

# Meredith & district Newsletter



August 2013

Our Community Newsletter since 1972

Distributed FREE to district residents



*Left: Two Meredith Fire Brigade members rescue the dummies from a "hazardous" area. Meet another volunteer on page 12.*

*Below: The completed building of the Meredith Visitor/Information Centre, for more details go to page 5.*

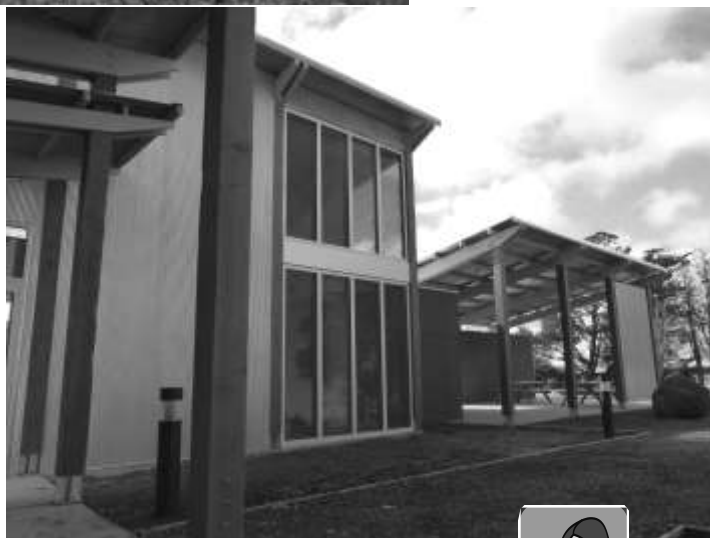
## Rescue for Dummies

*Jim Elvey*

Meredith Fire Brigade conducted a rescue assimilation last month to give members experience in what may be encountered in a house fire. The exercise, undertaken on the grounds of Meredith Primary School, took a scenario where persons were trapped in a smoke filled room. Brigade members had to position appliances and hoses to attack the fire, as well as attempting to rescue the trapped people.

This was also assimilated by positioning two heavy dummies in the playground equipment while brigade members, wearing full protective suits and blindfolds, took turns of locating and extracting them. Working in pairs, this required them to rely on their sense of direction and communication with each other to navigate through the obstacles to locate the bodies and remove them by the same route.

Captain Chris Jones said this is an important part of the ongoing training all brigade members undertake.



### in this issue....

- Golden Plains Shire Community Updates
- Dog Tales
- Vale James Frederick Cromb

... 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, Trudy Mitchell, Stefania Parkinson and Ian Penna

### 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

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Elaine

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Meredith

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Power Failure	132 412
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Barwon Water	1300 656 007
SES Emergency -	
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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

### 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

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"I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life."

*George Burns*

### ...or start something.



If you have a special interest you would like to share with like minded people, let us know and we will help you get it started.



## Community

### Meredith Red Cross Meeting

Rosemary Hart

There will be a meeting of the Meredith Red Cross at the Meredith Community Centre on Thursday 29th August at 9.30 a.m.

### Meredith & District CERT Inc. AGM

Tuesday August 27th 7pm. Meredith Community Centre.

Contact Rhonda for more info: 0414 824 980

### Ballark & District Gun Club

Next Shoot: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Location: "BALLARK"

Ballan – Meredith Rd

Nominations: 10.30am

Event Start: 11.00am

Enquiries: Brian Smith 0428 608 238

Marc Canavan 0432 237 389

Prizes, Refreshments, all money raised goes back into our community. Proceeds this shoot go to the Mt Wallace Fire Brigade.

Come Along and Support your District & Club.

### Golden Plains Arts Inc. AGM

General Meeting regarding the Golden Plains Art Trail. Tuesday August 20th at 7pm.

At the Meredith Community Centre.

Contact Roslyn for more info 0410 808 483

### Meredith War Memorial Service

Sunday 8th September 2013 at 2pm.

A special Service to rededicate the Meredith War Memorial, after its relocation to the Meredith Memorial Hall. All Welcome.

### Lal Lal Moorabool Photographic Group Inc.

Photographic Competition / Exhibition

24-24th August 2013 10-4pm

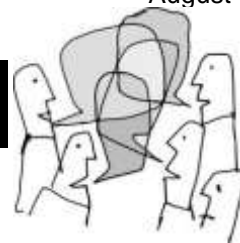
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articles about people

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## Church News

### ST. JOHNS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Weekly services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, pastoral care. Rev Elizabeth Bufton, Vicarage: 52651284; Church Office 52812553; Mob. 0437524864.

Service times:

#### Meredith

11.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at Uniting Church, Holy Communion

11.00am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Anglican Church Holy Communion

#### Bannockburn

10.00am 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Holy Communion

10.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Family Service

6.00pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer & Praise

#### Inverleigh

8.45am 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Holy Communion

10.00am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Morning Prayer

11.00am 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**UNITING CHURCH** Monthly Combined Holy Communion services.

2nd Sunday, 11am at Meredith Uniting Church

4th Sunday at 11am at Meredith Anglican Church

1st & 3rd Sunday at 9.45 at Buninyong Uniting Church

**(9.30 pre-service singing)** Enquires Doug McFarlane 52861283.

Rev. Lindell Gibson 53413 200

**SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH:** Fr. Theodore—Ph. 5341 5568

Holy Liturgy 10am every Sun, Sat & 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

Mass Times for the month of July are:

Bannockburn every Sunday @ 9 a.m.

Winchelsea every Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Anakie Sunday July 7th/21st @ 11 a.m.

Meredith Sunday July 14th/28th @ 11 a.m.

Healing Mass & Luncheon Saturday July 13th @ 11 a.m. at

Winchelsea

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



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## Meredith Community Centre, Inc.

4 Russell Street Meredith 3333

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## Centre News

Hi all and welcome to Term 3. By now I hope you have received our new look Brochure for our Term 3 classes. We have variety of classes to suit every interest.

### Business Skills

If you have a business you can learn to use MYOB for keeping your books, or learn skills to improve your productivity in computer applications, or working in the cloud or creating a basic website. Many of our courses are available for free to business and community groups through the Digital Enterprise Program.

### Work Skills

If you are looking for skills to help you in your job, or to find a job we have computer skills from basic through to more advanced. And work skills in RSA and Food Hygiene.

### Nationally Recognised Certificate

No need to travel to Geelong or Ballarat. We are also pleased to be partnering with Advanced Career Training to offer Certificate III in Aged Care and Home and Community Care. What a great advantage to be able to study in a small friendly place, close to home.

### And More

Come and indulge yourself with High Tea, create something beautiful from Quilts to Hand-woven baskets, learn to draw or paint.

If you like to cook you can come and have fun decorating cupcakes, make cheese or coffee scrolls and we are not leaving out the men with a cooking class just for them.

For details of all this and more go to our website [meredithcc.com.au](http://meredithcc.com.au) and follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MeredithCommunityCentre>

Looking forward to seeing you here.

Pam Ridd

## Meredith Playgroup Term 3 2013

Aug 8th – Biscuit making

Aug 15th – Face painting

Aug 22nd – Goop day : PLEASE wear old clothes!

Aug 29th – Fathers Day craft

Sept 5th – Playgroups plus. Topic to be advised

Sept 12th – Spring day

Sept 19th – Music & Nursery rhymes

For more info call Jo: 0418 125 250



meredithPolice**news**

Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen

Hello again all. Well, I am happy to be able to report that crime within the area has remained very low during the past month. I would like to however make people aware of a situation where dogs could be targeted by offenders for breeding or fighting purposes, which I touched on in my previous article. Recently, and since my last report, two Labradors were located in bushland on the east of the Meredith Township. Both these dogs were owned by dedicated owners and it would seem extremely unlikely that the dogs have been able to escape the property without assistance. Both were some distance from the owner's address and both dogs are micro chipped. In addition, I have received other information that some residents have put information on face book detailing similar situations in nearby areas. I would strongly urge anyone with any information to contact me at the Meredith Police Station on 52 861 222 if they have any information and I would urge dog owners to be aware.

I know most residents would be aware of the recent life threatening motor vehicle collision which occurred on the Midland Highway, Meredith near the Intersection of Creamery Road on Monday the 1st of July at about 7.20 p.m. Firstly, I can report that both the young driver and passenger are both expected to make full recovery's. I have attended hundreds of collisions during my 24 year career and would say that this was among the worst of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to highly praise the efforts of the Meredith CFA for their actions at the scene during the course of the incident. Under difficult and trying circumstances, it was impressive to see the high level of professionalism and efficiency displayed by the chief fire officer in charge, Mr Chris JONES and his members as a whole. Well done to all involved. I would also like to praise the efforts of the Bannockburn SES for their efforts. The accident highlights the need for all drivers to be aware of their driving at all times and in all weather conditions. The matter is currently being investigated by the Major Collision Investigation Unit based in Brunswick.

Recently, I recovered a number of very old and distinctive knives and knife scabbards from a property on the southern side of Meredith. These knives are very unique and possibly valuable. I suspect that they have been dumped many years ago after a burglary or theft possibly within the local area. I would be eager to hear from any long term residents who may recall someone who has had these very unique items stolen. The condition of these items together with the location of the items would suggest that they have been there for up to or in excess of 20 years.

Kindest Regards

Greg KITCHEN - Leading Senior Constable  
Meredith Police Station.

## Meredith Projects Update from Golden Plains Shire Council

### Golden Streets Project

Golden Plains Shire Council was successful in securing a Regional Growth Fund. \$1,290,000 of the grant has been allocated for main street development works in the townships of Haddon, Rokewood, Meredith and Teesdale. Works are scheduled to commence in Meredith late in 2013. A copy of the master plan is available detailing descriptions of community recommended items. For more information, about the project, please contact Paul Ryan, Council's Community Projects Officer, on 5220 7138 or [pryan@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:pryan@gplains.vic.gov.au).

### Meredith Integrated Community Hub

Construction of the Meredith Community Hub will commence early in 2014. As part of the design phase there will be opportunities for input from community members. The project will provide a focus for a range of allied health services, community meeting and consulting space together with early years services.

### Meredith Visitor Centre

The building construction stage of the Meredith Information Centre is complete. The 'fit out' for the interior of the facility is well underway., with completion expected by the end of September. The internal fit out is occurring in partnership with the community and local residents are compiling information to be included in the displays.

Once opened, the facility will be run by local volunteers and these residents are keen to hear of other people interested in managing the centre. Contact Damian Waight, Council's Community Development Team Leader, on 5220 7159 or [dwaight@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:dwaight@gplains.vic.gov.au).

## Classifieds

### For Sale

Fender Telecaster American Standard Guitar and Case 10 out of 10 Condition! (almost brand new) Paid \$1,650 Will Sell for \$1,000 firm Phone 0499824888

### For Sale

Railway Sleepers. \$20 each or cheaper in larger quantities Ph 0408 354 499 or 52 861 377

### Free

10 litres Lilac interior paint. Unopened. including roller and tray. Call Meredith Community Centre on 52 861 348

## sports



## Meredith Golf Trip to Barooga

Marg Cooper

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Meredith golf club members and friends travelled to Cobram Barooga for their annual golf trip and stayed at the El Sierra Motel adjacent to the golf course. Breakfast was provided and we had dinner each night at the Barooga Sportsman's Club. The rooms were well appointed and lucky Danny & Jana got the only room with a spa. It was a bit cool to use the swimming pool but some keenly contested tennis sets took place each morning before the golf.

During the five day stay the golfers played both the East and West courses at Barooga and the beautiful groomed Tocumwal Course. Each day started with heavy fog which usually dissipated by lunchtime allowing for a beautiful sunny afternoon's golf.

### Golf results.

- Sunday July 7 Noel Pike won with 32 points (West Course).
- Monday July 8 Howard Donaldson won with 34 points (East Course).
- Tuesday July 9 Marg Cooper, with 32 points, won the competition at Tocumwal.

Wednesday July 10 Andre Van Zyl, Danny Jury, Howard Donaldson and Noel Pike won the Ambrose Competition to narrowly defeat Simon Wilson, Charlie Osborne, Marg Cooper and Mitch Emmlin who have held the title for the last two years. Once again the youngest player, Mitch Emmlin and the oldest player Charlie Osborne shared a golf cart. Charlie seemed a bit more relaxed with Mitchie's driving this year!

Many nearest the pins, longest drives and magpies were awarded and one player even tried to claim the shortest drive. He placed a named marker just outside the teeing ground. Nice Try! The big hitting Danny Jury won a prize for hitting his ball into the water three times on the same hole.

Everyone had a great time and wish to thank Peter Rees for once again organising the trip.



## Elaine Cricket Club Inc 2013

President Neville Moller, Vice President Daryl Wells Secretary Murray Arnel, Committee Members Shane Dunne, Ron Read, Ian Goulden, Senior Captain Tye Anderson

**U14 joint Coaches** Kristen Rowan & Daryl Wells

**Elaine Milo Cricket CoOrdinators**

Daryl Wells, Daryl Hunt & Shane Dunne

Training to be advised in next issue of Meredith Newsletter.

## Elaine Tennis Club Inc. 2013

President Russell Ford Vice President David Wells

Secretary Shane Dunne Treasurer Ian Farhall

Committee members Ron Read, Brendon Gleeson

All old and new players welcome. 2 brand new tennis courts. Free coaching and new tennis racquets available. Teams must be in by 26th August to The Buninyong and District Tennis Association so any players senior or junior interested in tennis this year are urged to contact Shane on 0448291074. Beginners most welcome.

## Meredith Golf Club

### Stroke Event 22.06.13

Winner M Colvin 73 Runner-up D Jury 74

NTP 2nd P Schillier, 9th R Dawes, 14th M Macri

### Captains Trophy 29.06.13

Glen Wilkins def Paul Schillier

### Stableford Event

V Drew won on count back 35pts D Jury

NTP 2nd D Jury, 14th D Jury

### Stableford Event 06.07.13

Winner Glen Wilkins 45 pts Runner-up Danny Jury 38 pts

NTP 2nd shot 2nd G Wilkins, 14th M Colvin

### Men's Club Championship 13.07.13

**A Grade:** D Jury 82, S Wilson 83, P Schillier 92, P Rees 98

**B Grade:** D Gear 104, V Drew 106, M Colvin 108

**C Grade:** M Macri 106, C Osbourne 139

**NTP** 2nd P Schillier, 14th S Wilson



Meredith golf club members and friends at Cobram Barooga for their annual golf trip.

## Meredith Junior Football Club Inc.

*Campbell Mavity President junior Crocs*

Well, what a month it has been. We have had the honour of having three Geelong Falcon Players, Captain Alex Hickey, Will Langley, and Sam Roberts, come to training on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. What fine role models for the game these young men are. The boys took training and ran the team through some drills. There was plenty of enthusiasm from the young players - especially for the last player back into the group who had to do push ups to a count that was set by the team. That is one way to keep the players coming into the group more quickly.

We played Lethbridge away on Sunday the 30th of June. First time umpire Andrea Spiller had a run in the middle. It is also the first time I have heard "darl" being used to communicate with the players but Andrea did a wonderful job. Meredith 12.7. 65 defeated Lethbridge 1.1 7.

On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> July we played Inverleigh at home. It was an awesome game! In the first quarter the Crocs got the jump on Inverleigh and were well ahead but in the second quarter the Hawks out ran and out played the Crocs. The Hawks were in front at half time. The Crocs didn't really use the wind advantage in the third quarter and just couldn't really get clear use of the ball. There was lots of tunnel ball as the ball could not be cleared out of the throng of players, making it hard to umpire as the game doesn't flow.

In the last quarter it was a do or die affair. It was by far the best quarter of the game: the play was free flowing with the teams trying to make breaks. The Crocs battled to get ahead against the wind with numerous behinds being kicked, as the middle of the goal posts was very elusive. Towards the end Daniel Mavity, assisted by Lauchie Baker, kicked the final goal to get the Crocs five points ahead. With minutes to go the ball went backwards and forwards. Inverleigh got a run towards their forward line with the ball kicked before the final siren. An Inverleigh player marked the ball in front of goal to have a kick after the siren with a chance to win the game. Unfortunately the ball hit the goal post meaning he scored a behind. So, Meredith 4. 7. 31. defeated Inverleigh 3. 9. 27. The Crocs were very lucky to come out the victors.

Also, we have just received the paperwork to say that the Golden Plains Shire has given the Junior Football Club a Grant to Fund new goal posts. This will certainly spruce up the ground a little bit as the current posts are well over due to be replaced, as it might be a disadvantage to play with goal posts that are straight.



## Attention Local Golden Plains Shire Road Users

*from Media Release*

### Mt Mercer Wind Farm

Over the coming months, sections of 64 large wind turbines will be travelling through the Golden Plain Shire to our region's first renewable energy farm; Mt Mercer Wind Farm, 30 km from Ballarat. The oversized loads will include the steel towers, the 45m long fibre glass blades and the nacelles (housing box) for the wind turbines.

**Commencing from 1st August, escorted wind farm components will be transported six days a week from the Port of Geelong to the Mount Mercer Wind Farm between the hours of 1am and 6am, which will maximise public safety and minimise any inconvenience to other road users and the local community.**

While these large loads are being transported on our roads, residents are urged to take care and respond to the Vicroads directions to ensure the safety of all road users. Once the components arrive on site it will take a crew of 50 people approximately a day and a half to erect each turbine, which will stand 126 metres tall to the tip of the blade.



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## Listening to Jack

Jim Elvey

I recently spent an interesting couple of hours talking (well, listening mostly) to 85 year old Jack Powles, Meredith's policeman for 21 years from 1958. He was the last appointment classified as a 'mounted policeman' and was readily able to look after the few police horses that were always resting in the "Police Paddocks."

When he was first appointed, Jack occupied one of two rented houses on the north side of Staughton Street near Reid Street. Electricity wasn't yet connected to the town and his station and lock up were small portable buildings located on the same site as the house. The timber lock up was dismantled and reassembled at the site of the "new" police station on the south side of Staughton Street, next to the old Shire Hall/kindergarten when Jack and his family moved there in 1961

Our real reason for seeking out Jack, was to get some help in locating the site of a former bluestone police residence and stables believed to have been built on the Police Paddocks around 1859. He recalls seeing the foundations still there and is certain as to their location. If the long grass can be tamed, there is a good chance they will be found.

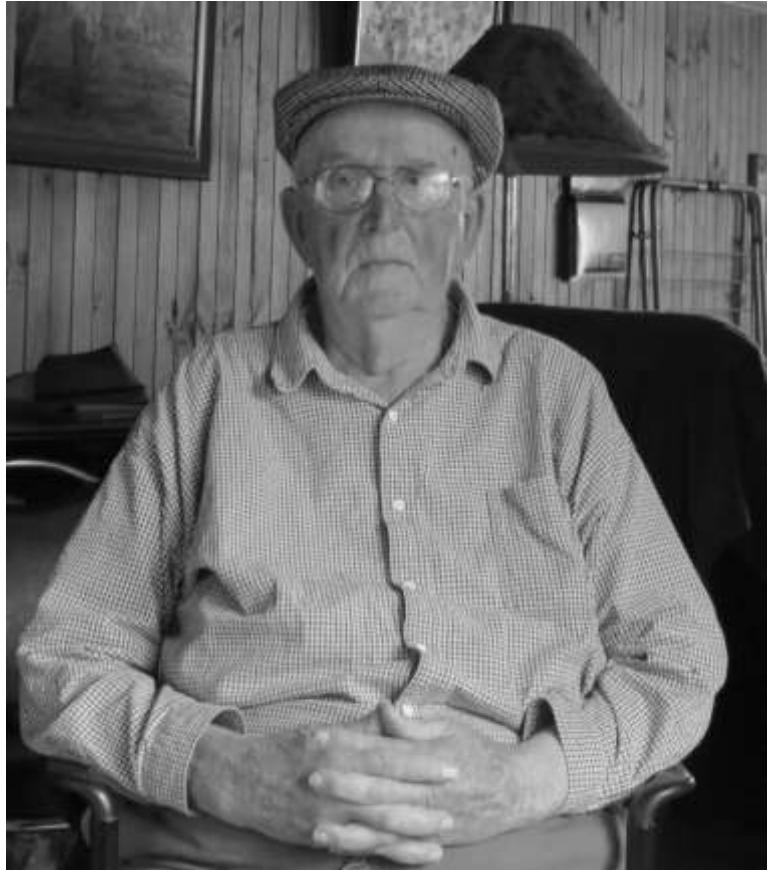
Reflecting on his time working with the police horses, Jack described as "useless" the horse yards still evident in the north west corner of the Police Paddocks. He always caught the usually well-trained horses with the offer of food nearer to the Nuttall Street entrance. The horses arrived by train from Melbourne via Geelong, loaded in cattle trucks, not the padded and penned carriages used by trainers. As a result, they were often bruised and scraped from their journey.

When retired from the police force, the horses were often given to the Oaklands Hunt Club. Jack, himself a trainer of trotters, was at home with horse handling and well suited to these extra duties.

At 85 years old, Jack still keeps a horse or two on his property to the west of town where he lives in rural peace with Carmen, his wife of 53 years.

## Elaine Local Wins Preselection

Elaine resident, Shane Dunne has decided, and been successful in gaining pre-selection to represent the Katters Australia Party in the forthcoming election for the seat of Ballarat.



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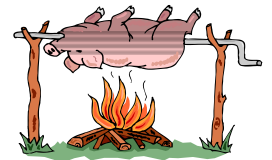


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### The Day the Laptop Died

Technology's never really been my thing. I waited so long to get my first mobile phone that I ended up with my younger brother Jack's hand-me-down, about four years after my friends had started spending their pocket money on credit and getting themselves into debt downloading ringtones. My Granny was on Facebook and Skype years before I even wondered what all the fuss was about, and I don't download music and movies for free, because I don't have the faintest clue on how to go about it. My smart phone, while pretty handy, probably isn't nearly as smart as it could be if I pressed the right buttons. I've dragged my battered old laptop around for years, and scoffed at the new-fangled ultrabooks and tablets every second commuter cradles lovingly on the train.

'Why would I want a shiny new tablet?' I ask myself every time an electronics catalogue turns up in the mail. 'Why would I ever need anything but my laptop?'

My laptop dried itself off. It turned back on. Everything was exactly where I'd left it! I hugged it enthusiastically and backed everything up to at least half a dozen different places.

There was nothing I needed that it couldn't do. It could type up my thesis, save the thousand research articles I needed to pore over every week, and keep the results of my own painstaking research safe and sound. Then, of course, late one night when I'd finally finished typing away and triumphantly hit 'save', I went and spilled a cup of peppermint tea all over it.

There was a hiss, some sizzling, and the screen turned black. Frantic, I flipped it upside down and let the tea run all over my carpet instead. With trembling fingers I called a friend who works in IT, and ran to get the hairdryer while I waited for him to pick up. 'Don't go near it with a hairdryer!' was the first thing he said, so I gave up all

attempts at fixing it and instead hopped up and down in despair for awhile. Everything was backed up, right? Right?

My friend whisked it away for 24 long hours and

attempted his IT magic. I paced the living room and panicked, wondering how I'd ever work up the courage to tell my supervisor our results had washed away in a flood of tea. I checked my finances (depressing at the best of times) and tried to work out how I could afford to replace it. And then a miracle happened.

My laptop dried itself off. It turned back on. Everything was exactly where I'd left it! I hugged it enthusiastically and backed everything up to at least half a dozen different places. It seemed like a good time to go out and buy a tablet. Now I can tote that around everywhere, while the old laptop sits safe and quiet on my desk...far, far away from cups of tea.

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Above, Ralph demonstrates the recommended way of holding a radio microphone during the rescue assimilation last month, as a volunteer with the Meredith Fire Brigade.





## **Bannockburn Pharmacy Newsletter**

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## in my garden

I am not a proper gardener, some would think, because I did not plan my garden on a piece of paper, before I turned the first sod and planted the first of many, many plants – too numerous to number. The plan for my garden, if it existed at all, was and is in my mind's eye only. That does not infer that my garden has evolved without thought but rather it has emerged from how the garden has needed to work for me.

My very first plantings were several punnets of red petunias placed close to the house. We moved into the house on a green-field site just before Christmas and I planted to petunias as a gesture of Christmas cheer. And so it goes, the garden has arisen as the need presented.

The lawn was an early consideration: grandchildren needed somewhere to run and play particularly during warm weather. An area big enough to accommodate the Christmas Day cricket game was required. Paths around the full extent of the garden winding through thickets and garden woodland were required to facilitate hide and seek, as well as barrow access to all areas.

The placement of the chook pen was another 'no brainer': I wanted it as far away from the house as possible, and did not want it seen from the street. I needed to ensure that the pen was protected from extreme weather and had shade in summer, and it needed an all weather path from the house to the pen to facilitate easily delivery for chook food and kitchen scraps and the collection of eggs. It also needed to be near water to permit easy filling of the water container. I found a corner of the garden that fitted the need – no need for any more planning than that. Better to save the energy and just get cracking on with bringing it to fruition.

My garden is constantly in a state of evolution. Early garden bed plantings need refinement over time just as other aspects of the garden may need to be changed as the garden matures. It seems to me that evolution and formal planning are mutually exclusive concepts. Formal planning infers stasis, while most gardens are the very opposite and are very dynamic entities.

I find that winter is the best time for evaluating the basic structure of my garden, as the deciduous trees have all but disappeared to reveal what I

regard as the basic structure, whereas late spring is the best time to evaluate the garden as a whole. Having said that, evaluation, for me, is an ongoing process – not merely an activity undertaken twice a year. I am constantly evaluating the garden and constantly changing the garden in both big and small ways.

Evaluation is a mental process that occurs as I walk around the garden and cast an eye over the garden from different perspectives. If an area of the garden is not pleasing to my eye, or is not working in some other desired way, then something needs to change. Usually this means the removal of plants that fail to meet expectations and replacing them with something better. Alternatively, it may mean the extension of a path or the creation of a new one; the relocation of a bird bath; rearranging a collection of potted plants; and so on. This process is the garden in evolution. I fail to see how a garden plan would aid this continuous improvement process.

Perhaps if I had a talent for art I would think differently and enjoy the process of putting my garden dream on paper before turning the first sod. I can also see the merit in formal garden planning if you intend to get someone else to bring your dreams to reality, or when a professional landscaper is designing a garden for someone else. For me, however, it is just a waste of time, a delaying activity preventing me from the real work and joy of gardening.

Happy gardening.

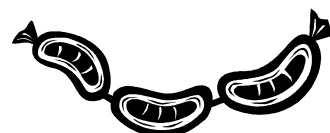
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The range of anxiety disorders include, generalised anxiety, panic, obsessive compulsive, post traumatic stress disorders, as well as phobias. They cause individual's considerable psychological distress resulting in problems with their relationships and social functioning. The basis of anxiety is worrying about potential threat or danger and losing confidence about coping.

The symptoms of anxiety can be, edginess, sweating, heart palpitations, nausea, breathlessness, dizziness, thoughts of terror, panic, self inadequacy, doom, failure, fear of dying, losing control or going crazy. These symptoms are extremely distressing and people find themselves taking desperate measures in order to stop the anguish. Unfortunately, if left untreated the anxiety will continue to reoccur whenever there is exposure to a potential threat. It is likely to become much worse over time and may even trigger the onset of physical illness, depression or other mental health conditions.

Fortunately anxiety disorders can be successfully treated so there is no need to live with it or have it control your life. The following treatment options are known to be very effective;

*Self help books*, check out the local library for books on anxiety treatment. A popular book is "Living with IT" by Bev Aisbett.

Step by step *graded exposure* to fearful situations, facing the fear in very small steps works well with phobias, obsessions and panic disorders. Imagine gradually overcoming the fear of flying and the first step might be to look at a photo of a plane, the next might be listening to a tape of a plane and gradually step by step reach the point of being able to board the plane. An experienced therapist trained in graded exposure treatment can assist you.

*Breathing and relaxation exercises* are essential for managing any anxiety disorder. Practising these exercises when in a calm state initially enables them to be applied when in an anxious state. Just like breathing during childbirth, breathing when feeling anxious is extremely helpful.

*Thinking better* by learning how to challenge the unhelpful negative thoughts associated with anxiety and replacing them with more balanced and helpful thoughts will help you to establish better control.

*Medications* can be useful and it is worth discussing options with your doctor.

*Counselling, group therapy or online* professional help is readily available and you can access free services as well as private therapists.

For more information on managing anxiety disorders you can call the Obsessive Compulsive & Anxiety Disorder Foundation- Melbourne (03) 9576 2477 or check out [www.anxietyaustralia.com.au](http://www.anxietyaustralia.com.au)

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Jim grew up at Berringa but had been working in Melbourne driving trucks. In May 1966 he came to Meredith to visit his friend, "Bill the Big Greek" who was working on the railway gang. His friend assured Jim that he could get him a job with the gang and Jim soon joined the team. They were replacing the rail line from Gheringhap to Dunnstown.

Jim told stories about how the camp was pretty wild, that the men were rough and tough and that grog and tucker ruled! The men camped in railway carriages that were decked out as living quarters which slept four (in single beds) and were complete with a kitchen, wood stove and dining facilities – and there were even chooks in the back yard. The carriages were situated on the west of the line opposite the Meredith Railway Station.

In the team there were many new Australians, Italian market gardeners, a few Aussies and two men who had "drunk their farms". After an episode with men and guns, Jim borrowed a small caravan and lived in it on the other side of the line near the Railway Station. Jim drove a truck and went along the line cutting the rails in half with an oxy torch so they could be hand winched onto the railway trucks and carted to Melbourne.

Jim met Joyce Lowne at social table tennis in the Meredith Hall. Romance blossomed and Jim soon became part of the Meredith community. He was proud of his two tone blue, big Chev; often taking friends to dances and to the drive-in. Jim and Joyce married in 1970 and made their home in Staughton Street. Joyce worked for many years at the Royal Hotel for Jed and Deb Barrett. When Jim changed to a job in Ballarat they moved to Humffray Street in Brown Hill. Joyce died in 1988. Jim and Joyce are survived by their three children: Gordon, Timothy and Verona.

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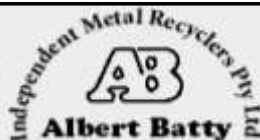
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The Strategy will include a list of heritage related actions relevant to Golden Plains Shire, with the aim of addressing them over four years. We are seeking community feedback to assist us to refine and prioritise actions to be included in the Strategy.

Council officers and Heritage Advisor will be hosting two community 'drop-in' sessions to offer residents the opportunity to discuss the Strategy and provide input. Council's Heritage Advisor will also be available to discuss any general heritage issues. The 'drop-in' sessions will be held at:

**Linton Recreation Reserve**  
Blue Room , 9 Brooke Street, Linton  
Tuesday 13 August 2013  
5:00pm – 7:00pm

**Bannockburn Cultural Centre**  
Leigh Room , 27 High Street, Bannockburn  
Tuesday 20 August 2013  
5:00pm – 7:00pm

You are invited to drop in and contribute any time during the sessions. You may also wish to contribute through our community survey which can be found at:

- [goldenplains.vic.gov.au](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au)
- Bannockburn Customer Service Centre, 2 Pope Street Bannockburn
- Linton Customer Service Centre, 68 Sussex Street Linton
- Drop in sessions in Linton and Bannockburn.

**Surveys must be submitted to Council by Friday 5 September 2013.**

For questions or enquiries please contact Steph Durant,  
Strategic Planner on 5220 7183 or [sdurant@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:sdurant@gplains.vic.gov.au)



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pic of the  
month



Yellow-rumped thornbill at the Meredith Police Paddocks - Chris Lindorff

## Citizen Science

*Colin Cook*

Citizen science is a subject that is appearing more and more in media and scientific publications, but what is it? Citizen science is scientific research conducted, in whole or part, by amateur or non-professional scientists. Citizen science is sometimes called "public participation in scientific research". Before you get too excited, this doesn't mean you can rock up to the nearest laboratory and ask to borrow a lab coat and get your hands dirty (but it would be fun!). Citizen science tends to be most useful in disciplines which require good powers of observation. Amateur astronomers have been proving this for centuries, but recent interest has been in monitoring flora, fauna and other things important to the environment, farming and general human welfare.

Citizen science, however, is not a modern idea but an old one. The early pioneering scientists weren't paid to do their work but did it because they were interested. Mind you, it was usually people of wealth who had the time and money to spend, but they were intelligent, educated and keen, so real progress was made without having to apply for government grants. The paid professional scientist has only become typical in the last century and a bit, so citizen science is really a return to the roots of science: people doing science in their own time because they want to!

One of the major research programs to rely on an army of volunteers is the Atlas of Australian Birds ([http://www.birddata.com.au/about\\_atlas.vm](http://www.birddata.com.au/about_atlas.vm)). Over 7000 volunteers have contributed over 6 million bird sightings, allowing the distribution and abundance of most bird species to be accurately mapped and monitored. Some other useful, interesting and fun programs are:

Fungimap, recording sightings of fungi  
(<http://fungimap.org.au/>)

Waterwatch, investigating small freshwater animals and

measuring chemical and physical properties of waterways (<http://www.vic.waterwatch.org.au/>)

Reef Watch, monitoring marine life

(<http://www.reefwatchvic.asn.au/Home.htm>)

Feralscan, recording sightings of a wide range of feral animals (<http://www.feralscan.org.au/>)

BowerBird, for recording photos and sightings of all sorts of flora and fauna (<http://bowerbird.org.au/>).

The development of apps to allow recording of photos, sightings and observations in the field with hassle free transfer of data to an online site means that citizen science doesn't necessarily involve a lot of paperwork.

If you're interested in a particular subject or type of flora or fauna, there's bound to be a group or online community for you. Other generalist groups such as the Field Naturalists have clubs in locations such as Geelong

(<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~gfnc/>) and

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Singer takes the reader with him as he walks around Vienna, meets with his grandfather's former students, gives a talk at his grandfather's former school and examines documents, photos and some of his grandfather's letters that he found in a relative's apartment in Melbourne

Peter Singer's grandfather, David Oppenheim, was a classical scholar whose passion was to look for "the secrets of the human heart" in the writings of Greek and Roman authors who lived two and a half thousand years ago. He was also an Austro-Hungarian army war veteran, a one time member of Sigmund Freud's Wednesday Group, a friend and supporter of Alfred Adler and played a minor role in the intellectual and cultural history of early twentieth century Vienna. David married Amalie because she understood him and she had "worth of character".

David and Amalie were distinguished not only by their intellectual gifts but also by their enlightened attitude to sexual difference.

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During WWII David and his wife Amalie were hounded out of Vienna by the Nazis and were sent to an overcrowded and half starved ghetto in Czechoslovakia.

There, David, ill and malnourished, separated from his family and friends, perished in obscurity in 1943.

The two daughters of David and Amalie left for Australia and England during WWII but David and Amalie procrastinated and then could not leave.

Singer wonders how his grandfather, a scholar of human behaviour so badly misread the signs of impending doom.

Singer reaches across time or "pushes time away" to prove his similarity to his progenitor who was man of principle and whose life was a testament to humanism and tolerance. He also reaches across time to ameliorate the injustice of innocent lives destroyed by a murderous ideology. What binds us pushes time away!

*The book for discussion in August is "Tiger's Eye" by Inga Clendinnen.*

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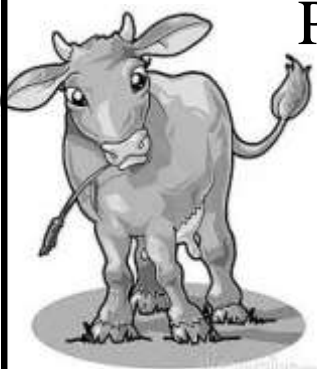
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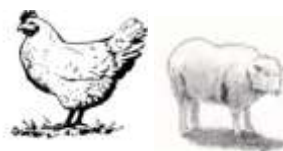
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Every year since 1991 he has applied for permits to expand and to improve the airport, to build sheds, hangars and to alter the house etc.

The Geelong Sports Aviators who moved from Geelong and have about 100 members had clubrooms built for them, their planes were housed and they meet at the airport every weekend for a barbeque, weather permitting them to fly or not. Garry tells that he is lucky to have his mates come to play each weekend.

His dream took a quantum leap on July 9, 2013 when the Victorian Minister for the Aviation Industry Gordon Rich-Phillips announced that the Golden Plains Shire would receive a grant of approximately \$1,000,000 from the Regional Airports Fund for the upgrade of the Lethbridge airport including a sealed surface for the main runway, a taxiway complex, fuel facilities and a water hydrant installation for the use of fire fighting aircraft. The government are providing a replacement of the Geelong Airport, a base for Air Ambulance to land, refuel and deliver patients to road ambulances and a base for fire fighting aeroplanes and helicopters to land, refuel and to fill up with water quickly.

Garry tells that re zoning of the airport to a "special purpose zone" has allowed him to plan for a terminal building with café with an outside deck, an aviation shop, a tower for fire spotting and observations, in excess of 100 hangar sites, a motel, houses, also industrial sites for businesses associated with flying, including upholstery in aeroplanes, painting aeroplanes, radio installations, maintenance of aeroplanes, charter aeroplanes and flying schools. At the moment there are two flying schools and about thirty Secondary Students are learning to fly through school based courses.

There have been few new airports established in the last thirty years and most small airports are owned by councils. It is obvious that the government and council are keen to help a man who has a dream and a vision and who is prepared to work hard. To contribute to a facility that will service the area, that will create employment, interest and fits in with the plans for intensive agriculture in that area of the shire.

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# dog tales



## Our Sally

*Fiona Cameron*

Picking up on the idea of a monthly feature on our pets, I have decided to introduce our 'Sally', a red and tan kelpie. She has been with us since the beginning of 1995, when she arrived as a cute seven or eight week old puppy. She was bred by Jane Stephens, the sire being her much loved working dog 'Muddy' and a local bitch of good breeding. There are a number of dogs on our side of the Leigh River who are all related across several generations. Getting back to 'Sal'.

Her first introduction in the family was to the new kitten 'Gypsy' - a simple "dog meet cat, cat meet dog". A quick smack and hiss from the cat cemented a lifelong love-hate relationship, the love all from Sally's side. Sadly, Gypsy succumbed to renal disease just prior to her 18th birthday but Sally lives on.

Sally went through all the motions of training and diligently managed to avoid retaining anything other than the most repetitive actions around the yards and pottering on behind a mob of sheep. I can't actually remember her ever really getting to grips with the technique of casting around the mob. But she was very good at stopping behind with a recalcitrant sheep, totally ignoring the rest of the mob and our ever desperate pleas to 'come behind'. But no! she just stayed with that sheep, glaring at it.

One of her less endearing habits was to get in a quick lick. I swear her tongue was three feet long. When doing lead practice as a pup, she constantly wanted to lick my hand, usually succeeding. I tried everything but finally admitted defeat when she licked all the 'Tabasco' sauce off my hand. Ho Hum!

Despite being a bitch, she was a big animal and prone to overweight, so she always seemed to be on a perpetual diet. I am sure she made up for any perceived loss of food by finding some morsel of festering, dead animal - sounds horrible! but no self respecting dog, let alone farm dog, would trot past something dead and not want to investigate. A problem with being a heavier dog was that as the years' passed she started to suffer stress fractures in the lower part of her front legs, mainly from jumping off the ute. She was still desperate to keep working, so we managed to 'do' our own backs lifting her on and off the ute each time.

She was an incredibly strong dog. When she was very young and still training, Pete, driving the ute would have her on a long lead, held out the window, following behind a mob. He swears she was capable of pulling the ute along, even up a slight slope.

I think Sal would have preferred to live the life of a pampered pet, preferably in a household full of children.

All our dogs have wonderful natures, but Sally is by far the most gentle animal I have ever had the pleasure to be acquainted with. Never has she snapped or bitten and the only odd minor growl has been when we've had to remove something revolting before she eats it - she always relinquishes it very apologetically.

Sally was officially retired at the age of 16. She wanted to keep working (and I must say I use that word cautiously) but we felt it must have been far too painful for her. Now she spends her days asleep in the sun in the dog 'boudoir'. Occasionally we put her on the ute to take her for a drive around the sheep. Come late afternoon when it's dinnertime she comes to life and with a quick lick as she is let off her running chain, she waddles off to find something interesting around the garden, something she might possibly roll in.

I know that one day, I'll go out to let her off and she won't be able to get up or perhaps may have left us, to sit with a recalcitrant sheep in another world. I am dreading that day.



*Above is one of our multi talented community members at Muranghurk Station during a weekend workshop. This artist was one of 12 locals who drew, painted and photographed shearers quarters, old stables, ancient eucalypts and bluestone ruins.*



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*Marg cooper*

William {Bill} Dean and his wife Kathleen bought the property “Glenetive” about the end of WWII from Bob and Sheila Bailey. Philippa, granddaughter of Bill and Kathleen tells that their daughters Ida Mary, Fiona and Anne lived in the main house while their son Bill, his wife Francis and their daughters Dianna and Pam lived in the older weatherboard house. The attached two rooms were her grandfather’s office. Philippa’s father John Dean lived in Adelaide, never lived at “Glenetive” but he and his family spent a lot of time there on holidays. They had a cook whose husband was the handy man {Rona and Ray?}. They employed orphans from Geelong. {Philippa thinks they came from Geelong}. They used to take two boys who were already friends and taught them farming and then they found them jobs elsewhere when they were ready to move on. They ate all their meals in a little dining room off the kitchen with Rona and Ray. Several orphans stayed in touch with the family and one called Peter married Fiona Dean.

Bill Dean married Frances in August 1947. Frances tells that Glenetive was a well established sheep property when the Dean family bought it in 1946 from Bob and Sheila Bailey. The main house had been a wedding gift from Bob Bailey to Sheila. It was and I hope still is a very attractive and satisfactory home.

The property had been neglected during WWII and was overrun with rabbits. The Deans decided to fence the creeks to enable the paddocks to recover. This meant Bill was thoroughly occupied. About 1955 myxomatosis spread into the property and eliminated the rabbits. Initially the Dean family farmed sheep and the price of wool at that time was good. Bill started farming Poll Hereford cattle, being of the opinion that there was a need to diversify.

Arthur Elliot was the nearest neighbour. The access was difficult over the creeks and their best land was towards the Leigh River. Mr and Mrs Dean told their children that they would inherit Glenetive, until then they had to do all the work and there was plenty. They were paid a pittance-typical Australians of that time. Mrs Dean had splendid table wear, both china and silver and they could turn a splendid meal.

Francis was a doctor and attempted to do some doctoring but found it difficult between pregnancies and because doctors were expected to attend patients at night, which was quite impossible for her. She tells that she was very fond of Jill Bolte, that Jill was very public spirited and that she ran the Guides and Brownies, Church Fetes, Red Cross and organized the Blood Bank to visit Meredith to collect blood. She tells that it was exciting when Henry Bolte became Premier. Bill had been president of the Meredith Liberal Party and lots of campaigning had been done.

The Dean family sold “Glenetive” in 1956 and the family moved back to Adelaide.

### **Meredith History Interest Group**

#### **Treasure Time**

Many interesting and individual treasures were brought to the meeting on Sunday July 15 including old dolls, a christening robe that had been worn over 22 times and was made in an Italian Nunnery over 100 years ago, a Black Horse beer bottle of 1855, a decorative tea caddy from England, a writing box that came from Scotland about 5 generations ago, a flat chain made by Mr Round that was used in mining, a leather box used to store men’s collars and ties, a collection of marbles and a wooden spirit level ruler that was washed ashore after the ship WB Godfrey was wrecked near Lorne in 1891.

A hand bell that was rung at the start and end of each shearing run at Larundel started a discussion about other bells. The Anglican and Uniting Churches have bells, the Morrison School bell was at Meredith State School and the Fire Brigade had a bell to ring to rally a crew to fight fires.

Gwenda Ball [Shell] brought an old photo of her family home in Meredith on the corner of Read and Staughton Streets.

She told that her mother whitewashed the fireplace every day when it had been used.

The best pipe clay came from Stow’s bridge towards Morrison.

The clay was collected in a bucket, mixed to a paste with water and spread on the inside of the chimney with an old brush or rag. Once a year the built up layers of whitewash were levered off the chimney using a knife to lever the now thick layer off.

In summer she put a bucket of gum leaves in the fireplace to deter the flies from coming down the chimney.

#### **Who Lived in My House?**

At the last cataloguing day we put any information that we had about the east side of Wallace Street into folders. At the next cataloguing meeting we intend to put any information that we have about the west side of Wallace Street into folders.

Thanks to Peter Crump we now have a system to catalogue on computers. People can catalogue at home, bring it to catalogue day on a memory stick and merge it into the main file.

This is a big leap forward!

#### **Moranghurk Soldier Settlement**

The unveiling of a plaque and the launch of a book to commemorate Moranghurk Soldier Settlement will be held on Sunday, September 15 at 2 pm adjacent to Moranghurk homestead gate at 3320 Midland Highway.

You are welcome to attend but please notify Marg Cooper on 52 868201 or Fay McFarlane on 52 861283 for catering purposes.

#### **Ballarat Old Cemetery**

MHIG have been invited to join a guided tour of the old Ballarat Cemetery on Thursday, September 5 at 10.am.

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