2011 AFL Premiership.

Roy and Diane attended the game at the MCG and afterwards joined the crowds at Federation Square to celebrate.

Roy has been an avid supporter of Geelong Football Club all his life.

Roy grew up in a small town in the western District called Sandford. He played junior football there and won a Premiership with Sandford and when he was 14 years old he played a year with Tatyoon. He then played about 180 games with Casterton, who are the "CATS" of the Western League. They played in the Western District League and later played in the Western Border League. Teams included Casterton, Millicent, Penola, 4 Mt Gambier teams, Portland, Heywood, Coleraine and 2 Hamilton teams. He started as a centre half forward and finished as a centre half back. He was Vice captain for 3 years and he played in 4 Premierships teams with Casterton. and also coached junior football teams in Casterton for some years.

In 1961 he was invited to train with Geelong in their squad. He trained for 2 years under coach Bob Davis but in 1962 he dislocated his shoulder, so went back to playing in the bush. Roy was selling cars in Casterton and in 1969 he and Diane moved to Geelong. Roy worked for Cam Dawson Ford and coached Leopold Football Club in the Bellarine Football League. In 1969 Leopold Football Team finished bottom on the ladder in the Bellarine League. Roy was employed as player/coach and in 1970 Leopold played off in the grand final.

He was player/coach of Leopold for a total of 7 years and in 1979 he played in a grand final with Leopold when the team was coached by ex Geelong player, David Barclay. Roy was the inaugural coach of the Bellarine Football League team and played 400 senior games of football and was named Captain of the Leopold Team of the Century.

Ford was the major sponsor of Geelong Football Club when Roy worked for Cam Dawson Ford, and Roy was involved in many functions that supported the club. In 2007 when Geelong won the Premiership Flag, after 43 years, it was actually on Roy's birthday. Roy couldn't attend the Grand Final that year because he was walking his daughter Emily down the aisle at her wedding in Broome. There was much jubilation though and it made the wedding and birthday especially happy.

Happy Birthday Roy!

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Tuesday 29 th November 2011	6.30pm BBQ provided	Meredith Memorial Hall Staughton Street, Meredith



Welcome to MEREDITH PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Our mural for the Brisbane Ranges Wild Flower Show

The students were invited to make a display for the Brisbane Ranges Flower Show. Everyone in the school wanted to contribute. We were inspired by the flowers in the beautiful photographs by Clive Trigg and by the flowers blooming in local gardens. We managed to find a few blooms in the school grounds but they are looking rather sad at the moment after more than a year of building works. The mural we made had our beautiful bluestone building as the central feature surrounded by masses of individually painted flowers and plants – it is the garden we hope to have one day when the construction fences come down. The children took charge of the project, designing the layout of the background colours, positioning and pasting on the flowers and doing an outstanding job of representing the bluestones and sandstone of the old building. You are very welcome to view the mural which is on display in the atrium of our new building.

Kristen in Grade 2 wrote

Meredith Primary School did a spring mural together. Grade 1 & 2 did paintings. We drew wattles and lots of wildflowers. We had real flowers to copy from. We did the spring mural for the Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show.

Harris, James, Alison and Phoebe from Grade 5 and 6 wrote:

Last term a group of Grade 5 and 6 students offered to make a collage of the bluestone building for our school display at the Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show. We used lots of materials including egg cartons, paint, corrugated card and sandpaper. James and Harris drew the building using a protractor and ruler to make it the right size and shape, while Alison and Phoebe began collecting and preparing materials for the collage. We were going to draw the building from the front but Harris and James decided a side view showing the building as three dimensional would look better. It took various times over two weeks to complete. The girls really had lots of fun while the boys got a bit distracted as it was taking a long time. We helped and encouraged each other and were pleased with the final result.



Nutrition Week and Nude Food Day.

A week of activities was held to celebrate Nutrition Week focussing on Nude Food Day. Nude food can be brought to school in reusable containers and lunchboxes, recyclable or compostable wrapping. **Nude food doesn't contribute to landfill. The Prep children collected all the landfill lunch rubbish on a normal school day and then on Nude Food Day. They grouped and counted the items and were pleased to see that on Nude Food Day, the rubbish had more than halved. Of the 45 items of rubbish, a third was plastic wrap. The children were also creative in thinking of alternative ideas for the different wrappings which wouldn't involve landfill. Rubbish-free lunches have been encouraged for the last two years along with major recycling and reusing initiatives throughout the school. We are very proud that the amount of landfill rubbish collected each week from school is now minimal although we are always working on making it zero. and the students, staff and parents have finally received facilities that have been long overdue. If there are any of our community members who would like to come up and have a look around our new spaces please give the school a call to organise a time as we would love to "show off."**

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A competition is run over the weekend for Best Articles, Best production, etc... with samples of lots of local papers available to take home and compare with our own. Meredith did not win any prizes this year, but we were awarded \$500 for an entry earlier in the year in the Historical articles section. This will be passed on to the local Meredith History Group for their use.

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Too perfect.

Spring, the sweet-smelling season of gentle breezes and sunny skies, is also the most dangerous time of year. I don't just mean for those poor souls sneezing as they reach for the antihistamines. I'm talking about the people who get a little giddy when they get their hands on a form guide. People who get a shiver down their spine at the sound of galloping hooves. People who can't seem to resist flinging their hard-earned money about wantonly in hot pursuit of Lady Luck. Basically, people like me.

It all started when I was very small, and like everybody else of my generation, I blame my parents. When I was seven my family lived in a tiny town near Hamilton, and although my memories from that time are hazy, I suspect we were all bored out of our minds. For me the most exciting moment of our stay there was the summer evening when Wobbles, a gentle, broken down old race horse belonging to our neighbours, escaped from his paddock and cantered cheerfully down our driveway. I was

equally terrified of and mesmerised by horses, and amazed by the way my father charged outside to catch him without being trampled, killed and eaten. Yes, I had some strange ideas about the preferred diet of horses.

Then my family spent a day at the races. That was when I learned that just picking a horse and badgering my dad till he took my fifty cents and disappeared in to the swirling crowd of shouting men could result in more pocket money! My early winnings weren't exactly significant, but to my seven year old self a handful of change was a small fortune.

I was an odd little child, living in a dream world most of the time, but with money clutched in my sweaty little hand I became unnervingly shrewd. I'd snatch the form guide and gabble to myself about odds, have hysterics during races and hold my breath with the grown-up punters for a photo finish. Unlike some grown-ups, however, my extremely modest budget kept me out of trouble.

I swore by the seductive 'each way' bet, occasionally to my detriment. I still remember the shattering day I wrote down three names and solemnly gave Dad the instructions '50 cents each way'. He might deny it, but he pinched my inspired tips, put them in a trifecta and won a whole lot more than my paltry \$2.70. \$2.70 which, I might add, I promptly lost on the next race.

I like to think that now, after 15 years of spring racing thrills and heartaches, I've learned my lesson. This year my money will be staying in my purse...and I'll be keeping my tips to myself.



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Christmas Shopping Night

Don't forget our annual Christmas Shopping Night will be held at the Pharmacy on **Thursday 24th November** from **6:30pm to 9:00pm**. Last year we had a huge number of people attend the evening that had a great time. Again this year there will be lucky door prizes drawn every 30 minutes and there will be in excess of \$3000 worth of prizes to give away on the night! Plus there will be finger food and drinks provided throughout the evening. On the night will be offering our Gift Club Members **30% off all gifts!!** Remember to join our FREE Gift Club so you get this fantastic discount on the evening if you aren't already a member. This will be a great chance to kick start your Christmas Shopping if you haven't already started! Please bring your friends and family and join us on what will be another fun and enjoyable evening on Thursday 24th November from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

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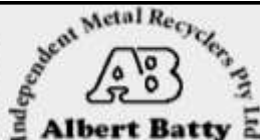
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From The Argus (Melbourne) Thursday 16 July 1896

Compiled by Jan McDonald, Meredith History Interest Group

Bamganie World War I Soldiers.

Marg Cooper

James William Coots b. 1893, Clement Francis Coots b. 1897 and John Rupert Coots b. 1899 went to World War I. They were sons of James and Mary Josephine Coots {Davis} and lived at "Pine Grove" on Bamganie Road {what is now 518 Bamganie Road} before moving to Penny Royal, then to "Green Gables" at

Torquay. James and Clement Coots are both on the Bamganie Honour Roll. James and Mary had married at the Meredith Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday July 25, 1888. William and Mary Coots {grandparents of James Coots b1893} purchased the land at Bamganie and had farmed there. Mary died in 1897 and William died 1903 and both are buried in Meredith Cemetery.

James William Coots, No 2808 was 21 years old when he enlisted in June 1915 and was to become a member of the 14th Field Ambulance and would have seen action in many battles on the Western Front. He was awarded the Military Medal on January 15, 1918 and was appointed Lance Corporal on March 31, 1918.

Clement Francis Coots, No 7222 was nearly 22 when he enlisted in October 1916. He had been on HMA Ballarat for 9 weeks and was



preparing for disembarkation to go to the war when the ship was torpedoed by a German submarine on April 25, 1917 in the English Channel. The men aboard were also preparing to celebrate Anzac Day. No lives were lost of the 1752 souls aboard. The ship sunk the following morning.

He returned to Australia in September 1917. John Rupert Coots, No 551 was in the Anzac Cycle Battalion. He was 18 when he enlisted. His parents signed his application to enlist because he was less than 21.

The Coots brothers are 3 of the Bamganie Soldiers who will be remembered on a sign to be erected at the Bamganie State School site and on November 6, 2011 at the ceremony in the Meredith Hall.

You are welcome to attend at 2 pm!

Meredith History Interest Group

Marg Cooper

Railway Line 150th

The next meeting to organize celebrations for April 2012 will be held at the Meredith Community House on Monday, November 7 at 7 pm.

If you have any interest in the railways please come along.

Railway Talk Fest

MHIG held a Talk Fest about the railways on Sunday October 2 at the Masonic Centre. An enthusiastic crowd told and listened to memories and anecdotes about the railways and Meredith.

Some of them are included below:

A lot of men came to Meredith/Elaine districts working on the railway line construction, they bought land and some descendants are still here. A double line was built between Geelong and Ballarat. The up train went on the west line and the down train went on the east line. It was converted to one line in the 1930's.

Meredith Railway Station was an important and busy station, as it serviced a large area from Meredith to Morrison to Steiglitz. Livestock from as far away as Grenville were driven to Meredith to go on the train to Newmarket.

Milk cans were delivered to a shed near the railway station, which had a door you backed into in the yard and a door onto the platform.

Many local men were employed on the railways.

Jack Shell, Rex Brady, Ned Watts and Jack McCormack worked together as a gang. Rex Brady was the ganger or boss of the gang. This gang patrolled from Meredith to Lethbridge and kept their trolley in a shed behind the Golf Club.

Children going to Secondary School in Geelong left on the 7.30 am train and returned by 6.30 pm.

Rosemary Marchment had to travel 3 miles to get to the train from her home and walk about 1 mile to her school in Geelong. Joyce Stanley came down to Meredith on the train from Elaine to be taught music and went home on the train.

Jim Duggan's house a former railway workers home was removed from near the station in the 1970's in one piece to Russell Street

Bamganie WW1 Soldiers Re-Dedication

The Bamganie WW I Soldiers Re-Dedication will be held at the Meredith Hall on November 6, 2011 at 2 pm.

RS Owners Club of Australia

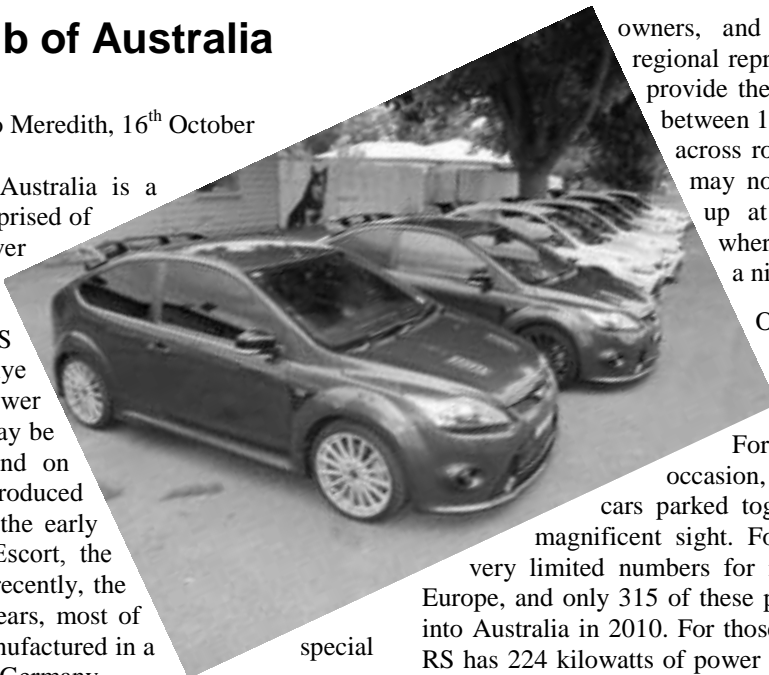
Frank York

Spring Drive – Melbourne to Meredith, 16th October 2011

The RS Owners Club of Australia is a national car club and is comprised of members from all over Australia who have affection for Ford's sporting vehicles that carry the RS badge. RS stands for "Rallye Sport" and is England's answer to the GT badge that you may be more familiar with as found on some other cars. Ford has produced a variety of RS cars since the early 1970's, most notably the Escort, the Capri, the Sierra and most recently, the Ford Focus. Through the years, most of these RS cars have been manufactured in a factory located in Saarlouis, Germany.

Ford experienced a great deal of motor sporting success, both in international rallying and the Ford circuit motor racing from the 1960's up till the current day with cars that carry the RS badge. Even today, Ford competes in the World Rally Championship with the Ford Fiesta RS.

On Sunday 16th October, 18 members of the RS Owners Club of Australia met for one of the club's regular 'drive and dine' days. These drive days provide members and their families with an opportunity to get together, socialise and meet fellow RS



special

owners, and drive their cars. The club's regional representative, Frank York, likes to provide the members with a drive ranging between 100 and 200 kilometres in length, across roads and a region that members may not be familiar with, and ending up at a Victorian town or village where we can again gather and enjoy a nice lunch in a pub or cafe.

On this occasion the club members concluded their drive at the historic Meredith hotel.

With all the members driving Fords new Focus RS on this occasion, the sight of a dozen gleaming cars parked together outside the hotel was a magnificent sight. Ford produced the Focus RS in very limited numbers for its motor sporting activities in Europe, and only 315 of these particular vehicles were brought into Australia in 2010. For those technically minded, the Focus RS has 224 kilowatts of power (305HP) and 440NM of torque, and has a top speed of 263 km/h.

Inside the pub, the members gathered by the open fires before sitting down to magnificent meals put on by the chef and hosted by the owners of the pub, Steve and Cath.

The RS Owners thoroughly enjoy bringing their cars out and visiting country locations, meeting the locals, and enjoying the real Australia. If you're interested in the RS Owners Club, we can be found on the World Wide Web at

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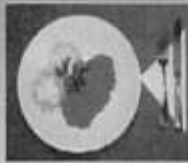
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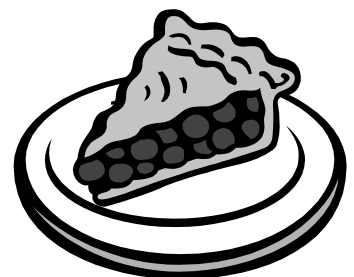
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Marg's Book Review

"The Year of the Flood" by Margaret Atwood.

Margaret Atwood does not want her books to be classed as science fiction.

She says that everything that happens in her novels is possible and may even have already happened, so they can't be science fiction, which is "fiction" in which things happen that are not possible today. She has written a number of books like this one in which she writes a story in a possible future projected from available data and trends.

The waterless flood happens in year twenty five. The plague which is highly contagious and spreads quickly may have been created by man. The pandemic wipes out most humanity. The God's Gardeners have been predicting and preparing for the waterless flood for years but no one took them seriously. Some members of God's Gardeners survive.

They are an unwashed, vegetarian eco-set who are anti-materialist. They are ridiculed for their puritan beliefs. In a consumerist culture they abstain from consumption, they don't believe in writing down their beliefs, that is theirs is an oral culture and they don't believe in depression.

If gardeners become depressed or withdrawn they are in a Fallow state and are not treated with either medication or therapy.

They worship Saints that are taken from our world e.g. Saint Jacques Cousteau and the senior members are numbered as Adams and Eves. Before the waterless flood humankind was experimenting with animals. They have created gene-spliced

experimental animals like the rakunks, the luminous green rabbits and the liobams.

The CorpSeCorps started as a private security firm but they've taken over when the local police forces collapsed for lack of funding. They outlawed guns many years ago. They favour official marriages as a means of capturing your DNA, all the better to track you with. They encourage neighbours, family and friends to turn one another in for misdeeds. Criminals are sent to Painball. HelthWyzer creates health products. There is a Happicuppa franchise. The Pleebrats were ruined children, thieves and liars. The blurb tells that the book envisages world-changing systems, environmental precariousness with notions of divine interventions. Most of the bookclub members did not finish reading this book and thought that it was too intricate and too far out! The book for discussion in November is "The Rainbow" by DH Lawrence.

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