



## Brigade Celebrates in Style

Fay McFarlane

The Meredith Rural Fire Brigade held a Centenary dinner on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, in the Meredith Memorial Hall. 120 guests which included David Southwick MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Mark Collins, Operations Officer CFA; Peter Baker, Operations Manager CFA Headquarters and Cr Jenny Blake, Golden Plains Shire Mayor, enjoyed pre-dinner drinks, with piano music supplied by Adrian Mohr, son of a former Brigade Captain, played on a baby grand piano. (A baby grand is a 'first' for the Meredith Hall).

In November 2012, Doug McFarlane was elected as Chair to the Centenary Committee of 7 who consisted of, Kevin Parkinson, John Nolan, Robert Cooke (all former Captains), Christopher Jones, (Current Captain) Donna Murrell (Third Lieutenant) and Fay McFarlane (who researched Brigade history) Doug acted as MC for the nights proceedings. In his opening remarks Doug thanked the hard working Committee that has resulted in this special night on the Brigades calendar.

The hall looked splendid with red and white decor and displays of fire fighting memorabilia. Guests, many of whom were past officers of the Brigade and representatives of neighbouring Brigades were provided with gifts of stubby holders and place mats, depicting the Meredith Rural Fire Brigade.

Guests were suitably welcomed by Captain Christopher Jones. John Nolan and Doug McFarlane took guests through a time walk of the Brigade history. Doug confessed that while they were celebrating 100 years, recent research had discovered that they are actually 102 years old, as the Meredith Fire Brigade was formed in 1911. The first Captain was Mr A. Briggs. With the acquisition of a fire cart in 1915, a Bush Fire Brigade was established. The first captain of the this Brigade was Mounted Constable John Searle. It was a great pleasure to welcome John's granddaughter, Betty Watson and great granddaughter Ashlee Watson to the celebrations. The first Fire Cart (horse drawn) was built by local wheelwright Thomas Graham in 1915, and the Brigade were also delighted to welcome Thomas's, grandson Greg Graham and his wife Linda to join in the celebrations.

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*Still an active member of the Brigade after 55 years service, John Nolan was presented with a service medal with four bars attached, in recognition of this extraordinary length of service, as well as a National Medal.*



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## Meredith and District News



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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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Elaine

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Meredith

☎5286 1502

#### CHILDCARE

☎5286 1348

#### COMMUNITY CENTRE

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#### CRICKET

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#### Junior

Under 14

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Meredith

☎5286 1434

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#### CWA

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Meredith

☎5286 1211

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# emergency

Police, Ambulance, Fire	<b>000</b>
(from mobile phone)	<b>000 or 112</b>
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Power Failure	132 412
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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
Mrs S W Dynon Steiglitz	52 819 223
Mr G Leslie Bannockburn	52 811 854
Mr P Ryan Elaine	0409 861 296

# services

#### CEMETERY TRUST

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#### HALL HIRE

Meredith Memorial

☎5286 1545

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Elaine Rec Res

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#### PRIMARY SCHOOL

☎5286 1313

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☎0429 841399



### ...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 .

"I bought a horse. In its first race it went out 25 to 1. The only problem is that all the other horses left at 12:30."

*Unknown*



## Community

### 2013 Senior's Christmas.

*Sandra Pearce*

Meredith Senior's are celebrating Christmas at the Memorial Hall. If you are a Senior, and you would like to join us for;

A 2 course Christmas Lunch, drinks included,  
Christmas entertainment and  
Fun to be had by all in attendance.

**When:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December,

**Where:** Memorial Hall, 61 Staughton St, Meredith,

**Time:** 11am sharp til 4pm. **Cost:** \$12.00 per person.

Seating is limited and bookings are essential for catering purposes. **Please RSVP no later than Mon 18<sup>th</sup>**

**November to:** Sandra Pearce 52 861 545 or, Jo Primmer 0488 672 083. **We look forward to sharing 2013 Christmas Spirit with you!**

### Support John's Movember

*John Brockway*

Log in to [www.mobro.co/johnbrockway](http://www.mobro.co/johnbrockway) or go to [movember.com](http://movember.com) and search for John Brockway to follow me during *Movember*.

People can donate on the website, drop donations into Meredith Massage and Healing, or see me in person. I do this because I have a good friend with testicular cancer.

**About Movember** In November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting millions of moustaches around the world. With their "Mo's", men raise vital funds and awareness for prostate and testicular cancer and mental health. As an independent Global charity, Movember's vision is to have an everlasting impact on the face of men's health.

**How it Works:** Movember challenges men to grow a moustache for the 30-days of November, thereby changing their appearance and the face of men's health. In October Mo Bros sign up at [Movember.com](http://Movember.com), and on the 1st of Movember with a clean-shaven face start their Mo growing journey.

Then for the entire month, these selfless "Mo Bros", effectively become walking, talking billboards for 30 days. Through their growing efforts they raise awareness for the often ignored issues of men's health, by prompting conversations wherever they go. Another crucial part of being a Mo Bro is to raise funds for men's health. Men donate their face, and much like taking part in a run or a walk for charity, ask their family and friends to sponsor their efforts.

### Landcare meeting Nov 13th 8pm

The next meeting of the Bamganie/Meredith Landcare will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm at the Meredith Community Centre at 8pm. Jenny Ryle the Leigh Catchment Landcare Project officer will be in attendance to update us on Landcare and information relevant to our group. All Welcome.

### THE MEREDITH KINDERGARTEN AGM & 2014 INFORMATION EVENING

will be held at the  
Meredith Kindergarten, 31 Staughton Street,  
Meredith on Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013 at 7pm.

Supper and refreshments provided.

All welcome.

For more information please call 5286 1227.

### Meredith & District Red Cross

A meeting is to be held on Thursday November 12th at 9.30 am at the Meredith Community Centre. This meeting will receive the results of the Members survey that will be completed before the 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. Carol Holding our Zone Rep. will be attending. All welcome...meeting to be followed by Early Christmas Morning Tea. Enquiries to Rosemary Hart 52868222 or Dawn Macdonald 0428 861274.

**Film Night** - The November Red Cross Film Night will be Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>... starting at 7.30 pm at the Meredith Community Centre. The film this month will be "Atonement". **Everyone** welcome. Gold Coin Donation. Supper afterwards.

### Meredith Music Festival

Meredith23 will be held at the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre on December 13, 14 and 15. A quantity of tickets set aside for locals will be sold at the Meredith Corner Store in November. Everything you need to know is at [www.mmf.com.au](http://www.mmf.com.au).

## Classifieds

**Thank You** to the wonderful volunteer staff from the Meredith Emergency Response Unit. Their quick response and professional care was second to none, they made me feel very comfortable with their caring attention to me while waiting for the ambulance. Many thanks - Mick Mullane

**Thank You** Lucy and Daniel would like to thank Everyone for all the good wishes, kind words and presents given on the safe and healthy arrival of Nevaeh Ruby Measures 7lb 10 ozs on 20.9.13



## Church News

### Anglican Church:

Weekly Services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, pastoral care, bible studies.

Contact: Rev. Elizabeth Bufton, 5281 2224; 0437524864

Church Office, Byron St. Bannockburn 5281 2553

Email: [stjohnsbannockburn@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsbannockburn@gmail.com)

Service Times;

### Church of Epiphany Meredith.

11.00am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month, Holy Communion at Anglican Church

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

### St John's Bannockburn

10.00am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

Holy Communion

10.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Family Service

6.00pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Prayer & Praise Service

11.00am 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. each month, Holy Communion Bannockburn Aged Care

Enquiries, Fay McFarlane, Parish Secretary. 5286 1283; 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**

Winchelsea every Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Bannockburn every Sunday @ 9 a.m.

Anakie @ 11 a.m. Sunday November 10th/17th

Meredith @ 11 a.m. Sunday November 3rd/ 24th

(Please note change of Sundays)

All Souls Day Saturday November 2nd.

Mass @ Meredith @ 9 a.m. followed by blessing of graves

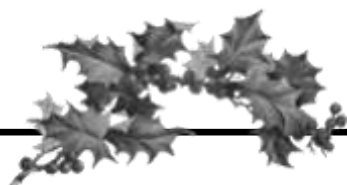
Mass @ Bannockburn @ 12 noon followed by blessing of graves

Mass at Winchelsea @ 6 p.m. preceded by blessing of graves @

5.30p.m.

Thanksgiving and Commissioning Mass and Barbeque Lunch at

Meredith on Sunday November 24th at Meredith @ 11 a.m.



### Christmas Services:

**St John's Bannockburn :Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.**

Join Mary & Joseph's "Journey to Bethlehem". Meet in car park (back of Hotel) @ 5pm. Concluding with a family service at St John's Church, Byron St.

**Christmas Day Dec 25<sup>th</sup>**

**St John's Church 9.00am Holy communion**

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"Working for our community"

## Meredith Community Centre

We are well into our final term for the year and already planning and seeking funding for next year which is really scary. We have had a lot of interest in our classes for this term with the Centre as I write fully occupied with a Quilting class, iPad class and our playgroup busy with activities. We are pleased to see that our new Occasional care session on Monday is also well utilised.

## computer tips

Do you have problems sending files like images or presentations by email because they are too large? Have you lost important information because your memory stick has corrupted or you have lost it? Have you thought of using a cloud based solution? My favourite is Dropbox where I store files; access them on both my home and work PC and on my mobile devices and even share a folder of file with others. I rarely use a memory stick these days. If you want to know more about working with Dropbox, Evernote and Google Drive enrol for our class on 28<sup>th</sup> November. These are all great tools for helping you get organised.



Also coming up in November, find out how to set up a simple website for yourself using freely available tools. You can still jump in to our iPad class; we still have room for you. We do have iPads available if you don't have one just so you can learn what they are all about. Watch this space next month for information about our Centre Christmas Celebrations in December.

*Pam Ridd*

## HESED COTTAGE

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**Sat. 9.00am - 1.00pm**

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## meredithPoliceNews

Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen

Another month has passed by and it is greatly pleasing to report that crime in Meredith has been all but non-existent. Our close neighbours at Bannockburn and Teesdale have unfortunately been targeted heavily by offenders over the past month. A very well known Geelong based female offender has been arrested and processed for these burglaries. It is a timely reminder that we are only 30 minutes each way to Geelong and Ballarat and offenders often target rural communities believing them to be soft targets.

As reported in my last article, the Automated Number Plate Detection ANPR vehicle has been operating in our area. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, the vehicle scanned 1350 vehicles which resulted in 11 offenders processed for driving unregistered motor vehicles and 3 vehicles for alcohol interlock checks. Numerous other offences were also detected.

The vehicle will be again used in December in Meredith. This technology has the ability to detect many offences and identify matters relating to the sheriff's office. It can identify unregistered motor vehicles together with unlicensed, suspended or disqualified drivers.

On Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> October, Victoria Police announced that we will be targeting drivers using their mobile telephones whilst driving. The penalties are very severe however the potential for a collision whilst using a mobile phone and driving can be far worse. As of the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 the Penalty for using a mobile telephone while driving will increase from \$289 to \$433. This will now also incur a 4 demerit point loss.

I am anticipating that we will be running another Meredith Blue Light Disco in December. The date has to be confirmed but keep an eye out at the Meredith Road house notice board and via the Meredith Primary school for dates and prize information.

Kindest Regards

Greg KITCHEN - Leading Senior Constable  
Meredith Police Station.

## Town Projects Update

(from media releases)

*We asked Golden Plains Shire what was going on with the town's three big projects. This is what we found out:*

### **Integrated Community Hub** (inc. Pre-School Centre)

Golden Plains Shire Council is progressing plans to build an Integrated Community Hub in Meredith with a \$600,000 grant from the State Government's Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD). Additional funding of \$50,000 from Council and \$10,000 from the community has also been confirmed.

In May this year the, now former, Labor Government allocated \$480,000 through the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) to the project to complete the funding mix. The new Liberal Government has yet to sign off on RDAF agreements and Council is following up the commitment at a number of levels to ensure the funding is endorsed by the Coalition. The issue is expected to be resolved in the coming months. In the meantime, Council is pressing ahead with the project design and documentation and expects to be tendering architectural services in the next couple of weeks.

*(We have made two approaches to newly elected Federal Member, Sarah Henderson, but have not yet had a reply - Ed.)*

### **\$450,000 Streetscape Project**

A landscape architect will create detailed designs for landscaping early in 2014. Residents will be given the opportunity to have input into identifying the plant species, quantities and location. Consultation opportunities will be promoted locally.

Work on the Streetscape Project will commence in 2014. A copy of the final master plan is available at:

- Council's website – [goldenplains.vic.gov.au](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au)
- At the Meredith Community House
- On the Noticeboard at the general store in Wallace Street

### **Meredith Visitors' Centre**

After detailed design input from the community reference group on the internal displays, the interior fit out is expected to be completed in late November. Landscape works will take place soon after and the facility will then open.

The facility will be operated by volunteers and it is expected to be open at peak visitation times such as weekends and around special events. The public toilets are now in use.

The interior will include local and historic displays on Township History, Agriculture, Sir Henry Bolte and celebrations such as the Meredith Music Festival. There will be space for tourist information and it will also showcase local events, identify areas of significance and promote local businesses.

*For more information, about any of these projects, contact Damian Waight, on [dwaight@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:dwaight@gplains.vic.gov.au) or 5220 7159.*



## sports



## Elaine /Meredith U14's

Elaine/Meredith u14 cricket training every Wednesday. Ph Daryl wells coach on 0418535713. Elaine tennis club training Monday nights 445pm. Free professional coaching available. Ph Russell Ford president on 0418 383 931

## Elaine Cricket Club

Elaine cricket club has nominated 5 Elaine/Meredith junior cricketers to try out for the Ballarat cricket association inter league teams U12 Aaron miller, Nicolas Pantzidis and Seamus Dunne. Well done lads!



Congratulations to Seamus Dunne aged 11, captain of Elaine/Meredith U14 cricket team on playing his 1st senior game for Elaine Cricket Club. Elaine Cricket Club will provide an opportunity for our junior cricketers to play senior cricket this year. ECC recognises the future of our cricket club is in our local junior players.

## Meredith Golf Club

### 10.09.13 Ladies 9 hole comp, Stroke

Winner C Powles R/up M Diffey  
NTP M Diffey. Least putts M Diffey 14  
Winner monthly medal Sept. C Powles

### 11.10.13 Ladies

#### Irish 3 Ball—Stableford

Winning Team— Buninyong 64 pts  
Chris Dovaston, Betty McGuinness, Kay Johnston  
Runner up—Skipton 63 pts  
Bev Grist, Glenis Keilar, Helen Mason  
NTP's—  
Carol Mayne, Chris Dovast on, Lesley Johns

### 12.10.13

Par Winner Reg Dawes 2 up.  
R/up D Gear on c/b from M Colvin –8  
NTP 14th 2nd shot D Gear.

## Elaine Milo Cricket

Elaine milo cricket continues Friday nights 530pm till 630pm. Boys and girls aged 5 to 10 years old. Cost \$75 for 10 the week program and includes insurance and pack from cricket Victoria and bbqs. Nigel Parkinson coordinator. Ph 53415570.

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*New sponsors shirts, provided by Southern Star Windows, Elaine Farm Supplies and Lara Glass and Dorevitch are proudly worn by (L to R.) Nicholas, Seamus, Kaleb, Mitchell, Tristan, Aaron, Trent, Robbie and Seth*

## Master's Games at Meredith

Marg Cooper

The 14<sup>th</sup> Australian Master's games were held in Geelong from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013 with sports ranging from archery to wood chopping. On Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> the cycling Time Trial events were held at Meredith, as well as the Road Races the next day.

Events are held in age groups or categories: eg category 9 is for people aged from 70 to 75, and category 8 is for people aged between 65 and 69, etc.

The route at Meredith was chosen for the Masters because it doesn't have massive climbs and is suitable for all age groups.

The male and female competitors congregated at the Meredith Hall and races started on Mt Mercer Road just over the railway line. Competitors cycled to the crossroads of Mt Mercer and Bamganie Roads, turned right and did loops of the block back to the crossroads. The number of loops varied according to the race category and they then rode back to Meredith to the Finish Line.

The longest race was 110 km's or 6 loops, for younger men on Friday afternoon. The Category 8+ men road 48km or 2 loops.

Groups of cyclists were preceded by a lead car, each competitor had a transponder on their bike, a camera visually recorded at the finish line and computers ranked the competitors in order and calculated their average speed.

On Friday afternoon medals were presented to many winners on a dais outside the Hall.

Robyn Baker from Warragul Cycling Club was delighted to be presented with a Silver Medal for the road race of 2 lap.

She said lots of riders travelled from interstate, drinking coffee and cycling together. Warragul Cyling Club members ride 4 or 5 mornings a week and Robyn hasn't ridden her horse since she got a bike.

Marco Brandli (83years) from Coffs Harbour won a bronze medal. He and his daughter, Hanna Brandli who also competed, drove down to Geelong and thoroughly enjoyed their trip and the social side of the games.

Some tandem teams competed, including a blind athlete and a couple who have never ridden in cycling races before.



Robyn Baker on left receiving her medal, with Marco and Hannah Brandli from Coffs Harbour and Sunshine Coast.

## Meredith Senior Citizens

Jim Hynds

A group of Meredith Seniors took part in a bus tour to Ararat on Monday, September 23. Our group got off to a shaky start with confusion about the time of leaving. But after a pleasant drive we arrived in Beaufort at mid morning and stopped for morning tea.

Jo Primmer and Joyce Stanley produced an array of cakes and slices and a welcome cuppa. Well done ladies! We boarded the bus again for the trip to Ararat.

The Ararat RSL provided an excellent Senior menu at great prices and made us most welcome. Some of the group took the time to have a quick flutter on the pokies before we were off for our planned visit to Gun San, the Chinese Heritage Centre. On arrival, we were given a very informative talk by our guide followed by a video viewing and then a walk through the Heritage Centre. It is a very interesting place indeed and also had an excellent souvenir shop that was visited by some of our group.

All too soon it was time to head for home. Thankyou to our volunteer driver Alan Beachley. His driving skills and his understanding of the needs of our group is a credit to him. We arrived back safe and sound in Meredith at 4.30 pm.

An excellent day was had by all!

A luncheon was held on Monday October 21 and a meeting to organize our next bus trip to Ballarat and our Christmas break up on December 4.

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## BALLARK & DISTRICT GUN CLUB

Next Shoot: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**XMAS SHOOT**

Location: **"BALLARK"**

Ballan – Meredith Rd

Nominations: 10.30am

Event Start: 11.00am sharp

Enquiries: Brian Smith 0428 608 238

Marc Canavan 0432 237 389

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## Kym Ivory from... *Song For The Moment Vocal Studio*

Would just like to thank all her students for the lasts 3 and a half years for the fun, the laughs, the hard work, and the dedication to improve who you are as a singer. I have loved every minute of it. You have made a deep impression on me and I will miss all of you. I will not be continuing the vocal studio and will be pursuing more singing engagements. Thanks for all the memories and for the fabulous songs

I learned from you.

It's been a wonderful experience

Yours sincerely, Kym Ivory

## Fire Brigade Celebrations *(from P, 1)*

The old fire bell acquired by the Brigade in 1917, has been restored and held pride of place on the stage, and was used to call the guests to order. Nine of the 25 former Captains since 1911 were present and 20 past Lieutenants who all enjoyed reminiscing.

Cr Jenny Blake, Shire Mayor launched the book "Ashes to Action" *History of Meredith Fire Brigade*, written by Fay McFarlane. The book tells the history and stories of the Brigade since its inception in 1911 to 2013. It describes the difficult circumstances experienced by early fire fighters, and the now modern equipment. It tells the story of the fires that the Brigade attended over the 102 years, the triumphs and the heartaches.

An awards ceremony followed these proceedings where Brigade members received recognition for their volunteer services to the Brigade. They were presented with Medals and Certificates by Peter Baker, CFA. Peter noted that John Nolan is the longest serving member of the Meredith Brigade with over 55 years of continuous service and remains a current active fire fighter.

### Awards:

- 5 year certificate: Aaron, Dean, Ralph and Deborah Holtz, Julie Jury.
- 10 year medal: David Downie, Donna Murrell, Gary Sanford.
- 15 year medal: Robert Kent
- 20 year medal: Rodney Heard
- 35 year medal: Dale McIntyre
- 40 year medal: Ian Downie
- 55 year Medal John Nolan

National Medals were then presented. The National Medal is awarded to persons in excess of 15 years continuous service in an organisation, who fulfil the primary function and other specific criteria. It is a requirement that they be nominated from within their organisation for this special award. Seven current members of the Meredith Rural Fire Brigade were proudly awarded this special honour.

Robert Cooke, Ian Downie, David Jones, Michael Jury, Douglas McFarlane, John Nolan, Kevin Parkinson. All of these recipients are still active fire fighters with the Meredith Brigade. Congratulations to all on a "job well done".

'Ashes to Action' history books are for sale at \$25 from Doug McFarlane, ph. 5286 1283 or email: faymcs@bigpond.com







*Clockwise from top-left: Recipients of the National Medal (back row) Robert Cooke, Kevin Parkinson, Ian Downie and (front) David Jones, John Nolan and Douglas McFarlane (Michael Jury, absent) pose with the original bell, restored for the occasion.*

*Current Brigade captain, Chris Jones; Peter Baker, Operations Manager CFA Headquarters; Mayor, Cr Jenny Blake, launches Fay McFarlane's commemorative book, "Ashes to Action."; Adrian Mohr on the baby grand piano, and MC Doug McFarlane.*



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## Locals take their Tai Chi to China

*Sandra Pearce*

A group of local Tai Chi enthusiasts have just returned from China after taking second place in an International Tai Chi Competition. The Lilac Moon Tai Chi group, headed by instructor Patricia Kent is based in Trentham. The contingent of eight spent four days in Beijing as tourists before travelling on the fast train to spend a week in Bei Dai Ha – at a seaside town, training for the competition.

Every two years an International Conference is hosted at a local university, and is attended by hundreds of people from across China, as well as groups from Germany, Korea, Japan and the eight Aussie's. This year, the Australian team performed the traditional Yang 24 form in front of a packed auditorium and were the second group to compete. News had reached the Aussie's whilst in transit for home at the Beijing Airport, that they had been awarded second place with a silver medal.

Group leader Patricia Kent, who teaches Tai Chi classes in Trentham and at three different locations of Ballan, Meredith and Kyneton, says it was a great honour to be asked to perform Tai Chi at an International event. Tai Chi is often referred to as a soft form of martial art. Participants who train regularly are saying that they are gaining more health benefits, which the Medical fraternity are recognising. The beauty of Tai Chi is that it is accessible to virtually every-one irrespective of age and abilities.

The three highlights for Desma and Sandra were definitely; Competing in the International Tai Chi Competition with esteemed enthusiasts watching on, meeting new students at the Conference and learning more about Tai Chi, and gaining a greater understanding of the Chinese culture and the customs.

This was our second trip back to China, which we have another opportunity in two years time to return too, but at a different location in China. This was a great experience and we look forward to sharing our knowledge and love of Tai Chi with our friends in the Bannockburn and Meredith classes.

Sandra Pearce 52861545. Desma Blow 0414 944 926.



*Above is the eight Lilac Moon Tai Chi participants with our Master Lui Wanchun and his wife-Juan posing in the front row (left to right) Patrick, Patricia, Rose, Desma, Louise, Sandra, Pat & Lynne. This photo was taken at the Beijing Airport as we were about to return home after a great trip.*



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### Working 9 to 5

Last week I finally said goodbye to my constant companion of the past year, my thesis. I expected to be filled with riotous joy the moment I passed the heavy stacks of freshly printed paper over the School of Psychology desk. Those hundreds of pages held a few moments of triumph, sure, but they also held the tears, the tantrums, the utter despair a researcher feels when it seems like the study will never end, the data's a giant mess and somehow it's three in the morning and you can't remember if tomorrow's Monday or Tuesday.

Those thousands and thousands of painstakingly crafted sentences held the memories of grown men and women walking in to class and promptly dissolving in to tears. The half dozen times I stomped through Melbourne rain declaring stormily to myself that I'd had enough, I wasn't going back. The countless times I forgot to reply to texts from my friends, because I was lost in yet another incomprehensible neurology journal. Handing in that thesis meant finally getting free from a year of stress, strain and constant hard work, and yet when I left the office there was no spring in my step. The foyer was full of my classmates, all tired, all rumped, and all with a certain dazed look in their eyes. It was finally over so...what now?

After a long hot shower and a good night's sleep, it was a question I was ready to tackle. Time to do what I'd dreamed of all year, when my bank balance could be measured in cents, the car had broken down and seven bills arrived on the same day. Time to step out of the library and in to the world. Time to get a job.

I'm sure I'll soon be groaning over the tediousness of C.Vs and key selection criteria, and thinking dreamily of the times when I could wear pyjamas all day, but for now I'm excited at the prospect of a new challenge. I love the idea of turning up to work in the morning, leaving at the end of the day, and hopefully never staying up all night to analyse data or rewrite half a draft. I especially love the idea of a bit of money in the bank!

I'll be back at uni for Masters in a year or two, refreshed and ready to tackle yet another thesis. Until then, though, time for a new adventure. Hopefully one that pays a little better!



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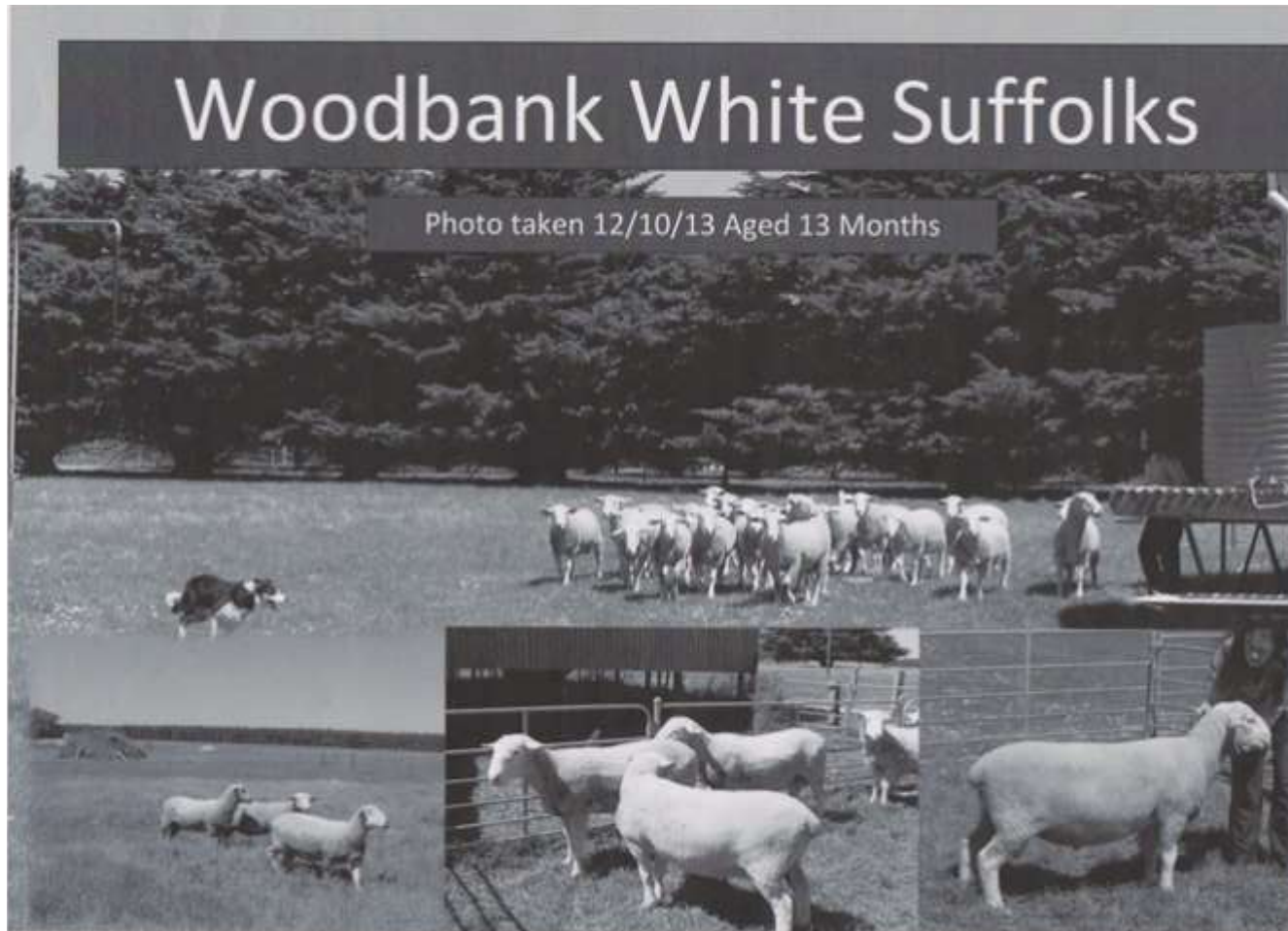
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## Parkinson Family Dedication

Marg Cooper

On Sunday October 6, 2013 many generations of the Parkinson family from across Australia met at the Cemetery at Morrison to dedicate a plaque to William and Louisa Parkinson who were the first Parkinsons to settle at Morrison, and to celebrate their pioneering spirit. In September 1858 William set sail from Liverpool aboard the ship Melbourne with his wife Louisa and sons Adam and William. After arriving they made their way to the Geelong-Ballarat railway line that was being built. The family had been involved in railway construction in England.

William and Louisa settled on the tableland at Morrison in the early 1860's and reared a large family. Their 13 children were: Adam, William, Elizabeth, Amelia, Matilda, Abel, Albert, Andrew, Robert, Matilda, Anne, Mabel and Annie Louise. Elizabeth died 14 months, Matilda died 4 years, Anne died 1 year and Mabel died 4 years. Between 1887 and 1896 the Parkinsons tried their luck clearing a section of forest land in the Otway Ranges near Lorne and grew potatoes. When the crops diminished they left the area.

William had a liquor licence for the Emu Hotel in Carlton from 1890-1891. It is believed that this was a failed venture. The family came back to

Morrison and sons Albert, Andrew and Abel established their families close by the original land. Sixth generation Parkinsons are now farming in the area!

William constructed a carved wooden chair in 1884 from timber. The chair was on display on October 6<sup>th</sup>. It is in remarkably good condition, is solid and strong and a credit to his workmanship. The eldest representative of each branch of the Parkinson family was invited to unveil the plaque in the new Pioneering Family Memorial Section at the Morrison cemetery. Of the thirteen children of William and Louisa, six had children. They were: Ross Bullock {Great Grandson of Adam}, Roly Parkinson {Grandson of Albert}, Alf Holmes {Great Grandson of William}, Allan Parkinson {Grandson of Abel} and Mabel Gibson {Granddaughter of Andrew}. Bruce McColl {Grandson of Annie Louisa} was delayed but made it to the Elaine Hall. Lynn Parkinson who with Margaret Parkinson organized the event welcomed the crowd and paid tribute to the pioneering spirit, faith and determination of William and Louisa Parkinson.

The crowd then adjourned to the Elaine Hall for lunch, to enjoy catching up and meeting with relations, to view the large display of memorabilia and for photos to be taken to remember the event.

Lynn has used social media to connect family lines and is determined to find even more family members and to connect them to their relations, wherever they are in the world.



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## A Meredith Hawk

Marg Cooper



Hawthorn's Number One supporter in Meredith is Gareth Petterwood who works at the Meredith Roadhouse.

He has been a life long supporter and tells that his father and brother also barrack for Hawthorn although his mother and sisters barrack for Carlton.

On Grandfinal day he visited a friend's place in Geelong for lunch and to watch the game dressed in his Hawthorn jacket, scarf and hat. A lot of his friends who are avid Geelong supporters barracked for Fremantle. After the Hawthorn victory they had a few celebratory drinks, dinner and partied into the night. He pre-ordered the DVD of the Grandfinal and it was delivered the day after he injured his ankle, so he got to watch it many times!

Gareth watches every Hawthorn game but he doesn't go to many matches as his sons play football on the weekends.

His 13 year old son won a Grandfinal also playing with Geelong West/St Peters. They were behind all day but kicked eight goals in the last quarter.

At the Roadhouse most of the female staff don't follow football but Margaret Carroll and her whole family barrack for Hawthorn and her sons were lucky enough to go to the game.

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## in my garden

What a difference a few weeks make. Only four weeks ago I was feeling quite chuffed at the luxuriant state of the garden. New gorgeous foliage and blooms abounded and I was even sufficiently moved to write about this beautiful state of abundance. However, I had no sooner put pen to paper (not really, I should say fingers to keyboard) that the wind started to blow. First, we had a week of very cold, cyclonic conditions, followed by a small lull. This provided just enough time to clean up the mess. Then the wind returned at a speed just below cyclonic, and to date, continues to blow. Sadly, the damaging effect of wind and extreme cold on the garden, at this time of the year, is considerable.

Tender emerging leaves, such as those on the Plane trees, are very susceptible and turned brown within a few days of the first wind episode. During the lull, new green leaves again emerged on the Plane trees only to be damaged (fatally, I think) a second time. I now have three Plane trees that were about twelve feet high (I should get with it, and say about three meters high) but now are woody skeletons with no sign of new life. I believe that they are now on death row. I have given them two weeks to do something positive. At the end of that time, I will remove them without a second thought and replace them with some other botanical beauty that managed to survive, intact, this awful weather. The Plane trees are said to be hardy, but I would add, that is only so when they are mature. Immature Plane trees are also just as sensitive to extreme heat events. Just how one gets a Plane tree to maturity is a mystery to me, despite widely researching the issue. All in all, my estimate of their worth, is that they are a dead loss and not worth considering in our weather conditions.

The widow makers (certain types of gum trees or eucalypts) are little better. The wet and windy conditions brought down one very substantial gum tree, root system and all came out of the ground. It fell across quite a number of quiet garden achievers including roses, silver birches, flowering cherry and a crepe myrtle knocking some of them straight into oblivion. I have to say that I did not plant these eucalypts in my garden and was even unaware of their existence. They were planted by another and remained tiny tube stock hidden in the long grass around the perimeter of the property. Only after we moved into the new house, now almost

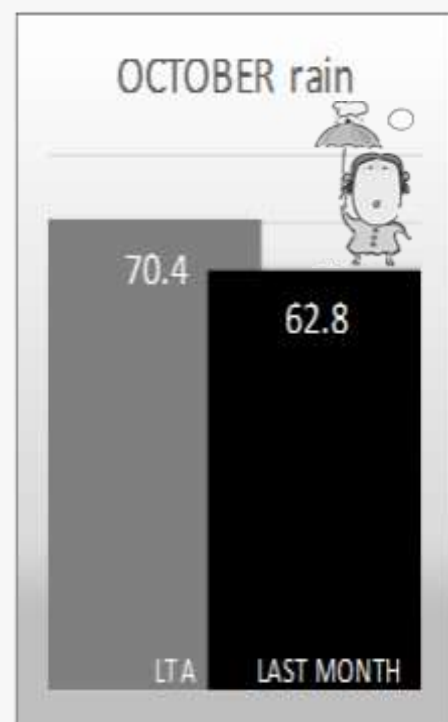
six years ago, and turned on the septic system providing them with regular water, did they make an appearance and began to grow with great vigour. It is one thing to make a decision not to plant something, but it is entirely another matter to pull out, or cut down a healthy, vigorous and otherwise beautiful tree. I lacked the will to pull them out and now reap the results, waiting for them to fall over whenever there are strong winds accompanied by rain. I am not sad to see them go, one by one, but do feel sad over the loss of the innocents that are the collateral damage. Every 'widow maker' that falls over frees up one area of the garden for other plants to excel. There are very few things that will grow well near a gum tree so good riddens to them.

Gardeners learn to be patient and I am patiently waiting for the warm Spring weather to return so that I can plant out my pumpkins (one of which will be dedicated to the biggest pumpkin competition) and other Summer vegetables: tomatoes, basil, zucchini, eggplants, capsicum, cucumber, and so on. For now, the seedlings are waiting and growing in the stress-free environment of the greenhouse.

The rain is easing so must go and check the garden. Until next month happy gardening.

Happy gardening.

Robyn



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Rosemary Gargan's class of preps and grade ones have a keen interest in birds' nests. They have collected several during the year, which are displayed in a corner of their classroom. When collecting nests, care must be taken to make sure the birds have finished nesting. Some nests are reused in following years, so it is best to collect nests that have fallen to the ground.

Most of the nests in the classroom are cup-shaped. They vary in size from a small dessert bowl to a large mixing bowl, depending on the size of the birds that built each nest and their chicks. The nests are constructed with great care. Sticks are a very important material for building nests. So is bark. They can then be given a soft inner lining of feathers, moss, wool or whatever else is available. One of the pairs of birds included black horse hairs in their nest, and another found a piece of blue twine to weave in with the sticks.

One of the nests has been delicately woven with grass and moss between the two ends of a forked stick, and hangs between them. After looking at pictures and information on the internet, I think it was built by a female yellow-faced honeyeater, who hid it in a bush. She incubated up to three eggs, which were pinkish-white with dark splotches. When the chicks hatched after two weeks, they were blind and had no feathers. The father helped to feed them until they fledged after two weeks. In another two weeks, they left their parents, who may have reared one or two more broods of chicks in the nesting season.

Other birds adapt their nests to their own needs. Welcome swallows catch insects in the air, so they like open space near their nest. Insects can also be caught over water. Being near water provides another source of nest building material: mud. A swallow's nest is a cup of mud and grass attached to a vertical surface. Originally they would have used cliffs and caves, but they find that houses, sheds and under bridges are also perfect for their nests. They can be seen collecting mud from the edge of dams. Like other birds, they line their nests with soft materials, and may use the same nest again, with a bit of renovation. They lay three to five pale brown eggs which have darker spots, and both parents feed the chicks.

Wedge-tailed eagles, being huge birds, build a huge stick nest in the fork of a tree. The birds need a gap in the branches in front of the nest, so they have space to land and take off. They add to the nest each year. One measured nest was 3m deep, 1.8m wide and weighed 400kg! There is a shallow cup in the top of the nest, which is regularly lined with fresh sticks and leaves. Usually two eggs are laid, but unless it is a good year, only the strongest

chick is likely to survive.

Some waterbirds, such as grebes and swans nest on water. A black swan's nest is an untidy pile of reeds and other vegetation, which floats or is built on a small island. They lay up to eleven greenish-white eggs. The fluffy, grey cygnets are well developed when they hatch, and can soon swim and feed themselves, watched carefully by their parents.

Some birds search for tree hollows in which to nest. These include kookaburras and most parrots. Crimson rosellas which are commonly seen in gardens, choose a hollow high in a tree. They gnaw at the sides of the hollow and use the wood they break off to line their nest. About five white eggs are laid, and the chicks spend over a month in the hollow before fledging.

Only very old trees have hollows and many animals as well as birds use them, so there is a shortage. People can help by constructing nesting boxes. Useful websites include [latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/nursery/nestboxes](http://latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/nursery/nestboxes) and [birdsinbackyards.net/Nest-Box-Plans](http://birdsinbackyards.net/Nest-Box-Plans), which is also a good source of general information about birds you may see around you.

*Below: Freya and Jesse bemused by some of the nests on display.*

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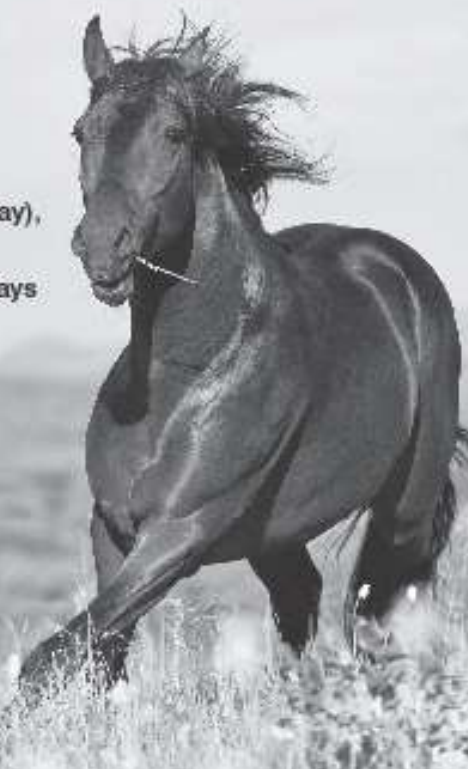
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## To Katoomba for the Day

*Marg Cooper*

Warwick Fuller's latest exhibition of paintings opened at the "Lost Bear Gallery" in Katoomba on Saturday October 12.

Warwick has been a professional painter for 35 years and is renowned for his ability to capture the unique light and colour of the Australian landscape.

He is a contemporary impressionist, his brushwork is bold and fresh, often an indicator of painting with speed and confidence necessary to capture the rapid changes dictated by nature.

He has painted in many parts of Australia but his paintings of the Blue Mountains near where he lives are particularly striking.

The Meredith Art Group travelled to Katoomba for the day to be at the opening. The Art Group includes Warwick's sister Lyn who lives at Bannockburn. An early start from Meredith, an early flight to Sydney, breakfast, into two hire cars and on the freeway to Katoomba by 8.45 am.

Luckily we had time to view the "Three Sisters" and the beautiful Blue Mountains and to hear the deafening cicadas before we lunched with the artist Warwick and some others of Lyn's

family at the "Avalon" which is a restaurant, 1950's style in an old theatre.



*Vicki, Meredith, Yvonne, Lynne (with baby), Warwick, Marg, Izzy and (front) Betty and Mardi*

Then we found the "Lost Bear Gallery" in Lurline Street, viewed the exhibition and talked to Warwick about the different techniques he had used. A bonus was that Warwick's and Lyn's brother had some of his sculptures also exhibited at the gallery.

At 2.45 pm we left Katoomba, got involved in some heavy Sydney traffic but arrived in time to catch the flight back to Avalon, drove back to Meredith and went to bed instantly!

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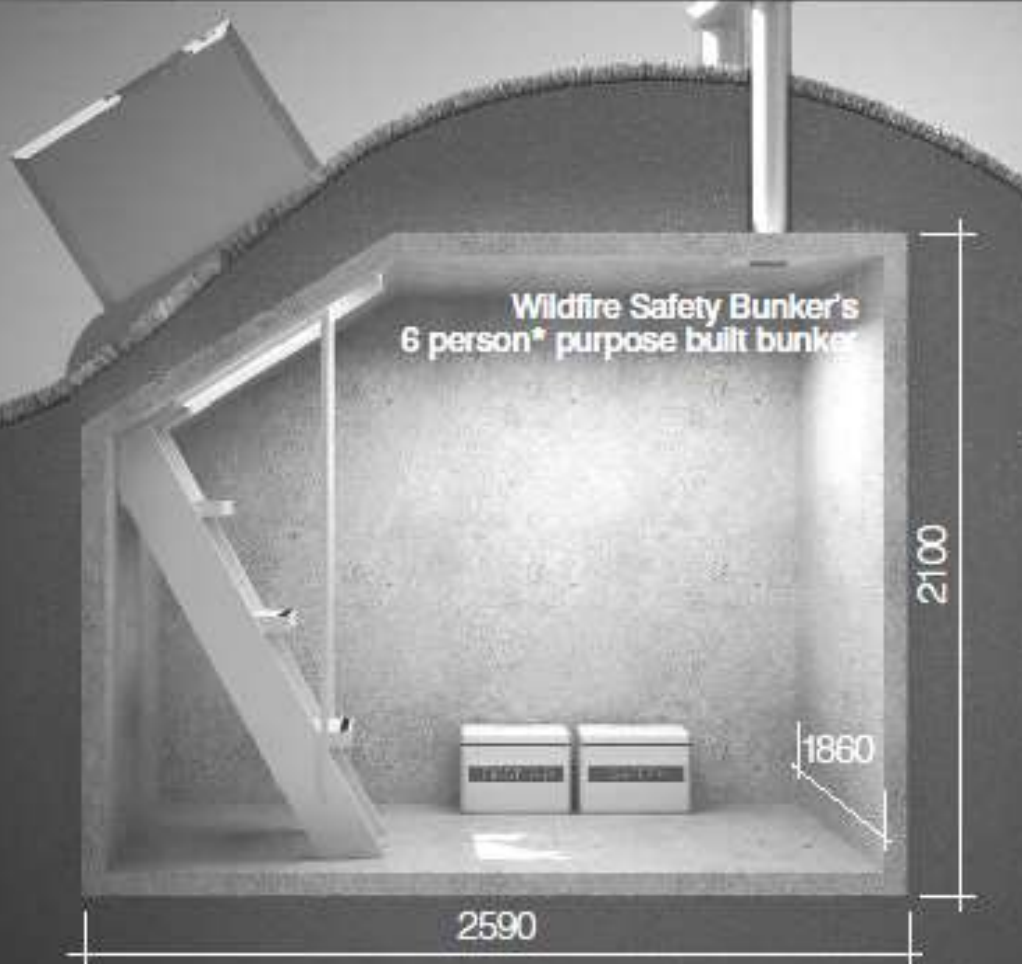
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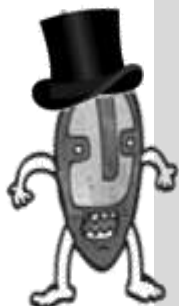
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How did he know the colour of his hat and what colour was it?





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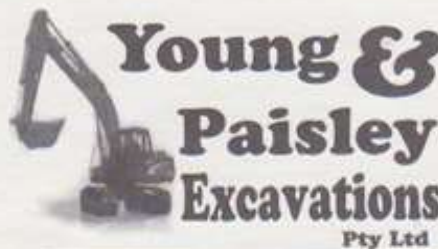
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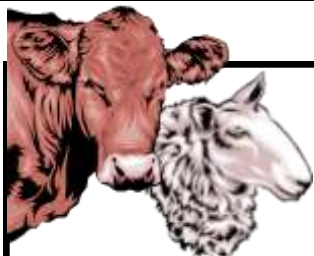


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His adventures had taken him from his family and his small island home, to Oxford to seek his fortune as a printer but where he finds only injustice and disgrace and finally transportation to Australia. In his fellow convicts he finds brutality, barbarism and servility and in his master cynical and ruthless self interest. When the tribe abandon him because he breaks a taboo he becomes a captive again of Mrs Atholl, the master's wife. He keeps his hopes alive by writing a long epistle {the book} to Mrs Atholl of "Yandilli" New South Wales for whom he imagines he is the second bridegroom.

The novel opens with an address to the reader, "I must face the fact that you will have forgotten who I am. So if you have patience I will tell you." He is writing to Mrs Atholl who he adored on the boat trip.

The story, in some ways resembles the adventures of William Buckley who escaped from one of the first settlements at Port Phillip Bay and lived with the Aborigines for many years before meeting up with white settlers again. The note writer tells us that one of the purposes of the novel is to explore the nature of captivity. The narrator has been oppressed or a captive for all of his life and when he does obtain his freedom he tumbles straight back into captivity.

*The book for discussion next month is "Chocolat" by Joanne Harris. Calling all readers out there! It is now time to join Bookclub! The bookclub has been affiliated with CAE since 1982. A telephone call from them informed that we need 8 members to continue to receive books from them next year.*

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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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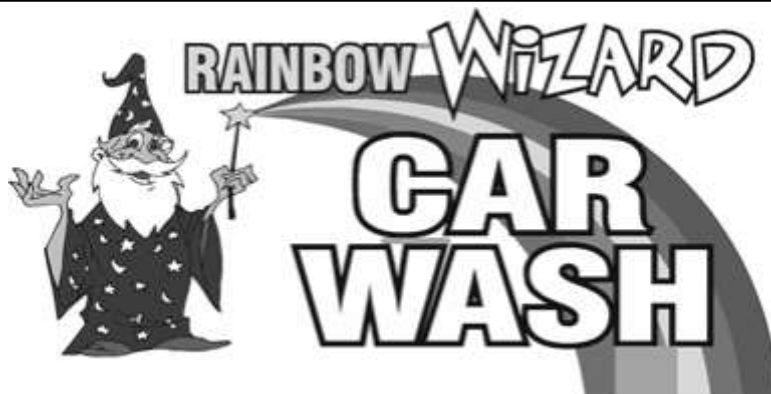
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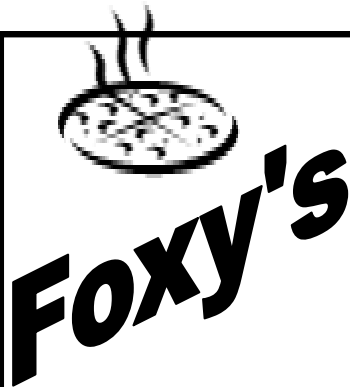
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### **Have you started your Christmas Shopping yet?**

Well it's hard to believe that Christmas is less than 8 weeks away! Most of us will be thinking "Don't remind me" and there will be others who will have already started their Christmas shopping. If you haven't already started your Christmas shopping, then why not kick start it at our **Christmas Shopping Night** on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November?** We have had a lot of new gifts arriving during the past few weeks so we are stocked up and have gifts for everyone. We also offer lay-by and free gift wrapping, and don't forget if you are a member of our free Gift Club you are entitled to your member discount.

### **Christmas Shopping Night**

Don't forget our annual Christmas Shopping Night will be held at the Pharmacy on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** from **6:30pm to 9:00pm**. Last year we had a huge number of people attend the evening that had a great time. Again this year there will be lucky door prizes drawn every 30 minutes and there will be in excess of \$2000 worth of prizes to give away on the night! Plus there will be finger food and drinks provided throughout the evening. On the night will be offering our Gift Club Members **30% off all gifts!!** Remember to join our FREE Gift Club so you get this fantastic discount on the evening if you aren't already a member. This will be a great chance to kick start your Christmas Shopping if you haven't already started! Please bring your friends and family and join us on what will be another fun and enjoyable evening on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

### **Brand New Chemmart Rewards Card**

Have you got your brand new Chemmart Rewards Card yet? If not come into the Pharmacy and we will swap it over for you plus you will get 10% off your purchase while in-store. Also if you provide us with your email address you will get a 10% off voucher emailed to you to use on your next visit! One of the advantages with our new system is if you leave your card at home, or a family member comes into the Pharmacy, we can search you online and still add the sale to your Reward card. We are also incorporating our Gift Club Membership card into our new Rewards card which means you will now only have to show 1 card for everything. We will explain to you how this works the next time you purchase a gift in-store.

### **Healthpoint**

We now have our new health information computer installed in the Pharmacy. Healthpoint is a touch screen computer which has over 3,500 fully referenced & accredited health topics. There are also 19 health assessments from major health associations. Plus all topics can be printed in the pharmacy or emailed to you at home. This machine is very easy to use and is a fantastic way to access health information without having to search the internet. Our Pharmacists will also have an iPad with this program on it that they can use when assisting you with any questions about your medications or health related enquiries.

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# it's History

submitted by Meredith History Interest Group

## Royal Hotel

It is believed that the first Royal Hotel was built on the corner of Wallace and Wilson Streets. The names of E & R Gosling, William Watson and William Knox have all been associated with this hotel. It became a store and dwelling owned by Joseph Ward and his sister.

The Geelong Advertiser of 2/3/1875 reported "Wards store, originally used as a hotel by Messrs Gosling burnt to the ground."

The Geelong Advertiser reported in its 30/9/1853 issue, that Robert C Young called tenders for building the new Royal Hotel at Meredith.

*"Immediate tenders are invited for bricklayers work (labour only) required in the erection of a first class hotel for Messrs E & R Gosling in the new township of Meredith on the road to Buninyong."*

And on 19/10/1853 it reported that

*"The township of Meredith is already progressing at a railroad pace. On Saturday the foundation stone of Gosling's Hotel was laid by Mr Henry Gosling in the presence of Messrs Edward and Richard Gosling, the proprietors. Mr Robert Coxon Young, the architect, Messrs Pearson Clark and Matthews, the contractors for the building, Captain Berry, Sergeant Evans, Mr W Watson, Mr Kaweran and several others.*

*An inscription engraved on a plate of lead was, with a number of coins of the reign of her present Majesty, put in a bottle. The bottle having been put in its place and the mortar spread by the architect, Mr Gosling then laid the stone, who in his address to the company, remarked that it was not only the foundation stone of the Gosling's hotel they were laying, but it was also the foundation stone of the new township of Meredith, and he hoped it would prosper and all connected with it.*

*Champagne was then introduced and Captain Berry having in a neat speech proposed success to Goslings' Hotel which was duly responded to and three cheers given for the proprietors, the company adjourned and spent a pleasant evening at Mr Watson's, who we believe intends shortly to lay another stone to the foundation of the new township of Meredith."*

Land in Meredith township was advertised for public auction on Wednesday December 7 in the Geelong Advertiser of 3/12/1853.

*"In reference to this most important township, the following facts are deserving of notice:--*

*The township is situated only half a day's journey from Geelong and has for many years been a halting place for travellers.*

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*locality was sold by the Government and already we find erected and in course of erection two of the most splendid hotels in the colony and numerous other buildings for mercantile purposes, which, from their middle position, renders them most valuable.*

*A large amount has been placed upon the estimates for the repairs of the road to Buninyong and the work is now in progress.*

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## Meredith History Interest Group

### Meredith Music Festival Site Tour:

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### Black and White Hats - Answer to puzzle on page 24

*The man in front knew he was wearing a black hat because he knew the first man did not see two white hats and he knew that the second man did not see one white hat because if he saw a white hat, the second man would have known that his hat was black from hearing the first man's statement.*

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The hay shed was erected for Henry Bolte by Jim Cole of Meredith Engineering. Ken Barclay who worked for Henry at the time sourced trusses from a shed in the district that had been burnt in the 1967 fires. He delivered them to Meredith Engineering where they were cleaned, painted and had new plates welded on. Jim supplied second hand railway iron for the columns and some second hand iron for some of the roof.

Henry refused to buy new iron for the rest of the roof and got Ken to dismantle an old barn on his property and use the iron from it. Probably the only new parts were the black bolts to hold it all together!

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