



The Geelong based Harley Davidson Club added to the spectacle of the Lethbridge Airport function with a prostate cancer fund raiser and awareness drive.

Photo by Cathie Boer

## Airport Upgrade

*David Mackay*

On the last Sunday in August, around 1,000 people, including visiting aircraft and 700 motor bikes (some cars as well) descended on Lethbridge Airport for the official opening of its recently completed redevelopment. A State Government grant of \$1m allowed the owners, Garry and Trisha Baum, to seal a new east/west runway and partly seal a north/south runway. Extensive grassed areas and a sealed tarmac area completed the first stage redevelopment.

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## Meredith and District News



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"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."

- Oscar Wilde



# Community



## Golden Plains Arts Trail

The next Golden Plains Arts Trail has been set for the weekend of March 21st and 22nd 2015.

Artists Registrations open on October 1 and close Strictly Close of Business on October 31. Online Registrations only at [www.artstrail.com.au](http://www.artstrail.com.au)

For further information contact Shannon Fielder, Arts Officer Golden Plains Shire Council 5220 7212 [sfielder@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:sfielder@gplains.vic.gov.au)

## Meredith Recreation Reserve AGM

Wednesday October 8th @ 7pm  
Everyone welcome to attend

## Meredith Seniors Day Out

*Jim Hynds.*

Meredith Seniors set off on Monday, September 22, 2014 for a well anticipated trip to Queenscliff and surrounds. The twenty one members were blessed with a glorious day. After a leisurely drive to the coast we found ourselves at the Queenscliff Fort. We were given a two hour guided tour of the fort which members found to be extremely informative. They saw historical houses, light houses, gun batteries, jail cells, disappearing guns, parade grounds and lots more.

After the tour, slightly foot weary, we boarded the bus to go to lunch at the Queenscliff Bowls Club.

We received a warm welcome before being served with a varied and superb menu. We all eagerly placed our orders. After the meal, being well satisfied, we boarded the bus for a sightseeing tour which took us to lookouts, Barwon Heads and many beautiful beaches.

On arriving back home at approximately 4pm the members thanked Rob, our new bus driver, for having done a marvellous job. Well done Rob.

## Wicking Workshops

A community wicking bed workshop will be held on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October** from 9.30am-12noon at the Anakie Community Garden, Geelong-Ballan Rd, Anakie (Old Parks Vic Depot). Cost is \$10 per person or couple and FREE for Anakie Community Garden members. Please bring along wheel barrow (if possible), shovel and gloves. RSVP **11<sup>th</sup> October** [helena.lindorff@bigpond.com](mailto:helena.lindorff@bigpond.com) or 5284 1363. Come along and learn how it's done, see already established wicking beds in action and adopt a bed of your own.

### BENEFITS OF WICKING BEDS

- A way of growing plants in which water wicks up from an underground water reservoir.
- Increase in production because the plants have access to water and nutrients.
- Water use reduced by 50% compared to conventional practice.
- Less frequent watering is required.
- Evaporation is significantly reduced.



A reminder Meredith Music Festival is scheduled to take place on 12, 13 and 14 December 2014 and Golden Plains Festival is scheduled to take place on 7, 8 and 9 March 2015. If you have any questions, ideas or concerns please contact Kristie Walker on 0430091120.

Go on...smile!



I DON'T FIND IT HARD TO MEET EXPENSES.  
THEY'RE EVERYWHERE.



Time to clear out those old car, truck and tractor batteries again. Woolabrai has kindly offered to act a collection point for a fund raising **'BATTERY DRIVE'** So please, if you have any old batteries around, drop them into the Wool Store. All money raised will go directly to **the Meredith CERT**

## Classifieds

First insertion of small ads are FREE to district residents

**For Sale** Safe and Sound Maxi Rider car seat. Good condition. \$30. Phone: 0413 332 062



## 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

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Father Herman Licayan 52861230

-St. Joseph's Mass times

Weekend Masses

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9a.m. ( Family Mass every 1st. Sunday of the month)

Anakie @ 11 a.m. Sunday October 12th/ 26th November 9th/ 23rd.

Meredith @ 11 a.m. Sunday October 5th/ 19th November 2nd/16th/30th.

Blessing of the Animals Saturday October 4th @ 11 a.m. at St. John's Bannockburn ( Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)

October is Rosary Month- Opening Mass Wednesday October 1st at Bannockburn at 5.30 p.m.

Rosary will continue in homes around the entire Parish until the Culmination Mass on Friday October 31st at 11a.m. at Meredith.

Confirmation will be on Sunday November 30th at 2p.m. at Holy Spirit Church Manifold Heights.

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## RED CROSS FILM NIGHT

**Last Thursday of the Month 7.30pm**  
Come along and see our next movie:  
**"The Silent Side"**

At the Meredith Community Centre  
in the Studio (Donation Appreciated).



## We are on the move.

As I write we are well underway in moving our operations to 5 Russell St, right opposite where we are now. This is happening because our current building is involved as part of the new Community and Kindergarten development. Our Occasional care service is being generously hosted in the afterhours room at the primary school during this time. Many of our current programs which operate in the Studio annexe will still be able to meet there. We are hoping to be able to work quite comfortably in our new premises and hope it will not cause too much inconvenience. Please call in to see us and find out about our programs.

Due to unforeseen circumstances our Course Brochure distribution will be a little later than usual so check the information page in the newsletter for information and call us if you want to book in to a class. A copy of the brochure will be on our website and a link to the digital version will be on our Facebook page. So there are lots of ways to find out about our upcoming classes.

Many of our classes this Term are following on from the popularity of our earlier classes this year. Wendy our ipad teacher showed the class some examples of photobooks last term and the students were keen to learn more. They are a great idea for a gift with Christmas coming up fast. We have mentioned several times this year the 5000 poppies project and we are running a workshop. So a great chance to learn to knit or crochet a poppy or 2.

### Events

We have several other events the Centre is supporting in the next couple of months.

Firstly on October 7<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Bannockburn Mens Shed we have the Beyond Blue Better Living evening at the Bannockburn Hub. Don't miss this important evening hearing about depression and anxiety and how we can help our family and friends who are suffering.

In the news recently has been the scourge of ice/ amphetamines and the terrible effect it is having on families and communities. Our local policeman Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen and the Community Centre will be running a forum to discuss the impacts of ice and what you can do about it. We still have to confirm a date so watch the newsletter for more details.

We look forward to seeing you in our new location.

Bye for now... *Pam Ridd*



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## meredithPolice news

Leading Senior Constable Greg Kitchen

Well the last month overall has seen a variety of incidents occurring close by the Meredith area. On Thursday the 11th of September, a burglary and theft occurred from a residential address in Stirling Road, Sheoaks.

The property's owner left home early morning for work and on his return discovered his garage had been targeted. Offenders targeted specific items within the garage of personal and significant value. A vehicle believed to be a white Ford Falcon ute similar to an XF style ute was sighted in Stirling Road with two male occupants during the day.

A partial registration number of this vehicle is known and police are very eager to speak with anyone who may have sighted this vehicle whether it be on this day or at any other time around the area. Any information can be directed to the Moorabool Criminal Investigation Unit on 53 664545, Crime Stoppers on 1300 333 000 or me directly at the Meredith Police Station on phone 52 86 1222. It is very possible that this vehicle may be the same vehicle as described in the previous edition of the Meredith News.

On Sunday evening the 7th of September Meredith Police attended the scene of a single vehicle collision in Harvey Road, Bannockburn. A young female driver was very lucky to escape serious injury however was conveyed the Geelong Hospital for treatment together with a male passenger.

On Monday the 8th of September police from both Meredith and Bannockburn attended the scene of a truck and dog trailer roll over on Thompson Road Maude. This collision occurred mid morning and the driver was transferred to hospital where he was later released. It was extremely fortunate that no other vehicle was directly involved and that no other persons were injured as a result.

Well kids please don't forget the Halloween Blue Light Disco booked in for Friday the 31st of October. Disco Des from Ballarat will be in great form on the evening and there will be plenty of great prizes to be won. I will be advertising the disco through the school and in the next news letter before the big night.

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

## From the Mayor

**Lethbridge Airport** - A few weeks ago saw the exciting official opening of the Lethbridge Airport upgrade project, held in conjunction with a local Brown Ribbon event coordinated by Geelong Harley Davidson to raise money for prostate cancer research. There were hundreds of motorbikes at the airport and planes galore.

The airport can now support firefighting helicopters like E.L.V.I.S. as well as offering a fully-fledged airport service including everything from joy flights to aviation school and commercial air traffic. It is terrific that such a great development has taken place in our Shire and we congratulate Garry Baum and his family on their efforts in getting this development off the ground!

**Prostate Cancer** - The Brown Ribbon part of the event (where something like \$10,000 was raised) highlighted the importance of regular health checks. It is very important for men to have their regular check-ups because early prostate cancer rarely causes any symptoms. The Prostate Foundation of Australia provides a wealth of information about the disease, how to get involved with events to raise money and also information packs for men who have been diagnosed. Don't leave it until it's too late, get your check up booked in now. (visit [prostate.org.au](http://prostate.org.au))

**Golden Plains Rural Women's Network** is holding a Wine and Cheese - Girls' Night Out event at the Rokewood Golf Club on Thursday 30 October at 6.30pm. There will be guest speakers and light entertainment with wine, cheese and finger food for \$25. Come along and meet some new friends and have some fun. RSVP to Liz Aitken on 0409 838 657 or Geraldine Frantz on 0408 653 477.

**Fire Season Ready** - As Spring progresses it is time for residents to get started on preparing and maintaining their property in a 'fire ready condition'. Start the clean ups now so we don't get caught when everything dries off. All residents are encouraged to have a bush fire plan for their family and property. Visit the CFA website [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) or contact the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 for further information to help you prepare your family ahead of what is expected to be a severe bushfire season.

*Cr Jenny Blake  
Mayor, Golden Plains Shire Council*

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# sports



## Meredith Golf Club –Men

13th & 14th September–Stableford

Winner D Gear 35 pts R up D Jury 34 pts

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## Elaine Cricket Club

U13 cricket training is every Wednesday at 4.30pm at Meredith Cricket Ground. All welcome.

Enquiries Ph Coach Daryl 0418535713

## Milo Cricket

Milo cricket registration day this year is straight after the U13's home game at Elaine at approx 11am on Saturday 18th October. All sessions will run straight after Elaine U13 home games. Volunteer helpers are essential. Cost is \$75 for ten week program. Visit [in2cricket.com.au](http://in2cricket.com.au) for more info.

## Meredith GC Annual Golf Trip

*Vin Drew Club Captain*

This years trip saw us going to Rich River Golf Resort at Moama. All though our numbers were down on last year we all had a good time. We arrived at Rich River on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> July, all though it was fairly cold the rooms were well air conditioned and the resort club is very inviting.

We had 4 days of golf. 3 days of Stableford and on the last day a game of Ambrose was enjoyed. Rich River has 2 courses, the East Course and the West Course. With the Pro Staff alternating us between courses it allowed us to get a feel for what they had to offer.

The golf was very competitive with Simon Wilson and Janet Donghi dominating the golf. To try and share the awards around we handicapped each day's winner 2 strokes with those strokes going to the day's lowest scorer. This gave yours truly a win on the third day. The Ambrose event saw 3 teams of 4 people have a very close contest with the team of Denis Gear, Danny Jury, Lyn Drew and Vin Drew coming out winners.

I would like to thank everybody who came this year. It makes for an enjoyable trip away when everyone gets along so well. I hope we can all get together again next year for another enjoyable trip.

## Running for Victoria

The Victorian State Cross Country Championships were held at Bundoora in mid-July and Meredith's Amy Canavan again lined up with the fastest distance runners in the state in the 12year girls category.

Over a 3km rolling course on a very cold day Amy placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state. A wonderful achievement which she has managed to do the previous 2 years, placing 3rd in 2011 and 2nd in 2012.

And for the third year running, she was selected in the Victorian team to compete at the Australian Cross Country National titles, this year in Albany WA.

Amy was also selected as the Captain of Team Victoria which is a wonderful honour and achievement. (you tube "SSV State X Country Team Captain Speech 2014")

The National Titles were held in late August and it was a wonderful and exciting weekend with some very fast racing. Amy finished 12th in the country and combined with her 4 other 12year old team mates to finish 2nd in the team event earning them a national silver medal. A fabulous achievement

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## Report of the FIRST EVER MCC Cricket Match

*Terry Southall's research unearthed this report of the first ever match held at the Meredith Cricket Ground, on January 10th 1861, as it appeared in the Stieglitz Miner. Shane Grinter faithfully (including errors) and painstakingly reproduced the barely legible copy and Terry Hart drew it to our attention. The match description is a delightful piece of period journalism.*

### CRICKET. MEREDITH V STIEGLITZ

A match between the above clubs came off on Thursday last, on Meredith Cricket Ground, resulting in favor of Meredith. At about half-past eight o'clock a.m., the men of Stieglitz put in an appearance at Meredith, where, after doing justice to the breakfasting supplies of host Gosling, they turned out to the field. The wickets were to be pitched at nine o'clock, but the Meredith men did not show up till about an hour afterwards. To give room for the progress of the game, it was arranged that Meredith should be put to the bat; this being agreed to, J. Gosling and Moline went in to the bowling of Burns and Honour. The bowling on the part of the Stieglitz men was in the first instance very loose, and the players made the most of it—running up a score which told effectively on the result of the game. The batting of Steddy, Watson and J. Gosling was generally admired. After a few over Howlett relieved Honour at the ball, but did not succeed in deranging the well guarded timbers of the players: he then gave place to Coleman, who, with his peculiar slows, made no better impression. Bromfield then came to his relief, and took the bowling opposite to Burns, continuing to do good service throughout the game. On behalf of the Stieglitz eleven Mr G. Wigg was umpire, and Bromfield captain: the Meredith team were marshaled by Babbington, J. Smith being umpire. The fielding of Stieglitz eleven was very good, but the batting did not tell up at the scoring table—several of the best men going out without doing anything towards increasing the score. At the close of the first innings a difference of 53 stood in favor of Meredith.

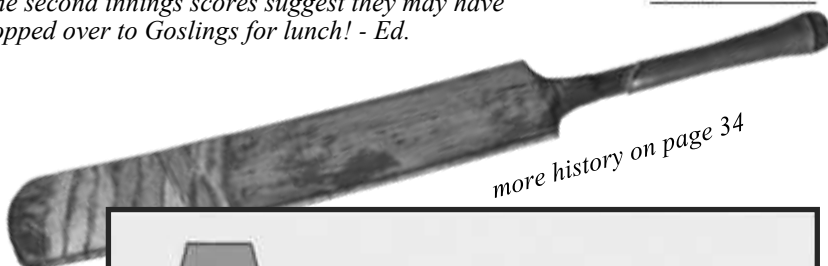
The second innings showed the Stieglitz men to better advantage. Throughout the whole of the game the weather was favorable, and, with the exception of a few smart but short fleeting showers in the latter part of the day, was all that could be desired. The bowling of Burns was of a character that was left little to be improved upon, and that of Wallace was certainly, both as to style and swiftness, of a superior and promising nature, although the bowling of Watson proved in this instance more destructive to the wickets. The wicket keeping of Steddy and also his general play on the field was the chief stay of the Meredith team, while the backstopping of Watson saved not a few byes which would otherwise have been made.

After the conclusion of the game the players adjourned to the hotel, and the Stieglitz eleven, although on this occasion on the losing side, did not seem at all inclined to lose the opportunity of

enjoying a happy "evening out," and the good cheer provided by host Gosling—himself a worthy and plucky cricketer—received ample attention at their hands. Songs, sentiments, and healths followed each other in rapid succession, and when he mentioned that Mr Babbington was chairman on the occasion, and in that position acquitted himself in his habitual gentlemanly style, it may safely be inferred the time passed merrily and happily, and, as has been asserted, the morning light found not a few still bent upon prolonging the conviviality. On the following morning the Stieglitz men left Meredith, with the understanding that a return match would shortly come off on their ground, when, after a little practice together, they may hope for "better luck next time." Having only been there three weeks formed it is no discredit for them to be repulsed on this occasion. The following is the score:—

MEREDITH.			
First Innings		Second Innings	
J Gosling	b Burns 24	lbw Burns	4
Moline	b Burns 8	st b Bromfield	0
Steddy	b Bromfield 38	st b Burns	4
King	b Burns 1	c Lawson b Burns	1
Conelly	b Burns 0	b Burns	2
Watson	lbw Burns 12	b Bromfield	1
Babbington	c Lawson b Burns 9	Not out	5
Wallace	b Burns 8	c Mongrodelan b Burns	4
R Gosling	c Lawson b Bromfield 1	st Coleman b Burns	7
Patterson	b Bromfield 1	b Bromfield	0
Geary not out	2	c Lawson b Burns	0
Byes 9, 1 byes 2, wides 2	13	Byes 5, wides 1	6
	117		34
			117
			<b>TOTAL</b> 151
STIEGLITZ.			
First Innings		Second Innings	
Honour	b Babbington 7	Not out	6
Danger	st Steddy b Wallace 6	c&b Babbington	4
Howlett	st Steddy b Babbington 1	st Steddy b Babbington	0
Crow	c Conelly b Babbington 0	b Wallace	2
Burns	Not out 15	lbw Babbington	11
Coleman	b Babbington 5	b Babbington	0
Lawson	b Watson 4	lbw Babbington	2
Mongrodiens	b Watson 0	b Babbington	0
Stewart	b Watson 0	b Wallace	1
Woolgrove	b Watson 1	b Wallace	0
Bromfield	b Watson 1	b Wallace	0
Byes 14, 1 byes 2, wide 8	24	Byes 5, wide 5	10
	64		36
			64
			<b>TOTAL</b> 100

*The second innings scores suggest they may have popped over to Goslings for lunch! - Ed.*



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## Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives

David Jones

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 5.15 AM the Meredith and Lethbridge Fire Brigades were alerted to a report of a microwave on fire at a residence in Green Tent Road Meredith. Both brigades responded to the call. On arrival the Meredith Brigade found Bonnie Gilligan outside her house waiting calmly for the fire trucks to arrive. She was safe but starting to feel the cold, a blanket from the fire truck was wrapped around her.

An initial inspection showed that breathing apparatus (BA) was needed before entry to the house could be made as the house was rapidly filling with acrid smoke. Once inside a microwave was found on fire with flames rapidly spreading in the kitchen. The fire was extinguished.

Bonnie related how she had woken to a noise in the kitchen, saw and heard a fire alarm operating in the hall and that the house was starting to fill with smoke. Bonnie returned to her bedroom, called triple zero, and then went outside to wait for the fire brigade. Bonnie's calm and immediate action probably averted a more serious incident.

The Fire Brigade members in attendance were extremely impressed by Bonnie's response to the emergency situation. Several members of the Meredith Brigade visited Bonnie on the following Sunday to check on her well-being and to present her with a bunch of flowers in recognition of 'a job well done'.

*Readers are reminded to ensure that all houses are fitted with at least one working smoke alarm; more than one is*

*recommended. Batteries should be changed regularly. Also, all families should have an evacuation plan from their house in the event of a fire and, just as important, is an evacuation plan in the event of a grass or bush fire, depending on location. Details for drawing up evacuation plans are available on-line at [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au). Alternatively, further information is available at the Meredith Fire Station on Sunday mornings from 8.30am.*

CFA Lieutenant  
Ralph Holtz  
(widely known  
for his many  
community good  
deeds and getting  
his photo in the  
newsletter)  
presents  
flowers to Bonnie



### Thank you

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You will see from our brochure that it is business as usual for us. Our phone number will remain the same but we will not have a fax line.

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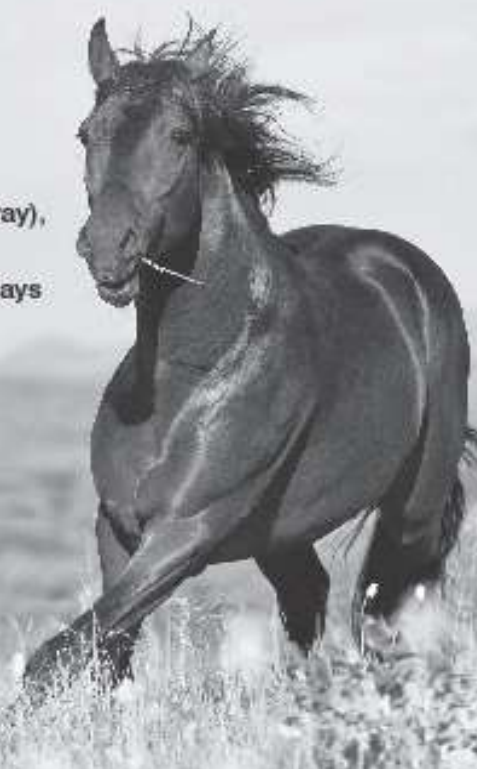
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They are looking for 'army-looking' people, and keep in mind this is a movie set in the outback in the 1950's so if you have any outfits I'm sure they won't hurt. The catch with being casted as an extra is that you may need to wear make-up and even get a new (or old) haircut. You'll need to be available for 3 weeks in November, 2014.

Extras do not necessarily have to have experience. The golden rules for being an extra is never look at the camera & always do as the first or second distant director says. Usually it is an 8-10 hour day. Extras are paid the award minimum which is \$29.00 approx per hour and this also includes a wardrobe fitting in advance at the Docklands studio.

If you're interested, or know anyone who might be, please reply to me, Elle Fox, at [moorabool.landcare@gmail](mailto:moorabool.landcare@gmail)

Good luck, I'll see you in Hollywood!



## Red Cross Centenary Honoured

The Mayor, Cr Joshua Morris, and Councillors from Ballarat invited Red Cross members from the Ballarat Region to a Civic Reception on August 29 at the Town Hall in Ballarat. Several Speakers spoke about aspects of the history and services of Red Cross in Australia.

Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, the wife of the Governor General, established the Australian organization nine days after the start of World War 1 (13th August 1914) and she became the first President of the Australian Red Cross. Initially, however, it was a branch of the British Red Cross Society. Lady Ferguson wrote to the mayors of every shire and municipality in Australia asking them to initiate a branch. Typically a letter was published in the local newspaper and a meeting called. By November 1914 New South Wales had 88 city or suburban branches and 249 country branches, all established within the previous four months. In 1914 the Australian Red Cross was largely involved with providing relief services to the Australian Defence Force. The Red Cross Information Bureau was established in 1915 in order to co-ordinate information gathered on the dead and their burial beyond what was provided by the armed forces. The Red Cross Wounded and missing files were extensive. In 1916 the Australian Red Cross sent a team of 21 civilian nurses to France.

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There are 24 branches in Victoria that have been continuous members of Red Cross since their inception. Ballan Red Cross Society which was established on 20th August 1914 is one of the 24. They celebrated their centenary with a "high tea" on 20th August 2014.

## Airport Upgrade *(from page 1)*

The Western Province member David Koch (representing the Minister for Aviation) officially opened the event. Other dignitaries included Golden Plains Shire Mayor Jenny Blake and CEO Rod Nicholls.

In addition to the opening, the day was an opportunity to raise funds for the E J Whitten Foundation in support of Prostate Cancer. Local Geelong Urologist Richard Grills spoke about the importance of men having an initial prostate check at age 40, and then further checks as they grew older. He also stressed the importance of wives and partners encouraging "their men" to have these initial and regular checks.

The initiative for this event came from Golden Plains Aviation (a recreation aviation training organisation based at Lethbridge Airport) and the Geelong based Harley Davidson club who engaged the Geelong Sports Aviators committee and Skythrills to provide free flights throughout the day. With the assistance of the Bannockburn Lions Club and many other volunteers, including our own Meredith CERT members and CFA, approximately \$12,000 was raised for the Foundation. Half the funds are to be donated to the Andrew Love Cancer Centre based at University Hospital, Geelong.

All in all, a fantastic day was had by all who visited the airport for the opening. Further development is underway at the airport. Including the construction of 17 new hangers for housing aircraft, and a new two storey terminal building with flight training, flight shop and cafe facilities amongst the tenants. This is a great facility for the region, which will allow Ambulance Victoria and CFA aircraft to land and refuel in emergency situations as they protect and support us.



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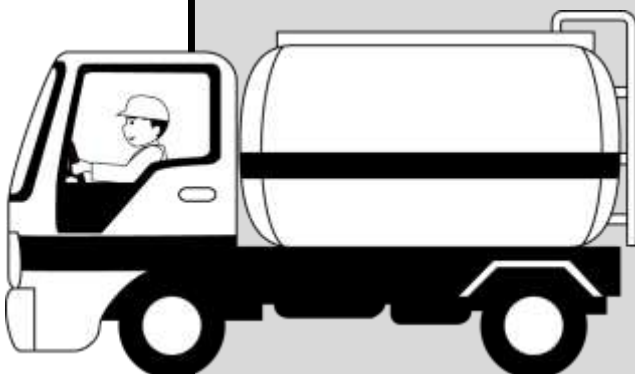
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I am certain that we would not be so appreciative of those perfectly warm Spring days if it were not for the harshness of the Winter that precedes. An early Spring morning is a gardener's absolute delight. Gardeners, on the whole, are not known for spending a lot of time just simply enjoying their garden because they are actively gardening whenever there is opportunity to do so. This gardener, however, breaks that mould. My habit is to take that first cup of tea, shortly after day break, out into the garden. The pleasure is immense. The garden is full of life: birds in abundance are very busy coming and going; beautiful blossom and leaves are emerging from deciduous trees and shrubs; the ground is beautifully moist; the lawn is a deep green and annuals are popping up all over the garden. A deep sense of satisfaction is felt.

Spring, although it is perfect, also brings the unexpected. Gardening, is definitely an interest only for those who can cope with unpredictability. On the one hand, I am very patiently waiting for some of summer vegetable seeds to germinate in their carefully prepared seed trays. Capsicum and eggplants always seem to be slow and this year is no different. The pumpkin seeds, that I scooped directly out of a pumpkin and were planted without delay into seed trays, had all sprung into life within a week. The zucchini, basil, tomatoes, coriander are all germinating with varying degrees of vigour. The raddichio has not had a good strike rate but the seeds were a couple of years old. Fresh seed is always best. The cucumber seed tray remains very quiet. However, there is a good crop of assorted vegetables emerging from around the compost heap. If all else fails, I will be harvesting the compost heap.

Spring is always the time that I determine never to repeat the mistakes of the past. This year, I am preparing my vegetable beds early: that means, I have removed any weeds and old vegetable plants, forked the soil to break up any large lumps, added blood and bone and mulched with pea straw and will wait a few weeks before I plant. In the past, bed preparation has been done on the day that the vegetables have been planted. Of course, I am hopeful that early bed preparation will bring its rewards by way of bumper crops. The other thing that I am determined to do this year is to control black spot on my roses by spraying them every week, without fail, with an appropriate agent. To date, the roses have been sprayed three times with no sign of black spot but it is very early days and far too early to tell whether this will be

successful. In the past, I have been reminded to spray the roses when I have observed the black spot but of course it is far too late at that point. Black spot spreads very, very quickly and so the only control is total prevention. Rather than waiting to fertilise garden beds when plants appear to lack vigour I have given all garden beds a light dusting of blood and bone in the hope that lushness will abound.

The heavy soil in my garden is advantageous in terms of moisture retention through the warmer months but it is also quite limiting when it comes to growing anything that requires perfect or near perfect drainage. Many native plants such as leucadendrons, grevilleas, waratahs, some types of correas and even some gums and wattles cannot survive, let alone thrive without soil that drains well. I have found that raised garden beds may provide sufficient drainage for some things but cannot replicate the drainage qualities of sandy soil and will not support healthy and robust growth of plants requiring well drained soil. There are many very beautiful and irresistible native plants that I want to have in my garden and so my collection of potted native plants is growing. Most recently I have planted two new very showy varieties of proteas (not overly frost tolerant) and a leucadendron into pots which can be moved as required. I expect these potted plants to do much better than if they were planted in the garden.

Early Spring also means increased activity in the greenhouse. The banana tree has overwintered in the greenhouse and has new leaves. I will move it outside once the chance of frost has passed. The orange trees are about to flower and look very healthy and they too will be moved outside once the chance of frost has passed. The fuchsia cuttings now need potting on. Established potted fuchsias are developing lots of buds and have commenced to flower. The potted hydrangeas have new leaves and the hardwood cuttings taken during the winter are coming on. September is a great time to take softwood hydrangea cuttings which grow very easily and quickly. I simply pull off the emerging growths from the woody branches and place directly into propagating mix. Of course, as with all cuttings, they need to be kept moist to ensure that they do not die. I have seen the odd caterpillar or two and have squashed these – a very cheap pest control method.

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Spring is a time of flowers. We enjoy them in our gardens, and those of us who like bushwalking enjoy them in the bush. However, their main purpose is not to give pleasure to people, but to attract pollinators. Many flowers provide nectar as a reward for their pollinators, such as insects, small mammals and birds. While feeding, the pollinator touches the flower's anthers which carry the pollen. The pollen sticks to the pollinator which then moves to another flower to feed. Pollen will be left on this flower. If it is the same type of flower it may be fertilised and produce fruit and seeds.

In Australia, the largest group of bird pollinators are the honeyeaters. Many have names relating to colours on their bodies, such as yellow-faced honeyeater or white-plumed honeyeater. Red wattlebirds, with their raucous calls, are the largest local honeyeaters. Honeyeaters have curving beaks which are shaped to fit inside flowers. Their tongues are split into four near the end and have brushes on the tips to soak up nectar. Eastern spinebills have particularly long, narrow, curved beaks which can reach into long tube-shaped flowers. All honeyeaters have strong feet for hanging onto small branches, often upside down, to reach flowers. Some small honeyeaters will hover while feeding. They are very active birds, often seen in gardens. Nectar, which is mostly sugar and water, gives them energy, but they also need protein and vitamins. They find these by eating insects while feeding on plants or by catching them in flight.

Several species of honeyeaters may live in one area, often feeding from different plants, or at different levels in the same bush. You can watch them, hopping from branch to branch and reaching into flowers as they feed. Some, such as the black, white and yellow New Holland honeyeaters, are aggressive and will chase away other birds. Some honeyeaters stay in the same area all year. Others move around, following the supply of food.

As well as pollinators being adapted to feeding on flowers, plants adapt their flowers to suit their pollinators. Birds have red, blue and green colour receptors in their eyes, as humans do, but some have extra receptors, allowing them to see additional colours. Honeyeaters have a violet receptor. Many of the flowers that we see as red, look different to honeyeaters and are especially attractive to them. Plants pollinated by birds often flower for several weeks or longer, providing a reliable source of food. Few of these flowers are perfumed as birds usually don't use scent to find food.

Small birds, such as honeyeaters, are a delight to have hopping around the garden, feeding, singing and sometimes nesting. They enjoy water to drink and to bathe in, but they need protection from larger predatory birds, such as ravens and currawongs, aggressive birds, such as magpies, and of course, our pet cats and dogs. One way to provide this is to plant dense bushes as a refuge. Some of the prickly native bushes are ideal, making it difficult for larger birds and animals to gain access, and providing food for the pollinators.

## A Literary Event at Queenscliff

*Marg Cooper*

Three members of Meredith Bookclub recently attended a literary event at Queenscliff, where Peter Barton gave an illustrated talk on his recently published book, "The Lost Legions of Fromelles", followed by a book signing for about 100 people in attendance.

Barton is a well known British author, archaeologist and respected World War I expert who was visiting Australia to promote his book. He was the "Fromelles Project" historian, and has spent 10 years researching this book. He illustrated his talk with original photographs and film footage and depictions of the terrain at the scene of the battle.

His research saw him cross-referencing his information from the Allies records with information from the German archives, where he found the Germans to be meticulous record keepers. One instance being the recording of not only where each soldier fell, but the position in which he was lying so that it was recorded whether he was advancing or retreating. Barton questions many of the commonly held views about this battle, including those of the well known Australian historian Charles Bean.

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## Vale Laura Henderson

Marg Cooper

Laura was born in a town called Oatlands which is on the Midland Highway 84 kms north of Hobart. Laura came from a family of eight children (four girls and four boys):

Ray, Roma, Laura, Lyla, Kathleen, Lionel and, the twins, Leo and Lawrence.

All who knew Laura knew she showed an extremely strong character. Her brother Lionel, seven years her junior, stated that her children should be proud of her strong character. It was Laura who helped to care for her younger siblings. She always stood up for them and tried to protect them when they got into trouble (which apparently happened quite a bit!)

Laura liked to sing. Even as a child she would put her head out of the window and sing to the neighbours. One day the window slipped and came down on her neck. The other kids thought that was funny and laughed their heads off.

She loved all types of animals. She would often play and sleep with the animals on the farm. Her favourite was a pet cow called Fan and it was her job to bring Fan back home from a day of grazing. She would call out to Fan who would come running to her. She would hop onto Fan's back and ride her home.

Laura and her sister Lyla decided to go to Melbourne as work was more plentiful on the mainland. Both gained jobs at one of the Woollen mills operating then in the Collingwood area near the Yarra river. Lyla and Laura were boarding close by in Abbotsford when Lyla met a handsome young man by the name of Bill Henderson who had emigrated from South Africa. Bill had the choice of two young Tasmanian beauties however decided that Laura was the one for him.

Laura and Bill married and had two children, Rhinda & Ken. After some years of living in South Melbourne and Carlton the marriage failed and Laura and her two children moved to Bannockburn in a big furniture van. Laura was invited to assist in a haberdashery store run by Neil Wilkinson and his wife.

Rhinda & Ken went to the Bannockburn State School. It was during this time Laura was introduced to a bachelor farmer, Vince Scanlon, who had been a prisoner of war in Singapore during the Japanese occupation. Vince obviously took a liking to Laura and wooed her with a partial bag of onions that she apparently needed (that certainly would not work in this day and age!) They must have been pickling onions because she always liked pickled onion. Love is blind they say ----- they were right!!

Laura and Vince moved to Lethbridge and during this time Vince successfully applied for a soldier settlement farm on the Moranghurk estate. Later the family moved to a new home on the farm about four miles North West of Lethbridge. Laura worked on the farm, she cooked meals for the shearers at sheep shearing time, picked peas and went to Geelong every Thursday as most country people did. She had her hair done each week and enjoyed a robust social life in and around the local pub and around Lethbridge, Bannockburn & Meredith.



They eventually sold the farm and moved to Bannockburn. Laura continued cooking the customary midday lunch for Vince. After a long life of 96 years Vince passed away. Laura continued living in the house until her health deteriorated when she moved to an Age Care Home in Drysdale to be near her daughter Rhinda who visited her almost on a daily basis. She was very well looked after at the Aged Care Home and continued to enjoy her fortnightly visit and lunch date with Ken and his wife Fay right to the end.

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### Buyer's Regret

Personally, I like to make extremely well-informed decisions when it comes to purchasing anything from fruits and vegetables to new clothes. I do anything from researching online to standing in supermarket aisles for ten minutes comparing the ingredients of different brands only to discover that they are in fact exactly the same. Then I am likely to deliberate over which one to buy for another five minutes.

I'm even more of a nightmare in clothing stores. It must be the right colour, size and style. However, due to my refusal to try anything on, the calculation of these elements does take a long time and results in my loved ones losing their patience.

By now, family and friends are well aware of the extent of my problem and while they call it indecisiveness, I call it caution. And, in this way, I have managed to create a perfect record of never having to return items. Sure I may have regretted not buying something but isn't it better than to have regretted buying it?

I have never had to return an item and in turn never had to keep track of my receipts. This trait of mine has paid off in nearly every aspect of my purchasing life. That is, until last week when, in a bit of a fluster, I embraced my wild side and purchased a top that I wasn't sure about thanks to a pushy sales-woman. Since then I have been fretting over returning this shirt. I had to go through my bin to find the receipt, ensure all the tags were still on and that I haven't marked it in any way (even though it had not yet even seen the light of day).

The slightly *Obsessive Compulsive* stress over how much the sales person will fight me on returning the item has hovered over my head for the last few days and I am looking forward to actually going through with it about as much as a looming dentist appointment. But my fear of buyer's regret and the returning of said regret has led me to wonder, how do people do this on a regular basis?

My employment in retail has opened my eyes to the recklessness of some shoppers. While some people have regular customers, I have regular returners. I've seen people return their purchases so often that they have now been banned from returning items and are only allowed to exchange from this point onwards.

So I put this question forward, is being a cautious shopper better than having to constantly go back to the shops to return off yoghurt, mouldy cheese (and not the good mouldy), or ill-fitting clothing items?

I can already tell you which one the shop assistant who gets my return prefers. I will walk in there with my guilty eyes averted and plead my case, swearing that I'm not one of *those* customers.

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- SUN NOV. 2<sup>ND</sup> STENNO & GRACEY PLAYING LIVE MUSIC IN THE BEER GARDEN FROM 3PM.
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The cost for this service is \$35 for 1 spot, \$50 for 2 spots & \$65 for 3 spots.

This service will take no more than 10 minutes to perform and all information is kept strictly confidential.

#### **Do you know what to look for when checking your skin?**

Use CLUES below to help skin cancer detection.

**C - Changing** (a mole that is changing in appearance)

**L - Lonely** (a mole that is the only mole in that area)

**U - Unique** (a mole that looks different to all the others)

**E - Emerging** (a new mole)

**S - Sore** (a sore that doesn't heal within a few weeks)

If a mole or spot has any of the above features, you should have the mole or spot checked.

You should check your own & your partners skin every few months.

Most people have made all their moles by the time they are 40 years old. New moles after this stage are more suspicious. The older you are, the more significant a new mole is. There are many other types of spots that may arise which may be quite innocent but you should have these checked anyway.

Melanomas are not necessarily brown or black. Melanomas can occasionally be pink, especially in fair skinned people.

To put your mind at ease let us come in and see us to have your moles or spots assessed by a Spotcheck Doctor.

### **Christmas Shopping Night**

Don't forget our annual Christmas Shopping Night will be held at the Pharmacy on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November** from **6:30pm to 9:00pm**. Next month's newsletter we will provide more details on the night not to mention the huge discounts we will be offering this year on the night!

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## Marg's Book Review

### "The Sense of an Ending" by Julian Barnes

The book is described as a mystery of memory and missed opportunity. It has also been described as the effect of time on the friendship of four. Tony Webster a cautious, divorced man, in his 60's who "had wanted life not to bother him too much and has succeeded" receives a bequest from a woman he'd met only once, 40 years earlier. The mother of his college girlfriend, Veronica had bequeathed him £500 and the diary of his college friend Adrian - a legacy that unsettles Tony, pushing him to get in touch with Veronica (their relationship had ended badly) and seek answers to certain unsolved questions. The question most in his mind is what ever became of his friend, whom both he and Veronica knew; a brainy, idealistic boy named Adrian Finn. The story ends with quite a surprise!

Tony assembles his wilfully forgotten past impressions and actions, joining together the links that connect the people that he knew back then as if trying to form a chain of individual responsibilities.

Before the story is revealed Tony considers some philosophical questions relating to how history is remembered, recorded and interpreted:

- "the fact that we need to know the history of the historian in order to understand the version that is being put in front of us"
  - "history is that certainty produced at the point where the imperfections of memory meet the inadequacies of documentation"
  - "when we are young we invent futures for ourselves but when we are old we invent pasts for others", and
  - "historians need to treat participants' own explanation of events with a certain scepticism".
- There are some delightful insights into growing up in the sixties:
- "how the anxieties of parents far outran our experiences"
  - "in those days we imagined ourselves as being kept in some kind of holding pen – waiting to be released into our lives"
  - "one of our fears was that life wouldn't be like literature", and "the 1960's depended where you were but that most people didn't experience the 60's until the 70's".
  - Another thought that people may ponder is that "marriage is like a long dull meal with the pudding first!"

The book is in two sections. It is a short book but not a slight one. One review tells that the author engages with the untidy collisions of human struggle. The book involves lots of topics including sex, youth, suicide, friendship, memory and responsibility.

*The book for discussion in October is "Barracuda" by Christos Tsiolkas who also wrote "The Slap".*

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2 corn cobs thickly sliced  
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300g potatoes, thinly sliced  
1 red capsicum, cut into 5cm pieces  
1 red onion, cut into 6 wedges  
2 tbs olive oil  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
2 zucchini, thinly sliced  
120g cherry tomatoes  
¼ cup small fresh basil leaves (optional)

#### Method

Preheat chargrill or barbecue over medium high heat. Place corn, pumpkin, potato, capsicum and onion in a large bowl. Add oil and garlic and toss to coat. Cook turning occasionally for 8-10 minutes or until vegetables are golden and tender. Transfer to a large bowl, cover to keep warm.

Add zucchini and tomatoes to chargrill. Cook turning occasionally for 2-3 minutes or until tender. Add zucchini, tomatoes and basil (if using) to corn mixture and toss gently to combine. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Serve with grilled chicken, pork fillet, steak or your favourite fish. And for a delicious extra, crumble some Meredith Goat's Cheese over the top before serving....yum!

#### Special Note

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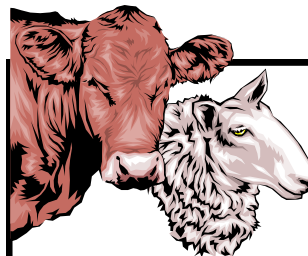
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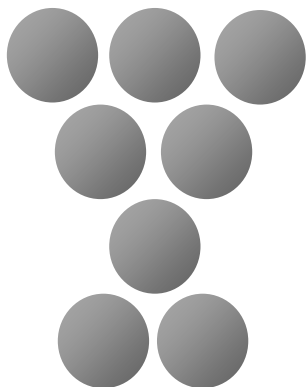
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Welcome to Wendy Abraham's App alert for iOS devices. Android users should check the Play Store anyway - many of these apps are there too.

## Do You Read Me? (Part 2)

Last month we looked at the main book reading apps, this month let's broaden the focus to look at other reading related apps.

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### Taylor's Road Talk Fest:

Group members sat on the second floor deck in the beautiful sunshine in a quiet bush setting, on Sunday September 21 and enjoyed looking towards Taylor's Road to the east and Coolebarghurk Creek and the Police Paddock to the west. We established that there is a lot of interest in the history of Taylor's Road with many contributors sharing lots of knowledge.

Interesting facts emerged such as there are cobblestones under the gravel in parts of the road, that the bridge was washed away in the 1880 flood, that Eric Stafford requested a ford to replace the bridge but this was only built sometime after 1947 and that Joan Taylor's grandmother told her that Cobb and Co had used the road or track.

Some documented history was shared on the day including that William Howlett reported that 100 or so drays per day travelled from Geelong to Buninyong in the early 1850's. The road was previously called "Pound Road" and that the Pound is marked on some maps. The Shire Council called several tenders for grubbing Pound Road and that the wife of William Shell who was a selector in the road, lost her way, hailed some men to ask directions but they plied her with gin and one man committed a capital assault. The court case was in 1874.

### World War I Soldiers:

There are 53 soldiers named on the State School Honour Roll, 34 soldiers on the Memorial Hall Honour Roll and 57 soldiers who, when they enlisted, stated that they had been born in Meredith. If you have any knowledge or photos of any of these soldiers or nurses please contact Marg Cooper. Information is required for a book to be published next year.

### LOST! SS 2086 Tableland and District Roll of Honour:

A Roll of Honour was created after WW1 for State School No 2086 at Morrison containing the names and photos of over 40 soldiers. Several names seem to have been added afterwards. The Roll of Honour went to the Morrison Hall after the school closed, to the Recreation Reserve after the Hall was pulled down, was damaged by water and taken to be repaired. Unfortunately the Roll of Honour cannot be found. Luckily members of Ballan Historical Society took a photo of the Roll of Honour. If you can remember the Roll of Honour, if you have photos of World War 1 soldiers from Morrison or if you know where the Roll of Honour is please contact John Parkinson on 53 415554.

### Royal Hotel:

Exciting events are being planned to celebrate 100 years of the new Royal Hotel. Damian and Claire, your hosts at the Royal, would be delighted to receive copies of photos and documents about the hotel and to hear stories.

## Moving Elaine

*Marg Cooper*

Kelvin Pitcher came to Elaine with his family when he was three years old in 1931. His father first bought 320 acres which had been a World War I Soldier Settlement block that had been owned by Bouchers. His father bought the property from the Rural Finance Commission under the same conditions as had been offered to the soldiers.

In 1938 Kelvin's father Bill Pitcher had a few paddocks of share cropping around Elaine. The 135 acre crop on Wells property was ready and 10 year old Kelvin was needed to drive the McCormack tractor that his father had just purchased. Kelvin recounts how his father did one round of the paddock with the horses and a 6 foot binder one evening and the next morning at 7.30 am Kelvin started with the tractor and an 8 foot binder and his father continued with the horses and the 6 foot binder and the stookers could not keep up. The sheaves were stacked in 12 big hay stacks and was later thrashed. Mr Pitman at Elaine State School was furious that Kelvin couldn't be at school to sit for his Merit Certificate.

In the drought of 1942-43 their bore went dry and Kelvin and his father carted water from Harris's dam on Mt Doran Road. They filled a Furphy Tank with 180 gallons and pulled it with a horse. If they didn't do four loads a day their stock went thirsty! A big shock was when his father announced that he had bought a truck. The 6 cylinder Ford with side valves was made for the Burma Army but when the Japanese bombed Burma the boat containing 50 trucks was diverted to Australia. A truck cost £400. They loaded the truck with tanks and could now cart many more gallons per load on a trip from Williamsons Creek just south of where the Midland Highway runs today. Other people asked them to cart water for them and so their cartage business began.

Kelvin, at 15 years of age, had to drive the truck as his father couldn't change the gears. The trucks had what was called "crash boxes" for gear boxes. They built a wooden crate for the tray so they could cart stock and later replaced it with a heavy gauge metal stock crate that was built for them by Morris Ellis in Ballarat. When Kelvin was about 17 years old the Meredith policeman Tom Lloyd waved his arms at Kelvin to stop the truck. Kelvin feared that the policeman may arrest him for being unlicensed but he only wanted a ride back to Meredith from Elaine as he had come to Elaine on the train.

One day when Kelvin was about 17 years old he was going to Lownes to get a load of sheep when he called at the Meredith Police Station and was issued with a driving license. (You could get a license at 17 years during the war.) Tom Lloyd directed him to drive around the block in case people over the road were watching that he did indeed test Kelvin's driving ability.

Stewart Connell, who was Stock manager for the Soldier Settlement Commission, offered lots of loads of SSC stock to Kelvin if he would cart their bulls to Hawkesdale. Most people still had wooden crates which were unsuitable for big Hereford bulls with wide horns. They yarded the bulls at Cameron's cattle yards on Mt Mercer Road, put two on and they fought. Kelvin decided to put ropes around their horns and tie them to the rope rail. That load he took 6 bulls and they travelled perfectly. Later he carted cattle and sheep for SSC all over the country.

When his father dies, Kelvin slackened off the truck work because he had plenty of farm work to do and Bertie Cardell had taken over Robbins truck. He did some driving for Bill Wiseman in the 1950's when Bill's health was not good and when he couldn't get someone to drive for him. Kelvin proudly recalls that the first day he drove Bill's semi-trailer he had to back it into a race between a telephone pole, a cow shed, a trough and around a corner—and he did it first time!

## Leaving Cargerie

Marg Cooper

Sandra and Ian Watson came to Elaine on the 12th January 1988 from Doncaster in Melbourne. They ran the local shop, post office and mail run. Ian started driving a bus on 1st August 1989, collecting children to go to Elaine State School. Ian recalls that the bus had been relocated from Manangatang. On July 1st 1992 he bought the bus run and continued with this service until the school closed about six years later. The bus run was then re-routed to take the children to Buninyong State School and so Ian bought a bigger bus.

In the early 1990's the Government sold off blocks of land which they did not require and Ian and Sandra bought Allotment 70D which had been the site of the Cargerie State School. They describe how the school building had been where Ian built his bus shed and the site of the proposed church was where they positioned their house which they relocated from Essendon. There were many pine trees on the south and west perimeters of the block but not much else. In 1998 they retired from the Elaine shop and set to work at Cargerie, excavating dams, erecting sheds to house animals, the bus and Ian's collections, building a veranda all around the house and developing a garden. Sandra says that the garden was not planned. They carted rocks from neighbour's paddocks to edge the garden beds, built arbours, gazebos, quirky sculptures and planted many gum trees, bushes and roses and created a haven amidst farming land at Cargerie.

Sandra and Ian are leaving the haven they created at Cargerie and are re-locating to Buninyong. There is not quite as much gardening at their new home!

*"In October 1866 the Rev JS Moir, as correspondent for the selectors in the Parish of Cargerie sought help from the Board of Education in the erection of a non-vested Common School on Crown Land adjoining the Free Presbyterian Church site. HT William McDonald established this school- 992 on February 1, 1869. In 1870-71 the selectors decided to build a new school building, 30ft x 18ft x 10ft to be vested in the Board of Education and to accommodate 40 pupils. This school SS1151 existed from August 1, 1872, the day after 992 closed. The head teacher was John J Bannin."*

*"By 1877 the Department had built a teacher's four room detached residence. The school worked half time with Woodburn Creek and Bamganie at various times and closed on August 15, 1941."*

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*The photo above was taken when the hotel was decorated to celebrate Henry Bolte becoming Premier.*

## New Royal Hotel 100 Years

Marg Cooper

John Patrick and Mary Ann Mooney came to Meredith in 1912 to the Huntsman's Inn. They ran the hotel for 5 years until it was de-licensed. The hotel was described as an old wooden building but the newest in Meredith by many years. The Licensing Reduction Board deemed that three hotels in Meredith was too many.

The three story Royal Hotel had burnt down and had been rebuilt in 1914. Reports describe it as Bourke's Royal Hotel and that James Bourke (Burke) was under insured. A contract to rebuild the Royal Hotel was let to Smith Bros in June 1914 and the licence was transferred to Susan Agnes Smith on 13/11/1914. She died in 1915 and the licence was transferred to her husband Peter Jas. Smith in December 1915. He sold the hotel to Ernest Higgins in June 1916.

In September 1916, telegraph mechanics connected the Royal Hotel to the P.O. by telephone. The hotel was sold by auction on November 11, 1917 to Mr. John Patrick Mooney. He died in 1924 but his wife "Mar" continued to run the hotel until about 1950 when Chris Mooney and his wife Kit took over. She died 12/7/1954. In 1954 Bob Young and his father came to Meredith as licensees of the Royal Hotel.

Damian and Claire are celebrating 100 years of the new Royal Hotel building on Melbourne Cup weekend, 2014. They hope that everyone will join in the celebrations.

## Have You Heard This One?



An older couple were having problems remembering things. They consulted their doctor, who reassured them they were physically ok, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night while watching TV, the old man got out of his chair, and his wife asked: "Where are you going?"

"To the kitchen" he replied.

She asked: "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream."

He replied: Sure.

She then asked: don't you think you should write that down so you can remember it?

He said: No, I can remember that.

She then said: well, I would also like some strawberries on top. You had better write that down because I know you'll forget that.

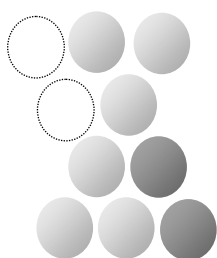
He said: I can remember that, you want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.

She replied: well, I would also like whipped cream on top. I know you will forget that so you had better write it down.

With irritation in his voice, he said: I don't need to write it down, I can remember that. Fuming, he stormed off into the kitchen. After about 20 mins he returned from the kitchen and handed her a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment and said:

You forgot the toast...

A solution to the puzzle  
on page 24





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