

Meredith & district Newsletter



October 2012

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Paths and Spaces

What do you think?

In 2005, Council published two related and detailed reports: an Open Space Strategy and a Paths and Trails Strategy. They set out to document existing public open space, paths and trails and identify future needs.

Golden Plains Shire is updating both Strategies and is anxious to get community input into the process. So if you have some thoughts on, or just an interest in the immediate and future need for open space or paths and trails in the district, join in the public consultation process.

As a measure of the importance of this work, surveys across Australia consistently indicated participation rates at the time of the 2005 Report along the following lines:

- 36% participate at least twice a week in taking walks.
- 33% of the population walk their dogs for recreation each day.
- 10% participate in cycling at least twice a week.

Among the actions cited in the *Open Space Report* for Meredith back then, were:

- Develop trails along Coolebarghurk Creek with links to community facilities.
- Develop gateways or major entrances to existing and proposed State and National Parks including Cargerie Canyon and Brisbane Ranges National Park.
- Examine development of caravan stopping areas.
- Secure VicTrack land adjacent to Recreation Reserve for open space purposes.

The *Paths and Trails Report* stated "...the theme for development of trails in Meredith is

- to use the Highway trail along the Midland Highway as a spine to connect to kindergarten, school, community facilities and recreation reserve.
- The Coolebarghurk Creek provides a suitable space for development of a trail and the Path of the Ibis Art Trail provides a well accepted theme for further development.
- The Highway and Creek trails will develop a good circuit within the town."

A session will be held between 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm on

Wednesday 10th October at the Memorial Hall. As catering will be provided, you are asked to register your attendance with Paul Owen on 5220 7220 or at powen@gplains.vic.gov.au.

If this doesn't suit, there are several other sessions planned at towns around the shire, so contact Paul for details.

You can also contact Jim Elvey (5286 1273) to pass on your thoughts and views as he sits on a Shire wide community reference group for the review.



Above: Shearer, DJ, bull fighter, clown and rodeo rider. See page 8 for the story.



in this issue....

- Swapping Classrooms...to Indonesia!
- The Ballark Gun Club
- Vale Heidi and Bryan
- A Sheep Enthusiast

... and the usual more!

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Meredith and District News

The Meredith and District News is published by a volunteer sub-committee of the Meredith Community 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 news@meredithnews.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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Community

Maternal & Child Health Nurse

Call 5220 7230 (Bann' Family Services)
To make an appointment at the Meredith Community Centre

4th, 18th Oct 1st, 15th, 29th Nov

Geelong Regional Library Van

At the Meredith Community Centre
1-3pm 5th, 19th Oct 2nd, 16th, 30th Nov
www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au

Senior Citizens

Meet at the Meredith Memorial Hall
Ph. Jim 52868 232

8th, 22nd Oct. 5th, 20th Nov.

New members are always welcome

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**

Thur. 25th October 2012

Earlier submissions appreciated & necessary when our input is required.



Community Contacts

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Kindergarten-Jodie & Sharlene	5286 1227
Police Station- Greg	5286 1222
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CWA-Joan	5286 1559
Tennis Club-Julie	5286 1211
Jnr Footy Club-Jaron Munday	0430 587674
M'bool Valley Masters- Chris	0417370681
Recreation Reserve- Gordon	0429841399
Memorial Hall-Lynn	5286 1566
Hall Bookings-Sandra	5286 1545
Golf Club- Denis	5341 5748
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Cemetery Trust-Dawn	5286 1274
Motor Cycle Club- Mark	0437 009250
Angling Club- Ian	5341 3229
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?**

news@meredithnews.com.au

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Dennis Wholey

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24 Hour Drug & Alcohol Counselling	1800 888 236
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24hr 5-18yo	1800 551 800
Golden Plains Shire	1300 363 036
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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 fortnightly on Mon's 5.30 pm. Ph Sam 0417533 516

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

Elaine Cricket Club

Murray Arnel 0428264103

U14 Elaine/Meredith cricket

Rod Armstrong 0400 078 752

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.

Meredith Seniors Go to the Zoo

Jim Hynds

Finally, the Meredith Senior Citizens bus trip was a goer!

At 9.30 am we headed down the highway and off to Melbourne to the Zoo with a full bus load including a few lucky and very well behaved grandchildren on board.

While the weather wasn't promising, the rain held off for most of the day.

We stopped in the Footscray Gardens for morning tea and enjoyed a great view of Flemington Race Course while we ate a big range of slices and drank tea and coffee.

When we arrived at the Zoo, Arthur the bus driver gave us a tour of the boundary of the Zoo to check for escapees.

Inside, we scattered with the understanding to meet for lunch and at 3 pm to start for home.

The Zoo has undergone many changes over the years, the animals are easier to see and now live under better conditions than they used to.

After a few hours of viewing, some of us met for a pleasant lunch on the lawns and then off we went to see the parts of the Zoo that we had missed.

At 3 pm we assembled and boarded the bus. Some weary souls were glad to sit down.

Our visit proved very popular with our members and everybody had their favourite viewing.

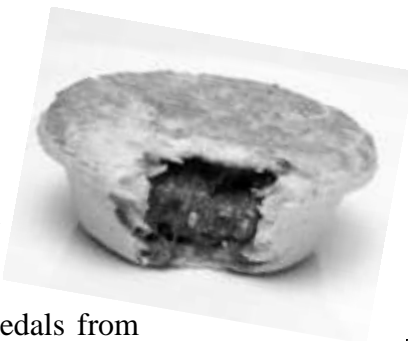
A great day was had by all. The Zoo is still a great place to visit.

We would like to thank Noel Brinner {Aged Care at Golden Plains Shire} for his great support and to the volunteer driver Arthur for the excellent job he did.

A Baker's (Winning) Dozen

Ron Budd's Meredith Bakery (now located in Geelong), won six silver and six bronze medals from its first twelve entries in the Great Aussie Pie Competition.

Well done Ron.



Please Note:

The Mobile Library Service will have a temporary Interruption at Meredith on Friday 5th October 1-3pm and will not be running. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Another Exhibition for Local Artist

Local artist, Marion East, is exhibiting again. From September 30th 2012 until early 2013 she has landscape oil paintings on display at the Gordon Edgerton Galleries in main street Gordon (near Ballan). Ten other artists, including Graeme Cardinal, Lynette Koci and Vida Parson, also have works featured.



MEREDITH KINDERGARTEN INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & 2013 INFORMATION EVENING



The Meredith Kindergarten Inc. will hold their 2012 Annual General Meeting on **THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2012 at 7pm.** The meeting will be held in the Kinder Room located at 31 Staughton Street, Meredith.

The AGM will also incorporate the 2013 Information Evening. All families enrolled or Interested in attending the Kinder in 2013 are encouraged to attend this important evening.

It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other Kinder families, teachers and become part of the Kindergarten Parent Committee for 2013.

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10.30am 3rd Sunday Family Service

6.00pm 4th Sunday Prayer & Praise

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10.00am 4th Sunday Morning Prayer

11.00am 5th Sunday Holy Communion

Parish Office, Byron St. Bannockburn. Open Wed; call in for cuppa & chat. Enquiries, Parish Secretary, Fay McFarlane; Office 52812553, Home, 52861283; Mob 0407502794.

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.

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Church Enquiries Doug McFarlane 52861283 or Jean 52817479

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Meredith Playgroup

Term 4 Program 2012

11th October – Fruit skewers (please bring some fruit to share)

18th October – "Teddy Bears Picnic"

25th October – Woman's Wellbeing Day

1st November – Playgroup Plus (more info will be available at a later date)

8th November – Pyjama day

15th November – Crown and pasta jewellery making

22nd November – The 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' day

29th November – Finger painting. PLEASE wear old clothes!

6th December – IT'S SUMMER! Beach day

13th December – Christmas craft

20th December – End of year party (Excursion)

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for contact details.

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Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen

Since the September edition of the Meredith & District News, we have again seen the Meredith General store and also the Elaine store targeted in recent burglaries. It would appear that offenders are again targeting cash and cigarettes.

On Monday the 3rd of September, two offenders gained entry to the store at approximately 4 a.m. Within a week, the store was again targeted on Friday the 7th September where offenders have gained entry at about 3 a.m. I ask anyone who may travel to or from work at these times and who may have seen any suspicious or unusual vehicles to get in touch with me here at the Meredith Police Station on ph: 52861222. .

I have recently received a call from a local victim wishing to report a deception. On the 11th September, 2012 the victim stated that she received a telephone call from a female stating that she is an employee of a P.C Support

company based in Melbourne. A short time later, the victim was transferred to a male person who spoke to her at length.

This phone call lasted for a very lengthy period where the offender was extremely convincing. Through enquiries, I have established that it was indeed a phone scam which appears to be somewhat sophisticated. I would encourage anyone who receives a call of a similar nature to firstly establish the legitimacy of the company and to never supply personal or bank details or Credit Card numbers over the phone.

On a real positive note, the second Meredith Blue Light Disco was run again at the Meredith Memorial Hall on Friday the 14th September with similar numbers of kid's in attendance. The final Blue Light for 2012 will be held again at the hall on Friday the 30th November, 2012 with D.J DES from Ballarat. On the night, two new kids bikes (A boys and a Girls) will be given away to two lucky kids with other great prizes also.

Regards again
Greg KITCHEN Leading Senior Constable,
Meredith Police Station.

MEREDITH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

HOSTS

CFA SUNDAY

WHEN: 25 NOVEMBER 2012

TIME: 10am – 2pm

WHERE: MEREDITH FIRE STATION

BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED



CFA Sunday provides the Meredith Community a chance to experience and interact with the Meredith Fire Brigade and its volunteer members.

The day will include demonstrations from our members, displays, community fire prevention and preparation presentations, something for the kid's and all the information you may need to prepare yourself and your property for the upcoming fire season.

The Meredith Fire Brigade will also be hosting a CFA Fire Prevention Officer to provide one on one advice on all property fire protection and preparation.

Have you ever thought about becoming a CFA Volunteer? All your questions can be answered by one of our Officers in a casual and relaxed environment on the day allowing you to get a good understanding of CFA , the qualifications and experiences that can be gained as a member.

'Does the hat fit you?'

sports



Meredith Junior Crocs

Campbell Mavity

We had our big night of nights of the year, with our Presentation night for the 2012 season. It was well attended by players, parents, and grandparents and the rooms were decorated for the special event. Thanks to Karen, and helpers for the effort that was put into the night.

There was more than enough food for everybody, and sweets decorated in the Junior Croc colours. We also had a photo slide show playing throughout the night with action shots taken from the year. I have never seen so many people jammed into the room before. It just proves how junior football can bring a community together.

Now to the trophy winners. The Coaches Award went to Lachlan Baker; Best Clubman went to Frazer Mitilineos (which I had trouble announcing through the vote count for best, and fairest). Most Courageous went to Jim Kennedy in his first year in the club. Most improved went to Daniel Mavity, (and I had nothing to do with this decision); Best First Year Player went to Riley Buchanan; Most Committed went to Angus Hogarth, and the President's Award went to Seamus Dunne. Best, and Fairest went to Mitch Emmlin, Runner Up Best and Fairest Cooper Simpson. Next year I won't read the votes out as fast as the night was going to end too soon.

Will Finnigan was presented with his jumper that was cut off him from when he broke his wrist in the Round Robin, framed for him to hang on the wall.

“Best and Fairest went to Mitch Emmlin, Runner Up Best and Fairest Cooper Simpson.”

A big thank you goes to all the players who played for the Junior Crocs throughout the year without all of you there is no football side. Also thanks to Mums, and Dad's who carted the players to training, and to the games. A big thank you goes out to our sponsors without them the club would not continue to be as good as it is. Also a thank you goes to everybody who did the jobs for the club, big or small - it can't function without them.

Without our coaches we would not have a team to play so it is a vital role to have in any club. Last thank you is the people who put their hand up to be on the committees, and attend meetings when required. Unfortunately, clubs have to have meetings, so thank you to those who gave up their time for the cause, just to make their children fit,

and happy.

Our big project next year is to install nets behind the goals so balls won't go on the road, or into the neighbouring property. We are chasing a grant for that, to make it safer for the public, and players.

We are also looking at having an Under 14's side in the Geelong, and District League next year interested players can contact Jaron Munday on 0430 587 674.

Trivia Night

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This Shearer Moonlights as a DJ!

Marg Cooper

Scott Thompson rode bulls at rodeos for about 10 years. He started when he was 19 years old and won the Victorian Novice Title.

There is over 40 years of special breeding in the bulls supplied for rodeos and, according to Scott, they love performing. A strap is tightened in front of the back legs of the bull to make it kick higher and making it harder for the rider to stay on the bucking animal for the required eight seconds.

The scary part though was the bull fighting or playing the clown at rodeos, which he did for about a year.

He also competed in steer wrestling events where you slide off a horse beside a steer and bring the steer down by holding its horns and twisting! It is hard to train a horse for this challenging event.

Music is an important ingredient of rodeos and sound systems were hired for the rodeos. Because he knew that Scott loved music, the contractor suggested he become the DJ.

He helped Scott finance a sound system and set it up in a caravan that is parked near the chute where the bulls come out.

Scott plays background music for two hours before the rodeo starts then hots the beat up to get the crowd going, to get them clapping and to get them involved!

He plays a bit of everything, country and western, rock, heavy metal, hip or techno.

When each bull and rider is released from the chute he turns the volume up to add to the excitement.

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Swapping Classrooms

Moya and Jim Elvey last month visited their son Matthew in Kupang, Indonesia, where he works as a volunteer writing software and training staff of a micro-loan agency. There they met a principal of a secondary school who seized the opportunity to expose his students to a native English speaker and arranged for Moya, a teacher at Meredith Primary

School, to address a group of around 50 local students.

Many had only a rudimentary grasp of English but enthusiastically engaged in the one hour session which involved lots of laughter (a universal language). The students were keen to learn about our wildlife (describing an echidna was interesting!) and recreation (there was lots of interest in football as they love soccer). More challenging was "Is Christmas Island nice?"

One of the micro loan funding agencies, is "Kiva", where you can make an interest free loan of as little as \$25 to a collective of your choice in a country of your choice to help them gain a sustainable livelihood. (See www.kiva.org)

Left: Local teacher Moya Elvey, putting her skills to work last month in Kupang, Indonesia.



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Ballark & District Gun Club History with a Future

Marc Canavan

The Ballark and District Gun Club started back in the early 70's. It was the idea of Arthur Connor to raise money for the Ballan Football Club. A very keen sporting shooter himself, he knew what it would take to get it up and running. Firstly he needed support and help from his two mates that also believed in the idea. Ray Smith and Bob Conroy rallied behind Arthur to get it going; they later purchased Outta Throwers which were very primitive devices compared to this day and age.

Arthur always knew where the best place for the shooting ground would be and that was "Ballark", the home and farm of the Molesworth family. Arthur approached Mr. Bob Molesworth who was a great friend of the Connor's. Bob was keen to help out with the venue as the family was involved with the football club.

The club was very popular with the locals: in 1977 the club was fully licensed and ran an annual shoot for the Ballan Football club. It became so popular it expanded to cater for all sorts of groups. The Gun Club not only raises money for all sporting groups e.g. tennis, netball, pony clubs and cricket but for groups such as local hospitals, schools, fire brigades and any other community organisation that requires assistance with fundraising.

The club has attracted some of the best sports people this country has ever seen, the likes of Olympic medalist Russell Mark and world champion John Younger who has participated in our shoots from the club's beginnings. Even the famous AFL legend Gary Ablett Snr has enjoyed the event. A day at the shoot has three key events and commences with the eye opener and the main shoot (a team and also overall individual winner) and a doubles event. We also cater for juniors with coaching available free of charge.

The best advertising the club has is that everyone knows all money raised goes to a worthy cause. The club has also raised money for the Red Cross, Girl Guides, the seriously ill and has donated money to bush fire victims, schools, health services the list goes on and that's what makes it so unique. It is a community event for **YOUR** district with funds raised going to worthwhile causes in **YOUR** district. Who would believe it: an idea so many years ago would benefit so many people. Today the club is managed entirely by a voluntary committee with no financial members.

There are two very important points that Arthur always said. First is that without the help and support of the Molesworth family allowing the club to operate on their magnificent property, this club would never have eventuated. Secondly without the people that come to enjoy and support us in our quest to give back to the community and people in need, the club would not exist.

The Ballark and District Gun Club thank all these people for their dedication and support over the years. Let us keep striving to make sure this club continues to exist for generations to come.



BALLARK & DISTRICT GUN CLUB

Next shoot: Sunday 14th October 2012
Proceeds to: Meredith Primary School

Location: "BALLARK"
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Mollie's COLUMN

Coming Up Next

October's arrived and the weeks are flying by. The weather is starting to warm up, Christmas decorations are appearing in the shops, and my end of year exams are creeping up on me. The pages of my calendar are rapidly flipping me in to summer, but this one isn't just any old summer coming up. These aren't the last few weeks of class before an endless, stretching, lazy holiday. These are the last few weeks of the final year of my Psychology degree. As the weeks rush by, it comes ever closer...the day I decide what to do next.

I love studying, which is lucky seeing as I've been at it for so long. My younger sister Tess has informed me despairingly that I've been at school for more years than she's been alive, but for me the years have sped past in a blur. I've heard all the 'professional student' jokes, and while the lifestyle is lovely, the financial situation could be better (trust me, I'm not at uni for the rather meagre Centrelink payments). Now that I'm about to finish up, and perhaps step in to the world of full-time work, I'm well aware of how much there still is to learn. Which

“...like a particularly academic game of ‘Survivor’, we’re trying to outwit, outplay and outlast our way to a coveted spot on the Honours Island.”

brings me to Plan A – studying for an Honours year.

‘More study!’ I hear everyone say. ‘You’ll be at uni till you’re 60!’ Well, hopefully not 60, but becoming a psychologist will take a few more years of postgraduate study. Unfortunately, entry in to the Honours year is extremely competitive and rarely guaranteed. Uni has become a dangerous place these last few weeks, with lecturers barricaded in their offices while 100 wild-eyed third years attempt to hunt them down for a good reference. We sneakily glance at each others’ marks, privately calculate what percentage we’ll need in the exam to knock that smug over-achiever out of the running, and rejoice inwardly when a friend confesses they need to repeat a subject. Like a particularly academic game of ‘Survivor’, we’re trying to outwit, outplay and outlast our way to a coveted spot on the Honours Island.

Plan B: My other option, of course, is to find full-time work. Keen as I am to continue with Psychology, the idea of finally having a career (and perhaps being able to buy some furniture) is tempting to say the least. So I’ve been working on capturing a particularly talented and somewhat conceited version of myself in a CV, and trawling employment ad websites for an idea of the kind of job I’m both qualified for and interested in. Just in case the whole ‘Survivor’ thing doesn’t work out.

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Vale Heidi Maree Allison

The Empty Nest!

Marg Cooper

Heidi was born in Austria in 1949 and came to Australia with her parents when she was 2 years old. Her brother Hans was born in Australia.

The family lived in St Albans and then Mitcham. Heidi entered the Miss Nunawading Beauty Quest in 1969.

She worked at various jobs before working for Telecom for about 10 years and was still with them when she moved to Ballarat.

In her late twenties she became very ill and finally had a kidney transplant, before a long, slow road to recovery when she got accustomed to regular trips to hospital a few times a year.

She bought "Steiglitz Cottage" in Staughton Street about 20 years ago and lived there with her mother. Later, her brother and his son moved into the house and she had a small, square house transported to east of the cottage and erected on the side of the hill on stilts.

Over time she gathered a menagerie of animals and erected a labyrinth of pens and cages with housing on the lower ground, east of her house. Heidi built most of the structures herself using second hand materials.



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When the café opened on the corner of Staughton and Wallace Streets about 10 years ago, Heidi became a regular visitor, enjoying a coffee and smoke and the company of other Meredith people. She was always full of life and in her witty way was keen to comment on local affairs and to give advice on what should be done.

She loved reading and one of her delights was to take a good read and a good wine onto her porch and spend some quiet time in this peaceful place in Meredith. She seemed to enjoy living in Meredith. It was her Feathered Nest.

Heidi died on Saturday September 1. A civil service was held at the Barrabool Hills Chapel in Highton and afterwards, friends and family gathered at the Café to celebrate her life and to share fond memories.

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Vale to William Bryan Mayo

Marg Cooper

Bryan was a Meredith boy and cherished his childhood at Meredith.

He was the son of George and Ruby Mayo (Musgrove) and brother to Ray and Joy.

Bryan attended Meredith State School and with Roy Taylor and Neil Stafford travelled to Geelong Junior Technical School on the train.

He left school aged 15 years to work in the CBA Bank at Bannockburn. Mr Mason and Bryan would come to Meredith each Friday to a little room next to the Bottom shop, which had formerly been the Post Office and conduct banking. Bryan transferred to many branches over the years including Apollo Bay and Yarrawonga.

At 4.30 pm on Saturday, May 10, 1958, Bryan and Keith Taylor set out from Meredith on their round Australia trip, both of them leaving behind "failed" romances. Bryan said it was the best thing he ever did! Keith's Ford Zephyr towed their new 14 foot Wayfarer Caravan. He first day

only got hem as far as Ballarat where they went to the dance at the Civic Hall!

Their kitty, a biscuit tin under the dashboard went through £206/19/2 on petrol and £95/2/10 on mechanical repairs.



Bryan Mayo and Keith Taylor on their 1958 trip around Australia

Work was definitely OUT on the trip! They both took photos and when they came home they held a slide show in the Meredith hall for the locals.

Bryan married Lorraine in 1961 and they had three children: Gavin, Sharon and Kylie.

Over the years he worked at various jobs such as insurance salesman, self employed shop owner and machine operator.

Above all else, he valued his family and friends. He made friends easily and maintained those friendships through the years. Bryan enjoyed good health throughout his life until 2½ years ago when he was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia.

He died on September 1 and a Funeral Service was held at Tuckers Funeral Home in Grovedale on Saturday, September 8.

Good Travelling Bryan.



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It's History

The Morrisons Common

MEREDITH, A meeting of residents took place on Saturday last in the Morrisons Hall to protest against the action of the Mines Department blocking the Morrisons Common from settlement. Mr. Parkinson, who has been a resident of the district for nearly 40 years, stated that he and his father before him had never known any mining being done from the surface of the tableland, and all the parties who had worked from the gullies by the means of tunnelling had never done any good at it. The two or three who held blocks under residential areas were better off with their acre of land than could be done by mining, and had the Government policies of settling the blocks which the surveyors had just completed been carried out to a successful issue there would soon arise a prosperous district where at present the land was only used by graziers. Several others spoke in a similar fashion and ultimately a deputation was appointed to wait on the Ministers for Lands and Mines and the Premier, the time for the interview being left in the hands of Mr. G. F. Holden, M.L.A.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1956)

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Morrison Cemetery Walk and Talk

The sun shone and the rain and wind stopped after six days, on Sunday September 9 when Herb Parkinson talked us around the Morrison Cemetery. Herb knew the Cemetery backwards as he had played in it during his childhood and had attended most funerals in it, since then.

His great grandparents, then his grandparents had lived west of the road at the top of the hill south of where the Fire Shed is now.

His grandparents Abel and Rose Parkinson had lived just south of the Fire Shed on the side of the hill overlooking Tee Tree Creek, facing south and had a 10 acre orchard.

His grandfather's brother Andrew Parkinson and his family had lived around the hill a bit, on the side of the hill facing west.

The houses overlooked the Parkinson mine operated by the brothers which extended underground to about where the Church of England Church is situated.

Herb pointed out the mullock heaps, the track on the south side of the river where an engine was walked down, where a battery was built and where the creek swirled around on the flat and swished gold into the centre to be picked up by lucky fossickers.

In the Cemetery, Herb mentioned the people in nearly every grave, imparting stories and information about each and inviting members of various families to add information.

Mary Marie Leney, the daughter of the first Station Master at Elaine was buried in 1876. A woman and her children are buried beside her brother who murdered them. A man requested to be buried by himself so he could rise, unheeded at the time of the resurrection. Another grave has shelves underground to accommodate at least 8 members of the family.

One man was adopted by his Aunt and so he is buried in the C of E Section and the rest of his family are buried in the Catholic Section. Chinese graves are in the north east corner and only one still has a headstone. There are few graves in the Catholic Section as Morrison was predominately Protestant.

Cargerie Historical Walk

This event will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2 pm., beginning at the former home of John and Muriel Bakes on Bakes Road, Cargerie. Parking will be near the house yard. Please wear suitable footwear for walking.

There are several sites of interest to be seen including the original home site of George Frederick Read and his wife Helen (Patterson) on the Cargerie Creek, the track where Cobb and Co travelled, the ford used to cross Cargerie Creek by Cobb and Co and the sheep wash used by Read in the gully.

This is an opportunity to walk for about an hour, to see some historic sites and to learn about an early settler.

Afternoon tea will follow the walk.

Moranghurk Soldier Settlement Grant

The Minister of Veteran Affairs informed MHIG in early September that they had approved a grant under the Saluting Their Service Commemorations Grants Program to help install a memorial plaque to commemorate the 26 Soldier Settlers who settled on the Moranghurk Estate, Meredith in 1953.

MHIG intend to erect and dedicate this plaque in 2013 and to complete a book about the Soldier Settlement Scheme and the men and their families involved.

We are contacting members of the families to invite them to be involved. Does anyone know where any members of the Kilsby family live?

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The Pearly Gates at Morrisons



Steiglitz Historical Society

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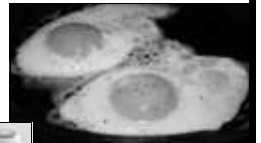


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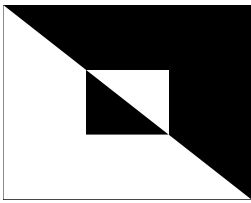
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A rabbit walks into a pub and says, "A pint of beer, and a ham and cheese toastie, please." The barman is amazed, but gives the rabbit a pint of beer and a ham and cheese toastie. The rabbit drinks the beer, eats the toastie, then leaves.

He becomes a regular, and every time orders a pint of beer and a ham and cheese toastie. Then one night, the barman tells him 'I'm sorry rabbit, old mate, but we are right out of ham and cheese toasties...'

The rabbit is aghast. The crowd has quietened to almost a whisper, when the barman clears his throat nervously and says, 'We do have a very nice cheese and tomato toastie.' The rabbit looks him in the eye and says, "Are you sure I will like it."

The barman, somewhat relieved, says "Oh you will love it. I know you will." 'Ok,' says the rabbit, 'I'll have a pint of beer and a cheese and tomato toastie.'

The pub erupts into applause as the rabbit quaffs the beer and quickly eats the toastie. He then waves to the crowd and leaves....NEVER TO RETURN!!!

...A year later, the barman is cleaning up when he sees a small white form, floating above the bar. 'Who are you?' he says, to which he is answered, 'I am the ghost of the rabbit that used to eat here.'

'I remember you' says the barman, 'you made my pub famous for a while. And on the last night we didn't have any ham and cheese toasties. You had a cheese and tomato one instead and then never came back. What happened?'

'I DIED', said the rabbit. 'NO!' said the barman. 'What from?' After a short pause, the rabbit said...'*Mixin-me-toasties.*'

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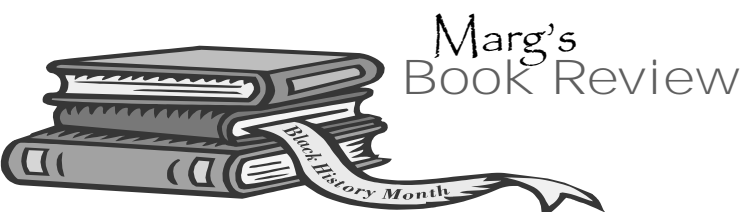
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The book tells the true story of how Barbara and her family moved from Arizona to Virginia, USA with the desire to live a more environmentally sustainable life, particularly with respect to their family's food consumption.

They committed to eat only food that came from their own garden or the local area for a year.

The family was concerned about many issues including the fuel miles used to transport food, the energy used to produce and process foods, the contamination of food with herbicides etc, the loss of biodiversity, the emphasis on high calorie foods, the poor treatment of animals and the use of water in agriculture.

She argues that becoming more directly involved with the food we eat allows us to understand it better so eating can become a celebration of food rather than a source of guilt!

It also contributes to personal well being in a physical sense, planting, maintaining and harvesting and in a spiritual sense of achievement and cultural stimulation by putting you in touch with other people and information.

The family built a big vegetable garden, planted fruit trees and kept poultry. They learnt how to grow and preserve food, animal husbandry, to plan ahead and to be creative.

They succeeded in achieving their goals and saved money by growing and preparing their own foods but it involved a lot of hard work and taught them unexpected lessons on the way.

They allowed each family member one "indulgence" such as coffee and dried fruit.

The book tells that Barbara Kingsolver was nominated as the 74th of the 100 most dangerous persons in America, after writing this book!!

Throughout the book are writings by her partner Steven and by her eldest daughter Camille and there are recipes and tips on dealing with a deluge of tomatoes or life without bananas.

The principles in the book are very interesting but some bookclub members thought she preached her message and it was hard to follow the growing seasons, the plant varieties and names, the festivals and traditions in America.

We learnt that "Molly Mooching" was collecting edible wild mushrooms in a mesh bag!

The book for discussion in October is "Celestine" by Gillian Yindall.



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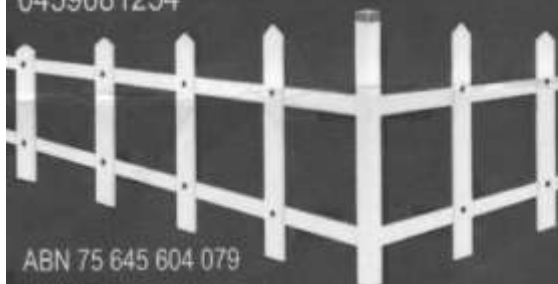


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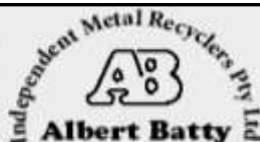
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New Natio & Nude by Nature stands

We are pleased to announce that we are now full stockists of Natio and Nude by Nature. We have brand new stands installed in the Pharmacy which look fantastic as can be seen below with our Natio stand! If you are in need of new make up or skin care products then look no further as we have a large range of products to suit everyone



New Gifts still arriving!

Just letting you know we still have lots of new giftware arriving in store to expand on our 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. 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.

Christmas Shopping Night

Don't forget our annual Christmas Shopping Night will be held at the Pharmacy on **Thursday 27th November** from **6:30pm to 9:00pm**. Next months newsletter we 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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She had grown up at Ararat, liked rural properties and had lapped up visiting relations who lived on the land. So when Ray retired aged 55 years, Maureen suggested that they buy some land and farm.

They first bought 50 acres at Nayook in Gippsland and in 1984-1985 bought 295 acres on Shelford Road at Meredith.

A butcher at Neerim advised that they buy sheep with black feet and short wool so Maureen bought six Black Suffolk stud ewes from Tasmania and borrowed a ram. She later bought some "Cassey Downs" ewes and rams from a well established stud in Tasmania.

She joined the Society, went to shows and became more *au fait* with the breed as she met people involved, read more information and looked after her stud sheep.

Not everyone was so precise, but Maureen kept meticulous records. She braided collars and stamped numbers on them to identify the lambs. Later she used ear tags that were breed society compliant.

She bred good looking, beautiful animals.

She tells that most people don't understand the chemistry of breeding. She worked for many years at the Bio Chemistry Department at Monash University and was able to apply the principles she learnt to a scientific way of breeding.

She also had English Leicester sheep and Chinese Geese which are both fairly rare breeds.

Maureen suffered a stroke in 2000, was not expected to live and spent two years in hospital.

When she returned home she was unable to look after sheep so her flock was sold except for six sheep that were kept to remind her of her hey days, and to munch the grass around the house.

She has Pete, an English Leicester that was the biggest hunk of ram but now docile and looks at Maureen as if to ask for a cuddle. She has three old ladies from her original stud lines that are about 105 years old and all lace and fluff.

She has Horny, a Black Suffolk ram that is so cute and she has an "also ran" that was brought up to the house as an almost dead orphaned lamb, reared on the bottle and is still part of the family three years later.

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