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*Ben Gallagher (2nd from left in the grown -ups row) proudly brandishes the 'best film' Oscar at the Meredith PS Film Festival. An envious Adam Elliot (next right) who has had to make do with one of those Hollywood ones, was highly complimentary of the students fantastic efforts. Ben, seen here with the successful production team of Grade 1/2 students and helpers, was instrumental in mounting the Festival.*

## When Meredith Met Oscar

*Ben Gallagher*

Last month, Meredith Primary School Students boarded the bus and made their way into Ballarat's Regent Cinemas for the school's first ever film festival. It took place in the main, 700 seat cinema with a huge screen and surround sound. The day was organised by Mr G and his grade 1/2 class as a way of featuring their 25-minute class movie titled "Mr G's Grade's LEGO Trek". The project started in term 1, when the class applied its motto of 'Think Bigger' to a students' suggestion to create our own LEGO movie. The process was very professional, with

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- **Imogen Brough** Coming to Meredith
- **June and Nancy Turn 80**
- **Hundreds involved in Mud Slide**
- ... *plus the usual much more*

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## Meredith and District News



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Quarter page	\$25.00
Half page	\$40.00
Full page	\$80.00*
*\$20 loading for preferred position	
Classifieds	<b>FREE**</b>

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# connect



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.)

#### ADVANCE MEREDITH

☎5286 1291

#### ANGLING CLUB

☎5354 3879

#### BLUE LIGHT DISCO

☎5286 1222

#### BOOK CLUB

☎5286 8201

#### CFA (000 for fire calls)

Elaine ☎0417 533516

Meredith

☎5286 1502

#### CHILDCARE

☎5286 1348

#### COMMUNITY CENTRE

☎5286 1348

#### CRICKET

Elaine ☎0428 264103

#### Junior

Under 14 ☎0418535713

Meredith

☎5286 1434

#### CUBS & SCOUTS

#### Anakie

☎5281 9497

#### FOOTBALL

#### (seniors)

☎0408 545246

#### (juniors)

☎0430 587674

#### GOLF CLUB

☎5341 5748

#### HISTORY GROUP

☎5286 8201

#### LANDCARE

☎5286 1250

#### LIFE DRAWING

☎0430 318322

#### MEMORIAL HALL

☎5286 1545

#### MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

☎0437 009250

#### PLAYGROUP

☎5286 1348

#### POLICE

PADDOCKS

☎5286 1273

#### RED CROSS

☎5286 8222

#### RSL

☎52861 452

#### SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

☎5286 8232

#### TENNIS

Elaine ☎0448 291074

Meredith

☎5286 1211

#### SEW 'N' SEWS

☎5286 1348

#### FILM GROUP

☎5286 1274

# emergency

Police, Ambulance, Fire	<b>000</b>
(from mobile phone)	<b>000 or 112</b>
Meredith Police Station	5286 1222
Power Failure	132 412
Nurse-On-Call	1300 606024
Mental Health Advice	1300 280 737
Poisons Information	13 11 26
Barwon Water	1300 656 007
SES Emergency -	
flood & storm help:	132 500
24 Hour Helpline	1800 629 572
24 Hour Drug &	
Alcohol Counselling	1800 888 236
Kids Help Line	
24hr 5-18yo	1800 551 800
Golden Plains Shire	1300 363 036
A.H. emergencies	0408 508 635
Ranger	5220 7111 or
	0409 830 223
Bannockburn Vet	5281 1221
Injured Wildlife	13000 wildlife
Pets and Horses 24/7	0421 617 238

### 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

☎5286 1550

#### HALL HIRE

Meredith Memorial

☎5286 1545

Elaine Mechanics

☎5241 5596

Elaine Rec Res

☎5341 5703

#### LIBRARY VAN

☎5272 6010

#### MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

☎5220 7230

#### PRE-SCHOOL

☎5286 1227

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL

☎5286 1313

#### RECREATION RESERVE

☎0429 841399



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

- Frank Lloyd Wright

### ...or start something.

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





## Community

### Blokes in the Bush

## BIG BREAKY



Sat 5th July  
(females also welcome!)

Peppercorn Place  
Steiglitz

**ONLY \$15**

& includes cereal, cooked breakfast, juice,  
tea & coffee

**Guest Speaker Rob Lytzky  
(Foundation 61)**

speaking on drugs, health, alcohol effects on the  
family today.

Please book for catering by calling  
Marie (0425 812114) or Geoff (5286 1483)

### Meredith Seniors Day Out

*Jim Hynds*

On June 2, 2014 the Seniors set out for a day visit to the Werribee Zoo. The weather was pleasant and the day looked promising on arrival. The group split and went exploring. The zoo constantly changes so each visit is very pleasant and interesting. After hours of exploring it was time for lunch and a well-earned rest. The group then decided to visit the Werribee Mansion and its surrounding gardens and by all reports it was a beautiful place to visit. Warily they boarded the bus in mid-afternoon for the trip home.

Tell us if you have any  
Community News,

...and we'll tell the  
Community!

**See info panel on page 2 for contact details.**

### Wisey Muster 2014

*Marg Cooper*

On the night of Friday, May 30 at the Wisey Muster \$13,076.70 was raised for the Andrew Love Cancer Centre to take the total to over \$100,000 raised in the seven years since Steve Wiseman died.

The night at Sawyers Arms Tavern in Geelong was well attended and there was spirited bidding for the many items that were auctioned on the night by auctioneer James Gordon who works for stock agents **TB White**.

Some of the items auctioned were 2 tractors and trailers for children, a signed, mounted and framed Cats jumper from the 2011 Premiership season, tickets for 10 people to the Footy Show, a lawn edger, tickets for 10 for the football match between Collingwood and Port Adelaide on August 3 and a voucher for 2 to Fisherman's Pier Restaurant.

Peter Clatworthy and his family outbid everyone else for the Wisey Shears which is the highlight of the evening. A syndicate organized by Jenny Blacklock were determined to have the shears this year but were the losing bidders on the night.

Myrtle, Steve's mother, said that it was a wonderful night. She is most grateful to Andy, Bart, Stewie, Mal and Jackie who organize the event each year and to the Sawyers Arms Tavern and to all the people who support the event each year.

It is a wonderful way to remember Steve and to raise money for cancer research.

Go on...smile!

I've just been on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I'll tell you what, never again.

*Tim Vine, Melbourne Comedy Festival*



### Landcare Meeting

Mon 14th July at 8 pm at the  
Meredith Community Centre



### Classifieds

First insertion of small ads are FREE to district residents

**For Sale** Lounge, 3 seater chocolate fabric can be made into single bed. Upholstered and new seating \$80.  
Papasan chair \$15. Free double bed mattress and base.  
Ph Jenny 52 819315

## Church News



### ANGLICAN

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

Contact: Rev. Elizabeth Bufton, 5281 2224; 0437524864  
Church Office, Byron St. Bannockburn 5281 2553  
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

### Morrison

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** : 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

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, pastoral care

Father Herman Licayan 52861230

MASS TIMES FOR JULY/AUGUST

Winchelsea every Saturday @ 6p.m.

Bannockburn every Sunday @ 9 a.m.

Anakie Sunday July 6th/20th @ 11 a.m.

Sunday August 3rd/17th/31st @ 11 a.m.

Meredith Sunday July 13th/27th @ 11 a.m.

Sunday August 10th/24th @ 11 a.m.

Mass at Bannockburn Aged Care 1st Friday of each month @ 11 a.m.

Saturday July 12th Annual Healing Mass @ 11 a.m. Meredith

Holy Hour beforehand @ 10 a.m.

Followed by luncheon at 12 noon.

### St. Joey's OP SHOP

Open Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Lots of treasures/ goods wanted

July special- denim jeans all sizes \$1 per pair.

Bring the children after school for a browse

Rear of St. Joey's hall

### Red Cross film night

Thursday 31st July 7.30pm

Come along and see

"Salmon fishing in the Yemen"

At the Meredith Community Centre  
in the Studio



Hi everyone,

After commenting on our balmy Autumn last month we are now feeling a wintery blast with a vengeance in the last week. For next term we are planning some great activities to get you out of the house and warm you up in our cozy surroundings at the Centre. We are going to have a warming soup and pizza day, and a follow up from the Zentangle class last term being advertised as advanced, but beginners are also welcome. Come and see what has got our previous participants so hooked on this relaxing and creative art form. What I love about it is that you don't need to be artistic.

We are all buzzing about our beekeeping course with enrolments already coming in; several people have said it is something they have always wanted to learn about. Imagine having your own honey for your toast. If that is not your idea of a good time I am sure lots of you would like to learn about making your own beer. Our tutor John will be teaching two different brews and you will be able to take home the fruits of your labour. You can make gluten free beer.

We have lots of classes to help you manage new technology including a new computer housekeeping class to help you with all those mysterious things like defragging to help make your computer run more efficiently. Watch out for our Program coming out in early July.

In August we have our Health and Wellbeing festival, a day of activities to help and encourage you to think more about your health. We have Ballarat Community Health visiting with a dietitian and community health nurse. Health checks, community lunch, cooking classes, come and try Tai Chi, activities for the kids while you take a look around. More details in the August newsletter but keep August 28<sup>th</sup> free.

Don't forget the Centre also offers other services including internet access; our staff is on hand if you need some assistance. You can also get your photocopying and laminating done and we have rooms available for hire. Just call in and see us for assistance.

Bye for now... *Pam Ridd*



## computer tips

"What's the cloud?" "Where is the cloud?" "Are we in the cloud now?!" Well, it is everywhere.. In the simplest terms, cloud computing means storing and accessing data and programs over the Internet instead of your computer's hard drive. The cloud is just a metaphor for the Internet. What cloud computing is not about is your hard drive. When you store data on--or run programs from the hard drive, that's called local storage and computing.

For it to be considered "cloud computing," you need to access your data or your programs over the Internet, or at the very least, have that data synchronized with other information over the Net. With an online connection, cloud computing can be done anywhere, anytime. Want to know more, we have a cloud computing class running next term to show some of the great applications to make your life easier in "the cloud". See our term program for more details.

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"Working for our community"



meredithPolice**news**

Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen

Greetings all and apologies for not getting an article in the last Meredith News. Since my last article we have seen a real spike in burglaries being committed in and around Bannockburn and further north of us at Elaine. Inevitably at some point offenders will turn their eye to the Meredith area so I truly encourage residents to be vigilant at all times. Offenders have now been identified for burglaries committed in Sutherlands Creek.

Over recent weeks I have been investigating the theft of an item of plant machinery valued at \$40,000. I stumbled across the item on the Hamilton Highway early on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> June and extensive enquiries have led me to a suspect who will have been arrested, interviewed and processed by the time this article is published. This piece of near new plant was stolen from Geelong and was clearly being transferred to the Golden Plains area.

A substantial burglary was committed in Mystery Lane, Elaine on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> June where offenders have ransacked a large shed. Multiple items were stolen from this location and it is clear that the offender parked a vehicle in Mount Doran Road near the Intersection with Mystery Lane. If any person sighted any vehicle on this date early morning I would greatly appreciate any information directed to me or to Detective Senior Constable PAGE from the Moorabool CIU.

On or about Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> June unknown offenders have driven a vehicle onto the Meredith Reserve oval and caused an amount of damage. These 'burnouts' were thankfully isolated to the southern end of the oval however it is so disappointing to think that an irresponsible fool would be prepared to do this. Again I would greatly appreciate any information at all in relation to this.

I have recently received complaints from a resident from Pioneer Ridge Road in relation to driver behaviour. His legitimate complaint was of drivers cutting corners into roads which run off Pioneer Ridge Road. We are both of the belief that it is only a matter of time until an accident occurs so I urge all drivers to take that little extra care on unsealed roads both on Pioneer Ridge Road and surrounding roads.

I know that I owe the local Meredith Kids an apology for not being able to run the March Blue Lights to date. Disco Des was unfortunately unavailable and in South Australia for the June event so I will remain focussed on the two following dates in 2014 –

FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER – Term 3  
FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – Term 4.

These dates will be confirmed closer to the event but it is most likely that these will be the dates. We hope to have many kids there having plenty of fun and prizes to be won. Any enquiries to me here at the Meredith Police Station.

Kindest Regards, Greg KITCHEN  
Officer In Charge – Meredith Police Station.

## Community Farewell to Doug Cations

*Di Ritchie*



Doug Cations, the very popular principal of Meredith Primary School, is due to retire very soon. Not only has Doug been a great school principal, he has also been a very active community member of Meredith & district without actually living here. He has been a valued member of CERT, a community co-coordinator and very active in the Meredith Music Festival Tucker Tent catering and a member and player of the Meredith Crocs.

To give the community an opportunity to say farewell and a very big thank you, an invitation is extended to attend a cheese and wine evening at the Meredith Interpretative Centre on Friday August 1st at 5p.m.-7p.m. Please bring a plate of savoury food to share.

*Organized by Advance Meredith Association and Meredith Community Centre. For enquiries please ring Di Ritchie 52861291.*

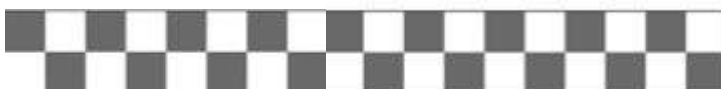
## Seniors and their Pumpkins

*Jim Hynds*

On June 23, 2014 at the social lunch the winner of the Pumpkin Competition was decided. Ray Dodds had an "Atlantic pumpkin" that weighed in at 51 pounds for first prize. Ray Doods had a "Long Island Cheese" pumpkin that weighed in at 19 pounds for second prize and Robyn had a "Queensland Blue" pumpkin that weighed in at 15 pounds for third prize.

Well done members. Lots of pumpkin soup in that lot!

*Below: Ray and Robyn with their heavy duty pumpkins*





# sports



## Meredith Golf Club –Men

### 7/8 June Stableford

Winner D Jury 41 pts Runner up D Gear 35  
NTP 2nd shot 2nd hole D Jury  
14th hole M Colvin

### 21/22 June Stroke

Winner J Cooper 83-16-67 Runner up D Gear 89-20-69  
NTP 10th 2nd Shot 2nd hole J Cooper  
14th hole J Cooper

## Elaine Tennis Club Annual General Meeting



When: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Where: 7pm Elaine Recreation Reserve

Elaine Tennis Club will be entering junior tennis teams in the Buninyong and District Tennis Association for 2014/15 and if there is enough interest from the local community senior teams will also be entered into this year's competition. All welcome. All interested old and new players are urged to contact a.s.a.p. President Russell Ford Ph: 0418383931

## Elaine Cricket Club

2012/13 saw the reformation of the Elaine Cricket Club with senior and junior teams. A big highlight for the club was the formation of an U14 cricket side with the team training at Meredith last season and playing at Elaine. This has given the opportunity for a number of children in the district of Elaine, Meredith, Clarendon and Morrisons to play competition cricket. The boys and girls have made the semi finals 2 years in a row which is an outstanding effort. We are still in the midst of football season but are preparing for another season of cricket soon, so any potential new players 9 years old upwards are encouraged to contact our U14 coach. The grade entered is U14 Red in the Ballarat Cricket Association which is a grade for beginners.

U14 Coach Daryl Wells 0418535713 Our new website is [elainecc.vic.cricket.com.au](http://elainecc.vic.cricket.com.au)



*Sandy Cameron (far right) knocked up 100 games last month, and is seen here with fellow centurions.*



## Recipe Request

Meredith Kindergarten is proud to announce that we are producing a beautiful, Community Cookbook to be published in late 2014. The proceeds from this book are to go towards our basic operating costs.

We would like your most loved recipes, your signature dish and that recipe that never fails which everyone loves or asks for. We need recipes from as many families as possible. Please feel free to submit as many recipes as you like.

All that we ask is you let us know where the recipe came from even if it's from a much loved recipe book or magazine. Feel free to add a comment on why this recipe is special to you and your tips about the recipe.

lease go to [www.createacookbook.com.au](http://www.createacookbook.com.au) and submit one or more recipes.

Alternatively, you can submit a hand written copy, by dropping it in the box labelled Meredith Kindergarten Community Cookbook at the Community House. Please make sure you include the recipe title, comments, serving size, ingredients, method and your name. Please ensure that all recipes are submitted no later than **1<sup>ST</sup> August 2014**.

**Local businesses** if you are looking for cost effective advertising or wish to sponsor this project please contact Pip McLane on 52861238 for details on how to be included in our Local Advertising Directory (from \$50).



# VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDS THE GAP

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- ✓ GAS
- ✓ WATER
- ✓ ELECTRICITY
- ✓ RATES

The Victorian Government is guaranteeing that eligible low income households will keep receiving existing concessions for energy, water and council rates.

The Victorian Government will put in the money the Federal Government has withdrawn to ensure all Victorian concession card holders continue to receive the same discounts as they do now.

By filling the gap created by the Federal Government, the Victorian Government is helping those who are most vulnerable to manage cost of living pressures.



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For more information about concessions visit [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/concessions](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/concessions) or call the Victorian Government Concession Information Line on toll free 1800 658 521.

## TERM 3 PROGRAM ~ 2014

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### COMPUTERS

#### \*INTEL® EASY STEPS

FREE intro class—Monday July 21st

Monday July 28th–September 1st

9:30-12:00pm (7 weeks)

\$65(Tuition \$22/resource \$33)

#### \*INTEL® EASY STEPS PROGRAM

Next Step Computers

FREE intro class—Monday July 21st

Monday July 28th–September 1st

1-3:30pm 7 weeks Cost:\$65(Tuition

\$22/resource \$43)

#### \*BASIC MYOB

Thursday August 7th–September 11th

9.30-12pm– 6 weeks \$115

Payroll 1 week September 18th \$25

#### HOUSE KEEPING YOUR

COMPUTER-Colin

Monday September 8th

7-9pm \$25

#### \*IPADS BASICS MEREDITH

**FREE intro Ipad class—Mon July 21st**

Monday July 28th–September 1st

10-12pm 7 weeks

\$65(Tuition \$22/resource \$33)

#### \*IPADS BASICS BANNOCKBURN

**FREE Intro to Ipads Mon July 23rd**

Monday July 28th– September 1st

1.30-3.30pm 7 weeks

\$65(Tuition \$22/resource \$33)

#### E READERS, KINDLE, KOBO ETC

Wednesday September 10th

10-12pm \$20

#### SPREADSHEETS INCLUDING

BOOKKEEPING FOR HOME

BUSINESS

Monday July 28th-September 1st

6-8.30pm– 7 weeks

Cost:\$75 (Tuition\$22/resource\$53)

#### COMPUTER BYTES

Lots of quick classes to help you get on top of the world of technology.

Each class \$15.00

Get Social 31 July 1-3pm

**Bookings for  
classes ARE essential.**



### TAI CHI

#### BANNOCKBURN TAI CHI

Tuesday July 15th–September 16th

6-30-7.30pm \$115 for 10 weeks

*At the Hub in Bannockburn.*

#### TEESDALE TAI CHI

Thursday July 17th-September 18th

9.30am-10.30am \$115 for 10 weeks

*At the Teesdale Hall*

#### MEREDITH INTRO TO TAI CHI

Tuesday July 15th–September 16th

9.30-10.30am 10 weeks \$115

ALSO

Thursday July 17th–September 18th

9.30-10.30am 10 weeks \$115

*In the Studio @ Meredith Com Centre*

#### ADVANCED TAI CHI With Patricia

Tuesday July 15th-September 16th

### HEALTH & WELLBEING

#### FUN FITNESS FOR OVER 50'S

Friday July 18th–September 19th

2-3pm \$72–8 weeks (8th & 15th no class)

#### Expressions of Interest:

Advanced Career Training and the Meredith Community Centre are currently seeking expression of interest in the following course;

**Hospitality Taster:** This course is designed to give you an introduction into the exciting world of Hospitality, the course includes: Safe Food Handling (SITXFS101 Use hygienic practices for food safety HLTF207S Follow basic food safety practices), Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA), Responsible Service of Gaming (RSG), Espresso Coffee Basics, Customer Service Protocol & Etiquette.

### Health and well being

#### Festival

**A day of activities to help you to better health**

**Thursday 28th August**

**More details and information in the next newsletter.**

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#### BASIC BEE KEEPING

Tuesday August 19th

7-8.30pm \$20

#### INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC AND

DANCE OF CUBA– SALSA

Tuesday July 29th

7-8.30pm \$15

#### BEER MAKING

Monday August 11th & 25th

7-9pm \$40

#### ABC Open Snapped

**Free introduction to photography workshop**

Come along to this photography workshop and learn how to take better photos. You will learn the about the rules of composition. Then we will take to the streets to photograph.

**Wednesday 6th August 10am to 1pm  
Meredith Community Centre**

RSVP the Meredith Community Centre on 52861348 or Please make sure you register with ABC Open, read your manual, know how to navigate through your menu & charge your batteries.

Register here - <https://open.abc.net.au>

#### BREAD MAKING & YUMMY SOUP

Monday August 4th

9-12pm \$15 including ingredients

If sufficient numbers we will run a class on Monday 18th August.

### CRAFT & HOBBY

#### JELLY ROLL QUILT-Lyn

Wednesday August 20th

10-3pm \$35 Collect mat. List

#### CREATIVE PAINTING—FOLK ART

Friday July 18th–September 19th

9.30-11:30am \$10 per class

#### ZENTANGLE

Saturday August 16th

10.30-12:30pm \$45 per class



## A Message from the Mayor

*Cr Jen Blake Mayor, Golden Plains Shire Council*

In June I attended the 2014 Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in Canberra. The Assembly brings together council representatives from across Australia to discuss national priorities for local government.

Challenges have arisen from the Federal Government and State Government budgets, which aim to cut spending, pay debt and maintain services, placing additional financial pressure on Local Government and ultimately ratepayers.

A key discussion at the Assembly was the Coalition's plan to develop two important documents; a White Paper on Reform of the Federation and a White Paper on Taxation. A White Paper is a report or guide helping readers understand an issue, solve a problem, or make a decision and these two Papers will look at how we finance all levels of government.

There are many opinions around resourcing Local Government but fundamentally we must decide, what is the core business? What do people think Council should be focussing on and what should we no longer deliver?

It is important that there is full consultation and debate around the roles and financial relationships between the three levels of government and there are opportunities for ratepayers and residents to get involved. People will be able to make submissions to the Papers to have their say.

### Budget 2014-15

June's ordinary meeting of Council will look to adopt the Golden Plains Shire's Budget for 2014-15 after having taken into consideration the submissions made. Council thanks all of those who took time to write to Council about the Draft Budget. The result is a responsible budget delivering, within our means, a large program of building, road works and the delivery of a large range of services and programs.

An item raised was the Milton Street Roundabout in Bannockburn. The roundabout is required to meet the shopping precinct development requirements and, with the impending closure of Burns Street (McPhillips Street end), will make Bannockburn a safer place for pedestrians and drivers alike. Council received approval from Minister Mulder to access some funds from Country Roads and Bridges program, which combined with the developer and Council contributions, will enable completion.

Staffing numbers was also an item raised in some community submissions. It is important to understand that a great proportion of staff are engaged in the delivery of Child Care, Kindergarten, Aged and Disability and other support services. On average, Golden Plains Shire cares for 663 children and delivers almost 400 services to over 200 elderly and disabled residents each week. Our region has the largest percentage of children aged 0-4 in the State and a higher than average percentage of older residents which contributes to our high need for these support services.

Our Golden Plains volunteers are absolutely crucial to the delivery of many Council services. Hall Management, Community Transport and Meals on Wheels programs would not be possible without the contribution of our volunteers who give of their time, skills and enthusiasm for the benefit of their neighbours and fellow residents. Volunteers are a valued component of Golden Plains Shire's Service delivery.

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*Below: Lynn Heard, Cathie Boer and Zena Downie at the Awards Night.*





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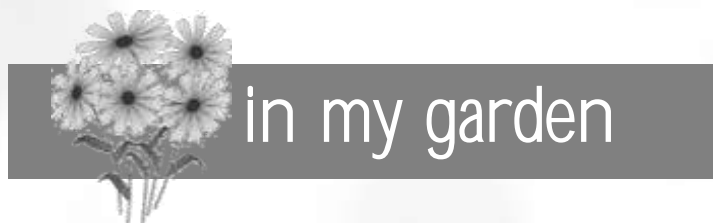
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## in my garden

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Winter arrived abruptly with the onset very cold, wet and windy weather. The deciduous trees are now bare and the roses are looking quite sad and unkempt, and as usual there is much to do in the garden. I do wonder why garden advice columns suggest that now is the time to be cleaning, oiling and sharpening garden tools for storage. How is the gardener supposed to garden if all tools are stored away until Spring? Needless to say, my garden tools are, as usual, ready for use and are sharpened as required.

I love the greenhouse at this time of the year. When it is bitterly cold outside, the greenhouse is my tropical paradise. When the wind is howling, it is a place of absolute calm: the perfect place to pot up cuttings even on the most unpleasant of days. I have been busy taking cuttings of Correas, the new plant love in my life. They are such stars, tolerate almost all conditions on offer and happily thrive under gum trees. As a bonus they strike very easily, are not rampant in growth and thus maintain a nicely shaped shrub without regular pruning, and they flower at this time of the year. I have several different varieties including the tall form, and I love them all.

Seed sowing is another very satisfying greenhouse activity. Last summer I grew tall Hollyhocks (grow to a height of 2 metres or more) from a few seeds that were taken from a black coloured Hollyhock. All of the plants were true to the parent plant except for one plant which had the brightest red flowers. These seeds were duly picked and saved and were planted about three weeks ago. The seeds have germinated well and it is my hope that these plants will be true to their parent and my garden will have an abundance of beautiful bright red Hollyhocks next spring and summer.

Of course, it is the perfect time to be planting bare rooted plants. This year I have started by planting a small apple orchard comprising just five varieties of fruit: Gala, Granny

Smith, Pink Lady, Jonathan and Snow apple. Over time, it is my intention to add other varieties. You may remember that I have previously mentioned that possums had eaten all growth from a five year old 'Snow' apple. The new orchard is well away from any mature trees and should not be bothered by those wretched creatures. I have also planted a stunning Maple, 'October Glory' in a reasonably protected spot from extreme wind and heat and thus I have high expectations for this tree.

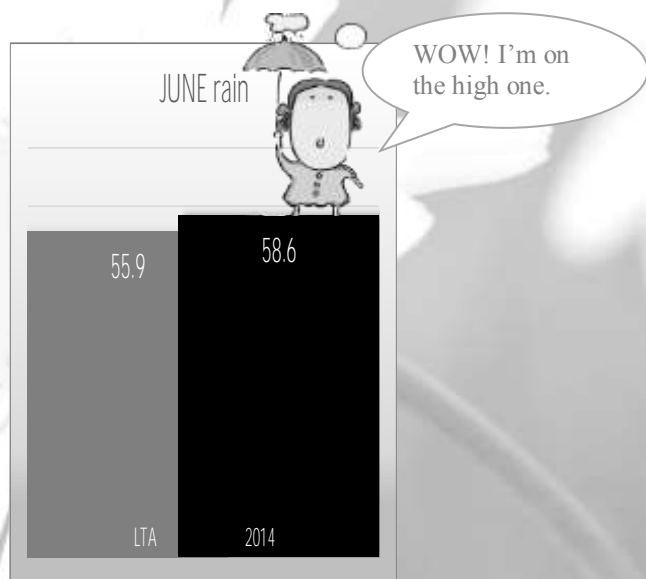
The vegetable garden has also received attention. Barrow loads of spent tomato bushes (many of them self sown), pumpkin, zucchini and cucumber vines have been removed and taken to the compost heap. I am allowing these areas in the vegetable garden to have a little rest before adding dynamic lifter or blood and bone and then replanting. Broad beans have been planted elsewhere, along with garlic, onions, Brussels sprouts, and other assorted leafy greens: all grown from saved seeds.

Rhubarb is a wonderful plant that keeps on giving and my crop provides a beautiful big bunch of stems every couple of weeks. The initial rhubarb crowns were given to me by a lovely Meredith friend and I continue to be grateful for her generosity. Rhubarb is easily grown, requiring little care apart from feeding twice a year and weed removal. The chooks love rhubarb leaves so there is no wastage when harvested.

The biggest pumpkin competition judging occurred on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Mr Ray Dodds, a Staughton Street vegetable gardener extraordinaire, duly won all elements of the competition. His bounty needed to be trucked in and included a 51lb Atlantic pumpkin, a 19lb Fairytale heirloom pumpkin (looks like a rugged version of a Long Island Cheese pumpkin and is pinkish in colour with deeply grooved segments and an uneven skin) and a 15lb Queensland Blue. Yours truly entered a Queensland Blue that tipped the scales a whole 750grams lighter than Ray's pumpkin. When asked what was the secret of his success he was not forthcoming. Well done, Ray. I must pay careful attention to what is happening on the vegetable garden side of his fence, as it is clear, I have a lot to learn.

As usual, there is much to be done in the garden, so I must conclude. Until next time, happy gardening.

Robyn



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Instead she moved into Whitehaven Retirement Home in Newcomb. Her mother Muriel Toohey who is 91 years old and usually lives at Abervale Village in Grovedale is having a rest from looking after herself and has joined Janene at Whitehaven. Janene says that her mother was visiting via a taxi but she was getting very tired.

The staff tell that it is the first time that they have had a mother and daughter both living at the home. Muriel says that it is nice to pop across the hall to see each other. Although Janene regularly visits her mother and they talk on the phone it is a long time since they have actually lived together.



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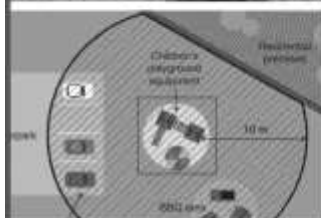


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Now that the weather has turned damp, it is a great time of year to look for fungi. Fungi come in many shapes, sizes and colours. Some are so small they are barely visible, while the biggest can be 1m wide and weigh over 20kg! The part of the fungus that we see above ground is known as the fruiting body. Most of the fungus lives and spreads in the ground or in wood, throughout the year. It is made up of thin threads. Like a fruit tree, when the weather is right, the fruiting bodies appear. They produce spores, which like seeds, create new life.

Fungi are most commonly brown, but also come in blue, green, yellow, red, purple and all the other colours of the rainbow. There are many different forms including round puffballs which have a hole in the top to release spores and bracket or shelf fungi which grow on trees. Stinkhorns can smell horrible and come in a range of bizarre shapes, including starfish fungi and cage fungi. There are also corals, jellies, and fungi with sponge or spines under their caps.

The fungi that people are most familiar with are the mushroom-like agarics, with gills under their caps. One of the best known is the red one with white spots which is found under trees including pines and oaks, and in children's storybooks. Its common name is the fly agaric, as it contains toxins and has sometimes been used to poison flies. It has a ring of membrane on its stalk and a cup shape around the base of the stalk. If you look at a button or cup mushroom bought from a shop, you can't see the gills or only some of them. They are covered by a thin membrane called a veil. As the mushroom grows, the veil breaks, and in some species, such as the fly agaric, part of it remains attached to the stalk as a ring. The fly agaric has a second veil which covers the whole mushroom when it is very little and breaks as it grows. Remnants of this second veil can be seen as the cup at the base of the stalk and the white spots on its cap, which are pieces of veil that have stuck there. Fly agarics form a relationship with the tree under which they grow. The threads of fungus help the tree gather nutrients and water from the soil. In return, the tree provides food to the fungus.

Another image from children's stories is the fairy ring. They are most noticeable in lawns and can grow a little larger each year. This is caused by the threads of fungi in the ground growing outwards in all directions, taking nutrients from the soil as they go. The grass in the centre of the ring may turn yellow. When there is no food left in the middle of the circle the fungus dies there, returning nutrients to the soil, but the ring continues to expand. Fruiting bodies appear at the edge of the ring. A fairy ring found in France was about half a mile wide and estimated to be 700 years old! The fairy ring champignon is small, light brown and has a lump in the middle of the cap, but many other fungi also grow in rings.

Another noticeable fungus is the spectacular rustgill, which grows in clumps of large orange-brown mushrooms, often on

tree stumps. The fungi have a ring on their stalk, and their gills are often rust-coloured due to spores which have been released from the gills. They are recyclers and over time break down the wood to return nutrients to the soil.

In gardens and nature strips, on roadsides and in the bush, look for fungi. When you find them, think about what they are doing. Some cause harm, but many help trees grow or are recyclers, creating new soil for new life.

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by Jane Young (eldest child)

June Violet Upjohn was born 80 years ago to Dr William and Norma Upjohn (later to become Sir William and Lady Upjohn). June was born into a happy, secure home, being the youngest of four. June has always loved and admired her two elder siblings, Rosemary and John and was very close to her nearest sibling, David her brother who was born with cerebral palsy (CP) and died at the age of 15.

June began her early years in a world that was clouded by war however she was nurtured in such a way by her family, both immediate and wider that she recognized that she had been born into a wonderful world and given a life and opportunities that needed to be grasped with open arms and with every ounce of energy she could muster. Thus was launched a most amazing woman who has continued to embrace her loved ones and precious connections of her past as well as move forward embracing new opportunities and those she collides with as these opportunities materialize.

June's wider family, as mentioned already played a significant role particularly in June's earlier life, included her aunts and uncles and cousins who lived on farms in the Southern Riverina, NSW. June visited these relatives during her school holidays learning to enjoy farm life, an important factor in the next chapter of her life. June's wider family also included her school community at Lauriston Girls School where she attended her whole school life. Here was also fostered the belief that we were privileged and with this went responsibility.

After leaving school June commenced her tertiary studies, at first commencing Arts at Melbourne University. June failed to see a future with the grounding these subjects were offering, especially demoralized after enduring a tutorial for one of her subjects, Philosophy where in June's estimation too much time was spent debating whether the chair in the room was really a chair and was it there! Encouraged by her father June then enrolled in a much more practical, pragmatic course, Physiotherapy and three years later received a diploma in Physiotherapy issued by the Masseurs Registration Board of Victoria. June then worked at Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Royal Children's Hospital, Carlton.

In her early twenties June met and married Neil Cameron and so settled into life in the country at “Glenspean”, Meredith. After marrying Neil, June wasted no time and nine months later Jane was born. In fact in less than four years of marriage the family had extended again by three, Alexander (Sandy), Simon and

Katherine (Kate). Seven years after Kate, June appeared one day with the old pram which had been lent to older brother John for his babies and announced to J,S,S and K she was having another baby. Jane became very nervous as the eldest when she over heard June saying to others she was about to start another run of 4 babies. She was joking of course!

Prior to becoming pregnant with Hamish, June had taken a courageous step (in those days it was not common for a woman to step back into a career beyond her home) to answer a plea for a physiotherapist to fill a long term vacancy at the Geelong Spastic Centre situated behind the Geelong Hospital. June's interest in working with children with special needs was shaped by David, her brother with CP. Young family not withstanding June resumed work part time as a Paediatric Physiotherapist in Geelong for the Spastic Society, eventually full time, and continued into semi-retirement in Ballarat for Specialist Children's Services and for Playhouse. June's career in Paediatric physiotherapy saw her become a foundation member and early president, Paediatric Group, Australian Physiotherapy Association. She and her colleagues instigated the first Victorian Early Intervention Program, based at ‘Shannon Park’, Barwon Region, Spastic Children's Society (now “Scope”), where she managed to make therapy fun for her clients. Her continuing involvement for people with a disability has included Board Membership of Scope, and close involvement in the re-development of Shannon Park; with continuing membership of the Golden Plains Shire Council's ‘Action and Inclusion Committee’.

June has being involved in many other community institutions and groups covering all aspects of life including President, Meredith Kindergarten; Woodburn Creek Primary school; Geelong College Council; Alexandra Club, Melbourne; Meredith and Ballarat Red Cross; “Spotted Owl” with Meredith Brownies, and later District Leader, Girl Guides; Church Elder; member of CWA; Advance Meredith; Meredith Community Centre; Bamganie/Meredith Landcare, Water Watch for Barwon Water, Chorister with the Meredith Inter-Church Choir, the Meredith Minstrels, the U3A and Buninyong CWA choirs.

As partner in “Glenspean Partners” she has delivered the odd lamb, planted many a tree, and fallen in the creek at dusk in midwinter, helping Neil push lambs across it. Not only that, but she has returned the country hospitality she received as a child, herself giving a taste of ‘country’ to city nephew and nieces.

June is still involved in many of these organizations and events but from my perspective it is not just about what she does but who she is as a person, a wonderful mother and friend. As a fellow chorister remarked this week, she is always smiling!



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## Meredith PS Film Festival *(from p.1)*

students having to write applications for various roles within the production of the movie including scriptwriters, artists, interviewers, voice actors and musicians to create the background music.

Creating the animations as professionally as possible meant that we needed to research the appropriate techniques involving lighting and animation techniques.

The class worked together to build animation stages that house sliding backgrounds that were hand painted by Ralph Holtz and students in the grade. For promotion purposes we decided to make a giant life-sized LEGO 'mini-fig' to represent Mr G from the movie as well as a series of movie posters depicting different scenes from the movie.

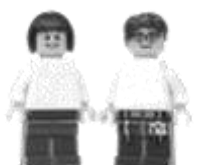
The premise of the movie is based around a student drinking a magic LEGO potion that turned the entire world into LEGO! The students then split up into groups and head off on their own adventures, when unfortunately the world's internet goes down. Luckily Mrs Hart and Mr G are there to save the day. Students had to create LEGO figures that looked like themselves, including creating their own special school uniforms that needed to be applied to their figures for the movie.

Overall, the project was a massive effort that included so many amazing efforts from the students and staff in our classroom. Integrated into many of the subjects at school, especially writing and investigations, many hours of work from the students went into putting this together, including approximately 10,000 photos to piece the animation together. All of this was done on the school's iPads.

But the film festival wasn't just about this one film. The Prep/One class created a lovely animation featuring the whole class and the schools notice board titled "What a Wonderful World." The 3/4, 5 and 6 classes all created a series of movies and animations from which a winner was chosen to be screened on the day at the cinema. A large number of parents and VIPs (Sponsors) attended the day and enjoyed watching all of the student movies.

The day was hosted by Academy Award winning animator Adam Elliot, who created Harvie Krumpet, for which he won his award. He gave an engaging talk about what it takes to be an animator and answered a number of questions from students at the school. He was very complimentary of all the movies but raved about Mr G's Grade LEGO Trek, labelling it one of the best kids animations he had ever seen, encouraging us to enter it into some more competitive film festivals.

Overall the whole day and class project was a huge success. Keep an eye out for the DVD of Mr G's Grade's LEGO Trek and the Meredith Primary School Film Festival, which will be coming soon. I've also heard rumours of a potential iPad game based on the movie...We dream BIG in Grade 1/2!!



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### Liar Liar

Body language is a powerful tool. It can give you away in a dead lie, display positive or negative emotions towards others and show prospective employers how nervous you are even though you've plastered an unnaturally large grin on your face.

While some people have managed to conquer the art of manipulating said body language to disguise a true feeling or a lie, most of us are unable to do so. This leads me to the realisation that, sometimes, you really do need someone to dedicate themselves to full-blown lying—both verbally and physically.

Therefore, it is now my belief that everybody should be exposed to some kind of sympathetic body language manipulation course at some time in their lives in order to protect the ones they love.

Say you've put together a rather visually painful ensemble, your partner/child/friend says something along the lines of 'that looks amazing' as you step out of the car, a good half an hour away from any possible means of getting changed. But the high-pitched tone of their voice, the slight widening of their eyelids, and the tightened shoulders suggest that they do not in fact think that your outfit is amazing. Now you are stuck metres away from the party/appointment/BBQ and you have no choice but to go in there with a terrible feeling of self-consciousness and eyes not willing to meet anyone's judgemental stares.

Now wouldn't you just prefer to have waltzed in there, as confident as when you walked out of the house? And all that inner turmoil and self-hatred could have been avoided through your loved one's steadied eyes and relaxed stance. Then, perhaps at a later time, they could inform you to not pair those leopard print pants with that bright purple cardigan.

A course, gentle white lying would save copious amounts of self-doubt. Especially when there's NOTHING that you can do about the situation for a long period of time. Like me. Magazine cut-out in hand, I went to the hairdresser's to get my model-inspired, wispy-bob haircut. Looking forward to the new me, I guess I got what I asked for. My confidence fell away inch by inch like my hair after each snip.

Afterwards, forced to smile, thank, and pay the woman for the pleasure of having my hair massacred, I realised that I am excellent at protecting peoples' feelings.

But back home, I discovered my family were not. They spared me no amount of telling body language. They didn't even try to verbally contradict what their bodies were screaming. Yes, yes you do in fact look like a long

lost member of the Beatles.

With teary eyes I was forced to accept that no amount of clip-in hair extensions could right this wrong. So, much like the hypothetical you struck at the BBQ in that clown outfit, I'll be avoiding pitying stares for the next few months, wishing that people were better liars.

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### Imogen Brough coming to Meredith

After an incredible 2013 in which she was mentored by Ricky Martin on Channel 9's hit show, *The Voice*, Geelong singer/songwriter, Imogen Brough will headline and judge the 1<sup>st</sup> heat of the 2014 FReeZA Push Start Battle of the Bands at Meredith this August.

Push Start is a program giving young musicians from around Victoria an opportunity to perform, gain local exposure, and win their way to a spot in the finals at the Push Over festival line-up.

Imogen has recently been working alongside a band and sees this event as a good opportunity to share a new aspect of her music with her fans. Imogen and her band will join a line-up of four other young emerging bands from the Golden Plains and Geelong region. These include: *Wild Eyed Like Fire Flies*, *Revolution*, *The Ampersands* and solo artist *Matt Gleeson*. All band members are aged between 14-25 and have a connection with Golden Plains. Imogen will also join a panel of judges to offer valuable feedback to each performing band.

The Golden Plains Youth FReeZA Team will be hosting this first heat of the competition with the winning band going on to compete at the Barwon South West Regional Final later this year. Supported by the Meredith Music Festival, this year's competition is set to be bigger and better than previous years. Festival Director, Matt High, will join Imogen in judging each act. Matt says "Push Start is an invaluable tool for local amateur musicians to start being noticed and acknowledged... Starting out [in the music industry] is the hardest part of the journey and Push Start makes the first step that much easier".

The 2014 Golden Plains Push Start Battle of the Bands Heat will be held at the **Meredith Memorial Hall on Friday 8 August from 7.30pm – 10.30pm**, doors open 7.15pm. This under-age event is drug, alcohol and smoke free. Gold coin donation entry. For more information and event details visit [www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/youth) or contact the Golden Plains Shire Council Youth Development Officer, Sarah Dalton 5220 7177 or email [sdalton@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:sdalton@gplains.vic.gov.au) Make sure you like the Facebook page #GPSFREEZA



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### "The Dinner" by Herman Koch

The Dinner opens with Paul Lohman and his wife Claire heading to a gourmet restaurant in The Hague. They've been summoned by Babette and her husband Serge, Paul's brother and the man tipped to be the next Prime Minister of Holland.

Like acts in a play, the novel is divided into parts: appetiser, entrée, main course, dessert and digestive. Everything about his brother infuriates Paul: from his handshake, to his smile to his table manners. We also discover that Paul isn't exactly a reliable narrator as he has his own vicious past.

But the couple have met to talk about their teenage sons and the terrible thing they have done and how far the four of them will go to save their children from the consequences of their actions.

There is a bracing nastiness to this book that grows more intense with the turning of the pages. One reviewer commented that "the writing turns from being satisfying edgy to bleak, then alienating, and on down to flat out unpalatable".

It is a social comment on people's morals and values. It is surprising to what lengths they will go and especially Claire who seems a woman of reason but who is the most terrifying character of all and absolutely ruthless in protecting her son.

Meredith book-club readers digested this book very well.

*The book for July is Kim Scott's That Deadmen Dance*

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## Winter Drill

*Chris Jones, MFB Captain*

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The drill simulated a gas fire which required the Brigade to set up the Tankers a safe distance from the fire, hook up to the towns reticulated water supply and boost through two lengths of hose. Once the team had water at their nozzles they conducted what is known as a five person fog attack made up of two branch operators, two assistants and a commander.

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#### **Caroline Chisholm School Camp: Pioneer Ridge Road**

You are invited to visit the Caroline Chisholm Camp at 355 Pioneer Ridge Road on Sunday, July 13 at 1.30 pm. The camp buildings, the camp concept and the location on the end of Pioneer Ridge are all interesting. Many people don't know about this area so close to the Meredith town, so take the opportunity to come and discover it.

If you know anything about the area, about the camp, the river, the reservoir, the land development, the first people to buy or build on the land please let us know or come along on July 13. If the weather is fine we will be able to wander but if the weather is terrible we may be confined to the school buildings. Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea.

#### **The Dunera Boys**

Some locals may remember when the scenes were shot at Meredith for the film "The Dunera Boys." The weather was cold and miserable but the actors and some locals who were in the scenes wore summer clothing because the scenes were to represent being in Hay in NSW in summer. The book [The Dunera Scandal](#) by Cyril Pearl tells the story of the ship "Dunera" which had a maximum capacity of 1600 including crew. It left Liverpool in July 1940 with 2542 German and Austrian internees for Australia. Most were political or racial refugees who had been interned as "friendly aliens" in various English camps. The ship that was to carry them to freedom was a floating concentration camp. They were stripped of personal possessions, crammed below decks in appalling conditions and subjected to brutal and humiliating treatment. In Australia they were held in barbed wire protected camps for years. Winston Churchill called the "Dunera episode" a deplorable mistake.

#### **Looking for Jean Gartland**

Before Jim McKellin came to Meredith in 1953 to take up a Soldier Settler Block on Shelford Road he worked at Harrow for the Gartland family on "Taloona". Recently Jim's son John McKellin visited Harrow to see where his father worked.

He was told that the daughter of the family for whom his father worked had been a librarian in Geelong and that she had moved to Meredith. Her name was Jean Gartland. If you know anything of her please contact John on 52 823 209.

*Join Us - We meet at the Anglican Church Hall on the last Thursday of the month from 9 am. Recently some documents relating to the ownership of a house in Lawler Street from August 1853 were donated to MHIG. Information like this is very valuable to us and adds to the "Who Lived in My House Project".*



## Father Michael Denis Murphy

Marg Cooper

Father Murphy was the Parish Priest at Meredith from 1900 until 1911. He was born at Coburg and was the eldest child of James and Catherine Murphy. His father James was a blacksmith and opened a blacksmith shop on the east side of Sydney Road next to a hotel on the corner of Sydney and Bell Streets in 1853. His father was an early member of the Roads Board at Coburg and Treasurer of the Committee formed to build the first Catholic Church in Coburg.

Michael Murphy was one of the first students at the Catholic school in Coburg and afterwards went to St Patrick's College in East Melbourne where he did his ecclesiastical studies and was prepared for the priesthood by the Jesuit Fathers. He was ordained by Bishop Goold at St Patrick's Cathedral on September 29, 1879 and was the second Victorian born priest to be ordained. He also had the distinction of being the oldest Victorian born priest before he died in 1939.

He served as assistant priest to Archdeacon Slattery in Geelong for nine years then in 1900 was transferred from Castlemaine to Meredith.

After his retirement in 1919 (because of ill health) he lived with his sister in Sydney Road, Coburg which was almost opposite where his father had been a blacksmith.

He died on February 13, 1939, aged 85 years within a few months of the 60<sup>th</sup> year of his ordination. His funeral was held in St Paul's Church Coburg and he was buried in the Murphy family grave in Coburg Cemetery.

During Father Murphy's time at Meredith he endeared himself to the parishioners. With his shillelagh in his hand he was in demand to sing and to entertain at functions. Possessed of a fine voice he sang at concerts held in the Meredith Hall and attended School Christmas break up nights. He was also elected the first President of the C.Y.M.S and was later made a Life Member. He was the Parish Priest when Elaine Catholic Church was opened in 1909. After his transfer to Footscray he often returned to visit his many friends in the district.

*Written by Raymond Kelly who wishes to acknowledge the assistance of the Coburg Historical Society in the preparation of this article. Raymond has travelled to Coburg several times recently to research Father Murphy.*



## Vicar Vernon Cohen

Marg Cooper

Vernon Cohen studied metallurgical engineering and was lecturing at Melbourne Technical Institute when he had a "calling to the ministry".

He was brought up in the church and he and his family were members of the congregation at St Paul's at Malvern and Caulfield. They lived next door to the church for a time and he met his wife at church where her father was the organist.

In 1951, when he was 25 years old, Vernon began studies in theology at St John's College in Morpeth, NSW. They lived frugally, he rarely saw his fiancée Joan and it was like living in a monastery. After two years he was appointed to be Deacon at Christ Church in Essendon and on March 1, 1953 he was ordained a Priest.

On April 11, 1953 Vernon and Joan were married and in 1954 he was appointed to the Inverleigh Parish. Vernon recalls he had to initiate building or repairs at all six churches. At Lethbridge Geelong Grammar boys built a wooden church, whilst at Steiglitz and Bannockburn buttresses were built to hold the churches straight and at Meredith they blocked the possums out of the turret.

They arrived at Inverleigh with their three week old son Tim to live in the old vicarage which hadn't been lived in for some time. The rats had eaten the floor boards in the passage, the hessian on the ceiling in the bedrooms was dangling down, there was a funny wood hot water heater in the bathroom and there was a possum in the tank.

Vernon felt the vocation but didn't feel trained enough. He preached at Inverleigh and Meredith every Sunday and the other churches every two or three weeks. Sundays were busy. Usually Joan and Tim travelled with him. Joan's father had made a basket for the car which took a cot mattress so Tim could sleep between services.

Vernon visited schools and conducted Religious Education. He said that Woodburn Creek, with Mrs Barber as Head Teacher, was like a Private School. He visited the sick at home and at hospitals in Ballarat and Geelong and attended meetings everywhere including Inverleigh School Council where he was elected President although Tim was only a baby.

When he started he was paid £300 a year plus a small car allowance and they received wood for the house and two pints of milk a week.

He had a Morris Minor car that got bogged on Shelford Road and on corrugated roads would spin out! The Roman Catholic Priest at Meredith had won Tatts and had bought a beautiful Lagonda car. Sometimes he'd take Vernon fishing in his flash car and they had quite a friendship.

Vernon was appointed to Cheltenham at the end of 1956. He and his wife enjoyed visiting Meredith for the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of the church and how much he enjoyed meeting people that he knew from Meredith.





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- 4 spring onions
- ½ bunch fresh dill
- 200g podded raw of frozen peas
- 1 small handful of black olives
- 2tbsp olive oil
- 40g feta cheese

##### ***Chicken***

- 2 x 200g skinless chicken breasts
- 1 heaped tps dried oregano
- 1 tps ground allspice
- 1 lemon
- Olive oil

##### ***Tzatziki***

- ½ a cucumber
- 250g fat free natural yoghurt
- ½ a lemon
- ½ a bunch of fresh mint

#### **Start Cooking**

Put 1 mug of couscous and 2 mugs of boiling water into a bowl with a pinch of salt and cover. On a large sheet of greaseproof paper, toss the chicken with salt, pepper, the oregano, allspice and finely grated lemon zest. Fold over the paper then bash and flatten the chicken to 1.5cm thick with a rolling pin. Put into the frying pan with 2 tablespoons of olive oil, turning after 3 or 4 minutes until golden and cooked through.

Coarsely grate the cucumber and sprinkle it with a good pinch of salt then squeeze with clean hands to get rid of the excess salty water. Pop in a bowl with yoghurt, juice of ½ a lemon and pinch of pepper, finely chop and add the top part of the mint and mix together. Remove the stalk and seeds from the peppers and chilli, then pulse in a food processor with trimmed spring onions and the dill until finely chopped. Scatter over a large tray or platter.

Add the peas to the veg (if using frozen peas, blanch in boiling water for a couple of minutes first), tear over the olives, then squeeze over the juice of the zested lemon and add the extra virgin olive oil. Fluff up and scatter over the couscous, toss well and season to taste. Slice cooked chicken and lay it around the couscous. Crumble over the feta and serve with tzatziki.

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## The BamganieSpartans

Marg Cooper

On Saturday May 31 Bamganie was visited by thousands of people who wanted to be active, to test their fitness and to be excited. They were also prepared to get dirty and to get wet.

The Spartan Race was held on a property on Bamganie Road. The course had been prepared by "Spartanrace" who claim to design the toughest and most competitive courses in the world.

The Bamganie course involved a 7km run and many obstacles including throwing a spear into hay bales representing the stomach of a warrior, crawling or rolling up a muddy hill under razor wire, carrying a medicine ball for a distance up hill, climbing over an eight foot high wall, the *Slippery Wall* which involves ascending a sloping board using a rope after swimming a dam, hauling a heavy object to the top of a pole via a long rope, the Balance Beams which involve walking across boards without touching the ground, traversing a rock climbing wall, jumping a fire, crossing a rope mesh in the air strung between 2 shipping containers high, monkey bars, pulling a tyre up a hill with a rope before sliding down on the tyre, crossing an area on a thick rope using arms and legs, dragging concrete blocks through the trees and the most spectacular obstacle: the rolling ditches where contestants clamber over six mounds of clay into six pools of water and then swim through a dam which looked to be thick with clay. (*Phew...I'm out of breath, just reading about it! - Ed.*)

If the contestants did not successfully complete an obstacle they were required to do 30 "burpees" which are a bit like push-ups.

"Commando" from the TV Show "The Biggest Loser" ran the course and although he successfully completed all the obstacles, he also did 30 burpees after each obstacle as well as some for other contestants. Children were catered for with a scaled down version of the course and a three storey jumping castle (with obstacles, of course).

Thousands of people enjoyed the race. It was obvious that they were in high spirits, enjoying helping each other and seemingly unfazed by getting wet and cold.

The elite athletes competed at 7.15 am. The announcer who called the contestants to the starting line told the crowd that he had sent 175 people off every 20 minutes from 7.15 am until 3 pm.

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**From the Mud Face**  
*Fraser Mitilineos*

I was invited to go in the Spartan Race with four mates. On the afternoon of the race we headed down to Bamganie and the weather didn't look too good and we were wondering what we had got ourselves into. The races were taking place from 7am and all the way through the afternoon. We got there and there were thousands of people, muddy and clean. Our kids race started at 2pm and there were many different obstacles throughout it. The obstacles ranged from mud pits to wall barriers and low ropes to haystack hurdles. The kids race was roughly 2.5 km long and the adults race was roughly 7km long. The adults one had a lot more and harder obstacles. At the end of everyone's race we were all cold and muddy and sadly there were only cold showers available.



*Inset top: Steve Willis (AKA "Commando") one of the trainers on "The Biggest Loser", gets some tips from Norma and, bottom, competitors enjoying (?) the complimentary mud bath.*







Welcome to Wendy Abraham's App alert for iOS devices. Android users should check the Play Store anyway - many of these apps are there too.

### Games, Part 1

Shhh, lean in while I whisper a secret. Yes, I play games on my iPad! In fact, most people who own one do play, though they may not admit it. In fact there are some great games out there, with something to suit every taste. This time let's look at iPad versions of games that you have probably been playing for years.

#### Crosswords

Did you know that doing crosswords helps keep the brain active? The Lovett's Mega Crossword App is one option, it downloads into your newsstand and is quite well set out once you get used to the controls. It offers a couple of different ways of viewing the page and has enough free puzzles to keep you busy for hours.

#### Jigsaws

Magic Puzzles is a very pretty puzzle app. You can choose to have as few as 42 pieces or as many as 550. The first 24 puzzles are free, but there are hundreds more available at a small cost. You can even decide if you want the puzzle pieces arranged the right way up or randomly arranged. Nice soothing background music adds to the game's appeal.

#### Sudoku

There are many variations on this popular number game available. Sudoku 2 is one I like, with five levels of difficulty and easy to manage controls. It takes a little practice to get used to the interface, but the screen is nice and clear and the timer gives you something to aim for in beating your own best time.

#### Card Patience

Card Shark offers a selection of patience games for free, with dozens more, including single deck and double deck games available if you purchase the full version. Instructions are provided and you can track your success rate over time. You can vary the look of the pack and the way the cards appear on the table.

Next month we will look at some of the other styles of games that are also worth exploring.

Wendy

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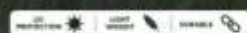
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## Tennis is her Passion

Marg Cooper

Nancy McGrath has played tennis since she was ten years old. She celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 26, 2014 **and** still plays tennis two days a week. Nancy was Secretary of the tennis club at Horsham when Bill McGrath brought his brother Frank to Horsham to watch him play in a tennis match. Frank met Nancy, romance blossomed and they wed and lived at Minyip on a farm. But Frank wanted to be a sheep farmer instead of a grain farmer so in 1964 they sold their farm at Minyip and bought a farm at Elaine that had been a Soldier Settlers block owned by Warwick Patterson. Bev Cameron welcomed the family to the district and invited them to play tennis for Grenville. Frank and Nancy later played tennis for Buninyong but when some of their team retired they moved to play in Ballarat.

They also played badminton for over 25 years at least twice a week. Their four children were all keen tennis players and most of them still play competitively. Nancy also watches tennis on Foxtel and is currently enjoying watching Wimbledon.

She now plays indoor tennis at Sebastopol on Tuesdays and Thursdays, thoroughly enjoying it, and can still hold her own on the court. Nancy admits that she doesn't move much on the court but she never did. She has perfected a game where she doesn't have to run around the court madly. She probably will play for a long time yet.

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The Come and Try Disc Golf will be held at the Bannockburn Recreation Stadium on Wednesday 9 July from 10am – 2pm. Everyone is welcome. Register online at visit [www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/youth) or contact Sarah Dalton, Youth Activities Officer on 5220 7177 or email [sdalton@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:sdalton@gplains.vic.gov.au)



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**(10th - 30th July)**

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#### **Progressive Gift Sale**

**(10th - 31st July)**

This month we are off to Salt & Pepper to buy from their new range of products and then next month we are off to the Melbourne Gift Fair to buy more new gifts! In order for us to make room for the new gifts we buy we need to make room. So we are going to have a **Progressive Gift Sale** commencing **Thursday 10th July** where the discount will start at 17% off the marked price.

For those of you who don't know how a progressive sale works. On Thursday 10th July you will receive a discount of 17%, then Friday 11th will be an 18% discount, and each day until the end of the month the discount will go up by 1%. Thereby on the 31st July, which will be the last day of the sale, you will receive a 35% discount.

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