



Meredith & district News



September 2011

Our Free Community Newsletter since 1972

Fenced In

Earlier this year we were told that the Kindergarten boundary fence needed urgent attention, as it posed a safety risk for our kids. It had to be replaced and the cost to do this was something that the kinder could not easily afford.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of local businessman, David Mortimer of Mortimer Petroleum, we now proudly boast a beautiful new colorbond and tubular steel boundary fence.

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Safely fenced in, this happy group of pre-schoolers, with Rebecca and baby Isabelle, from Mortimer's Service Station, and Director Kimberly Westlake are all smiles.

The comments about the new fence have all been very positive and the staff, parents and children think it looks fantastic. The tubular section of fence allows the children to enjoy watching trucks, machinery, cars and occasionally members of their family pulling into the service station. It has improved the overall appearance of the kinder and boosted the morale of our kinder community knowing that there are people like David Mortimer, who are dedicated to the wellbeing of our children and the improvement of our kinder.

The Committee, Staff, families and especially the children of the Meredith Kindergarten would like to sincerely thank David Mortimer for this fabulous addition and wonderful improvement to our kinder.

If you would like more information about the Meredith Kindergarten or would like to enroll your child in our 2012 three and four year old programs, please drop in or call us on 5286 1227.

Country Families Deserve a Break

Joan Brick

Occasional Day Care operates at the Meredith Community Centre on Wednesday and Friday mornings during school term. Last year the Federal government terminated its "Take a Break" program which part funded the service, and this year State Government funding has also been terminated, leaving the program without support from either government.

This will mean that local Childcare services in our region will be forced to triple the fees charged in order to remain open or make the difficult decision to close their doors.

"Take a Break" funding has provided children in our community the opportunity to have social interaction with other children as well as be part of a learning development program that continues as they progress through their school years.

This program also provides parents and carers of the children the chance to have some time to attend to appointments, volunteer within the community, assist with the family business and have time to attend other courses or do further study. With many families not having extended family around, it is important those living in the country have the same opportunity to access a service such as childcare in their own communities as those living

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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.

DATES AND DEADLINES

The Newsletter is distributed on the **first Thursday** of each month (except January). All advertisements and submissions must be lodged by the **last Thursday** of the preceding month, but earlier is **really** appreciated.

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Maternal Infant & Childcare Nurse

Call 0409 900 224 to make an appointment at the Meredith Community Centre
8th & 22nd Sept. 6th, 20th Oct.

Geelong Regional Library Van

At the Meredith Community Centre
1-3pm 9th, 23 Sept 7th, 21st Oct.
www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au

Senior Citizens

Meet at the Meredith Memorial Hall
Ph. Jim 52868 232
New members are always welcome
12th, 26th Sept 10th, 24th Oct.

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. 28th September

Earlier submissions appreciated & necessary when our input is required.



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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
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Angling Club- Daryl	53 543 879
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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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"I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb... and I also know that I'm not blonde."

Dolly Parton

Emergency Phone Numbers



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(from mobile phone)	000 or 112
Meredith Police Station	5286 1222
Power Failure	132 412
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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.

Annual General Meeting

FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF ELAINE
RECREATION RESERVE

TUES. 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2011, AT 7.00PM, AT
THE ELAINE RESERVE,

INTERESTED PARTIES WELCOME.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE ELAINE MECHANICS HALL

SAT. 22ND OCTOBER, 2011 AT 7.30 PM.

Proceeds to go towards upgrading Pavilion at
Elaine Recreation Reserve
Further details in October Newsletter.

Seniors in J Ward Ararat

Jim Hynds

Meredith Senior Citizens set off on Monday 8th of August to Ararat to tour "J Ward". After welcoming some new members and guests we were soon heading up the highway in good spirit although the weather was wet and foggy in places.

We arrived at Beaufort just in time for morning tea of some slices and cake.

We were soon on our way again and looking forward to the tour around Ararat and lunch at the RSL Club.

After a great lunch it was time to head to the jail and to meet our tour guide.

We were held up for a while by the rain but we were entertained by our guide Keith, who had a great sense of humour. The tour began with us looking at the cells and the clothing that the prisoners wore.

The jail itself was scary, especially when we were told stories by our guide about some of the prisoners. After walking around its walls for about 2 1/2 hrs we could feel its horror and sadness.

Keith our guide kept us well informed and we finally finished up in the jail's kitchen below ground level.

This was a dirty, dark and very scary place indeed.

After the tour finished it was time to head for home. We arrived back at Meredith at 5pm. A great day was had by all.

Want to Join a Men's Shed?

Douglas Braddy

We extend an invite to all men and women in the surrounding district for an informal meeting every Wednesday from 11am until 1pm. at the DEREEL Community Centre, Swamp Rd. Dereel



Coffee and tea and a light lunch provided. We are a group of mainly men working to get a Men's Shed built, and utilising the many talents to work on projects. Come over and share your thoughts with us

For additional information call Doug Braddy 53461073 Rob or Loretta Butler 53461560.

CWA News

Grace Doherty

On July 19th we held our annual fund raiser. Although down in numbers this year, a great time was had by all that did attend. \$500-00 was raised and will be presented to the Meredith Kinder. We will be having a Craft day on Tuesday 30th August at 10am at the Meredith Hall.

Anyone wishing to join in will be most welcome.

Our next meeting on September 20th will be a trip to The Garden St Earth, members to be at the Hall at 9am.

Meredith Charity Cabaret

Saturday 15th October 8.30pm

At the Meredith Memorial Hall Staughton St

BYO drinks & glasses

Light Supper supplied \$35 per head

Tickets from Denise Jude 0409 386 794

Leanne Hammond 0409 536 627 52 821619

Charity: Meredith CFA

Childcare Funding *(from page 1)*

in the larger regional centres.

Meredith Community Centre is committed to ensuring this vital and essential service remains in our region. We would appreciate your support through contacting your local federal and state government representatives and letting them know our communities do not want to lose this service. Surely if they can find \$1million dollars to encourage people to adopt retired greyhounds, they can find money to support our children!

For further information regarding this issue, please contact the Meredith Community Centre on 52861348.

Below: Cathie Boer keeps clear of the water play area at a recent child care session.

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Church News

MEREDITH ANGLICAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday 11am with & at Uniting Church

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

UNITING CHURCH TIMES

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

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

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Bannockburn - Mass every Sunday @ 9 a.m.

Winchelsea - Mass every Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Meredith- Mass @ 11 a.m. Meredith 11 & 25^{Sept}

Anakie - Mass @ 11 a.m. Sundays 4th & 18th Sept



FoBR Bird Walk in the Brisbane Ranges with researcher Grace Lewis

Sunday 11 September

Time: 10am— about 4pm

Venue: meet us at old Parks Victoria depot, 2200 Ballan Road, Anakie

Grace has been researching our birds for more than a year and this walk is a practical followup to her presentation last month. We are also sure to see some wonderful wildflowers on our walk too. Everyone's welcome to attend. Bring lunch, water, camera, binoculars and smiles.

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

More info on FoBR including membership

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fobr/>

Meredith Community Centre, Inc.

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School Holiday Music Sessions

For families

9.30 -12.30 Thurs 29th Sept Teesdale Turtle

9.30-12.30 & 1.30 -4.30 Fri 30th Sept

Bannockburn Primary School

Open to Primary aged children with parents or other adults

No previous musical experience needed.
Instruments provided

Limited numbers. (Attend 1, 2 or 3 sessions)

\$5 per session for a family.

Bookings essential: Elizabeth 0410 294 110

Email: elizsoundsunlimited@gmail.com

This program has been made possible through a grant received from the Bannockburn and District Community Enterprise



Adult Learner's Week

Sept. 1-Sept 8th

Come join us as we celebrate this special week with a variety of free classes, activities and demonstrations.

Free "give it a go" classes include:

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

Card Making Mon. Sept 5 11-12pm

Crazy Art Mon. Sept 5 1-3pm

Massage Tues. Sept 6 1-3pm

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

Free Internet use on

Mon., Wed., Thur.

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

Bookings essential for all classes/activities

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COURSES AT A GLANCE...

September

Mon. 5th- Crazy Art

Mon. 5th- Bone Density Testing

Mon. 12th Basic Comp. Organization

Wed. 14th You and your Home Loan



meredith**Police**news

Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen

Over the past eight weeks since taking up the post at Meredith, I am delighted to report that crime has been minimal. A rural theft from a house that has occurred on Mt Mercer Road had been solved and three young offenders have been charged and await court in Ballarat.

Over recent weeks, there has been isolated instances of graffiti brought to my attention and I would encourage anyone with information or knowledge of the person or persons involved to either give me a call at the police station or to leave a note under the front door of the police station if I am not on duty. Even anonymous information can assist me in dealing with the problem. Meredith is a beautiful town and graffiti is something that we can all certainly do without.

Since starting at Meredith, I have had preliminary conversations with Leading Senior Constable DEN HARTOG at the Inverleigh Police Station in relation to getting the blue light discos up and running. I would encourage any parent with young children to get in contact with me at the police station so that I can gauge support within the town.

Last year the metropolitan road toll decreased by 15% but deaths on country roads increased by 13%. The major contributing factors to regional road trauma are speed, fatigue, distraction (in the form of mobile telephones, alcohol and drugs) and the failure to wear seatbelts. I would like to take this opportunity to urge drivers to really take note of these statistics. All too often innocent people are involved in accidents resulting from driver behaviour that would fit one or more of these categories.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those people that have attended at the police station and welcomed me to the area. The support that I have received has been truly overwhelming and appreciated.

Regards Greg Kitchen.

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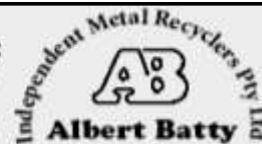
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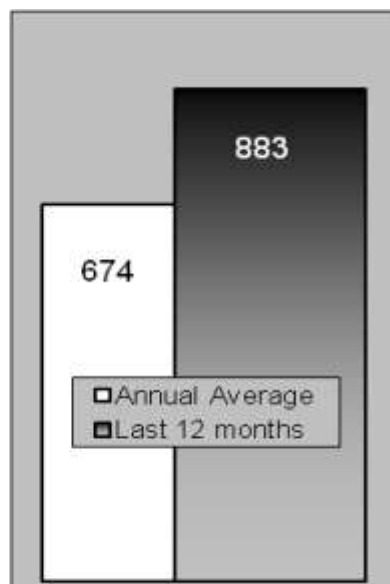
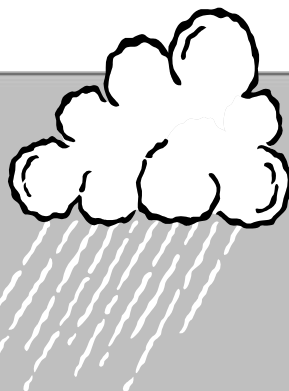
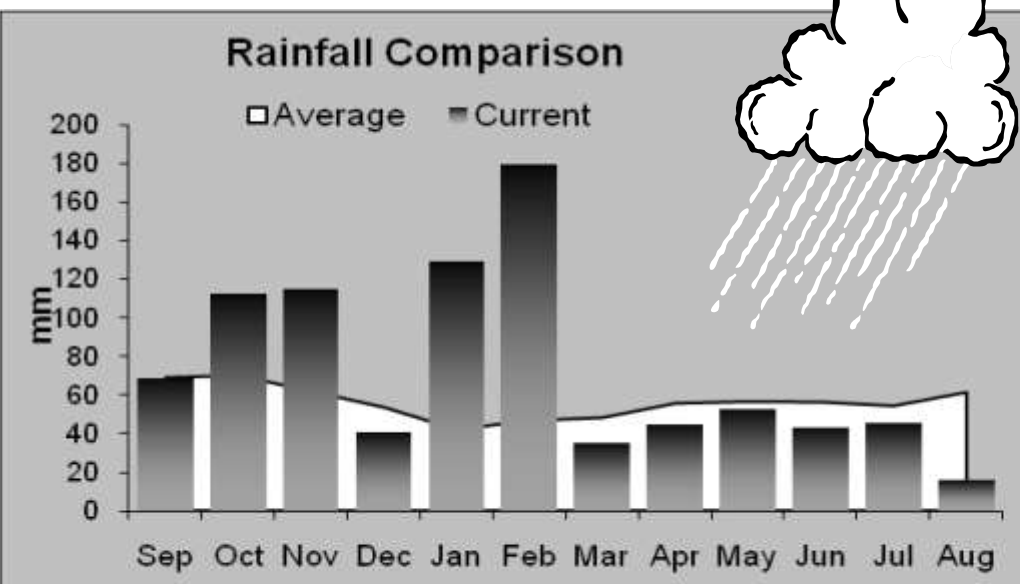


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Rain Drops

There is probably no one in panic over it, but winter's 104mm was only 61% of the long term average for the season. This last month especially, while spring-like in some respects, produced very little rain - most unlike spring. (We hope!) Those heavy falls last spring and summer still put the last year well above average.



Data supplied by BOM's 'Darra' Rain Station - Averages based on records from 1887



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Elaine Tennis Club Inc.

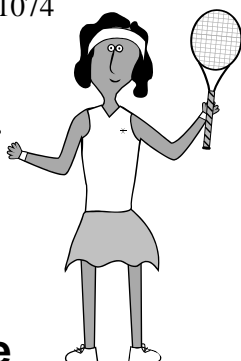
Shane Dunne

Our open day that was held on the 14th August and was a great success. Tennis Victoria supplied tennis racquets, tennis balls, free prizes and give aways including drink bottles, hats, pens, posters, and pencil cases to all the children. The radar gun was again a hit with everyone joining in to see how fast they could hit a tennis ball. 10 new junior players joined our club and we are entering 4 junior teams this season in the Buninyong and District Tennis Association.

For the 1st time in many years a senior side will also be entered. Training will commence on Wednesday 14th Sept at 4:15pm at the Elaine Recreation Reserve. The season starts in early October. Any junior or senior player still interested in playing this season even if not able to play every week are encouraged to contact the club.

Ph Russell 53415605 Shane 0448291074
Ian 53415841

**Elaine Tennis Club training starts
4:15pm Wednesday 14th September.
General meeting Wednesday 21st
September at 7pm at clubrooms. All
welcome**



Elaine Sporting Update

Diane Cook

The Elaine Recreation Reserve Committee and the Elaine Tennis Club Committee are proud of the progress being made by their members, with plans for future activities for the children of local communities in full swing. To enhance on the successful start of junior tennis, and installation of goal posts, Milo in2cricket is being organised to commence later this year for primary school students and Auskick to start next footy season.

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Milo Cricket

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Vale Ronald McPherson Hearn

Marg Cooper

What a send off! The Meredith Hall was full of friends and family for a simple but sincere service where members of his family and friends paid tribute to him. The crowd then lined Staughton Street to salute Ron with a stubby of beer in their hands as he left Meredith for the last time. They lingered in groups standing in the sun and swapped tales of Ron's adventures and exploits and then moved into the hall for afternoon tea and more stories. The wake lasted into the night.

Ron was born in 1933 to Lila and Archie Hearn and is brother to Ian, Margaret, Keith and Daryl. The family lived on their farm on the Midland Highway, just south of Meredith. After 8th Grade Ron refused to go to school, so his father bought him an axe and sent him out the bush to cut wood.

In 1956 he went to Mildura area shearing for contractor Percy Musgrove of Sunraysia Shearing Co. He loved the life; working hard, spot lighting, fishing, shooting {never seen game like it} and having an odd drink!

Margaret grew up in Merbein and wanted to meet a tall, dark, handsome man with a car so she didn't have to walk to sport and social events. She met Ron and he took her home from the Saturday night dance in his tan Volkswagon with a yellow stripe. It was well known to police in the Mildura area and that it could climb hills where police cars could not go!

Ron and Margaret were married in 1959 and after a year working around Meredith he went back shearing on the Darling and West Darling Rivers. He was away shearing for almost 14 years. He gave Margaret a choice of where to live: with his father, in a caravan or to buy an old house in Meredith. Margaret chose the old house. That house burnt down in 1972 and in 1974 they built a new brick house for their family of Anne, Brian and twins, Lorraine and Russell.

On 14/2/2009 Ron celebrated 20 years since he was first diagnosed with bowel cancer. He faced many health problems in that time but continued to run sheep on his farm on the Midland Highway, to rear pigs and to work fencing around the district, often with the help of his brother Tojo. Ron was a strong man who relished hard work and hard play.

His family told that he didn't show emotion outwardly but that he had a heart of gold.

Ron was known as Rammy!

On his first day at school Neil Brady called him Ronald Dorset Horn instead of Ronald McPherson Hearn.

Ron told him off in "pea paddock language!"

He got 6 "cuts" on his first day at school!

Ronald Dorset Horn got shortened over time to "Rammy"!



Ron Hearn with his much loved dog Maxi.

Rammy

Written and read at the funeral service by Shauna O'Loughlin.

Sitting in the noisy room on a tall bar stool,
Stubby shorts, blue singlet and the smell of shorn wool,
This was where you found Rammy on any given day,
Enjoying a pot after work, he wouldn't have it any other way,
While Marg was in the kitchen to prepare the evening meal,
Ron worked the land, drove the sheep and brought the
dog to heel,
Long hot days of sweat and tears were spent in the
shearing shed,
He came home and flaked on the couch, wouldn't even
get to bed,
But more important than the farm were his wife and
four offspring,
Together they made a life of contentment, where Ron
was the king,
The family endured their share of hardship and
travesty over the years,
But Ron would take it in his stride and say, "Relax and
have a few beers",
The last few years have not been kind, to this proud
and loving man,
Although the way he handled it was with great composure,
I'll always be a fan,
Do not cry those tears of sadness... "Go on wipe them away",
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Vale Thomas John Kent

Marg Cooper

Thomas Kent was born at Nerrina {Ballarat} on June 17, 1923, the son of school teacher, Thomas Isadore Kent and local girl Ada {nee Lugg}.

His early life as son of a school teacher was spent in different locations around Victoria and he therefore attended many different schools. {One of his earlier recollections is of attending Dana St School in Ballarat and of its then Principal Mr Spielvogel.} Because his father's name was also Thomas he was known by family and friends as "Jack".

When the family moved to Essendon, he attended Essendon High School to complete his Leaving Certificate, and then to Melbourne High to complete Leaving Honours.

His first job after school was at Angus & Robertson, and then the bank of Australasia.

He entered Army Service in December 1941 and was involved in the early development and implementation of radar, reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant.

After the war he attended Teachers College where he met and married his first wife Betty Evans.

They had three sons, Robert, David and Paul.

During this time he attained his Bachelor of Arts at Melbourne University.

Jack and Betty were divorced in 1960 and in 1967 he married Judy Bruce and they had two daughters, Sally and Margaret.

Living in Essendon, they also had a weekend farm at Snake Valley.

After a battle with cancer Judy died in 1983.

During his teaching career Jack taught at many schools including Williamstown, Kingsville, Footscray, Avondale Heights, North Essendon, Fawkner North, Glenroy and Brunswick.

At some of these he was Special Grade Principal.

Towards the end of his career he was involved in Teacher Training and mentoring.

Jack and his daughters moved to Meredith to be near his son Robert and his family in 1987 and on a trip to China in 1988 he met and later married Lorraine Honeyman.

Jack and Lorrie were involved in the Meredith Community in particular, the Anglican Church, the Landcare Group and the Meredith Masonic Lodge.

Jack had been a member of many Lodges, holding various posts over many years.

They farmed full time and Lorrie ran a small wool craft business.

In recent years they retired to Grovedale where they enjoyed a busy retirement in the company of other ex-Meredith residents at Church, Probus and Lodges.

Jack passed away in St John of God Hospital on July 27, 2011, after fighting leukaemia.




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Geoff Howard

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Meredith Rural Fire Brigade Awards Night

Matt Burgess

On August 13, 2011 the Meredith Rural Fire Brigade held its Brigade Awards dinner at the Fire Shed. We had 33 awards to present recognising from five to 50 years of service.

The Brigade thanks and congratulates all those who received awards for their years of service to the brigade and also thanks the families, who let these incredible people play such an important role in the community.

We also thank David Cotsell from the Golden Plains Shire, Terry Hedt our Group Officer and Mark Collins our Catchment Officer from District 7 for attending the night.

Mark Collins presented the medals and entertained the crowd with questions and facts about 5 years ago, 10 years ago, 20 years ago etc. We were scratching our heads to answer questions like, "Who was Prime Minister 30 years ago? Who was the Premier 10 years ago? Who won the Melbourne Cup 50 years ago?"

The awards were as follows:

Five Year Certificates : Allan Foster, Michael Foster, Teresa Foster, Aaron Holtz, Deborah Holtz, Ralph Holtz, Thomas Kelly, Mel Kocon, Donna Murrell, Ian Penna, Daniel Sandford and Gary Sanford.

10 year medals: Ronald Blow, Matt Burgess, Andrea Cameron, David Downie, Christopher Jones, Robert Kent and Ian Murrell.

15 year medals: Rod Heard & Barry Pearce.

20 year medal was: Helen Jones.

25 year medals: Peter Baird & Max Heard.

30 year medals: Robert Cooke & Michael Jury.

35 year medals: Ian Downie, David Jones, Jeff Cooper, Kevin Parkinson and Ronald Shell.

50 year medals: Douglas McFarlane and John Nolan.

Doug joined the Meredith CFA in 1959 but tells that he was a member of Teesdale CFA before that. John joined the Meredith CFA in 1956 but was probably helping at burn offs and at fires before that.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and especially to Doug and John for their magnificent service to Meredith CFA. A barbeque tea and drinks was enjoyed by all, after the award presentation.

Top R. Between them, John Nolan and Doug McFarlane have given a century of service with the Meredith Fire Brigade. B.R. 10 year medallists David Downie, Andrea Cameron, Matt Burgess, Christopher Jones, and Ian Murrell.



Thank you, John & Judy Schulze!

Lex Stray

A large gathering of CFA members and community friends met for a delicious meal at the Maude Tennis Pavilion on Sunday, August 21st to say thank you to John and Judy Schulze for their input into the local area, particularly the Maude Fire Brigade.

John spent four years as Brigade Captain as well as a number of years as a lieutenant both before and after his captaincy. He was very skilled at handing on his very extensive knowledge particularly in the handling of dangerous goods and occupational health and safety.

John led the brigade through an exciting period of expansion, when we took delivery of a new tanker and an extension to the station.

Judy was an active fire fighter, and was secretary of the brigade during John's time as captain. She was also Ladies' Auxiliary Treasurer for a number of years, and a member of the CFA Peer Support Group.

John and Judy were presented with a beautiful travel diary to record their planned future travels around Australia. They have now left She Oaks and are living in Lara. However, they intend to remain part of the Maude Fire Brigade, so the day was a 'Thank you' rather than a 'Farewell'.

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Welcome to

MEREDITH PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Hello Meredith!

Things have remained busy at Meredith PS over the last month. The Grade 5 students had a fantastic time on Bike Ed camp in Maldon – fittingly we left the day after Cadel won the Tour de France, which was pretty cool.

We also hosted a number of Open Session days this month where parents and families were welcomed into the school to see us working during different sessions. They were able to see a mixture of art, science, technology, music and creative thinking during the investigations sessions, plus your core subjects such as reading and maths sessions during the other days. Thank you to everyone who came to visit, we enjoyed having you. Thanks to the PFA for providing morning tea to our visitors over the 3 days.

If you would like to visit us and have a tour of our school, please contact Joy Spikers in the office on 52 861313 to make a suitable time.

The Grade 5/6s are working on some news reports at the moment, and have been writing about the new school. Here are two mini news articles below.

WE'RE IN AND IT'S AWESOME!

We are finally in the new school it looks amazing, great and awesome, it's big and **bold** bright and colourful!!! Here are some comments from the children in Grade 3-4!!

First I talked to Ruby. She said, "It's so much warmer and there are no mice!" I also had a chat to Annie Klein. Annie is in grade 3 with Ruby. Annie said, "The rooms are really open and they have lots of heaters! The grade 3-4s like having their own room." Ginny and Amy said "We can play ball games and there is more room!!!" The new school is awesome! -Harriet Edmiston



***MEREDITH MOVES INTO THE NEW SCHOOL ***

Meredith Primary has finally moved into the new school. It's got 4 rooms and the office, staff room and sickbay. The classes that are in the new school are the grade 1s 2s 3s and 4s. Its got plenty of room with the a big heap of space for assemblies. Jim, a grade 4 said, "In my class is the best place to be." Will, another year 4 said, "The new school is fun and good." Now for Isaac's opinion on the new school. "I really like the view from my new room. My favourite part of the new school is the big space in the middle," he said. So come over and have a look inside! -Riley Jones

The Grade 5/6s also have a class blog where we share some of the great things we have been doing in class. If you would like to have a look, you can find the blog at

www.achievingtogether.global2.vic.edu.au

Continuing on our busy theme, last week we had a visit from Alpha Productions who put on the show "Aladdin" for us up at the hall. Once again it was a great production with a very positive message, plus some good 'in' jokes for the teachers to enjoy as well. We also had a group of 8 grade 5/6 students represent Meredith at Challenge Day at Bannockburn. The teams completed 3 challenges at school before the day and another 5 during the day. The students had a great day and enjoyed this valuable experience. Well done to Jacob Heard, Liam Finnigan, Harris Mitilineos,

Max Kocon, Hattie Macdonald, Alison Kemp, Owen Cook and Darcy Zaina.

The upcoming calendar is also filling up quickly. On the board is Grade 3 camp to Baanya Biami, a special 'Showcase' evening to allow the children to 'showcase' their work to their families and we will also have children off representing our school in the District Athletics. Good luck to those students.

Until next time!

Doug Cations and Fairlie Pritchard

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More Plants for the 'Paddocks'

Jim Elvey

A group of 18 locals, including an enthusiastic band of children, shared a sunny winter morning last month to plant another 150 trees in the Meredith Police Paddocks. This time, the planting took them down a new path to the creek flats. On the same morning an entrance sign was erected which, in the coming weeks, will have added to it information about the Paddocks.

Although the section through the former pine plantation site is still a bit rugged, readers are encouraged to explore the new loop track and see what this attractive reserve on the edge of town has to offer. (Enter from the Campion Street end, near the Wool store.)

Anybody wishing to join the group involved in the development of the Paddocks, or would simply like to learn more about its plans, should contact me on 5286 1273. (Wendy, who attended the planting, please contact me.)



A different kind of planting: the new entrance sign at the Police Paddocks is erected.

The Cavey House at Cargerie

Mavis Peoples.

I often visited my Grandma Cavey at her house at Cargerie, when I was a child. My mother Priscilla was the daughter of Edward and Emma Cavey {Linford}.

William Linford and his son-in-law Herbert Edward Large, who had married Elizabeth Linford in 1871, set up a store on approximately 4 acres of land owned by William Linford.

The store had 2 rooms across the front and a tack room on the back. It was near the site gazetted for the township of Cargerie, however this did not eventuate. The store known as "Linford and Large", originally sold dry goods, horse tack and mining equipment as it was on the route for those seeking their fortune on the goldfields.

By 1880 the gold rush was over and the store was converted to a house.

Family tell that the store and land were given to Emma Linford on her marriage to Edward Cavey in 1880 and was eventually known as Cavey's corner. My mother married John Edward Humphries and they lived at the Cavey house with Grandma and Uncle Emmett until they moved to Ballarat in 1927. Sadly their 4th child Leslie died of diphtheria before my birth and their 3rd child Myrtle died of diphtheria in Ward 5 at the Ballarat Hospital when my mother was giving birth to me.

Space didn't permit publication of this article in full, but it can be read online at meredithnews.com/extras - Ed.



It's History

the Meredith Sentinel Friday 5th November 1909.

A public meeting convened by the President of the Shire (Cr T. M Scott) will be held in the Shire Hall on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock, to appoint two trustees to act on the Cemetery Trust in place of Messrs J. Bell and D. Grant, both deceased. A meeting was called some couple of months back, but the apathy of the residents was so great that only two turned up at the meeting.

We hope that a stern idea of duty will enter the breasts of the people, and that they will muster in strong force and appoint two gentlemen to act who will look after the upkeep of the Cemetery, which has hitherto enjoyed the reputation of not only being the last resting place of the human body, but the abode of snakes to such an extent that it was considered dangerous to travel through the undergrowth that was on and around the graves.

We feel sure that when the residents of the township fairly grasp the situation, more interest will be taken in public matters and instead of having to dig up "old bones" to fill a position it will be necessary to bring out ballot papers to return "live men" to look after the interests of the institutions of the district.

from Fay McFarlane, Meredith History Interest Group Inc

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Railway Line 150th

The next meeting to organize events along the Railway Line to celebrate 150 years of the line from Geelong to Ballarat will be at 7 pm on Monday, Sept. 5 at the Meredith Community Centre. Representatives from Geelong, Ballarat and the towns between are planning many different events for April 2012. If you are interested or have any ideas come along.

MHIG is having a Railway Talk Fest on Sun. Oct. 2 at the Masonic Centre at 1.30 pm. You are invited and please invite anyone who has information about the railways eg if their father worked on the line, or they lived in the station, got on the train at a siding, etc. Please bring memorabilia, photos and stories.

Unlock The Past

This Expo is on in Geelong on Sept. 2nd and 3rd from 9 am to 5.30 pm at the Geelong Arena. There will be many talks, presentations, exhibitions, books for sale and research help. MHIG has booked ½ a table in an area where all the district history groups will be represented and will display our productions and some history. This is an opportunity to let the public know that MHIG has been established to promote an interest in Meredith and District history.

Thank You

We thank Clive Brooks from Buninyong who catalogues for the Ballarat Mechanics Institute for coming to Meredith to help us to set up the computer program.

Bamganie Rededication

The Bamganie WWI Soldiers Re-dedication is on November 6. William Albert McColl and Hugh Robert McColl were sons of John and Mary McColl {Gillett}. William answered the call for volunteers very early and enlisted on October 1, 1914. He was 19 years 1 month old when he enlisted. He was KIA {killed in action} on August 8, 1915 at the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Hugh Robert McColl enlisted on August 20, 1915 soon after his brother was KIA. He served 502 days abroad, was injured with a gunshot wound in the arm on July 18, 1916, returned to Australia in February 1917 and was discharged on May 13, 1917.

He married Edith Crook in 1922 and they had a family of Muriel, John, William {Bill} and Janice.

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

Community Planning will Continue

(From media release)


Council will continue its support for the well respected Golden Plains Community Planning Program by advertising the tender for the community planning facilitator role.

The current community planning facilitator contract concludes on 30 September 2011 and Council will once again invite applications to this important role. Since 1999, Golden Plains Shire has followed this process at the conclusion of the community planning facilitator contract.

The Golden Plains Community Planning Program provides an opportunity for residents to form partnerships, identify goals, issues and opportunities and to plan and implement projects to address these. Community planning is driven by residents and supported by Council through an external facilitator who ensures the independence of the program.

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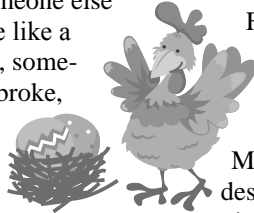
Magazines, newspapers and talkback radio hosts are always going on about it – my generation just don't seem all that keen on leaving the nest. It's a tough world out there and we have it too good at home, with doting parents, free meals and someone else doing the washing. We treat our mum and dad's place like a hotel with an excellent restaurant and laundry service, somewhere to return to after our little adventures leave us broke, somewhere to get our mail sent, somewhere to keep the things we don't really want, but don't really want to throw away either. Some of us move out then move right back in again, some of us talk about moving out once we have a bit of money, and some of us are happy to chirp away in the family nest forever.

When you're one of six hatchlings, though, the cosy nest can get a little crowded.

At 22, I definitely wasn't a fledgling anymore. I was getting on in bird years, almost middle aged, really. Around this time last year I knew it was time to go, for good this time. Sure, I'd come back for dinner on a Sunday night, but it was time for a place of my own. I wasn't quite out the door yet when little sister Tess began moving her things in to my room, and that made it final. I wouldn't be coming back to stay.

Not until Mum and Dad deserted dreary, drizzly Bamganie and set off for Thailand, that is. For ten days at the end of August I moved back in to play mama bird, and while we all agreed our parents deserved a lovely holiday, the chicks were not exactly delighted. It's not easy, wrangling that many people on to school buses, off to footy training and in to their chairs at meal times,


never mind trying to keep cascading piles of washing and dishes under control. Being a pretty poor housekeeper myself, I knew my best chance at keeping the chaos under control was to delegate every chore I didn't have time for, which was all of them. On the first day I fondly imagined running the house like a well-ordered military campaign, but that dream crashed and burned when three hours in to my reign the washing machine managed to lock itself while full of school uniforms. I still can't talk about what the dishwasher did, it's just too traumatic.



Fortunately for me, I had amazingly capable, tolerant siblings under my care and wonderful grandparents to pitch in and keep me from hiding in the laundry (the only room no one ever goes) the entire time.

Mum and Dad, I hope you had a fabulous time away, you deserve it. But I have to admit that while there might be no place like home, I'm happy to go back to my own quiet, peaceful nest.

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This is a great chance for everyone to kick start their weight loss campaign this spring. Remember the prize isn't awarded to the person who necessarily loses the most weight in kilograms, but to the person who loses the greatest percentage of weight. For example if you weigh 80kg and lose 5kg you will have a greater percentage weight loss than a person who loses the same amount of weight but weighs 110kg.

If you would like to know more about the 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.

New Giftware still arriving!

Last month we went to the Melbourne Gift Fair and we have bought an extensive range of gifts for Christmas this year. We believe we have continued our goal of offering high quality gifts at affordable prices. We have introduced many new gifts that we previously haven't had before. Many of these new products have started arriving already and more will arrive in the coming months leading up to Christmas. Our prices are still below the recommended retail price you will pay at other leading retail stores, plus you also receive a further 20% discount if you are member of our FREE Gift Club! So come in and compare our prices and range before shopping in Geelong or elsewhere.

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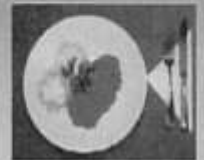
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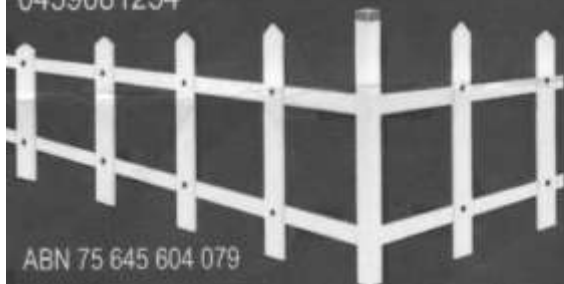
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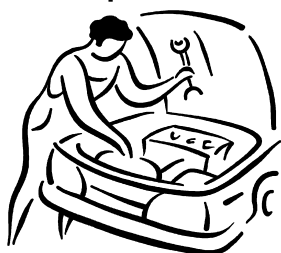
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She kept a diary so has written their story as a sequence of events. She has recorded the constant decline in the health of her son and the process of constant search for a cure. It follows from the first shock of discovery of the illness when he was 17 years old, to acceptance, to getting used to it as it got worse and worse.

She tells on the tendency to blame families, that physical illness is met with sympathy but mental illness is met with shame and that we have a culture that believes in the notion of cure and if we can’t cure we embark on an odyssey of hope.

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Jonathon died of a drug overdose when he was 24 years old.

She wrote to find her healing, for the families who also struggle to hold onto hope when often they are scourged by despair, to make us aware of the difficulties of the mentally ill and their families and to awaken us to the need for better action than we have.

Anne Deveson is a founder of SANE, the National Schizophrenia Organisation.

The book for discussion in September is “The No 1 Ladies Detective Agency” by Alexander McCall Smith.

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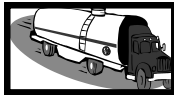
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