



Olivia and Chris Marry



Olivia Avola and Christopher Jones married on the 2nd of March at St Brendan's Church Flemington. Olivia is the daughter of Caterina and Rinaldo Avola, and Chris is the son of David and Helen Jones who first came to Meredith 37 years ago. Caterina's parents first bought their Shelford Road farm 40 years ago. It was at a fire at the farm house that Olivia and Chris met. Soon after, Chris told best man Tony Read, "she is the one for me!" Chris, who's been an active member of the Meredith Fire Brigade for many years, now serves as Lieutenant.

Chris's groomsmen were Andrew Armstrong and Matthew Burges. Olivia's attendants were Julie Leos, Alexandra Cameron and Melissa Avola, with flower girls Renee Giuffre and Zara Avola and page boy Nash Jones.

It was a beautiful day with celebrations continuing in to the evening with dancing at *Roomba's*.

It is delightful to have them settle in Meredith and we wish Olivia and Chris much happiness and a long life together.

Talented Local Wins Art Prize.

Marg Cooper

Helen Peppard has many qualifications including a Diploma in Music from Melbourne University and a Bachelor of Arts from Deakin University. Although Helen insists that she is a musician rather than an artist, she won the 2012 Bannockburn Art Award for Best Pastel.

She is a concert pianist who studied with world famous Czech pianist Edward Goll and who plays many other instruments like the Cello and the Guzheng, a Chinese plucked zither.

At an Art Exhibition of Chinese Art in the National Gallery one of the artists asked her if she would like to learn. She thought "Why Not!" and studied Chinese Art under two excellent Chinese artists.

Helen moved to Meredith and has her easel set up near her Concert Grand Piano. She describes her art as a "bit individual" and paints "what she likes!"

The winning entry was titled "Bill's Garden" and depicts the garden of her dear friend Bill Whitfield with whom she has performed. Bill rented a house in Hawthorn for 35 years and created a fascinating garden that featured a huge banana tree, surprises at every turn and was a garden that a lot of famous

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"A doctor can bury his mistakes but an architect can only advise his clients to plant vines."

- Frank Lloyd Wright



Community

Notice of Memorial Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Meredith Memorial Hall Inc. is scheduled for Monday 4th March 2013, at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, 61 Staughton St. Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting as an opportunity to become a member of the committee. A light Supper is provided.

Enquiries contact Secretary - Sandra Pearce 5286 1545.

A Brighter Hall

As recently as January, this year, the Hall Committee in partnership with the Golden Plains Grant Scheme jointly funded the internal painting of the Hall. With a few repairs completed, preparation tasks managed, Mark Dunne spent the month of January painting the main walls of the Hall, giving it a new lease of life and ready for a brighter start to the year. This wonderful community asset is governed by a committee of custodial representatives who appreciate the generous support from the residents of Meredith and the district, and hope that you will continue to meet and use the Hall with pride.

RSL Monument

With the support of Tim Wood, the Hall Committee is looking forward to the RSL Monument being placed in the garden setting facing Macleod St, by mid March. So this year's Anzac Day Service will have a slightly different look and feel on the day!

Help Advance Meredith

Di Richie

Are you interested to make Meredith a more interesting and livable town, by cherishing our history and building our tomorrows, please come along to Advance Meredith Association's Annual Meeting on **Saturday 23 March at 2pm** at St Joseph's Hall, Lawler Street, Meredith.

Meredith Community Coordinators thank all those who have sent in survey responses for the Meredith Community Plan. They are currently being incorporated into the 2013 DRAFT Community Plan, which will be exhibited for comment before presentation to Council.

The Meredith Visitor Information Centre is looking fantastic and will be completed in the next few weeks. Would you like to be among the first to volunteer to keep the Centre open, give out tourist information and meet interesting travellers? If so, call Diane Ritchie 5286 1291, Marg Cooper 5286 8201, Fay McFarlane 5286 1283, John Diffey 5286 1550 or Tim Wood 5286 1201.

Meet Morrisons' New Minister

You are cordially invited to come to St James church Morrisons at 9.am on Sunday 17th March 2013 and welcome Fr. Glen Wesley.

Refreshments will be served after the service. Enq. on 5368 9903 or 0417 121 770 (Transport can be arranged)

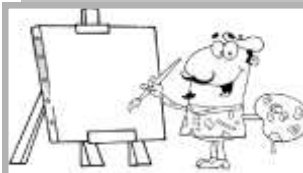
Anakie Art and Craft Display and Sale

when? 17/18/19th May 2013

where? Anakie Hall, Staughton Vale

why? To encourage artists to display and sell their work.

Contact: Amanda Gordon-Young
redwalpark@skymesh.com.au or 0418 995 362



Festival Gallery

A Temporary Gallery of Artworks is being set up in the Top Shop at 46 Staughton Street, Meredith from March 6 to March 13.

Everyone is invited to drop in to view Local Artworks. Free entry!

Meredith Senior Citizens

Jim Hynds

Our first meeting for the year kicked off at Morrows Hotel on February 11. Over thirty members attended and as in the past the Morrows provided the group with great meals, great service and a beautiful selection of desserts to finish the meal.

Our second meeting was held on February 25 at the Royal Hotel. The new owners Damain and Claire Kelly made our members most welcome and they provided scrumptious meals and great desserts. Well done Damian and staff.

The Seniors have planned a great year with more bus trips in the pipeline and more outings.

The first trip will be a visit to the International Flower and Garden Show in Melbourne at the Exhibition Centre on March 21st. Another great year is planned for Meredith Seniors!

Deaths

McCormack, Louis died on February 16th, 2013 and his funeral was held on February 21.

Wiseman, Alvie died on February 18, 2013 and her funeral was held on February 25.

Tributes will appear in the next newsletter.

Classifieds

Garage Sale Long weekend Sat 9th & Sun 10th March. 8am. Kitchen furniture, fabrics, books, bric a brac, fowlers, mosaic tiles. 360 Lower Plains Rd Lethbridge.

Wanted Plant donations for the Meredith kindergarten. We are looking for Agapanthus, blue and white and lambs ears. If you have any of these that you may be willing to donate please contact Rachael on 53 414655

For Sale Umbrella stroller. As new. \$139 new from Babytime. Hardly used. \$40 Samsung VCR recorder with instruction book. \$50. Call 5286 1427 or 0439 860726



Church News

ANGLICAN

PARISH OF INVERLEIGH BANNOCKBURN MEREDITH

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

Enquires Doug McFarlane 52861283.

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

Holy Liturgy 10am every Sun, Sat & Major Feast Days.

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of Prayer Elaine Solemn mass Sundays 10.00am. Rosary and Vespers Saturday 5.00pm. Confessions by appointment Fr. James Ph. 5341 5544

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St. Joseph's Catholic Parish Meredith

St Joseph's Parish Easter Celebration 2013

Wednesday 27 March – Reconciliation Service 7.30pm

Bannockburn

Holy Thursday 28 March – Last Supper Mass 7.30pm

Bannockburn

Good Friday 29 March – Stations of the Cross

10.00am Meredith (Ecumenical)

10.30am Bannockburn 10.30am

10.30 am. Winchelsea (Ecumenical)

Good Friday Liturgy 29 March – 3.00pm Bannockburn

3.00pm Winchelsea

Holy Saturday 30 March – Easter Vigil Mass 8.00pm Meredith

Easter Sunday 31 March – Mass 9.00am Bannockburn

10.00am Winchelsea

11.00am Anakie

Mass Timetable for March 2013

Winchelsea every Saturday @ 6pm. Bannockburn every

Sunday @ 9am. Anakie March 3rd/17th/31st @ 11am

Meredith March 10th/24th

Good Friday Way of the Cross

Friday 29th March 2013

The Christian Churches of Meredith invite you to join with them in walking the Way of the Cross around the streets of Meredith.

Hot Cross Buns at St. Joseph's Lawler Street, Meredith at 10 a.m. Walk starts at 10.30 a.m.

Meredith Community Centre, Inc.

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"Working for our community"



Centre News

mch@netconnect.com.au www.meredithcc.com.au

Here at the Centre we have had a busy start to the year with some great classes going on as well as many of our groups continuing to keep things busy. Our iPad for beginners class last week was very successful and we are planning a longer iPad basics class next term.

Coming up in March we have:

- Beading and Jewellery. Make yourself a bracelet or necklace with matching earrings.
- Photography with Mark Eiden from ABC Open Photo Story, do you have a story to tell? Family history, hobby, remembering a loved one, family recipes a great way to create your story with images and words.
- Due to popular demand we are running another iPad for seniors class on 14th March from 9.30-12pm.

Also to get the most from our beautiful new kitchen we have:

- Scone making – Several different varieties
- Cheese making classes delicious Haloumi and Valencay both made in this 1 day class.

If you haven't seen our kitchen yet you are welcome to call in to see it. We might even make you a cuppa.



If you would like more information on any of these courses please give us a call on 52863481 or visit our beautiful new website at meredithcc.com.au . If you have a QR scanner on your phone this will take you straight there.

We are already planning our next term's classes, so if you have a skill you want to share or something you want to learn please contact us.

Pam Ridd, Coordinator.

Meredith Playgroup

Come & visit us every Thursday @

Meredith Community Centre from 10am until 12 noon.

Mums, Dads, Grandparents & Carers all welcome.

\$2 per family a week. Play, craft, organized

For more info all Jo 0418 125 250

Meredith Playgroup 2013 Term 1

7th March – Autumn day

14th March – Pyjama day, come in your PJ's

21st March – Dress up day, come as your favourite movie/book character or super hero

28th March – Easter, including craft, activities and an egg hunt



meredithPolicenews

Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen

All in all, the past few months in and around Meredith has seen a very small crime rate indeed. I would however like to bring readers attention to the following three crimes and I would be grateful for any information that anyone may have that may assist me in solving any of these thefts.

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On the 19th of February, 2013 a theft has occurred at the Meredith Recreation Reserve where a large section of white hose and a watering sprinkler has been stolen. The hose is described as being a Pastoral brand white coloured hose which is 25 millimetres in diameter and was 25 metres in length. The hose was valued at \$700. The sprinkler is described as being a galvanised metal free standing sprinkler 1 metre tall. It is so very disappointing to see thieves steal from a club in this manner where the club is there for our community.

On the 8th of February a concrete Buddah type statue was stolen from a private address in Staughton Street, Meredith. The statue was in the front yard of the address near the Meredith Hotel when stolen.

Between the 6th and the 12th of January, 2013 the victim in this matter had his tractor parked well inside a paddock on Deans Road, Meredith. Offenders have stolen a Super Cheap Auto battery from the tractor and left the gate open which contained stock.

On a really positive note with regard to traffic, it has been great to see no major accidents within the area over the Christmas and New Year period. I spend a large portion of my time patrolling the Midland highway and rarely detect vehicles speeding with the moving mode police radar. Again this year, police will be utilizing the Automated Number Plate Recognition Unit from Melbourne. This vehicle is used stationary and is able to detect various offences like unregistered vehicles, theft and outstanding warrants.

And we have some photos of the final Meredith Blue Light Disco for 2012. Four lucky children took away a BMX bike each on the night and again we felt that the night was a great success for the kids of Meredith. I want to take this opportunity to thank the kids of Meredith who attend the discos for there terrific behaviour at the events and I encourage as many kids as possible to attend the next disco. A date will be advertised very soon..

Left: Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen with Georas and Aaron, the proud owners of new bikes.

Above: Jessica, Mitchell and Stephanie with Meredith Primary School Principal Doug Cations at the Disco.

Main Streets Update

Jim Elvey

Held last month, the second Meredith Main Street public consultation meeting was attended by 15 town and district residents. It was presented with a list of the options derived from earlier consultations and attendees were invited to vote for their four favoured projects. An approximate costing was then given to each project and a second vote cast, this time for first, second and third preferences. A similar process was offered to those who visited the project web site and will shape the draft master plan to be presented to Council early this month.

Subject to Council's response, the plan will be placed on exhibition for two weeks and a further two weeks allowed for a final public response before the master plan is finalised. Council is planning to make a substantial start on approved works by the end of June.

The Golden Plains Shire's contact officer for this project is Paul Ryan 5220 7138

Elaine CFA
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as a fundraiser
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sports

Meredith Golf Club

Ladies

12.02.13

Opening Day Played an Ambrose

Winning team: S Rees, J Stanley, K Rosch 38-9-29

Runners up: C Powles, E Edmiston, B Perry 45-10 2/5-34 3/5

19.02.13

9 hole Stableford

Winner: M Diffey 18 pts

Runner up: K Rosch 16 pts

NTP K Rosch

Mens

23/24 February 2013

Weekend comp- Stableford

Winner M Macri 43 pts

Runner up P Rees 40 pts

NTP 3rd shot 6th D Gear

3rd shot 16th M Cooper

Dog Declared 'Dangerous'

From Golden Plains shire Media Release

A Berringa resident pleaded guilty in the Ballarat Magistrates' Court to a number of charges arising from a dog attack in August last year.

The most serious of the charges related to an incident when his German Shepherd dog bit a pedestrian and seriously injured her leg. Mayor, Cr Jenny Blake expressed her concern about the incident, stating dog attacks on pets, livestock and in particular people are unacceptable. "Council will investigate dog attacks and when necessary pursue irresponsible dog owners through the Courts," she stated.

"Residents need to be aware of the damage their dogs can cause when not securely confined or controlled. Penalties for the owner of a dog that attacks include fines of up to \$5,634, destruction of the dog and in serious instances involving Dangerous, Menacing or Restricted Breed dogs, may also include a prison sentence," she explained.

As most dog attacks in Golden Plains Shire occur when dogs are wandering at large, Council officers will be issuing fines to owners who fail to keep their dog securely confined as part of a program aimed at reducing the number of dog attacks in Golden Plains Shire.

In her sentencing remarks, the Magistrate stated that she needed to send a message to the community that owning a dog carries significant responsibility. She convicted and fined the dog owner \$1000 and made an order for \$71.40 in costs.

The Council has declared the dog to be "dangerous" meaning the dog must now be kept in accordance with restrictive legislative requirements aimed at improving public safety.

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March**

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From the Afghan Front

Jim Baker (Meredith's Correspondent in Afghanistan)

My name is Jim Baker, husband of Geraldine and we live in Meredith. I am saying G'day to you from the wilds of Afghanistan. Well, where do I start? I guess from the beginning.

In June 2011 I was approached by an old friend who asked if I would consider working in Afghanistan {AFG} with the company he was working for. The position would be General Manager of Kandahar Airfield {KAF} fuel storage and distribution facilities.

KAF is the largest NATO forces base in the AFG theatre of operations and is the busiest single runway airfield in the world. Most of the air traffic here is, of course, military with a sprinkling of civilian just to give us a sense of being in the real world.

My team consists of people from nations all over the world, in total 460. I manage and they operate a number of bulk fuel installations, refueling operations and a Forward Aircraft Refuelling Point (hot refuelling of combat aircraft).

AFG is a landlocked country and the logistics train we utilize is huge and diverse. It has to be, in order to keep up the flow of essential supplies and materials to not only the military and their support elements but relief to the Afghan population as well.

We (Supreme) totally support the Afghanistan National Rugby Union and Cricket teams. They are still fledgling teams but improve with every game.

Christmas in KAF was as good as we can make it. Decorations in and outside every office, Christmas trees and music playing really lifted our spirits. Christmas Eve, we had carols by candle light (torch light) under the stars, then we attended an all denomination midnight service.

It was very emotional as you realized you were not with your family, but as the Padre got into it you were soon singing along and offering prayers with your adopted family all around you.

It suddenly dawned on me that the magnificent stars we were under were the same stars that shone over the little town where it all began and as the crow flies not too far from where we were standing. A very enlightening and calming experience!

On Christmas day we all greeted each other with the usual greetings and small gifts. Then it was time to go to work, just another normal day.

That evening all of the staff assembled in the mess and we, the managers, served them their Christmas dinner and handed out gifts to each and every one of those fine young men and ladies. A visit from Santa Claus was the highlight of the evening. It all went extremely well and everyone departed in high spirits, singing could be heard coming from all of the buses transporting our folks back to their

barracks.

We welcomed the New Year with a toast and some non alcoholic wine and beer {worst drink I have ever tasted}. We then closed out with a very emotional rendition of "Auld land Syne". To add a down under flavour, another Aussie and I and a Kiwi sang "Waltzing Matilda". We started very slow and haunting and then got fast and happy. Then off to bed for some sleep as the next day as all days here was just another work day in an area of conflict and all that goes with that.

I talk to my darling wife daily and those talks keep me sane. I will be home in March for awhile so if you see me in the pub say Hi!



Jim Baker, left, with colleagues at... a BBQ?

life drawing

The Meredith Life Drawing group resumes on
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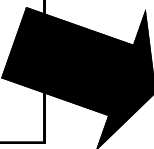
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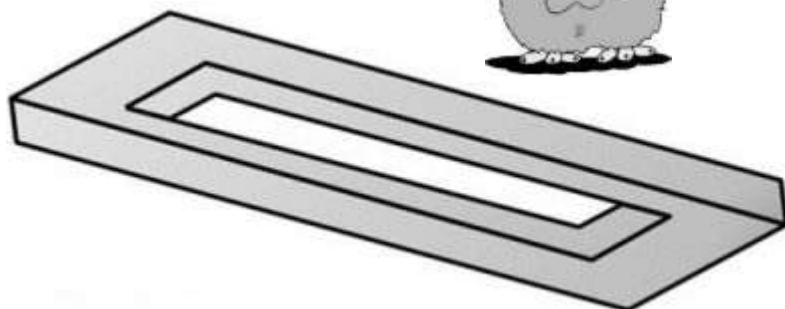
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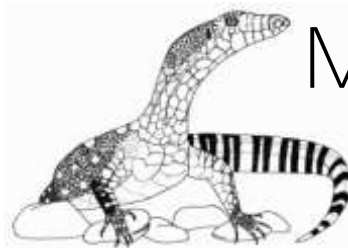
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The newsletter is managed by a sub committee of the Meredith Community Centre. It meets four times a year to monitor the financial position, oversee operations, review policies, advertising rates etc. and deal with any other issues of a governance nature. We wish to recruit some additional members with the interest, skills and experience to help sustain and develop this important community service.

If you can say yes to some or all of the following criteria and believe in the importance of a vibrant community newsletter, perhaps you should be part of the management team.

- ☒ A good sense of what makes a community newsletter successful
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Welcome to MEREDITH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome back! The year is well and truly underway and it's hard to believe we are almost half way through term one.

As usual we are packing a lot into the first term including District Athletics, Lapathon/ Cross Country, an excursion to the Earth Ed Centre at Mt Clear Secondary as well as fitting in a bit of teaching here and there!

We welcomed 10 new preps this year (pictured) and Mrs Gargan has been very pleased by how quickly they have all settled very quickly into school life.

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The year 6 students presented their speeches for school captains and other leadership positions early in the term and once again the speeches were of a very high standard leaving the staff and year 3 to 5 students with difficult decisions. I am very pleased to announce the student leadership positions for the 2013 year.

Captains: Amy Canavan & Riley Buchanan

Vice captains: Ginny Molesworth & Will Kemp

Community captains: Jessica Crighton & Mahayla Gladman

Sports captains: Jess Speirs & Will Finnigan

Communications captain: Kimbalee Slade

Equipment manager: Katie Wood

As a part of their roles this year, they will be heading off to the *Young Leader's Day* at the Melbourne Conference Centre on Friday March 1st.

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Avalon Performers

Marg Cooper

Jeremy, a director of "Skythrills", a flying school at Lethbridge Air Park has been invited to perform a solo display of aerobatics in his Super Decathlon aircraft at the Avalon Air Show held at the start of this month. Jodie, {the other director} and Jeremy celebrated the news with tea at the Meredith Royal Hotel where they have become known as "the frequent flyers!".

Jeremy had his first joy flight in Queensland as a 14 year old.

He enjoyed it so much that a week later he went back for his first flying lesson and got his license and flew his first solo flight when he was 16 years old.

Jeremy has logged about 6000 hours in the air. His strong passion is for performing aerobatics. He wears a fire resistant suit, a light weight aerobatic helmet with a visor and gloves. At Ballarat Air Show to start his display he flew to about 10,000 feet and then to everyone's amazement he did 19 spins.

Jodie tells that he performs unique maneuvers such as "hesitation stall turns, shoulder rolls and an outside barrel roll. She tells that he basically intends to show what the aircraft can do but he leaves other pilots scratching their heads. Jodie tells that the "situational awareness" that is needed to perform aerobatics needs a lot of practice and that it can be learned.

Jodie who is also a keen pilot met Jeremy in NSW at an aerobatic competition. When they came to Melbourne they worked in administration in the Aviation Industry but decided to set up their own flying school at Lethbridge Park. Jeremy had set up other flying schools and had been head flying instructor before their own business venture that started 2½ years ago.

Jodie is excited that students that she is instructing in Certificate 4 Aviation at Geelong Secondary Schools were

attending on Education Day at the Air Show. She teaches them theory, they take flights out of school hours, the course earns them points towards their VCE and helps them with their other subjects eg maths. It is the first step towards gaining their commercial license.

Jodie and Jeremy have 3 planes at Lethbridge. They offer scenic flights, you can hire a plane or you can learn to fly. They are interested in the history of the area and tell that it is amazing what one can see from the air and they look forward to meeting locals.



Jeremy and Jodie performed at the Avalon Air Show.

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Our Kitchen Rules

After a hard day at uni – they do exist! – there's nothing better than getting home, kicking off my shoes and falling on to the couch for an hour of mindless TV. Not being a huge fan of forensic procedures, my housemate Lucy and I usually find ourselves engrossed in one of the cooking competition shows that seem to be on every night of the week. One night, after eating some particularly tasty spaghetti bolognese, we watched a team of cooks crash and burn spectacularly in a thrilling dinner challenge. There were tears, tantrums, burnt custard. Lucy and I looked at each other, then at our empty plates, and declared, with all the recklessness of youth and full bellies, 'We could do this!'

In all honesty, while our cooking skills might be adequate, our repertoire of recipes is perhaps not quite up to competition standard. Any judges popping

in for dinner at our place would be much more likely to be served stir fry and a scoop of home brand ice cream than kangaroo fillet and a painstakingly prepared crème Brule. Sadly, 'plating up' isn't really one of my culinary strengths either. I lack my parents' incredible skill of getting the veggies perfectly cooked at the exact moment the roast is ready to come out of the oven, which means at least one of my ingredients is always languishing, pathetically overcooked, when everything else is still barely defrosted.

There's another small factor that might hold us back from victory, a book deal and our own restaurant. Like all the best internationally renowned chefs, I can get just a little egotistic and controlling when armed with saucepans and a chopping board. I'm a very slow, very methodical cook, who believes 'finely diced' really means finely diced. Over the two years I've lived with Lucy, she's cooked us dinner maybe half a dozen times. I insist this is because she gets home from work later than I do, but really I just get upset about the casual way she chops carrots.

So watch out, TV cooking judges...we hope you like tears, tantrums and spaghetti!

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The Death of a Loved One

When a loved one dies, family and friends initially rally together to comfort, support and soothe each other. Funerals often provide opportunities to reconnect with family members or rekindle long lost friendships. Unfortunately before too long everyone moves on and their daily life returns to normal. At this point you may feel that they have left you “*high and dry*” as you continue to struggle with the agonising pain and try to adapt to life without your loved one.

I often see bereaved people a few months after the death of their loved one and they have sought help because they are still hurting, crying, suffering from insomnia and do not want to leave their house. Many come with an expectation that they should be feeling better and I am amazed when they tell me that their family and friends have told them to “*get on with life*”. If only it were so simple!

What I know about grief and bereavement is that there are no timelines or rules! We all deal with it differently in our own unique way. We all take our own time to manage and cope with living again.

The following aspects about bereavement maybe helpful;

- Take your time and do not be in a hurry to get over it quickly
- Tears are very healing, do not suppress them. Every tear shed honours the relationship you had with your loved one
- The pain you feel will be emotionally and physically exhausting, much rest is needed. It is perfectly OK to spend the days on end at home, reading or watching dvds. You will resurface eventually, when you are ready.
- Accept help from others and more importantly ask for help. Do not make the mistake of thinking that people do not care if they do not ring you or visit regularly. They will most likely think you are doing OK unless you tell them differently
- Be honest with people about how you are managing. You are a human being with feelings and it is perfectly fine to express yourself to others. If someone suggests that you should get on with life and you do not feel ready yet then tell them you need more time
- Communicate anyway you can with your

loved one. Some people find it comforting to talk to a photo, some prefer to write letters and others converse at the dinner table. It is extremely healthy to talk out loud, scream, cry, ask advice, or simply state that you wish they were here

- Talk with others you know who may have lost a loved one, they will surprise you with how much they understand what you are experiencing. Likewise seeking professional help from a trained Grief and Bereavement counsellor can help too.

The pain will be intense and weigh heavily on your heart. Some say that the pain never goes away but the weight you bear gets lighter as you manage over time to adapt and find yourself living again rather than just existing.

Contact the **Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement** 1800 642 066 for information, resources and referral to support groups or counselling

Judy

Local Wins Art Prize (from page 1)

people visited. They were all colourful interesting characters and Helen represents some of them in her “Bill’s Garden Series”.

Helen also paints portraits using acrylics and pastel. Having only started painting when she was in her 60’s, she has found it has enriched her life over the last 20 years.

This small greyscale photo does little justice to Helen Peppard’s colourful winning entry. See page 1 for story.



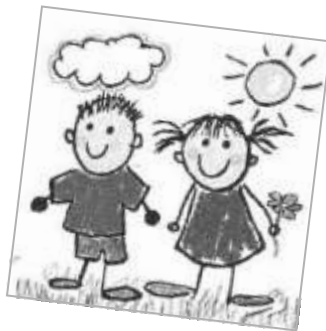
Kinder News

Jodie, Sue and Sharlene

It's the first term back at Kindergarten and both of our groups are settling back into their routines and enjoying meeting new friends this year. We would like to welcome all of our families for the year ahead. The new Director/4 year old teacher is Jodie Trevaskis, the new 3 year old teacher is Sue Joos with Sharlene Jury working as the assistant for both groups. We also welcome Samantha Ellis as our new cleaner this year as Louise is now enjoying her ART and retirement! Our 4 year old group is full and we have one space left in the 3 year old group.

This term we really focus on getting to know all the children individually and foster their sense of belonging at Kinder and being a part of the group. We are playing lots of name games and hide and seek to encourage the children to mix and have fun together.

The 4 year old group have been into a variety of activities, role playing is a favourite with many



playing Pirates outside, making treasure maps and eye patches and riding the ship in search of treasures. On our hot days we have water painting and water in the sandpit to play in the shade of the Elm tree. The 4 year old group are enjoying learning new action songs at Group times.

The 3 year old group have been making sea creatures, jelly fish and learning some new songs about the ocean. They are playing outside first which helps with the settling and saying goodbye. They will be having a teddy bears picnic soon too.

Mrs Cooke came for a visit and a play in the 4 year old group this week which the children enjoyed. She is also in charge of the Scholastic Book Club so please remember to get your orders in when the catalogues come out.

We had our family BBQ late last month which was a great night. It was lovely to see so many of our families there enjoying the sausages and salads. The sweets were snapped up quickly by the children.

Thank you to the committee for organising it so well and setting up/packing up afterwards. This is a very short term with Easter looming in March so we will all enjoy making some Easter hats and treats for the holidays.



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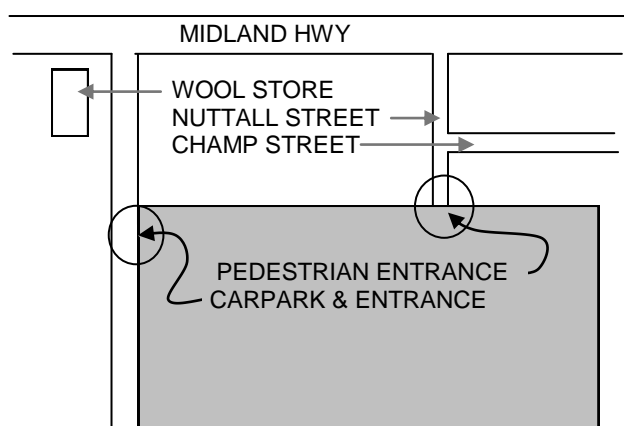
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And if you are yet to get to know the Police Paddocks, why not take a walk along the newly constructed pathway? It's an easy one km walk with access from either Nuttall or Campion Streets.



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in my garden

Monthly musings from the happy gardener

It will not be news to anyone who loves gardening that gardening is both an art and a science. It is also just plain hard yakka at times, especially when day after day brings only hot, dry conditions. Anything that might be remotely considered the art or science of gardening gives way to long, potentially mindless hours on the end of a hose, in the vain attempt to maintain a level of moisture in the ground that supports plant life. February in my garden has seen little or no activity which could be classified as artistic but I have found that watering the garden provides ample opportunity for thinking: for scrutinising the health or otherwise of each plant, for planning future garden activity and evaluating what has been done in the past.

During this lengthy hot, dry spell my thoughts returned repeatedly to the creation of a new shady retreat: specifically, a comfortable garden seat placed in the cool shade of a weeping willow (*Salix babylonica*) that would grow beside the duck pond. I had become committed to the idea and tried to source an advanced weeping willow, unsuccessfully. It had become evident that weeping willows are not only unfashionable but are regarded as some type of environmental hazard. Further, it was suggested that if I were to plant a weeping willow I might even be an environmental vandal, and a thoughtless and reckless neighbour.

Not easily put off, I thought further about this new state of affairs: surely there must be some circumstances where a weeping willow can grow in harmony with the environment and the neighbours. Research via the internet and resource books revealed that responsible plant ownership was what was required. Since weeping willows love water, my willow will not be planted near any septic tanks or drainage pipes, and the duck pond will provide all the water a willow could want. It is to be noted that weeping willows live, on average, for about 30 years so with a little bit of luck I will be able to keep it in check to its end.

Happily, while watering, I was able to think through the issue until resolved in my mind. Just as soon as the hot dry weather gives way to cooler autumn weather the search for a vigorous young weeping willow specimen will continue or it will be down to the local creek to take a few cuttings to propagate my own.

Happy gardening.

Robyn

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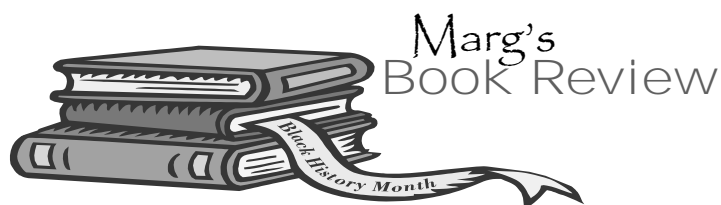
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“Nine Parts of Desire” by Geraldine Brooks

Geraldine Brooks spent six years, from 1987 as a foreign correspondent covering the Middle East through wars, insurrections and the volcanic upheaval of resurgent fundamentalism. Her husband left his job to accompany her as a freelancer, a situation that frequently amazed the women she spoke to for the book.

Brooks had difficulties obtaining stories as men were not used to being approached by a lone woman but then she realized that she had the opportunity to tell a story that was closed to most reporters: the story of Islamic women of the region.

The headline events were only the backdrop to a less obvious but more enduring drama; the daily life of Muslim women. She got to know many women, observed a revival of strictly observed Islam and tried to work out what was driving the revival. The book is her account of this experience.

Sahar had been the Wall Street Journal's bureau assistant in Cairo in stiletto heels with poise and sophistication. She

now worked at the next desk to Geraldine in her Nileside apartment and had opted, in Egypt's tormenting heat, to wear the Islamic dress hijab. This signified her acceptance of a legal code that valued her testimony at half the worth of a man's, an inheritance system that allotted her half the legacy of her brother, a future domestic life in which her husband could beat her if she disobeyed him, oblige her to share his attentions with three more wives, and accept that he may divorce her at a whim and get absolute custody of the children.

Geraldine Brooks studies the life of the Prophet and the teachings of the Koran, which she found at odds with the strict dress code, female genital mutilations, honour killings and polygamy in the many countries of the Middle East. Her story encompasses leaders like Ayatollah Khomeini and of the Shah and his Queens.

She writes frankly and emotively without being sensationalist. It is a powerful and enlightening book that illustrates how Islam's holiest texts have been misused to justify repression of women and how male pride and power have warped the original message of a once liberating faith.

The book for discussion at the next book club meeting is “The Book Thief” by Markus Zusak. The club meets on the third Thursday of each month to discuss a book that we select, but supplied by the Council of Adult Education. Discussions are lively, interesting and friendly. New members will be made most welcome!

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Brian Hangs up the Handpiece

Marg Cooper

Brian (Barney) Dunne, who is hanging up his shears, says the time has gone awfully quickly and sometimes it only feels like yesterday that he started in the sheds. It is 50 years! He left school in 1962 to work on the family farm.

The next two years he worked in a few sheds as a roustabout but he didn't like that much. He wanted to be a shearer like his father and started shearing in 1965 and shored his first 100 at Larundel that year.

The Meredith and Elaine districts were the home of shearers in those days. Some famous local shearers were Ron, Basil and Cam Musgrove, Keith Taylor, Norm, Brian and Daryl Lewis, Tim and Barry Wells, Tojo and Ron Hearn, Jeff Cooper, Dodger Connell, Don Sellars, John (Jacko) McColl, Laurie Paulden, John and Kevin Parkinson, Eric Miller, Jim Ryan, John Morrison, John and David Mohr, Joe, Tom and Kevin (Sticks) O'Brien, Norm Smith, John and James (Willie) Nolan and Ricky Sergeant.

Brian shored his first 200 at Max Le Maitres with Barry Wells. Brian shored 217 for the day and he thinks Barry shored 237. Barry encouraged him and told him to relax and

to not get too nervous! Brian was nonetheless proud of that achievement.

He shored at about 100 different sheds over the years including shearing for Robert Bowers and for Kevin Ryan for over 40 years, at Chestervale for over 16 years, at Larundel, Narmbool, Glenspean, Moreep, Gurra, Emily Park, Barries and for Spielvogels for over 20 years.

Jack Rankin had the toughest sheep to shear. He had northern merinos that cut a lot of wool but when the wool got wet it went green and blue and got tough to shear. It was hard to shear 100 and no one ever shored 200 there but Jack was a great bloke to work with.

The Spielvogel family had the first sheep with wool down to 12 microns.

Brian shored with three generations of the Conroy family. At one shed the owners dog ate his lunch and he was the first shearer to get a meal at the homestead.

Barney remembers getting blamed for shearing a prize dog that later died of cold but he wasn't guilty. You didn't get paid for shearing a dog! It was better to shear a sheep! When he started shearers were paid 18 cents per sheep.

Jock Le Maitre, Pat Ryan and Terry Innes were top roustabouts in those early days.

Brian only cut his finger once and tells that the simple harness made a huge difference to the stress on the shearers body. He wonders why he didn't think of that invention!

He has met heaps of people and has enjoyed the companionship in the sheds. Brian believes that shearers today are better because they have been trained to shear by instructors. He had to teach himself!

Now he has retired from shearing he intends to grow a bit more wool and more fat lambs. He says he can still shear 200 - but now it takes him two days!

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How many years have you been in the CFA? 55 Years with Meredith Fire Brigade.

What made you join the CFA? Ex Captain Fred Newcombe suggested I join.

What is your most memorable CFA moment? 4 Years as Captain with 4 years of major fires in the area.

What would you like to see happen for the Meredith Fire Brigade in the future? More involvement from the members of the community.



Name? Doug McFarlane

How many years have you lived in Meredith? 57 Years in the Meredith District.

How many years have you been in the CFA? 53 Years.

What made you join the CFA? It was the common thing to do in a rural community.

What is your most memorable CFA moment? The saving of Russell Hearn's house when it was on fire.

What would you like to see happen for the Meredith Fire Brigade in the future? More involvement from the members of the community.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.....

The Meredith Fire Brigade is seeking information, photographs, memorabilia, past records or newspaper cuttings related to the Brigade or of fires in the surrounding district.

We are planning to celebrate our centenary later in the year.

Please forward information to Doug McFarlane.

Phone: 52 861 283 Email: faymcs@bigpond.com

SOME HISTORY

Fay McFarlane

One of the earliest recorded fires in this district was documented in the Melbourne Argus in December 1888, where fire had broken out on Native Hut Creek station, (*now Adrian Mohr's property*) just south of the Meredith township. At this time Mr. Robert A. Molesworth occupied this property. Gale force northerly winds carried the fire south, until it reached the railway line which served as a good firebreak. Unfortunately the wind then moved round to the south and forced the fire towards the Meredith - Cargarie Road. Mr. Milne, the station manger had to be rescued. It was reported that the damage had also affected the property's of Messrs Armstrong, Deans and Grant.



The Meredith Rural Fire Brigade has been awarded a Government grant which has allowed the Brigade to purchase a brand new 3.4C Heavy tanker (as seen above) which will replace our current Brigade owned Small Tanker.

Thanks to the hard work by all our volunteer brigade members we were able to raise in excess of \$65,000 to meet our share of the cost. The new tanker is meant to be here later in the year and we all look forward to the new appliance adding the Brigade's capability at all incidents we attend.

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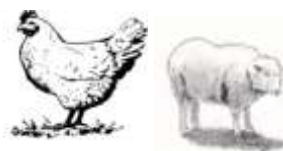
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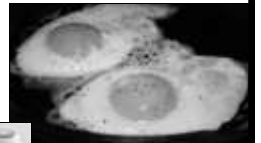


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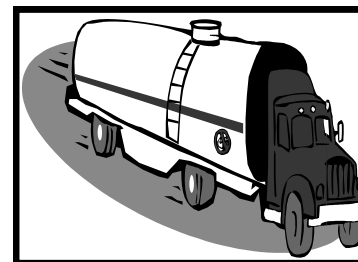
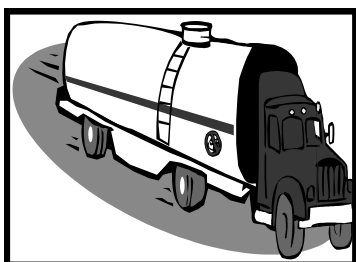
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Some of the BEN Tour Group inspecting the Police Paddocks last month.

Spiders in the Rain Gauge

Well, it was a safe place to be for much of the summer, with only 102mm for the season. (And 16mm of that actually fell the previous spring, although not according to the rain station we use, which runs on Athens tomorrow time, whereby the day ends at 9.00 am!)

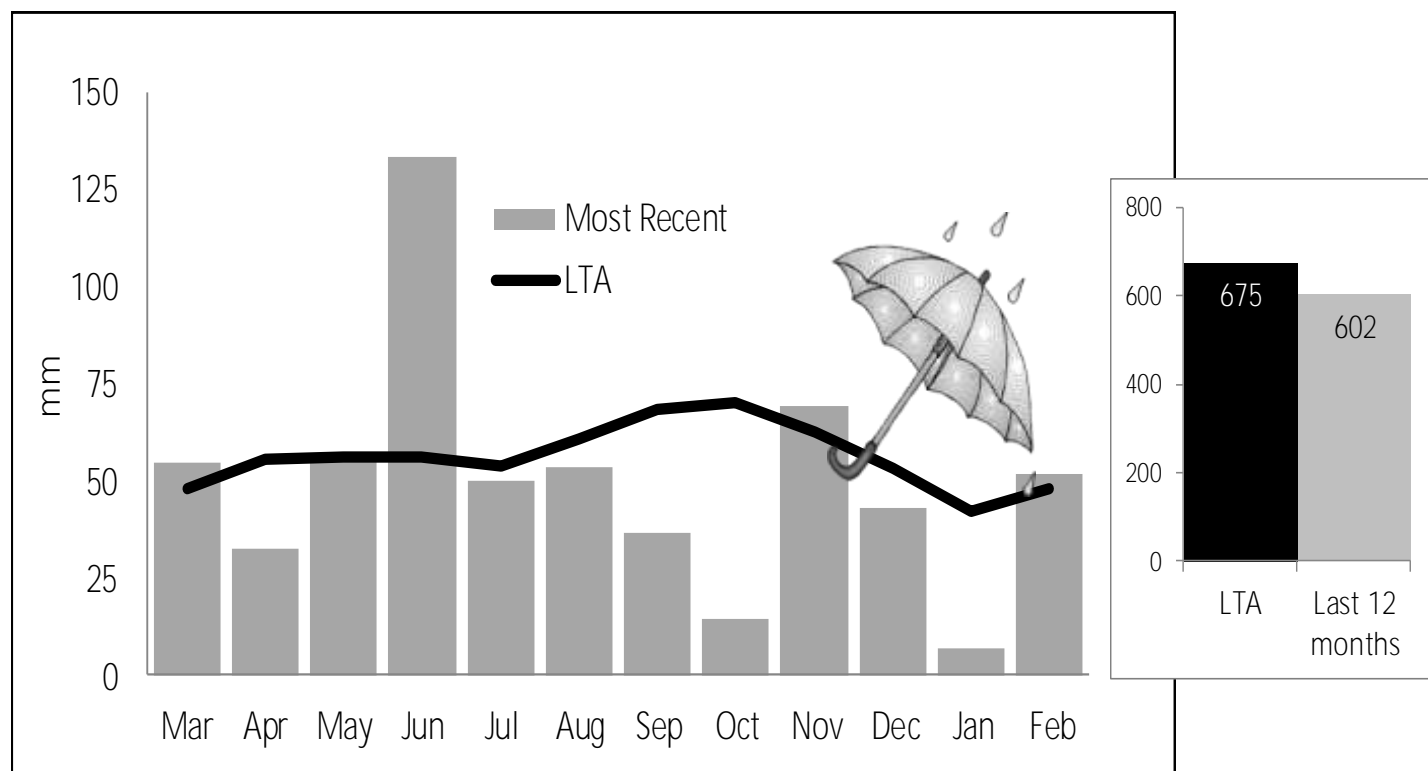
This 41mm seasonal deficit now puts our rainfall over the last 12 months at 89% of the long term average.

BEN Drops In

Jim Elvey

Around 18 members of Ballarat Environment Network (BEN) conducted its annual tour of reserves late last month, an event associated with Victoria's Sustainable Living Festival.

The tour visited five of the 40 plus reserves managed by BEN: Mount Doran Scenic, Mount Doran Recreation, Barkers Dam (Mount Doran), Morrisons Racecourse and finished at the Meredith Police Paddocks. The group, which was given a good sense of the diversity of BEN's portfolio, finished with dinner at a Meredith Hotel.



Based on BOM data. The long term average (LTA) is calculated from 1875 to 2010



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Meredith History Interest Group

Annual Meeting

On February 23 the Annual Meeting was held in the shearing shed of John and Mary Nolan at Cargerie.

Marg Cooper was re-elected President, Peter Griffiths was re-elected Vice President and Fay McFarlane was re-elected Secretary Treasurer.

The President gave an account of the events held in 2012 and a healthy financial statement was presented by the Treasurer.

Most of the money on hand is already allocated for specific projects including the "Moranghurk" Soldier Settlement plaque and book and for purchasing stationery to record the history of every house, building and block of land in Meredith.

Members suggested that MHIG

- should GPS sites of historical significance,
- should record significant trees of the area,
- create a Web Site and
- try to interest young people.

The shed was an ideal setting for the meeting. It was large, cooled by fans and the breeze in the big north door and it suited the talk theme. Dale McIntyre spoke about his more than 20 years as a shearer in the Western District shearing in other countries including Canada and New Zealand. He then spent over 20 years as a Representative for the Sunbeam Company selling shearing gear.

During those years he developed a love and a lot of respect for the shearing industry, gathering a huge knowledge of shearers, sheds and shearing equipment and collecting handpieces, shearing tools and barbed wire! Unfortunately he has recently packed up his collection and it is about to be relocated. But he did display a modern handpiece cut in half to show the inside workings, magazines, historical photos and two small shearing machines. One of these machines was called the "husband and wife machine", because the wife had to wind the handle while the husband shored! Dale suggested that they wouldn't be married for long!

Dale's talk covered air operated handpieces that tended to freeze rather than get hot like modern electric handpieces, the first shearing machine invented by Frederick Wolseley of Walgett, NSW. Patented in 1877, it revolutionized the shearing industry. He mentioned there used to be more than 50 companies in Australia that made shearing equipment and now most of it comes

from China. He remembered as about the best shearers he had seen, the four Griffiths brothers who, in a shed in NSW, shored over 300 sheep each per day for a week.

Dale finished his talk by relating that the shearing industry is a great industry with a great history and is part of Australian folk lore. Unfortunately, a lot of shearers work hard for years and end up with a bad back and no money because they have drank and gambled it away.



Who Lived in My House?

The bookwork needed to record all this information is being set up. It is estimated that over 25 folders will be needed, at least one for each street in Meredith.

Jan Crump reported at the Annual Meeting that because it is a huge project, the initial focus will be to record the history of buildings in Staughton Street.

A letter will be dropped in your mail box soon inviting you to supply information about your house or business building or block of land.

If you have access to the title of your property with a list of owners please copy these details. If you have memories, photos or information please write it down. If this project excites you (as it does us), your help will be welcomed!

"Moranghurk" Soldier Settlement

Plans are being made to erect the plaque containing the names of the settlers and a map of their blocks and the book.

Morrison Walk and Talk

On Sunday, March 24 at 1.30pm Alan Parkinson will relate more history of the Morrison diggings and the town. Everyone is welcome to come and listen to Alan who grew up at Morrison amid this history. Directions will be posted at the Morrison Fire Shed.

Glenetive - a Story in Parts

The Geelong wool sales opened on Friday, before a crowded attendance of English, Continental, American and colonial buyers... the highest price of the season, viz., 16½d,... was paid for Glenetive (Bamganie), a very light-conditioned, shafty merino.

The Horsham Times 24 October 1899

Mr. W. J. M'Coll, of Messrs. M'Coll Brothers, "Glenetive," Bamganie, Victoria, writes as follows:- The ram which we purchased at Springfield last February won first and champion at Royal Show, Melbourne, and also first and champion at Geelong Show, beating the fine-wool western district rams. "Dalgety's Review," reporting the last Geelong and Western District A. and H. Society of Victoria's show, says:- "The sheep were very first class. Practically all the best western district breeders were represented, and the competition was of the keenest. Messrs. M'Coll Brothers took the championship for merino..."

Australian Town and Country Journal 2 November 1904

MARRIAGE: McCOLL—JOHNSTON.— On the 11th January, at Lindsfern, Morrison, William J., fifth son of the late Hugh McColl, of Glenetive, Bamganie, to Adelaide, second daughter of Charles Johnston Esq., Lindsfern, Morrison.

The Argus 14 January 1905

Glenetive Station of 2,200 acres near Meredith (V.), ... has been sold by Mr. A. D. Vanrenen ... to Mr. A. R. Bailey, son of the late Mr. N. Bailey, of Terrinallum Station. Delivery with all stock and plant will be given at the end of the month. The Glenetive sheep, of Avoca Forest blood, form one of the best flocks of small merino sheep in Victoria. Their wool averaged 22.1d per lb at Geelong this season.

The Argus 18 April 1934

MELBOURNE WEDDING -- Wearing a charming frock of parchment faille,...Miss Sheila Mitchell Bellair looked most attractive for her wedding this afternoon at the Presbyterian Church, Toorak, with Mr. Robert Anderson Bailey, of Glenetive, Meredith... the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bailey. There were three bridesmaids, Misses Beth Anderson, Maroa Molesworth, and Janet Landale, ...Mr. Bob Molesworth was best man, and Messrs. Geoffrey Bailey and B.Reid were groomsmen. The reception was held at 9 Darling Street, where Mr. and Mrs. Bellair entertained many guests.

From

Sydney Morning Herald, 13 August 1937

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The Argus, 17 March 1938

WANTED. Cook or General, small adult household, good quarters and wages. Apply R. A. Bailey. Glenetive. Meredith.

The Argus 23 June 1945

Married In Sydney - Mr and MRS. BILL DEAN leaving St. James Church, King Street, after their wedding yesterday. Mrs. Dean was formerly Dr. Frances Mocatta, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mocatta, of Hornsby. The bridegroom is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dean, of Glenetive, Meredith, Victoria, and the grandson of Brigadier-General Dean, and of the late Sir Herbert Phillips, of Adelaide.

The Sydney Morning Herald, 28 August 1947

WANTED capable single man. Must be able to milk, garden and general duties around homestead. Apply with references to Wm. Dean, Glenetive, Meredith. Phone Bamganie 1 or Dalgety and Co., Malop st, Geelong.

The Argus, Saturday 24 November 1951

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Marg Cooper

Hugh McColl came to Australia from Scotland in the ship "Abdalla" in July 1853. It is told that he intended to go to the goldfields and seek his fortune.

When he discovered the huge cost of having his goods taken to the goldfields he purchased a horse and dray and he became a carrier. His wife Mary {Kincaid} and 4 children, Janet 8 years, John 6 years, Duncan 4 years and Mary 2 years came to Australia in the barque "Cairngorm" in July 1854. He settled at Native Hut Creek and later bought land from selectors and put together a property at Bamganie that he called "Glenetive", named after where they came from in Scotland. They had 4 more children born in Australia, Malcolm, Robert, William and Donald. Hugh McColl died on September 2, 1896 and Mary McColl died in 1900 at "Glenetive".

The will of Hugh McColl tells that he owned a number of allotments of land, that he leased some allotments from the Crown, the land was fenced with post and rail, he had a 7 room dwelling with a detached kitchen and bedroom, a woolshed, stable and other outbuildings.

The newspapers in the early 1900's report that McColl Bros of "Glenetive" sold wool, sheep and that William McColl, 5th son of the late Hugh McColl of "Glenetive" became engaged to Adelaide Johnston of "Lindesfern".

Keith McColl told that he lived at "Glenetive" with his

parents Robert and Isabella McColl (Grant) until he was 12 years old in 1920. He attended Bamganie State School. His father bought "Braeside" on Deans Road and the family moved there in 1922.

Max Cooper recalls his father Bill Cooper worked as a farmhand and his mother Hannah Henderson did house duties at "Glenetive" for Vanrenens in the late 1920's. It was only a short distance for his mother to travel to work from the Henderson home "Leighview". Bill and Hannah married in October 1931 while working there but the farm changed ownership soon after.



The old house at Glenetive was lived in by McColls and Vanrenens before the new house was built in the 1930's

"In July 1930 Mr and Mrs A.D. Vanrenen of "Glenetive" near Geelong holidayed in Mt Gambier and attended the Hunt at Suttontown."

The Argus newspaper reported on April 18, 1934 that Mr A.D. Vanrenens sold 2,200 acres with all stock and plant to Mr A.R. Bailey son of the late Mr N. Bailey of "Terrinallum" Station.

The "Glenetive" sheep were of Avoca Forest blood and were described as one of the best flocks of merino

sheep in Victoria.

Mr Vanrenen's father was the first to breed remounts in Victoria for the Indian Army.

When Robert Anderson Bailey married Sheila Mitchell Bellair in 1939, they named a race horse August 12 their wedding date. Locals suggest that it should have been called April 1 because it ran so slow!

The property was then sold to Mr and Mrs Dean who came from South Australia. They had children, Ann, Bill and



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Fiona. Their son Bill was described as a big gentleman with a roundish face and reddish complexion. His wife Francis was a doctor and she drove to attend patients around the Meredith district.

Rod McKenzie then bought "Glenetive". Two of his boys travelled to Meredith State School on the bus in 1961 and 1962.

Barry Shaw tells that Rod McKenzie was responsible to sowing the paddocks with phalaris that still grows well at "Glenetive".

Jack Connell recalls Rod McKenzie dealt in sheep and Jack remembers going to Gundagai for a load of sheep for Rod when Jack was driving for Bill Wiseman.

Len Crowe and his family came to "Glenetive" from Goroke about 1963. Ambrose and Austin Crowe played football for Meredith in 1965 and 1966. The Crowe family decorated a tree guard in Wilson Street with 9 crows. They retired to Clifton Springs. Brian Corridas leased "Glenetive" from Crowes and at the same time he leased "Paringa".

Barry Shaw bought a block of 250 acres from Doug Lamond in 1968 and in 1978, "Glenetive" consisting of the house and sheds on 370 acres. Over the years Barry bought other blocks nearby to add to his property. After many years in the district Barry and Henretta sold the property in January 2013.

A Win from 40 Years ago.

Marg Cooper

At Senior Country week in 1973 a team from Mooney Cup Tennis Association won the A Reserve Competition. The competition was held in February and over 50 courts were laid out on Ballarat City Oval for the week.

Mooney Cup Association included (at different times) clubs from Meredith, Morrison, Anakie, Beremboke, Mt Wallace, Staughton Vale, Balliang, Mt Egerton, Bungal, Elaine and Ballan. Teams for Country week were selected from players from these clubs who were available to play.

The 1973 winning team consisted of Marj and Daryl Bayard from Morrison, Ron Slocombe and Billy Maher from Bungal, Derlene Le Maitre from Elaine, Diane Henderson and Joyce Stanley and Jeff Cooper from Meredith.

Joyce Stanley remembers that they played nine game sets, played against teams from country districts including Mt Prospect, Mininera, Bannockburn, Buninyong, Cressy and Waubra and that competition was keen.

She played 1st ladies with Marj Bayard and 2nd mixed with Billy Maher.

She also remembers the excitement, the exhaustion, the sunburn, the sore feet, blistered hands and the friendship. The win was celebrated at the Eureka Hotel on the following Saturday night.

(Jeff Cooper became a father for the 3rd time on that Saturday night. - Happy 40th Birthday Paul!)

Joyce recalls she won her first Country week title 60 years ago when she was 18 years old. She played with Herb, Max and Girlie Le Maitre, Ted and Myrtle Randall, Theo (Sam) Irvine and Dot Bailey (Coghlan).

The team won the coveted "Chaplin Cup" because they won A Grade 3 years in a row. Joyce played in the 1952 and 1953 teams and Monda Kennedy had played in 1951.

She was nimble and agile, played well at the net, (and didn't let on that she was frightened there) had anticipation and was consistent.

She played mixed with Sam Irvine and tells that he was never beaten and that they won a lot of matches from behind.

What a record!



Max LeMaitre, Herb LeMaitre, Chris Mooney, Ted Randall, Theo Irvine.

R LeMaitre, Joyce Eberhart, Dot Coghlan, Myrtle Randall. Winners of the Chaplin Cup 1951, 1952 & 1953.

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What's Happening at the Pharmacy

Farewell Tracey

I would like to wish Tracey all the best as she leaves on maternity leave this month to have her 1st baby! Tracey has been a fantastic addition to our team since she began in the 2nd half of last year. We wish Tracey a safe and healthy arrival.

New Giftware

Over the past few weeks you will have seen we have had a large gift clearance. We are still clearing a number of gifts so now we have lots of room to fill those shelves with brand new gifts! Last month we visited Salt & Pepper to preview their new range for 2013 and Scott has purchased lots of great new gifts which have already started to arrive and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. Also at the end of February we flew up to the Sydney Gift Fair where we have purchased a lot of brand new gift lines and most of these will arrive throughout March. Don't forget to join our FREE Gift Club where you receive 20% off all gifts all year (25% off during December) off our already low retail prices. We also offer FREE gift wrapping so why shop online or in Geelong when you can get great gifts, at low prices with free gift wrapping?

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We are pleased to announce that we now stock pet care products for your cats & dogs. The brands we stock are: Advocate, Advantage, Frontline Plus, Heartgard, Drontal, Rapigel, Profender, Sashas Blend, Capstar, Revolution & Aloveen. Don't forget you can use your Chemmart Rewards card when purchasing these products?

Pharmacy Premises

You may have heard we have leased a shop down at the new car wash site. This is correct but the Pharmacy won't be moving down there like some people think. We will eventually move to new premises in the new shopping centre development to bigger premises. This shop at the car wash will remain vacant until we decide what to put into these premises.

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