

Meredith & district Newsletter



July 2013

Our Community Newsletter since 1972

Distributed FREE to district residents

Little Green Thumbs

The last day of Meredith Primary School's second term was a beautiful winters day, perfect for some serious yard time. A brilliantly coloured "tin of pencils" sculpture was erected in the front yard, and a couple of foreboding, if slightly ludicrous, scarecrows installed in the back yard garden beds. But the main event was the establishment of eight "wicking beds" which the children, with a only a little help from mums, dads and teachers, set up and planted out. Here, teacher and the driving force behind the project, Rosemary Gargan, explains the school's approach to gardening.

For some years now we have been operating two different systems of vegetable gardening. The first is a traditional above-ground garden bed filled with soil which is regularly enriched with sheep manure and other organic matter.

The second garden bed was established using the 'no dig' garden principles, sometimes known as lasagne gardens. This is an easy way to make a garden without any digging and it will give you an instant garden. The garden is layered with newspaper, lucerne, sheep manure and straw. The worms find this very attractive and in no time it has turned into beautifully rich soil with a very good PH balance for growing vegies.

Our newest vegetable garden beds are using a system

PHOTO OMITTED FROM ONLINE VERSION

Exactly what you would expect to find at a Working Bee - working bees! Here, Matilda and Arrabella get into character.

known as 'wicking gardens'. The children were involved in the making of the beds along with friends, family and locals. It is an excellent system for demonstrating water conservation techniques. This is extremely important to us as vegetable gardens are at their peak during the summer months when school has its long holidays. The system alleviates the need to water every day because the plants access the water from the bottom up and this also cuts

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COMPLETE OUR READERS' SURVEY ON THE
BACK PAGE, AND YOU COULD
WIN TEA OR COFFEE FOR TWO

25

winners to be drawn

in this issue....

- Elaine Courts officially opened
- Marj the performer
- Vale Jean Stafford

... 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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There are lots of special interest groups in the district. Make a call and **connect** - *you'll be glad you did.* (And let us have any corrections or additions.)

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emergency

Police, Ambulance, Fire	000
(from mobile phone)	000 or 112
Meredith Police Station	5286 1222
Power Failure	132 412
Nurse-On-Call	1300 606024
Mental Health Advice	1300 280 737
Poisons Information	13 11 26
Barwon Water	1300 656 007
SES Emergency -	
flood & storm help:	132 500
24 Hour Helpline	1800 629 572
24 Hour Drug &	
Alcohol Counselling	1800 888 236
Kids Help Line	
24hr 5-18yo	1800 551 800
Golden Plains Shire	1300 363 036
A.H. emergencies	0408 508 635
Ranger	5220 7111 or
	0409 830 223
Bannockburn Vet	5281 1221
Injured Wildlife	13000 wildlife

Justices of the Peace

Mr R Cooke Meredith	52 861 346
Mr H Woerner Meredith	52 861 402
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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Eternity is a very long time, especially near the end.

Woody Allen

...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 Senior Citizens

Jim Hynds.

A large group of Senior Citizens met at Morrows Hotel for lunch on Monday, June 17. Upon entering the hotel we were greeted with a massive open fire and a warm welcome from Steve and his staff. When all were seated, our lunch orders were taken and we settled in for a great day. In no time at all the meals that were presented brilliantly arrived and judging by the silence in the room they were very satisfying. Well done Chef!

After the 2 course meal we settled down to an afternoon of catch ups, chatter and much laughter. Many thanks to Morrows Hotel for making the Seniors most welcome. Our next gathering will be on July 1 at the Memorial Hall for lunch and a social day. All Welcome!

Courts Opened at Elaine

Marg Cooper

Elaine residents celebrated the opening of its two new tennis courts on Sunday June 16. Simon Ramsay MLC cut a ribbon and declared the courts open. Also attending were Moorabool Shire Councillors including Tom Sullivan, who said Elaine is an inspiration to other struggling towns. All those who attended enjoyed a barbeque provided by the Moorabool Shire.

The courts reconstruction cost \$130,000 including money from the State Government and the Moorabool Shire. They have been built for use as both tennis and netball courts, and will serve the community for many years.

Ron Read, President of the Recreation Reserve Committee said 28 truck and trailer loads of crushed rock were carted to create a solid foundation for the bitumen surface.

Elaine residents have worked hard to update and improve facilities at their Recreation Reserve, to organize tennis and cricket teams, Aus Kick and Milo Cricket for juniors and the CFA Running Team. They are dedicated to providing facilities for sport and recreation, as they believe that sport is character building for each individual and it keeps people in the district and builds community.

Over the last few years the Reserve has been transformed and they continue to improve conditions. Ron added a \$5,000 grant has just been received to update the kitchen in the cricket pavilion.

Below: Cr Tom Sullivan and the Hon Simon Ramsay, MLC



Meredith Community Village

Di Richie

The Meredith Community Village Committee has endeavoured for the last two years to interest five potential organizations/providers/developers in the building of retirement units for the Meredith Community Village. Despite our best efforts we have been unsuccessful. At a recent meeting of the committee the decision was made to invest the funds in a Bendigo Bank Investment account for two years, to meet six monthly to review the situation and in essence to put all plans on hold. We feel that given recent developments in Meredith and District there is optimism for the future that there may still be an opportunity to build the village into the future.

Bonfire

Father Herman

Do you have tree branches or burnable rubbish (no plastic or metal) that you would like to get rid of? Then give Father Herman at St. Joseph's Parish Meredith a call on 52861230. We are holding a cookup and bonfire for our young people on Sunday July 28th in the church grounds to coincide with World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro and are hoping to watch proceedings via the internet. So if you can help and we can help you to get rid of your trees etc please give us a call.

New Blood



The recent Community Centre AGM added two new members to the Newsletter Committee in Stefania Parkinson and Ian Penna. This is not insignificant, as the last membership change was eight years ago when Trudy Mitchell joined David Jones, (28 years a committee member), Dawn Macdonald (25 years) and Jim Elvey (20 years).

The principle role of the committee is to maintain and monitor publishing guidelines and track financial performance to ensure the long term sustainability of this important community service.

Thank You

A belated Thank-you to all the Meredith & surrounding Community who supported our Open Garden in March. We had a great time opening our garden and raised \$737.00 for the Open Garden Scheme and \$769.00 for Project Hope. Also I would like to thank all my friends and colleagues for their support and well wishes during my recent injury. Cheers Naomi Benney.

Garage Sale

Garage Sale of interesting and eccentric goods Saturday July 27, 10am at 30 Staughton St Meredith. (In aid of local organizations) Do all your Christmas shopping in Meredith in July!



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 2nd Sunday at Uniting Church, Holy Communion

11.00am 4th Sunday Anglican Church Holy Communion

Bannockburn

10.30am 1st, 3rd Sundays Holy Communion

10.30am 3rd Sunday Family Service

6.00pm 4th Sunday Prayer & Praise

Inverleigh

8.45am 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays Holy Communion

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.

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.

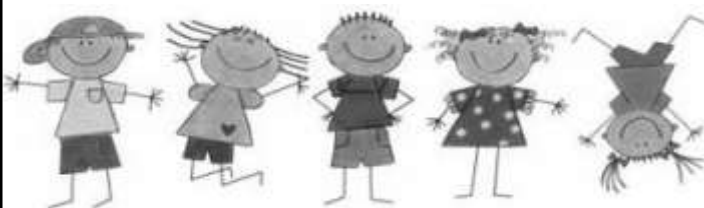
Anakie Sunday July 7th/21st @ 11 a.m.

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



Meredith Playgroup Term 3 2013

July 18th – Bubbles

July 25th – Crayon painting

Aug 1st – Balloon decorating

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

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"Working for our community"



Centre News

Pam Ridd, Coordinator.

Arts Media Project

The Golden Plains Shire is home to many incredibly talented artists and art makes a profound impact on the lives of many Golden Plains residents. Thanks to a partnership between Council, Haddon and District Community House, Meredith Community Centre, the Digital Enterprise Project (NBN) and Auspicious Arts Incubator, residents will now have unprecedented access to artists through an online Golden Plains Art project.

Faster and more reliable internet services will provide a bridge between artists, their art and their fans.

Artists and residents are invited to the Bannockburn Cultural Centre on Thursday 18 July, 6pm for the project launch and a FREE information session on the creation of this online digital art exhibition for Golden Plains' artists. The night will feature a "virtual" art exhibition by local artists installed through stunning light projections.

There will be information sessions on the upcoming free computer training courses for artists and an introductory session from Auspicious Arts Incubator on the uses of Social Media.

Over the next six months artists will develop on an online 'Arts map' of the Golden Plains. This map will become an ever evolving online exhibition featuring videos of artists and their works from the length and breadth of the Shire.

Anyone interested in art or learning more about any aspect of the project, including using broadband to promote their small business, is encouraged to attend. Please RSVP Shannon Fielder 5220 7212 or email arts@gplains.vic.gov.au by Thursday 11 July

Go on...smile!



"I was raised as an only child, which really annoyed my sister." – Will Marsh

meredithPolice**news**

Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen

Greeting again all. I still have a quantity of lost property on hand at the Meredith Police Station which I would only be too happy to return its rightful owner. These items consist of a Malvern Star bicycle together with a large piece of new farm machinery or a machinery attachment which was handed in recently. This item has fallen from a truck or trailer on the Rokewood Road at Shelford. The item is aluminium and it has been fabricated for a certain application or purpose.

Recently, I recovered a number of very old and distinctive knives and knife scabbards. These knives are very unique and possibly valuable. I strongly 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.

It is regretful for me to report that our Road House has been the target of another burglary on Thursday the 6th of June. Offenders targeted cigarettes and oil products. Any information in relation to this can be relayed to me or direct to the Moorabool Criminal Investigation Unit on phone 53664545.

I would like to re address an issue from last month where I have received recent reports of offenders purporting to be from financial institutions while attempting to gain access to bank and or personal information to use for financial gain. This is a situation that is clearly on the increase in the general community. I strongly urge anyone who receives calls of this nature to be vigilant at all times for these types of offenders and to report incidents. Never give personal or bank information to any person over the phone, without being totally confident of who you are speaking with.

Finally, I have had a recent report from a local rural family stating that their two Golden retriever dogs had been stolen. It was initially believed that the dogs may have wandered off for a short time. These dogs know their area and property well, and never wander off for extended periods. When the dogs were located on the following day, their shire identification tags had been removed. The vet stated that the dogs had walked a very long distance. Both dogs were distressed on their return home. It is possible and likely that the dogs may have been targeted as breeding dogs and dumped after offenders realised that they were neutered and micro chipped.

Greg KITCHEN - Leading Senior Constable

Wisey Muster

Andy Worland

On Friday March 24 the Wisey Muster was held at the Sawyers Arms Tavern in Geelong in memory of Meredith local, Steve Wiseman. In seven years the event has raised more than \$75,000 for the Andrew Love Cancer Centre. The feature item of the night was the Wisey Shears, a perpetual plaque donated by the Allardyce family. This year Mick Allardyce added a trip to the Shearer's Hall of Fame at Hay to the prize, where there is a similar set of shears in memory of Steve.

Mick said before the event "I don't care if it's one or fifty people buy the shears, I'll take them all for a great weekend away" Bidding was spirited with both syndicates and individuals vying for the shears and the trip.

Bids soon topped \$3,000 as three groups fought to secure the prize. The eventual winners were a syndicate of Meredith locals, Myrtle Wiseman, Mark and Dianne Nolan, Daryl Wells, Nigel Parkinson, Peter Ord, Jon Baker and Andrew Cooke securing the shears for \$3,600. A great team effort by the locals especially as Daryl and Nigel have narrowly missed out the previous two years. The night raised \$14,150 taking the overall total to \$89,000. The committee would like to thank the generous sponsors and supporters in making the event a success.

Andy was a friend of Steve's and is one of the event organisers.

Golden Plains Farmers' Market

9am – 1pm, Saturday 20 July

Historic Precinct, Glenelg Hwy, Smythesdale



Visit the new Golden Plains Farmers' Market. You will find a range of quality fresh produce and wine from local growers and farmers. See you at the market on the third Saturday of every month.



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sports



Moorabool Valley Masters

Chris Hart

Crocs milestone year

The Moorabool Valley Crocs have or will have number of players celebrating milestone games during the course of the season



The over 45s side remain undefeated while the over 35s have been hampered by inconsistent availability and numbers. Everybody who is part of the Crocs- especially those playing in the 35s side- need to keep involved and bring along a mate to ensure the long term health and viability of the Moorabool Valley Crocs in Meredith.

Last year Mark "Radar" Watts and Scott Cowie were the first attain 100 games for the Crocs, and this season could realise as many as five others achieving that benchmark, as well as four more names being inscribed on the 50 game honour board.

Gary Polglaze was the first to lead off the 100 game celebrations, where he and Col Mullane (50 games) were instrumental in the convincing 15 goal drubbing of the Gisborne o/45s. Later in the day the o/35s turned the torch on the Ballarat visitors, sneaking home by in excess of 20 goals. Grouper and Nappies leading the charge for the home side.

The Crocs hosted Glenorden o/45s in the following round, where Wayne Tyquin graced the field in his 50th outing for Moorabool Valley. Tikka celebrated in style being the dominant big man on the ground and was ably supported by Keysey, Floody and Sammy Saya. A last quarter assault on the scoreboard saw an already healthy margin blow out to just shy of a 30 goal victory. The o/35s couldn't repeat their previous feat when taking on Sunbury- perhaps the dismal turnout of only 10 players contributed to a disappointing loss.

The start of June had the Crocs all aboard the bus and off to Gippsland for a road trip double header. In the early game the 0/45s came from a goal down at 3/4 time to get up by around 20 pts. Leading from the front Sid Jones willed his side across the line in what was a heartily celebrated victory. The o/35s were jumped at the start of their game and were quickly down by five goals. Doopa implored his charges to lift after the first break and the junior Crocs scrapped their way back into the game, but were not quite able to recover from the lacklustre start falling short by around three goals.

Last round was the much anticipated rematch with Melton, but more importantly 100 games for Sid Jones. Sid dominated all facets of the game and was head and shoulders above the rest in his milestone match. Scott Cowie was wobbly around goal but still contributed a number of majors while Rash, Grippa and Col were the best of the rest. The o/35s matched up well against the powerful Melton Supers side but were just pipped at the line. Big men Clive and Andy two of the Crocs best.

Over the next few games Chris Hart and Scott Crighton are due to celebrate their centuries, along with Sammy in the last round if he can play every game. Sandy was a chance to get there but went on a European Vacation instead and will now have to play on for another year- the Amsterdam attractions were too alluring. "Barra" Munday can also post 50 games if he is able to play out the rest of the season.

June 30 will find the Crocs in Bendigo followed by one match against Castlemaine at the MCG on Bastille Day, then a big double header at Gisbourne to round out July.

Meredith Junior Football Club

Cambell Mavity –President

Well we are ticking over into midyear of the football season, we played round 4 on the 2nd of June away at Lethbridge, the Crocs scored 8-8-56 points to Lethbridge 1-3-9 points.

On the 16th of June we played round 5 with Inverleigh coming to Meredith for the match. It was a perfect winters day with lovely comfortable temperatures, and no rain. The Crocs 5-6-36 points defeated Inverleigh Hawks 3-5-23 points. The Crocs didn't start playing until the last quarter, they were slow to get into the mode but I guess that is just football. But then again, Inverleigh have been undefeated in living memory, so this is a credit to our club's standard at the moment.

For round 6 we played Teesdale Roos at home on 23rd June, the Crocs 10-8-68 points defeated Teesdale 2-4-16 points, the team were just a bit patchy in their form, but with school holidays looming up, I guess they are all tired and looking forward to a break.

I have to compliment the players they have been on the receiving end of large losses over the last 3 years but they are very humble in victory, which is in the spirit of football and life skills for later life. Also we have had our players play for Lethbridge and Teesdale when they have been short of players, I am proud to say they actually play in earnest for the other team. This is great to see even if they do kick a goal against us, as they are playing in the right spirit.

Also some praise for the coaches, Barra and Ed for giving up some of our tall timber to play for Teesdale as they are a shorter side. As junior football clubs go through cycles with players getting too old to play, so the next generation come through the ranks. After next year, the Crocs will have a big hole in the side as all the grade 6's finish and the process will start again for us.

The club is always happy to announce in the last 2 games we have added some 30 game veterans to our list. Seamus Dunne, James Mavity, Daniel Mavity, Angus Hogarth, Fergus

Macdonald and Lachlan Baker. These players are now the role models for the club's younger players coming through.

Meredith Golf Club

Men's 25th & 26th May

Stableford

Winner D Jury 33 pts on C/B from V Drew

NTP 2nd Shot : 9th - M Macri 10th - P Rees



Steiglitz 'Airing of the Quilts'

Lindy Allinson.

The historic township of Steiglitz is about to burst into life again. This time with the **Airing of the Quilts**; a community event filled with colour, laughter and hundreds of people. Held on **Sunday 13th October**, you'll find well over 100 quilts (many are generations old) being aired throughout our town. We'll be hanging them everywhere and on anything...so don't stand still too long!

Also on offer will be great country cooking, roving musicians, an assortment of quilt-related stalls, and a breath-taking bush setting.

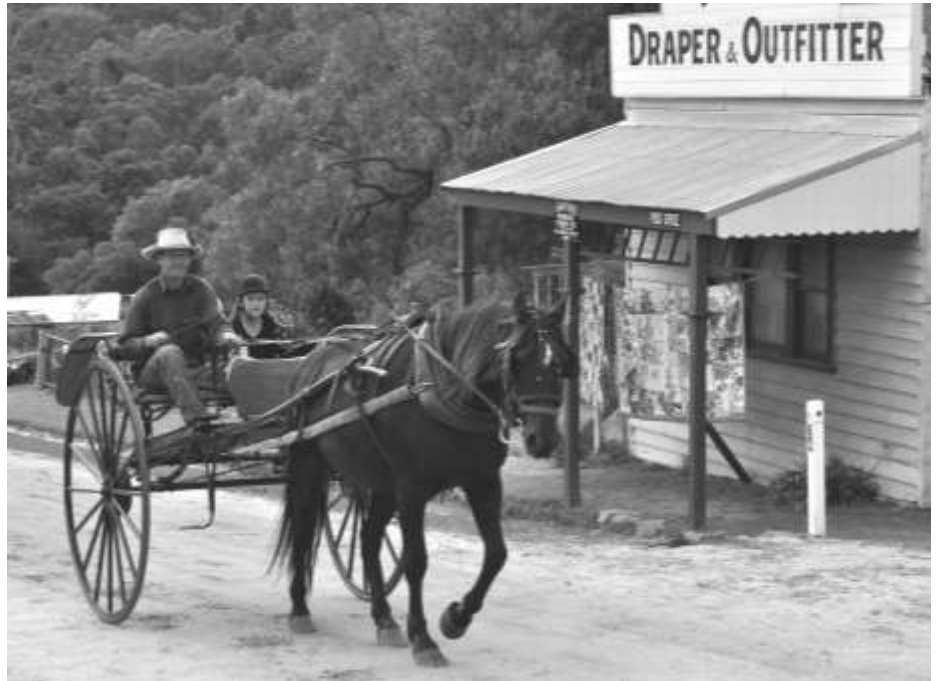
So come on all you quilting fanatics. We, the Back to Steiglitz Association (BTS), invite you to be part of this great day. Have yourself a quilting stall. Display and air your own beautiful quilts. Or bring your friends along and enjoy putting on a good ol' quilting bee.

You'll also be helping the BTS volunteers in our aim of repairing and maintaining the town's historic buildings; for that's where profits from the day go. Our latest, and possibly biggest project being saving

the Steiglitz Schoolhouse – currently derelict and in danger of being lost forever

Come and join us, let's keep alive both this wonderful little town and at the same time a very old global women's tradition...let's all air our quilts!

Go to trueblueford.com/steiglitz for stall forms and information or call me on 52819390. See ya there!



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BALLARK & DISTRICT GUN CLUB

Next Shoot: Sunday 18th 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 Shire Heritage Strategy

Golden Plains Shire is preparing a heritage strategy to assist in meeting heritage obligations set out in the Planning and Environment Act 1987. This Strategy will help address the identification, protection, management and promotion of the region's heritage.

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
- 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



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COMPUTERS

*FLEXI COMPUTERS

Date: Mon. July 29th–Sept 9th
Time: 12:30-3pm (7 weeks)
Cost: \$55(Tuition\$22/resource\$33)

*COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

Date: Wed July 31st–Sept 11th
Time: 9:30-12.00pm (7 weeks)
12.30–3pm (7 weeks)
Cost: \$55(Tuition\$22/resource\$33)

*SOCIAL MEDIA FOR BUSINESS

Date: Thurs Aug 1st-Sept 12th
Time: 10-12.30pm (7weeks)
Cost: \$72(Tuition\$22/resource\$50)

INTRO TO MYOB

Date: Fri Aug 9th–Sept 13th
Time: 9.30-12pm– 6 weeks OR
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Grape Leaf Jelly

Marg Cooper



Myrtle discovered that dried grape leaves steeped in hot water are good for her liver. She recommends putting four teaspoons of dried grape leaves in one cup of hot water, and drinking half a cup of the liquid on two or three days a week

She felt so good after this treatment, that she experimented with using grape leaves in other cooking.

Myrtle made "Grape Leaf Jelly" and serves it on fresh bread with a dollop of thick cream.

She filled a pot with dried grape leaves, covered the leaves with water, boiled the mixture like spinach and then let it cool. She took the leaves out, put a cup of sugar for each cup of liquid, 2 dessertspoons of lemon juice and boiled and boiled it. She recommends that if needed add some gelatine to thicken the jelly.

If you put three twenty cent pieces in the pot, you don't have to stir as they bounce around on the bottom and do the job for you. A dessertspoon of butter added to jelly or jams make the scum disappear.

Myrtle had just turned 83 years old, is a local wag and had great fun making the jelly and inviting her friends to taste it, with a dollop of cream! Delicious!!

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June at school – and it's cold!

With icy mornings now the norm, it's time for the mid-year break. The term has finished off with a range of things including a whole school excursion to *Scienceworks*, mid-year reports including *Parent-Teacher interviews* and will culminate in *Gardening Day* with a special *hot dog lunch*.

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The excursion to *Scienceworks* was a great day. All of the students were able to experience the Planetarium as well as a number of the exhibitions including "Sportsworks" and the "Nitty Gritty Super City." It was non-stop action from when we walked in the doors and we could have spent more time looking at other exhibitions. It was terrific to see the students engaged in all the hands-on activities. I, as well as all of the students and teachers, can recommend *Scienceworks* as a terrific place to visit if you are looking for a day out with the family.

In early June we had a *former student*, *Bree Hearn* return to the school on work experience. It was great to have *Bree's* help around the grades and it's nice to see ex-students doing so well!

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On the last day of term we will be holding a *Gardening Day* and as a part of the day we will be installing our *Wicking Beds*. Staff member *Rosemary Gargan* was successful in obtaining a sizable grant from the *Bendigo Bank* for all of the components for the new beds and we are extremely lucky to have the expertise of *Helena Lindorff* (one of our parents), to draw upon to get the beds up and running. *Helena* has done a lot of negotiating with suppliers in her own time and we very much appreciate the time and effort she has put into this project. *Wicking beds* water plants from below rather than above. This works by filtering moisture through a network of pipes and drainage sand to take water directly to the roots – where it's needed most. *Wicking beds* work like a big sand sponge as water moves from the bottom to the top and then wets the soil that the vegies are growing in. I'm sure in the next edition of the *Meredith News* we will have a full report on the day.

Next term we begin the *camping season*. We combine with other schools in the area to provide a developmental camping program beginning at year 3. The year five students head off to the *Maldon Camp* in week two. There is a lot of bike riding included in this camp, as well as taking in local attractions such as a goldmine and the historic town of *Maldon* itself. The year three students begin their camping experience in late August at the *Baanya Biامي* Camp just outside of *Anakie*. There are a range of activities onsite including archery, flying fox and giant slide. It is a great place to start the camping program. Our year 4's and 6's head off to their camps in term four.

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MOLLIE'S COLUMN



Roast

A teaching friend of mine once heard a story about a city primary school, where the little school veggie patch grew and grew. Designed to show the kids that carrots grow in the ground, not on supermarket shelves, the little project became more ambitious, and the school farm is now home to chickens, a lamb and a piglet. A few eyebrows were raised when the chickens arrived and were named Parma, Nugget and Kiev, but when the time came for the lamb to be christened, there was uproar in the PFA. Giving the chickens such tasty names was bad enough, they declared, but seeing that sweet little lamb come trotting up for its bottle when the preppies shout 'Roast! Roast!?' That was taking the joke too far. Sure, they were all going home to cook up some delicious steak or sausages for dinner, but that came from a plastic tray at Woolworths, not from a darling woolly lamb!

I'm an omnivore who's pondered, many times, whether it might not be better to give up meat (and not just because meat's expensive and I'm a poor student). I've thought about the environmental and ethical implications of me going to town on that delicious beef stir fry or sizzling

bacon and eggs. I've considered saturated fat and the health of my heart. I've even, with the best of intentions, filled my shopping basket with lentils, chickpeas and tofu. The problem is I like bacon a whole lot better than I like lentils.

When I cooked some delicious Moroccan lamb on Monday night, it wasn't the fact that my meal had come from a sweet woolly lamb like Roast that bothered me. It was more the fact that when I go to the supermarket, and purchase my nice, clean, prepackaged meat under the fluorescent lights, I don't have to think about lambs like Roast at all. I have no idea where the meat was farmed, or by whom. I don't know how the animals were reared, what they ate, or how they were killed and processed. When everything's nicely clingwrapped and labelled, I can forget the contents of my shopping basket ever came from an animal at all. That might be more comfortable for me, but I don't think it's a good thing. My family have had our own steers killed and butchered, and while eating something that once had a name is an odd experience, and not a completely comfortable one, I felt better knowing my meal came from a healthy animal who was always treated humanely, not from an anonymous slab of meat.

So while the feathers might be flying over Parma, Nugget, Kiev and Roast, I think it's great that those kids are learning that there's more to sitting down to a roast than a trip to the local supermarket.

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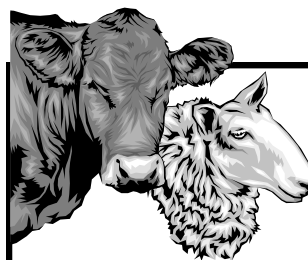
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in my garden

The Happy Gardener

I am happiest when I can garden at little or no cost. This invariably means that my completed garden projects are less than perfect. My dearest other often declares that my projects are a bit rickety. None-the-less, to my eye and thinking, my projects are very satisfactory and give rise to a great sense of satisfaction and joy.

I hate waste, and I garden with a deep-seated belief that gardening should be something that everyone can do regardless of income. I do not throw materials away. Timber, rocks, string, newspapers, cardboard, garden clippings, assorted food containers and the like are all saved because at some stage they will be useful. This approach, in contemporary terms, probably falls within the realm of sustainable gardening. However, I would not call myself a sustainable gardener as it is not something that defines my approach to gardening. I garden simply because of the joy and satisfaction that comes from creating a little Eden in my neck of the woods.

Having said all that, it would be remiss of me to fail to admit somewhat of a weakness for purchasing essential garden equipment. I am fortunate enough to have a polycarbonate greenhouse. This was not a low cost acquisition but, to my mind, a very good investment. It creates an environment that makes it very easy to propagate plants. I have several hundred plants that I have raised from cuttings and seeds that will ultimately be planted in the garden. I love filling the wheelbarrow with home grown plants ready for planting in some sad looking corner of the garden.

The greenhouse also greatly extends the growing season for warm weather vegetables such as tomatoes. I am still picking tomatoes from 8 potted plants. A bale of pea straw, that emits gentle warmth as it decays, maintains an acceptable minimum internal greenhouse temperature even on the coldest of nights.

My concession to garden economy was to not purchase the greenhouse with all the extras, such as shelving and a shade cloth cover (essential during hot weather and for shade loving plants). I made do: my greenhouse has

home made timber shelving and a large bamboo blind for shade which is suspended from a curtain rod. Both items came from my attic storage. During the hottest of weather I hang other assorted shades (old sheets, towels etc) as required to protect delicate cuttings and seedlings. I have also used curtain rods to hang the hanging 'baskets' from. Not that I actually have any hanging baskets, but rather, I use ordinary plant pots suspended in a hanger made from twine that was saved from pea straw bales.

I also detest purchasing expensive chemicals and fertilizers for the garden. There is a dizzying array of garden chemicals available, and if purchased, would create storage issues and the need for an additional garden shed. It is a mystery to me how other gardeners become sufficiently familiar with such chemicals, so that they are in a position to make an informed choice about best use. My approach is simple: I only use blood and bone or dynamic lifter in conjunction with aged chicken manure shovelled from my hen house.

I keep snails under control by searching out their favourite hiding spots (such as, deep within the agapanthus) or waiting until they emerge and then I pick them up, finally throwing them into the garbage bin. Leaf litter, pea straw (purchased from a local farmer) and general garden compost all add to the nutritional value of the soil. There is no need to purchase performance enhancers for the soil. I make my own potting mixture based on soil.

Newspapers are great for suppressing weed growth and keeping soil moist. I use thick layers of paper under pea straw. Milk cartons, with the bottom corners cut, make great pots. They have the advantage that they can be planted directly into the ground avoiding the risk of transplant shock. I use wire coat hangers to suspend planters, and other assorted vegetable trays for germinating seeds – you just need to make sure that there is sufficient drainage. Plastic soft drink bottles, cut in half, make excellent moisture retaining covers for pots that accommodate newly taken cuttings. Birch tree limbs make effective and attractive stakes.

And so it goes. Practicing garden economy is a very satisfying aspect to gardening. Until next time, happy gardening.

Robyn

Kindred matters



Judith Emond, Family Therapist

Dealing with "what other people think"

We are all at times affected by this dilemma no matter how old we are. The fear of being judged or gossiped about can be very upsetting and discouraging. *'What other people think and say'* may impact on us more when living in a small country town because there is less privacy. Similarly, social media such as Facebook and Instagram are sources of gossip and judgement creating stressful environments in which to socialise. School age children and teenagers are particularly vulnerable and sensitive about comments posted on these sites. Some of us cope well when we hear gossip about ourselves but others find it devastating and difficult to manage. Being fearful of *'what others think'* can create anxiety, cause damage to our self worth and affect our social relationships. Learning how to become more resilient to gossip or negative comments posted on social media sites is essential if we want to live our lives how we choose without fear or judgement.

We first learn about how to manage gossip, criticism or teasing as children. I grew up with my mum saying things like, *'if someone is talking about you they are leaving some other poor person alone'* and *'treat it like it's just water off a ducks back'*. Strangely, now that I am older I often quote my mother whenever someone is worried by gossip or social media comments. Parents and teachers play a crucial role in teaching us how to cope with the unnecessary worry about *'what others think'*. Building such resilience in children and teenagers promotes greater coping skills as adults.

Here are some strategies to help shield ourselves against *'what others think'*:

- Become friends with your children or teenagers on social media sites in order to provide guidance and support whenever negative comments are posted.
- You can choose to identify with other peoples opinions or NOT. Ask yourself, Are they true? What evidence is there to support what is being said? Is there another way to look at it? Will everyone still be talking about this next week?
- Talk about how upset you are with someone you trust in order to gain reassurance and support. Talking it through helps to guard against developing social anxiety or low self worth.
- At the end of the day does it really matter *'what other people think'*? If you can sleep at night knowing that you have done nothing wrong and you have tried your best then there is nothing to be fearful about.
- Also, remember that those who tease, judge or criticise others are often insecure, envious and unhappy or they are making a judgement something on they do not understand.

These two websites provide parents and kids with ideas on how to build resilience against gossip, harassment and cyber bullying: cyh.com (look under Health Topics) and kidshelpline.com.au

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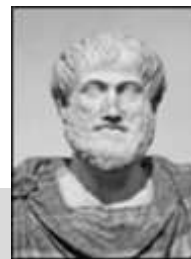
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About Marj Harris

Marg Cooper

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She learnt singing in Ballarat, and her teacher wanted her to go to Melbourne to study and to get a manager. She sang "Underneath the Willow Tree" to win a semi final in a contest in Geelong and also sang at her twenty first birthday in the Elaine Hall.

She was good at her lessons at Elaine State School but left school early to help her mother look after her sister and seven brothers. She never drove a car but managed to volunteer at Sovereign Hill in the theatre precinct where she got to dress up and to act. She read poetry, sang and entertained on Ballarat Community Radio where.

She did courses by correspondence in psychology. She loved to cook and bake. She cared for her parents and then for her two unmarried brothers. After her brother Bert died, Marj managed the family farm, running Tukidale sheep and says they were a good enterprise, producing carpet wool. She is very sentimental about the remaining sheep.

Marj found an important historical parchment in her mother's prayer book: the discharge certificate of her relation, Sergeant John O'Neill who had been a member of the 40th Regiment at Foot, the regiment involved at the Eureka rebellion. The family had a history day in 1988. Gathering at the farm at Elaine for morning tea, they went to Montrose Cottage in Ballarat where the Diggers Oath was read and her brother Neil donated the parchment to the Gold Museum. She tells that John O'Neill joined the Army in England after leaving Ireland in the potato famine and travelled to India as a soldier before coming to Australia. A special plaque was made to go on his grave at Creswick Cemetery.



Vale Jean (Mayo) Stafford

Marg Cooper

Jean was born to Angus and Ada Grant (Mayo) of Meredith on September 25, 1914. Jean was sister to Mavis Parkinson and David Grant.

Jean attended Meredith State School and obtained her Merit Certificate. She then

went to Bacchus Marsh High School for two years and lived with her Aunt Grace on a dairy farm in Werribee Gorge.

When a somewhat homesick Jean came back to Meredith to live she travelled by train to Geelong each day and learnt dressmaking at the Gordon Technical School. Jean and Ess Lowne then opened a dress making shop in part of the butcher shop in Meredith. where they made dresses for local residents. While Jean lived in Bacchus Marsh she had piano lessons and later played the organ for Presbyterian services at Meredith, Lethbridge and Bamganie.

Jean married Sid (Nip) Stafford in 1936 in the Presbyterian Manse at Meredith by Rev Betts with only a few family members attending. Jean did not dress as a bride, as her father had just died. Sid Stafford was a baker at the Meredith bakery which was owned by the Bell family. They first lived behind the bootmakers shop, next door to the bakery at 30 Staughton Street. Later they bought a four roomed house that had been owned by Mr Errey at the mortgagee sale for £130.

A son, Gregory, was born to Jean and Sid in 1940. Sid enlisted for WWII in February 1942, served overseas and was discharged in 1946. Jean said she paid the house off during the war.

In 1947 Jean and Sid bought the bakery and lived there. Sid baked bread, shortbreads, pies and pasties and Jean and Joyce Grant made cakes and catered for dances and other functions. The bread was delivered by bakers cart to Anakie, Balliang and Staughton Vale twice a week, to Elaine, Mt Doran and Cargerie twice a week and to Bamganie by John McColl on the mail run in his jinker. In 1960 they sold the bakery to Jean's sister Mavis and her husband Abel Parkinson.

Jean and Sid moved to Geelong and they both worked for Podbury's bakery. Podbury's delivered their bread to Meredith bakery and it was served by Mavis Parkinson.

Jean and Sid lived in 15 different homes after they moved from Meredith and owned others and rented them out. Jean had a shrewd eye for a bargain and a vision for seeing what areas would become popular and made money on every deal. Jean was a neat, impeccably dressed lady who loved playing bowls, playing cards and socialising and who had an amazing memory and interest in the past. She died on May 31, 2013. A service was held at Geelong Memorial Park Chapel on Friday June 7.



Green Thumbs *(from page 1)*

down on evaporation. Watering is done once a week, the vegetables continue to grow over the holidays and are ready to harvest when the children return.

Our gardens link into many areas across the curriculum. Sowing seeds, planting seedlings and harvesting gives children an awareness of seasons. Some plants grow best in summer, others in the cooler months and it is interesting to watch what happens when they are planted out of season. For example, in the warmer months, some go to seed and in cooler months, some remain dormant or die in the frost.

The children look at which parts of the plants we eat: is it the fruit (tomatoes, mushrooms), the leaves (lettuce, kale), the flowers (broccoli), the roots (carrots, parsnips), the seeds (peas, broad beans) or the bulbs (garlic)?

As our gardens are all organically managed, pest control needs to be looked at in a different way. How do we attract the insects the garden needs to flourish and how do we discourage or remove the destructive ones? The same principle applies to weed control.

This inevitably leads to examining the merits of companion planting and lots of trial and error. Research is done on the internet while we also remember the benefits of talking to and listening to gardeners who have been growing and harvesting for many years.

Crop rotation is a most important factor when growing vegetables. Records need to be kept of what has been grown in the various beds so that suitable plants are put in the following season.

Gardening, particularly vegetable gardening is a lot of fun. Interpersonal skills are developed as the children work companionably together with different grades, parents or community members.

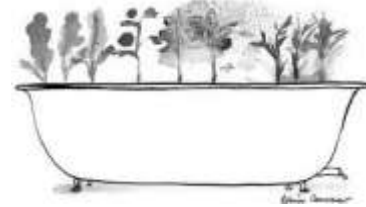
Harvesting is probably the most popular activity – children wander past in the early months of school picking a cherry tomato and a basil leaf and popping it in their mouths. Later they pod the young broad beans and munch on those while they marvel at the soft, furry lining of the pod. After the garlic has been harvested and hung up to dry, garlic bread and bruschetta is usually on the menu. It is wonderful to see the delight on the children's faces as they go about their work in the vegetable gardens.

The gardens are also a fantastic tool to demonstrate how we can look after our environment. The importance of growing your own food and the concept of food miles is examined, as is the reduction of waste like packaging going to landfill. We operate a triple bin system at school with our smallest bins in classrooms being the landfill bins, the larger ones are for recycling and both of these are complimented by the compost containers for food scraps which go into the worm farm.

We also like to bring our artistic flair to the gardens making scarecrows, decorative plants labels and fun

sculptures. Gardening is such an engaging activity, the children are out in the fresh air enjoying tending to their plants and taking part in the cycle of planting, harvesting and seed collecting.

The internet is awash with information about wicking gardening including these sites: wickingbed.com/ and milkwood.net/2010/05/11/how_to_make_a_wicking_bed/



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"Handle with Care" by Jodi Picoult.

This book is about a girl called Willow who is born with *osteogenesis imperfecta*, or brittle bone disease which means that she will suffer hundreds of broken bones as she grows and a lifetime of pain.

As the family struggles to cover medical expenses her mother Charlotte decides to file a wrongful birth lawsuit against her obstetrician, for compensation that might ensure a lifetime of care for her daughter.

But it means that she must say in a court of law that she would have terminated the pregnancy if she had known the disability in advance. This is a difficult dilemma as she dearly loves her daughter. And the obstetrician she is suing is her best and only friend.

The book is an absorbing narrative that questions the basis of medical ethics and of personal morality. Many other issues are highlighted such as the role of the elder sister, the role of the father, treatment by medical facilities and reactions of the public.

Charlotte has no friends (except her obstetrician) as her whole time and energy is taken up looking after Willow.

Marin her lawyer is a character designed to provide an opposing force to Charlotte's law suit.

Marin was adopted at birth and is desperately trying to find her birth mother. She is glad that her mother gave birth to her rather than elect to have an abortion.

Each chapter is addressed to Willow and considers the difficulties of her life from the perspective of those around her, how they feel about her suffering and how her problems cause them to suffer also. So all the characters speak in different chapters.

Jodi Picoult has been called a sensationalist. She certainly brings to the readers attention modern issues.

The next book for discussion is "Pushing Time Away" by Peter Singer.



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Meredith PS teacher, Fairlie Pritchard, has collected up some of the most groan-worthy jokes her class can muster. Here's one of them.

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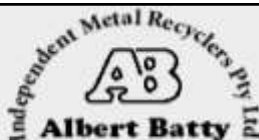
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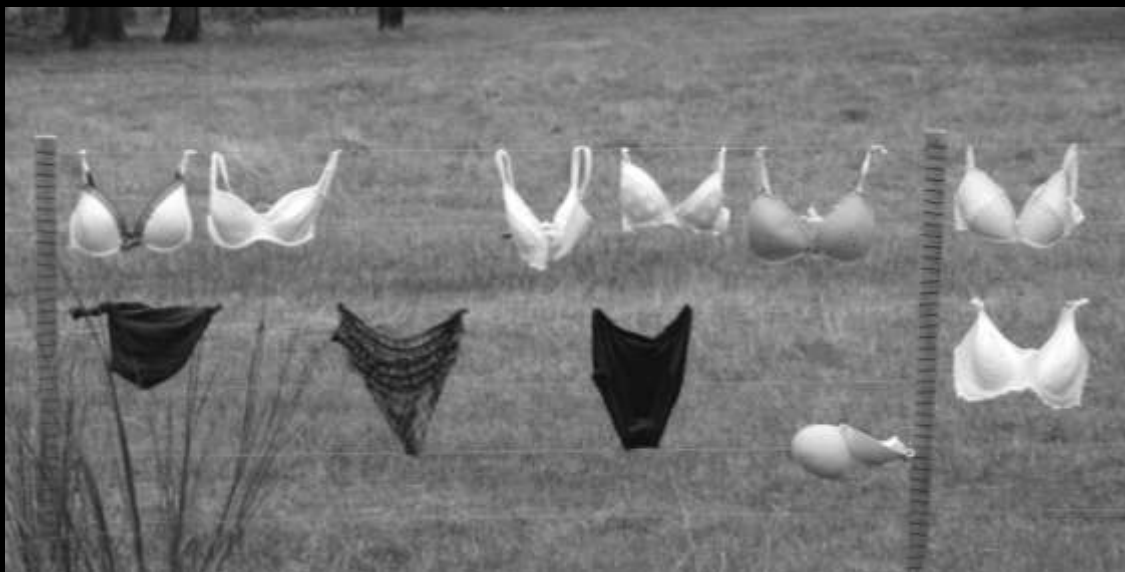
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Meredith Rural Fire Brigade

Chris Jones

Meredith Rural Fire Brigade held its biennial elections in April with changes to take effect as of 1st July 2013. The positions are as follows:

Captain: Chris Jones 0400 089 402
1st Lieutenant: Mick Jury 0447 368 208
2nd Lieutenant: Robert Cooke 0408 574 947
3rd Lieutenant: Donna Murrell
4th Lieutenant: Ralph Holtz
Comms Officer: David Jones

From the Captain:

I would like to start by thanking the volunteers of the Meredith Rural Fire Brigade. This past fire season has seen a lot of activity within our Brigade, and in our neighbouring Brigade's areas. You have answered the call when our pagers have sounded and I am proud of the effective, efficient and dedicated job each of you have done, for without your service to this community the Meredith Fire Brigade would not exist, leaving our community exposed to the ever present dangers of fire and emergency.

I thank Mick Jury for his service as Captain and all outgoing office bearers for their dedicated service over the past 2 years. To all our new office bearers, I very much look forward to working alongside each of you over the coming years.

I welcome our newest members to the Brigade, Andrew Cooke, Nathan LePage, Olivia Jones and Ed Molesworth. These members have undergone the basic fire fighter training and I look forward to seeing them on the trucks and working with each of them at training and at fires.

Have you ever considered becoming a volunteer firefighter?

The Meredith Rural Fire Brigade relies solely on Volunteer Members. We respond when people are in their darkest hour of need, either as their home is burning down, their property is

under threat from grass or bush fire, or from an array of other emergencies that require the vital help from our community's Fire Brigade. This service would not exist if not for our Volunteers.

But what can the Meredith Rural Fire Brigade offer me ?

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You can become a CFA member from the age of 16, with parental consent and we are also a female friendly organisation.

I call upon you the community members of Meredith and District to come along and meet some of our members and get a closer look at the functions of our Fire Brigade and consider if been a Volunteer Fire Fighter is for you.

We will be holding Brigade Information Sessions over the coming months. The first of these will be held on:

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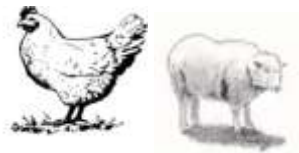
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Like Farmer Brown's tractor
I'm Virgo Intactor
'Cause I've never had a bull by the horn.
How dreary the fields & the meadows,
The sheep yards are gloomy & grey,
And the one bit of fun
In the year's long run
Has by science been taken away!
I know that the farm is a business,
In which we must all pull our weight,
But I'd pull & I'd pull
For a strongly built bull
For this phony arrangement I hate!
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Extracts from a Letter to the "Meredith Sentinel" May 1910.

Moranghurk Soldier Settlement

The unveiling of a plaque to the Soldier Settlers and the launch of the book about Moranghurk Soldier Settlement will take place on Sunday September 15. Keep the date free as this day will be quite a reunion of soldier Settlers, their families and community members. Details will be advertised closer to the event.

Treasure Time

You are invited to "Treasure Time" on Sunday July 14 at 1.30 pm. Bring a "Historical Treasure" and tell us about your "Treasure". It may be an object, a photo, a document. It may be a brick, a fence post, a flag or a post. If you haven't got a treasure come along and bring a small plate of afternoon tea.

As MHIG is unable to use the Anglican Church on that day we will meet at Meredith Community Centre {House}.

Marj Harris of Elaine found a parchment in her mother's prayer book. It was the discharge certificate of her relative John O'Neill who was Sergeant in the 40th Regiment at Foot and he was a soldier at Eureka. What a treasure!

Who Lived in My House?

At the catalogue meeting in May we organized a lot of the information we had about Staughton Street buildings into folders. At the catalogue meeting in June we intend to organize a lot of information about buildings in Wallace Street into folders. If you have photos, documents, stories, if you have time to collect or collate or if you would like to download information from "Landata" on the internet, we'd love to hear from you.

"Landata" is a site that has tons of information about titles and other information relating to buildings.

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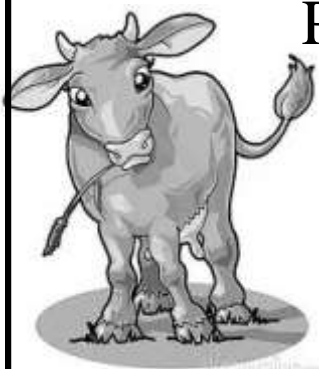
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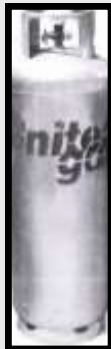
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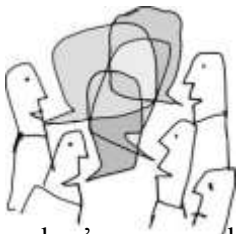


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