



# Meredith & district News



October 2011

Our Free Community Newsletter since 1972

## A Ride Down Memory Lane

*Jim Hynds*

Out Bamganie way there is a glimpse of the past that can be seen on most weekends. Wally Tabone is an avid collector of all things old, especially horse harness, collars and horse paraphernalia. He has kept horses on his property and regularly rides them up the road.

But recently Wally expressed his wish to own a harness horse and asked me where he could buy a good one. I gave him some contacts and some weeks later a 3 year old Clydesdale cross horse arrived at the farm and Wally called him Billy.

Over the next few weeks Wally broke him to saddle and then he started to train him for harness. Billy was regaled in harness gear and Wally walked behind him, round and round the paddock and then up and down the road. Billy took to harness like a duck to water, showing great intelligence and was soon was deemed ready to be harnessed to a cart.

Wally brought a "horse break" from Melbourne. This is a heavy cart with long shafts and designed especially for training horses to harness.

But I recognized that this cart was special!

Looking over it, I recognized that this was the very horse break owned by legendary horse breaker Eric Lawrence of Footscray, Melbourne. He was regularly seen in and around the streets of Footscray and Kensington working his horses. I remember seeing him with this canary yellow horse break with five horses in Footscray Road when I was a teenager.

The day arrived for Billy to be harnessed to the horse break for the first time and I gave Wally a hand. Billy went in without a fault and Wally worked him around the paddock.

After a couple of weeks Wally declared that Billy was ready for the road.

Wally invited me to come along. Lucky me!

Billy worked brilliantly. After 16 thrilling kilometres we arrived back.

Wally who is a brilliant tradesman has built his own cart and he is now working Billy in it. I'm sure that Billy will give Wally years of pleasure.

Linda and I are hoping for a ride in the new cart and just maybe a ride in the old horse break before it goes back to Melbourne.

Thanks for the memories Wally!



*Wally Tabone and Linda Hynds in the historic horse break.*

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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](mailto:mchnews@netconnect.com.au) or deliver to the Meredith Corner Shop.

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### Maternal Infant & Childcare Nurse

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

**6th, 20th Oct. 3rd, 18th Nov**

### Geelong Regional Library Van

At the Meredith Community Centre

**1-3pm 7th, 21st Oct. 4th, 18th Nov**

[www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au](http://www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au)

### Senior Citizens

Meet at the Meredith Memorial Hall

Ph. Jim 52868 232

*New members are always welcome*

**10th, 24th Oct. 14th & 28th Nov**

### 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. 27th October**

Earlier submissions appreciated & necessary when our input is required.



## Community Contacts

Community Centre-Joan	5286 1348
Primary School-Doug	5286 1313
Kindergarten-Kim	5286 1227
Police Station- Greg	5286 1222
Red Cross- Mel	5286 1558
CWA-Joan	5286 1559
Tennis Club-Julie	5286 1211
Jnr Footy Club-Jaron Munday	0430 587674
M'bool Valley Masters- Mick	0408 545 246
Recreation Reserve- Mick	0408 545 246
Memorial Hall-Lynn	5286 1566
Hall Bookings-Sandra	5286 1545
Golf Club- Denis	5341 5748
Senior Citizens-Jim	5286 8232
Cemetery Trust-Dawn	5286 1274
Motor Cycle Club- Mark	0437 009250
Angling Club- Daryl	53 543 879
Advanced Meredith-Di	5286 1291
CFA- Robert Cooke	5286 1346

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

### any NEWS or VIEWS?

[mchnews@netconnect.com.au](mailto:mchnews@netconnect.com.au)



"I once had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: "No good in a bed, but fine up against a wall"

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## Emergency Phone Numbers



Police, Ambulance, Fire	<b>000</b>
(from mobile phone)	<b>000 or 112</b>
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.

## Stolen

FROM LETHBRIDGE. Corner Robertson Road and Perdrisat Roads.

1 x Gallagher B 160 Battery Powered Electric Fence Energiser complete with Solar Panel. 1 x N 70 ZZ Truck Battery, used to power above Electric energizer. 1 x in frame gate made by Metalcorp, Studmaster brand. 2.5 mts. 2 x cattle panels made by Metalcorp, Studmaster brand. 2.25mts 14 x cattle panels made by Metalcorp, Studmaster brand 2.50mts.

These items were stolen on either the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> of September from a private property. Be aware that this configuration would be ideal for a dishonest horse person to make a round yard. Please keep your eyes and ears open and if you have any information on the whereabouts of these items contact MEREDITH POLICE on 5286 1222.

### Car Boot Sale Extravaganza

St John's Anglican Church  
Byron Street Bannockburn  
\$10.00 per car per site

Contact Angela for site 0438 750 445

**Saturday 5th November 2011 8.00am-12 noon**

Contact Rev. Elizabeth Bufton 53 694 204  
Email [staughtonvale@bigpond.com](mailto:staughtonvale@bigpond.com)

### Want to be a Social Walker?



...then join the **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.

## Meredith a sell out

Angela Henley

The 21<sup>st</sup> Meredith Music Festival is now sold out. Demand for tickets was as strong, if not stronger, than ever. Ballot sales closed Tuesday 30 August. Store sales sold out on the morning of Thursday September 1. There were people camping out overnight in front of some of the stores. Meredith staff were on hand throughout the early morning to make sure nobody lined up unnecessarily, to direct people to other stores and to hand out free coffee to people in each line. Online sales happened today Friday 2 September and took less than 30 minutes to sell through the allocation. In Meredith's 21-year history, it has sold out on all but two occasions.

The next opportunity for discerning music lovers to spend quality time in the fabled Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre is via Meredith's sister festival, Golden Plains. Dates for the festival are now announced: Golden Plains Sixxxx will take place on March 10-12, 2012. All details are at [www.goldenplains.com.au](http://www.goldenplains.com.au).

### Meredith Charity Cabaret - Charity: Meredith CFA

**Saturday 15th October 8.30pm**

**Theme: Hollywood**

**Band: Mid Life Crisis Meredith's Own**

**Meredith Memorial Hall Staughton St**

**BYO drinks & glasses Light Supper supplied**

**\$35 per head Tickets available from**

**Denise Jude 0409 386 794**

**Leanne Hammond 0409 536 627 52 821619**

## Pathway Extended

*Jim Elvey*

The Police Paddocks pathway has had two further extensions in recent weeks. The main circuit path has a new off-take which runs from the 'viewing circle' on the valley edge, for about 200 m. along the creek's western boundary to the northern end of the Paddocks. Although a dead-end at the present, this short spur opens up more views of the creek valley up to the reserve's northern boundary.

The second extension is another short section which joins the loop path and Nuttall Street. This gives townspeople more convenient pedestrian access to the site. (Drivers should still park at the main entrance on Campion Road at the southern end, near the wool store.)

Put on your walking shoes and enjoy this convenient, attractive and undemanding track right on our doorstep.

## Meredith Music Festival

*Kristie Walker*

Meredith Music Festival's 21st will be held at the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre on Friday 9 December – Sunday 11 December, 2011. A quantity of tickets set aside for locals will be sold at the Meredith Corner Store in November. Everything you need to know is at [www.mmf.com.au](http://www.mmf.com.au).

## Thank you

I would like to thank the wonderful people of Meredith for their kindness, cards, flowers and messages of sympathy on the recent sudden loss of my loved twin brother Ross. It was so much appreciated. It is true what they say about country communities, also thank you to the Bannockburn Police for being so caring.

Denise and Geoff Hardy and our family.

## Classifieds

### Free

Kids 3 in 1 games table Pool, Soccer, Table Tennis  
ph Karen 0400152869

### Wanted to Buy

Heavy duty exercise bike Ph. Murph Emond 52 861 254

### For Sale

Heavy duty weight Bench with leg ext, arm curls etc.  
\$150. Comes with 6ft bar bell and weights (Aus Barbell)  
Phone Murph. 52 861 254

### 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

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

### MEREDITH & ANAKIE CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

St. Joseph's Catholic Parish Meredith

Bannockburn - Mass every Sunday @ 9 a.m.

Winchelsea - Mass every Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Meredith- Mass @ 11 a.m. Meredith 9th & 23 Oct

Anakie - Mass @ 11 a.m. Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 30th Oct.

## Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show 2011

The Friends of Brisbane Ranges are hosting the Brisbane Ranges Wildflower Show,

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30-4.30pm,  
Staughton Vale Hall, Anakie.  
(Gold coin donation).**

Some 629 native plant species can be found in the ranges with over 100 terrestrial orchid species identified. There will be wildflower displays, native plant and book sales, workshops on macro photography and orchid identification and information on pest plants & animals and native wildlife. Cash Sales only, NO EFTPOS For further information about the show, visit Friends of the Brisbane Ranges <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fobr/wildflowershow> or phone: (03) 5366 0000.

This is a family friendly but pet free event.  
Disabled parking and access at the Hall.

**BUS TOURS are all booked out**



## Meredith Community Centre, Inc.

4 Russell Street Meredith 3333

PH 5286 1348 Fax 52861 563

"Working for our community"



## Meredith Community Centre Receives \$30,000 Grant.

We are pleased to accept a grant of \$30,000 from the Victorian Government as part of the Small Inclusion Grant Program. The Small Inclusion Grant Program is a grant scheme that awards Neighbourhood Houses with grants to help more Victorians with a disability to have access to community activities. The grant will be used to upgrade our kitchen in order to provide access for all members of the community, from all backgrounds and all abilities.

### Meredith Playgroup Thursdays 9.00 to 12.00pm

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

## Win, Win, Win!

Jim Elvey

You might have heard about the *Save and Raise* campaign that is operating in regional Victoria at the moment. Sponsored by a number of bodies, it offers two layers of free home consultation. One, simply offers to replace all incandescent globes with low energy bulbs and, if you want it, other energy saving devices and low water use shower heads. All free of charge or any obligation! A second service is an energy audit which really involves simply sitting down with the consultant and answering a series of questions related to energy use. Again, it's a freebie.

We undertook both services recently and are glad we did. Not only did we end up with some nifty devices that power down appliances on "standby", which will knock a few dollars off our ever increasing power bill, but also picked up some good advice on how to simply lower energy costs.

So there's a win for the environment and the household budget. But it doesn't end there. For every "free stuff" visit, the campaign will donate \$10 to an organisation partnered with the program, and \$30 if you undertake the energy audit as well. And this benefit can stay right here in Meredith if you nominate Ballarat Environment Network (BEN) as your benefitting organisation. BEN has undertaken to spend any funds derived from the district through this campaign on the Police Paddocks.

This program won't be around for long, so visit their web site - [saveandraise.com.au](http://saveandraise.com.au) - or dive right in and call

1300 855362. Then you can...





## meredithPolicenews

Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen

### POLICE NEWS FROM MEREDITH.

I would like to open this month's report by thanking the many people who I have heard from expressing interest in re-starting the Blue Light Disco's. The response has been positive and my aim to push towards kicking off the first of them in the new year.

Over recent weeks there has been an increase in thefts occurring on rural properties within our area. A Barwon Water facility located on Durdidwarrah Road, Durdidwarrah had two large stainless steel screens stolen. These items are unique and were custom built for a specific application. From a rural property located in Perdrisat Road, Lethbridge offenders have stolen 15 Metal Corp brand Stud Master stock pens and a Electric Fence unit. The stock pens were in particularly good condition and were 63 mm diameter metal galvanised. Offenders used a vehicle to access the property after cutting a pad lock.

It would appear that offences are being committed late in the evening and it is likely that these thefts are related. I urge all property owners to be aware of the location of their plant and farm equipment and to do their best to keep their property secure. I would also urge landholders to take the time to stamp or etch their Victorian drivers licence numbers into items where possible. This makes the process of identifying stolen property at later times a much easier process.

I ask all residents in rural areas to be vigilant in relation to suspicious vehicles or persons and where possible to record registration details of cars which may assist in solving crime within the area. I encourage any person with information to contact me.

Regards Greg Kitchen.

## Meredith Kinder

Kimberley Westlake

We have been very busy over the past month. Our Movie Days were a success with the children making their admission tickets. We had a vote on which movie to watch which involved some great mathematical concepts as children were asked to stand in the corner of the movie they wanted to watch. We then counted up how many were in each group to decide which group had the biggest number of people in it and which movie we would watch. The kinder smelt like popcorn for the day and was even like a real theatre as we got it all over the ground as well!

Our Science experiments have begun to get the children thinking about how different things work. The children have been creating their own science experiments out in the sandpit with the coloured water. We have looked at flowers and how they drink up the water, made snow, watched the colour and water in the milk separate the fat and made sultanas dance!

Our Cafe Excursion went really well and the children loved being down at the cafe for lunch. Many people that were in the cafe commented on how lovely it was to hear and see the happy faces of the kindergarten children, so it was lovely being out in the community.

Last week we enjoyed some talks from the Dental Health Nurse who talked to us about healthy eating and brushing our teeth correctly. The children were given some show bags with their own tooth brush and tooth paste in it to practise at home and develop good dental hygiene practices. Thank you to Mandy who provided the talks for the Meredith Kindergarten.

We had a great turn out for our Special Person's Night Last week. Thank you to all who were able to participate. We had many beautiful art works painted and everyone enjoyed the dancing (We think!!) and our Chocolate Balls that the children made during the day all went!



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## Meredith Cricket Club

Chris Hart

Meredith Cricket Club Season Opener just weeks away.

The Meredith Rams will be eagerly anticipating the commencement of the 2011-12 season the weekend after the AFL Grand Final. Having exhibited solid improvement at all levels last season, those gains should be consolidated into strong winning performances in all grades this year.

Coach Ty Watts has taken keen interest in the development of the clubs younger players, over the break and has well founded expectations that they will step up and not only fill the void left by some retiring senior players but in fact surpass them with their contributions. The First and Second Elevens have retained the core of their teams from last year, which saw the club move from strugglers in 2009 to finalist participants and contenders.

Ty, along with gun allrounder Chris "Spud" Moreland and top bats Heath Bush and Troy Bott, will all be keen to follow up with a second solid season at the MCG and again push for more finals action that was cut short by the inclement weather at the conclusion of last year. The inclusion of a couple of new faces along with retaining club legend Greg "Boo Boo" Peters and talented youngsters Aaron Hart and Danny McMahon, to name but a couple, should ensure the club remains a force in GCA 3.

Wily veteran Terry "Rash" Hart looks likely to retain the leadership of a second eleven, that would consider itself unlucky not to have featured in the finals last year. Again, the club will look to develop more of its younger talent through this section. As usual there will be a mix of older players to support the up and comers with the emphasis being on improvement of the individual as opposed to a single minded approach to winning, but rest assured that once on the field winning will definitely be very much on the players' minds.

If the second eleven is about development, then the thirds is definitely about enjoyment. That's not to say the attitude will not be competitive, but cricket should be available to anybody wanting to have a go and be part of an enjoyable and relaxed team environment. Numbers were a bit thin last year and although improved this season, there certainly is room for anybody young or old, male or female wanting to be part of a senior cricket team.

The club meets for training at the Meredith Recreation Reserve from around 5.00pm on a Thursday evening and anybody thinking of playing or even just supporting is welcome to come along. A BBQ or light meal often follows along with a few drinks.

Round 1 for the Firsts and Seconds is against Bannockburn on October 8 (2nds at home) with the thirds to be announced. These were two very competitive fixtures last year and the Rams will be looking to post a couple of wins to kick off the season and start the run to the finals from round one.

To stay up to date with what the Rams are up to visit the web site and add it to your favorites at

[www.freeteams.net/meredithrams](http://www.freeteams.net/meredithrams)

MEREDITH: on the RAMPAGE



## Meredith Golf Club

### Meredith Rokewood Challenge

#### 10.09.11 Stableford

Winner P Schillier 40 pts

Runner up G Wilkens 37 pts

NTP 9th B Moritz 10th G Wilkens



#### 11.09.11 Canadian Foursomes

Winner D Gear, J Donghi 66pts

Putting Comp—A Slocombe, S Watson 29 putts

#### 17. 9.11 Winner Meredith

NTP 2nd P Schillier 9th T Griffith

10th T Griffith

Longest Drive C Everett

Meredith Men—P Schillier 38 pts

Rokewood Men—T Griffith 41 pts

## Elaine Tennis Club Inc.

Shane Dunne

Table Tennis is being held at 4pm every Sunday at Elaine hall for kids of all ages and adults too

BYO table tennis bats

Kitchen facilities available Entry Adults \$5 U18's free

Enquiries Shane 53415602



All members (junior and senior) please note that a professional tennis coach will be available from the start of Term 4 every Thursday at the Elaine Recreation Reserve. Our 1<sup>st</sup> coaching session will be on Thursday 13th October starting at 4pm and going until 6:15pm. Coaching will be free to all members.

Enquiries:ph Shane 53415602 (juniors)

Lynn 52861566 (seniors)

## Milo Cricket at Elaine

Registration day is at Elaine Cricket Ground on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm. Ages 5 to 10, boys and girls. Cost is \$60 which includes a MILO in2CRICKET Starter Pack with a backpack, bat, hat, t-shirt and Milo giveaways! For more info visit

[www.in2CRICKET.com.au](http://www.in2CRICKET.com.au)

or ph Les 0405266778 Shane 0448291074

## Elaine Tennis Club raffle results

1<sup>st</sup> prize Ron Read (x2 lambs wool blankets donated by Meredith Wool Pty Ltd Value \$300)

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Owen Lewis (\$100 battery voucher from Bond Batteries Ballarat)

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Jimmy Mckee (meal voucher La Porchetta Sturt St. Ballarat)

4<sup>th</sup> prize Geraldine Bilston (Kids passes to Funbugs Ballarat)

Photo omitted  
from online version.

## Junior Moorabool Valley Crocs

*Karen Pritchard*

Well another Footy Season draws to a close. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August we had a Parents v Kids match. It was a fun night with a lot of unfit parents playing. The kids came out the winners for the night, much to their delight. After a family sausage sizzle we held our AGM. There was a new committee voted in. President – Campbell Mavity, Vice Presidents – Jamie Mitilineos & Shane Dunne, Secretary – Karen Pritchard and Treasurer – Ian Macdonald. The coaches for next year will stay the same with Jaron 'Barra' Munday as Head Coach and Darren Emmlin as Assistant Coach. We would like to say a very big thank you to the out going Committee for all their hard work over the last few years. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September was our Best 'n' Fairest/Vote Count night and what a fun night was had by all. The Clubrooms were decorated in Navy Blue and Gold throughout. We even had a vote count board. The players were so excited to see their names on the board and to get a vote. There were a lot of pies, chips, cakes, jelly, footy biscuits & footy chocolates eaten on the night. Aimee Fear had taken photos throughout the season and turned them into a slide show, much to the players delight.

All the players received a participation trophy and their team photo (taken by Aimee Fear )

Winners of the night were-  
BEST 'N' FAIREST – Mitch Emmlin,  
RUNNERS UP BEST 'N' FAIREST – James Fear,  
MOST COURAGEOUS -Cooper Simpson,  
MOST DETERMINED – Fraser Mitilineos,  
MOST DISCIPLINED – Normie Perdrisat,  
COACHES AWARD – Max Kocon  
BEST CLUBMAN – Max Kocon,  
ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD – Ash Dunscombe  
MOST GOALS KICKED – Mitch Emmlin (17 goals),  
MOST IMPROVED – Fergus Macdonald  
BEST 1<sup>st</sup> YEAR PLAYER – Seamus Dunne

As it is the end of the season we have farewelled some of our

Grade 5/6 players and some of their parents. The club would like to say farewell and thank you to James Fear, Max Kocon, Wade Hearn, Harris Mitilineos, Jacob Heard, Brady Dunne, Mitch Halmshaw, Ash Dunscombe, Riley Parkin, Normie Perdrisat, Matt Taskin, Liam Finnigan and their parents. We wish you well in your footy season next year.

At the start of the pre season next year we will have a BBQ and games day. Registration forms will be available on the day. If your child is unsure about playing footy this is an ideal day to bring them up and get involved. They only need to ask their classmates how much fun we have throughout the season, on and off the field.

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## You are invited

We are seeking WOMEN aged 25-45 and MEN aged 45+ to be part of FOCUS GROUP's to discuss courses and programs that you would like be run at the MEREDITH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Men's Group  
Date: 26/10/2011  
Time: 7pm—9pm

Women's Group  
Date: 27/10/2011  
Time: 10am—12noon

To register contact the Meredith Community Centre on: 03) 5286 1348



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## Birthdays on August 28.

Marg Cooper

### Bill McColl

Bill McColl celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 28 with a lunch at the Bannockburn Hotel with about 19 friends and members of his family.

Bill is the son of Hugh and Edith McColl and brother to Muriel, John {Jacko} and Janice.

He grew up in Meredith and except for a short time in Geelong he has lived all his life around Meredith.

He worked for Elders for 29 years and was the Elders Agent at Meredith for 19 years. He and his family lived in the Elders House in Staughton Street next door to the Elders Merchandise Store on the corner of Staughton Street and the Midland Highway, which is now a cafe. Bill has farmed for many years and lives on Henderson's Road, Bamganie.

Happy Birthday Bill.



### Jim Duggan

Jim Duggan celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 28 with a lunch at the Bannockburn Hotel with a number of his friends. He thoroughly enjoyed the party and the sponge birthday cake filled with layers of berries and cream made for him, as a surprise by Dawn Sargent.

Jim lived with his family on Duggan's Road and went to school at She Oaks until he was 12 years old. He rode his push bike for 3½ miles to get to school over rough gravel roads and sandy bush tracks and sometimes he'd get tangled up in the thick sand and down he'd go!

He often rode with Max Cooper and Evelyn and Ron Wiseman who lived nearby. Kath Randall was the teacher at She Oaks and he tells that he enjoyed his time there and that she was a great teacher.

When he was about 10 years old an Auntie gave him a nice little dog that he called "Sparks". The dog managed to get away, ran fast down the paddock and caught a rabbit. This started Jim's rabbiting hobby and he has always owned a dog since then! His Uncle, Fab Duggan sold the farm in 1948 and the family moved to Meredith. Jim went to Meredith State School for 2 years and then left to cut wood. He tells that he didn't even get to leave school when he was handed an axe! He believes that he was in the last generation to be handed axes! The next generation were wiser, as there was no future in cutting wood. There was nothing easy about it.

Jim and his friends Don Sellars and George Shell often went



Jim with his friends Dorothy and Jack

rabbiting and fishing around Meredith.

Jim tells that they have been good mates all their lives. They'd head out of town to "Borhoneyghurk", to Geoff Elliotts on the Mt Mercer Road or down Taylors Road on their bikes, after school and at weekends with their dogs following and a mattock tied on the bike.

Jim said that there were oodles of rabbits and they'd often come home with 40 or more. They'd skin the rabbits, put the skins on wires, dry them and later sell the skins. Buyers from Geelong travelled the country districts buying rabbit skins and at one time they paid 10/- per skin. The boys would catch 20-30 rabbits in Meredith when the Coolebarghurk Creek flooded, which it did nearly every year. The rabbits that lived along the creek under the furze bushes would get flooded out and head up to the furze bushes on the vacant block of land over the Midland Highway. Jim often went rabbiting or fishing with Mrs Moran. She loved to walk to Nuttalls to go fishing.

Jim didn't play sport and tells that his life was work and often heavy work: everything added up to work!

He worked at the waterworks for the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust {later called Barwon Water} for 28 years.

Even when he worked at the waterworks all week, Jim cut wood on weekends and holidays.

Jim retired in 1989 and has worked with wood in his workshop creating many pieces of furniture and children's toys.



Happy Birthday Jim.

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come and reminisce.

PH:0407556796 Kathy  
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## Lilac Moon Tai Chi news

*Patricia Kent*

On Saturday 24th September 8 students on Lilac Moon Tai Chi will be on their way to China to train with Grand Master Lu in Bei Dai He for 9 days and then join a tour which will eventually take us to Wudan Mountain. We will join between 300 and 400 international and Chinese students who have been invited by Grand Master Lu to be part of a "Great Meeting" of Tai Chi practitioners, training together and learning more of this ancient art.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is going for their willingness to practice extra hours with me, for all of their kindness and wonderful gifts that have appeared. I have been overwhelmed with gratitude, my heart is full.

Thankyou to all the beloved folk of Trentham who have encouraged us, teased us, waved to us while we have been practicing down by the lake, offered (with tongue in cheek), to show us how "it" is done, demonstrated in Red Beard how "it" is done, and taken an interest in our journey.

Together we have faced anxiety, frustration, elation, we have cried a little together, laughed a lot and now we are ready. I am proud beyond words to be travelling with such a feisty and beautiful group of women. We can take our place in this huge gathering of students from around the world as representatives of Tai chi in Central Victoria, and as glorious Australian women.

There is no cure for AWESOMENESS (to quote Po from Kung Fu Panda)

*Locals Desma Blow and Sandra Pearce are joining their Tai Chi instructor Patricia on a visit to an international gathering in China*

*Ed*



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(Please bring along a pen)

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011

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(BBQ to follow )



Welcome to

# MEREDITH PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Term 3 is coming to a close, and hasn't the time flown!

Again we have been busy at Meredith PS with visitors, student teachers, excursions and lots of fun work.

The Grade P-2 children enjoyed an excursion to the Ballarat Art Gallery where they participated in some art activities and got to look at the Art on show in the gallery. They also had fun on the playground near the lake – Kenneth even got Mrs. Edmiston to go down the slide!

Our Grade 3 students had a great time at their first camp at Baanya Biami. They got to build huts, go down the giant slide, and if they were brave enough, have a go on the flying fox. They also ate pretty well too! Mr Gleeson and Mr Colbert came home tired, but very happy with our Meredith kids.

The Grade 1 and 2 students enjoyed an activity evening where they stayed after school and enjoyed some afternoon tea and a range of activities such as dancing on the deck, art, indoor bowling, juggling, vortex throwing and scoop ball. The Grade 1s left at 5.30, leaving the Grade 2s to enjoy a 'camp style' dinner in the new school. This activity night is a very important part of our camping program and next year, with the school completely finished, we will return to having our Grade 2 Sleepover program.

The Grade 5 and 6 students have been very busy working on some community projects. They are taking part in Operation Christmas Child where they are preparing a shoebox of goodies to be sent to a child for Christmas. This included a shopping trip to Ballarat to purchase items to add to their shoeboxes. The Grade 6s have also been working on a project where they are making possum boxes and bird feeders to sell to the community to raise funds for the RSPCA.

We have also talked about special days that are held to raise awareness for certain causes. RUOK? Day was one that the students had seen advertised but didn't really understand so they spent a morning investigating the cause. Read what Harris and Wade found out about RUOK? Day.

*Thursday the 15th of September 2011 is RUOK? Day.*

*It is a day that prevents people from suicide by encouraging people to talk to others.*

*On RUOK? Day people from the all over the country need to say to friends, family and colleagues: "Are you OK?"*

*It's so easy, you can start a conversation that could change a life and it takes less than 20 minutes.*

*Over 1 million Australians took part in RUOK? Day.*

*Conversations and independent studies told us that more than 650,000 conversations took place on RUOK? Day.*

*Over 2,100 Australians commit suicide each year and men are around four times more likely to die by suicide than females are. For each person that dies in this way, another 30 attempt to end their life.*

*The best thing we can all do is regularly ask the people we care about: "Are you OK?" regardless of whether they are at risk because connection is good for all of us.*

*Now that you know what R U OK? Day is now all you have to do is go to family members friends work mates and colleagues R U OK? It could help you save others lives.*

*Thanks for listening.*

*Harris and Wade, Grade 6*

We will return after the holidays refreshed and hopefully to a completed deck! Wishing everyone a safe holiday, and we will see you for a busy Term 4!

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Time: 9.30-11.30am  
Cost: \$10 per class

### MINIATURE PHOTO ALBUM

Date: Sat. Nov. 5th  
Time: 9.30-12pm  
Cost: \$35  
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Date: Mon. Dec. 5th  
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Date: Wed. Oct. 26th– Nov. 30th  
Time: 7.30–8.45pm  
Cost: \$75 for 6 weeks

### TAI CHI

Date: Tues. Oct. 25th–Dec. 13th  
Time: 11:30-12:30pm  
Cost: \$68.00 for 8 weeks  
or \$10 casual visit

# Mollie's COLUMN

## Archie

### 'Absolutely not.'

I thought I'd put it pretty clearly, personally.

'No, you cannot get a new puppy while Mum and Dad are away!'

Being 19, and having a fairly good grasp of the English language, I thought my brother Jack would understand. I repeated myself a few times to make sure, and even messaged my parents in Thailand for back up.

'No puppies,' they repeated firmly. Dad said no, Mum said no, I'd said no at least 17 times, so I went off to work pretty comfortable in the knowledge another hungry, noisy, messy creature wouldn't join the crowd I was already minding before my parents came back. You can imagine my surprise when I returned that afternoon to find the back porch covered in newspapers, little bowls and one small, velvety, wriggling ball of slightly smelly fur, fast asleep in a washing basket.

My brothers and sisters might tell you I'm the fun police, but my alleged need to put a stop to all enjoyable activities and generally ruin the social lives of adolescents everywhere had very little to do with my anti-puppy stance. I'm not an expert, but I had a fair idea that whatever sort of hound Jack was after would undoubtedly grow as tall as a horse, and most likely possess an innate desire to hunt anything that caught its attention, our cats and small children included. I also knew that the dog run Jack had planned to build before adding any more animals

to the family menagerie was still nothing but a dream. But my main (somewhat selfish) reason was that Jack works all day, the others are at school, and who'd be left holding, feeding, cleaning up after and attempting to train the crying puppy? I strongly suspected it would be me. I was, to put it mildly, a little cross. And then Archie woke up, and I promptly lost my heart.

He's the sweetest, most ridiculous puppy, with his big head (maybe not chockfull of brains) and even bigger paws. His legs are so long that in his first few weeks with us he'd trip over them and bounce up again looking distinctly puzzled. Luckily he's almost beginning to grow in to them, now that he's nearly as tall as our kelpie Wags, and he can bound joyfully up and down the stairs that flummoxed him at first. Unfortunately he's yet to grow out of his habit of trying to drag anything he finds amusing, from unattended boots, to Ginger the cat, in to his washing basket.

It's not all so adorable, however. Mum wasn't so amused when her verandah chair was thoroughly chewed, and limping around in the dark when shoes go mysteriously missing is not nearly as funny for the barefoot person as it is for everyone else. I just can't get grumpy with those floppy ears and that furiously

wagging tail though. It might be because I'm lucky enough to be a visitor who takes my slobbery boots home with me...

leaving Archie with seven other delicious pairs just waiting to be hidden.



## Meredith History Interest Group

Marg Cooper

### Unlock The Past

MHIG attended this Expo on September 2 and 3 at Geelong Arena in North Geelong. The Expo had about 50 exhibitors in the main area and about 36 seminars in 2 theatres, over the 2 days. We displayed and sold various local publications and answered inquiries about Meredith and its history and came home with lots of homework. Some people were researching their forebears who had lived at Meredith and asked us to find information for them. MHIG were situated at the Expo amidst other Historical Societies and it was interesting to discover what their groups do and how they fund projects.

### Railway Line 150th

A meeting was held at Meredith Community House on Monday, September 5. Representatives of towns along the Geelong to Ballarat Railway Line told the meeting of the progress of their plans for the weekend of April 14-15, 2012. It seems that a train with dignitaries will travel on Tuesday, April 10 from Geelong to Ballarat with unveiling of plaques at Geelong and Ballarat to recognize the engineering expertise of the line. This will replicate the official opening day on April 10, 1862. The next meeting will be at the Meredith Community House on November 7 at 7 pm.

### Railway Talk Fest

MHIG invite you to a talk fest about the railways at the Masonic Centre on October 2 at 1.30 pm.

Please bring memorabilia, photos and memories.

Please tell others about this talk fest, who have had some/any connection with the railways.

Afternoon tea will follow the talk fest!

### Bamganie WW I Soldiers Re-dedication.

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

The Victorian Government has provided a grant to erect a sign at the Bamganie State School site to remember the 15 soldiers who had been scholars at the school who went to WW I and to have a ceremony and afternoon tea.

The sign will be erected at the school site but a replica sign will be unveiled at the Meredith Hall on November 6.

A book about the Bamganie soldiers, the pine plantation and the Honour Roll will be launched on that day.

You and your family and friends are invited to attend to honour the 15 Bamganie WW I Soldiers and to learn more about Bamganie/Meredith History.

We catalogue on the last Thursday of each month at the Masonic Centre. You are welcome to come along and to talk history from 9 am. We are looking for volunteers to also catalogue on computers.



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If you would like to know more about this exciting weight loss challenge or want to join or know more about our Kate Morgan Weight Loss program then please come in and ask to speak to one of our consultants. It's still not too late to join our 12 Week Weight Loss Challenge.

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### **Christmas Shopping Night**

Don't forget our annual Christmas Shopping Night will be held at the Pharmacy on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November** from **6:30pm to 9:00pm**. Next month's newsletter will provide more details on the night not to mention the huge discounts we will be offering this year on the night!

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### **20% off Bag Sale**

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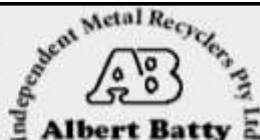
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*From The Argus (Melbourne) Thursday 16 July 1896*

*Compiled by Jan McDonald, Meredith History Interest Group*

### Great Grandmother on the First Train

*Marg Cooper*

Miss Victoria Charlotte Steddy b. 26/9/1855 was the daughter of a pioneering family who came out from Kent in 1856. Her father had the first butcher shop in Lethbridge on the corner of Midland Highway and Russell Street. She married Thomas Spiller at Lethbridge on 28/4/1877 and they had a family of 6 sons and 1 daughter, Emma. They lived on a property they called "Glenmoor" in the Moorabool Valley in the Bannockburn district. Family history tells that Victoria Steddy travelled on the official train carrying the Governor on April 10, 1862, the day the line was open.

Howard Donaldson, of "Riversglen", Lethbridge is a great grandson of Victoria Charlotte Spiller {Steady} and he would like to travel on the re-enactment train in April 1912 with his son Darren and his 2 year old grandson Kirby Zac.

On April 10, 1862 the railway Line between Geelong and Ballarat was opened. "After formalities and a breakfast in Geelong a train of 13 carriages containing 500 persons, 400 from Melbourne and 100 from Geelong and Ballarat, left for Ballarat. Some natural fears may have been felt as the viaduct was passed over, but they soon disappeared when the people found out how steadily the tremendous weight was borne, and gave way to admiration at the scene around and beneath them. Everyone knows that the scenery generally about this part of the country is tame enough, and there was little to occupy the attention till the bare plains gave way to frequent trees as the train neared Meredith. Then began the interest of the trip."

*From The Argus Friday April 11, 1862.*

More formalities were held in Ballarat in the afternoon and evening after the train from Geelong arrived.

Many of the passengers could remember that not ten years ago almost the whole land over which that train travelled was wilderness, unmarked by roads, untraversed by telegraphs, and undreamt of for railways. The journey of a couple of hours now was the labour of days then, the rains and winds of winter were almost conquering enemies, and the summer itself was scarcely more endurable. But the gold of Ballarat was discovered, a current of ardent and persevering adventurers set in to that forward field, hope and industry struggled long against the natural difficulties of the ground, and at last the gold miner found his reward.

On March 29, 1862 the final linking of the railway occurred. On April 8-9, 1862 special trains ran conveying staff in

readiness for opening day.

On April 10, 1862 the line was formally opened by Governor Sir Henry Barkly. On opening day the double track was extended from West Geelong to Lethbridge.

On July 14, 1862 the double track was completed to Meredith. From The Heritage of Lethbridge by Eric McGillivray.

### Elaine Rural Fire Brigade & Elaine Junior Fire Brigade.

Smiling faces, laughter, lots of water and lots of fun is what you'll see while CFA Juniors are in training for the Midlands Cup coming up on the 9th October. Look closer and you will notice that these kids are learning really vital skills about operating fire tankers, pumpers and fire fighting equipment, while practising team work and good communication skills.

Elaine Rural Fire brigade's Juniors were the winning team in last year's Midlands Cup – held at Maddingley Park in Bacchus Marsh. The Elaine Juniors wrested the cup from Bacchus Marsh's Junior team who had held the cup for the two years prior. The Midlands Cup began in 2008 and is held at the winning teams home ground the following year. Participating teams this year are Elaine, Bacchus Marsh, Gordon, Ballan, Ballarat, Trentham, Smythesdale and Greendale.

So this year it is Elaine's turn to host the cup. Preparations are well under way to turn the Elaine Recreation Reserve into the competition field for the day. Events being held include : 5 man fog step up, drafting, running edge, entrapment, mapping, radio communications, hydrants and extinguishers. The teams of Juniors must demonstrate their knowledge of all procedures and how to operate the equipment as well as their ability to work co-operatively and effectively in their team. Elaine Junior Leader Sam Lewis says "in time these kids may choose to continue their training and join the CFA as Seniors but for now the focus is really on having fun. It's a great way for kids to learn skills and build self confidence and be part of important part of the community organization".

The general public and especially any kids interested in joining the CFA Junior Brigade are very welcome to attend the event and see what the Cup and the Juniors are all about.

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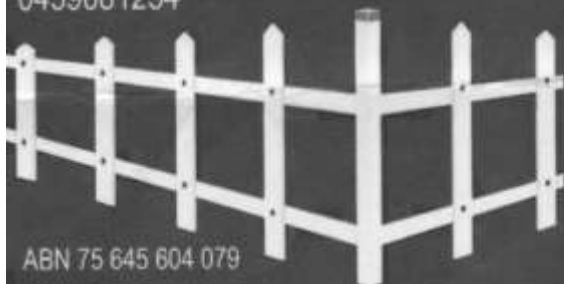
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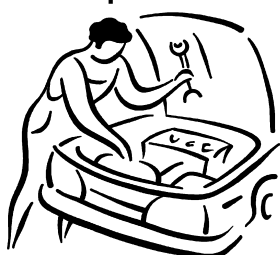
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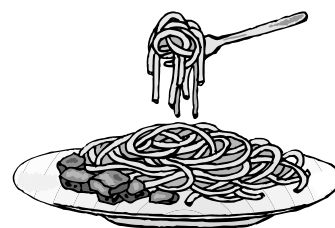


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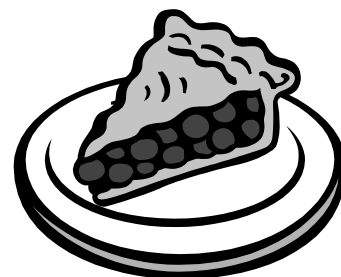
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In 1996 he received awards and global recognition for The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency and since then has concentrated on writing fiction. Among his other achievements he helped to set up Botswana's first centre for opera training, the No 1 Ladies' Opera House.

He now lives in Edinburgh.

In this book he has written about Precious Ramotswe who inherited some cows from her father. She is described as having a voluminous girth of traditional African femininity, of being a modern woman and a genuinely independent thinker. She sells the cows and starts her own business as a detective. She rents a room, hires a Secretary, buys some pens and paper and waits for business. She solves many cases with her shrewd and sharp thinking, her understanding of human behaviour, her common sense and her wide network of contacts.

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and her fellow Africans.

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Alexander McCall Smith writes in a deceptively plain, clear and precise style. His narrative was acclaimed as being fresh, individual and delightful. He has written a number of books about Precious and her Detective Agency including "The Kalahari Typing School for Men."

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