



Meredith & district News



July 2015

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Farewell Mr G



Fairlie Pritchard

On Monday 22nd of June, we held a 'Nerd Day' to farewell the wonderful Mr G (Ben Gallagher). Ben has spent nearly 13 years at Meredith Primary School and has been involved in many areas of the school. Here is a short selection of his achievements:

- School Council Member
- Interim Principal
- Masters of School Leadership
- Introduced a range of new technologies to the classrooms to assist learning (iPods, iPads, Nintendo DSIs)

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- My Patchwork History
- A Golden Anniversary
- New Train Times for Geelong and Ballarat lines
- Could YOU be a Firey?
- Vale Maisie Erwin, Basil Musgrove and Keith Tanner

...and the usual *much more!*

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NEWS & VIEWS

Subject to the conditions outlined below, contributions accompanied by the contributor's name (which will also be published) and contact details, are most welcome. Please email to

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"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

Carl Bard



COMMUNITY

Meredith Senior Citizens

Jim Hynds

On June 15th after a shaky start Meredith Seniors left Meredith for a bus trip to Bendigo. We planned to have a tour of the Gold Mines. A leisurely drive found us at the mine for a hot cuppa and cakes. A tour guide was provided and the members set off touring the workshops, amenities for the miners and the massive mining machines. All the members found it very impressive. Hours later the tour concluded with a visit to the souvenir shop then off we went to the Bendigo RSL Club for lunch. Our meals were of great quality although it took an hour to cook the lambs' fry and bacon. Hours later we were off for an afternoon tea stop, but because the weather was dull and dreary and darkness was approaching fast we headed for home. A great trip home found us back at Meredith about 5.30 pm. We had a great day. Thanks to Allan our bus driver for a safe journey. Thanks to Joe Primmer for organizing the day.

Members are reminded that our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting on July 13th so come along and vote for your next committee.

interested in Steady Feet ?

Steady Feet is a program designed for older adults to reduce the risk of falls by performing exercises to challenge the balance systems and to increase strength and flexibility of the lower limb muscles.

The program usually consists of 17 weekly sessions (including a pre-test session and a post-test session excluding school and public holidays). Each session, conducted by qualified exercise professionals, will run for approximately 1½hrs, incorporating an exercise component and an opportunity to socialise and listen to health professionals provide valuable advice on a range of health issues.

Before commencing the program all participants will require a signed medical check by their Doctor.

Date: Wednesday mornings starting late July/early August
Time: 1 hour of exercise with morning tea afterwards
Venue: Meredith Community Centre
Cost: \$5 per session (includes morning tea)

For more information or to register your interest, contact Jacinta Walsh on 5321 1500 or jwalsh@gplains.vic.gov.au

Steiglitz Gets a Call



Federal Member for Corangamite, Sarah Henderson, has announced that funding will be provided to overcome a mobile phone coverage "black spot" at Steiglitz. One of 10 such spots in the electorate in this latest round of funding, a new Telstra base station will be installed as part of the federal government's Mobile Phone Black Spots Program.

When it will be constructed is not known at this stage, although the first installations will be in the second half of this year, with all work to be done over a three year period.

Nominations for the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards are now open!

Nominations close 10 July 2015. Phone 1300 135 090 or visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au

2015
VICTORIAN
SENIOR OF THE YEAR
AWARDS

MEREDITH MONTHLY MOVIES



SUPPORTING RED CROSS.

Did you know that on the last THURSDAY of every month there is a Film shown at the Meredith Community Centre. Everyone is welcome & entry is a small donation to Red Cross.

The Studio has a big screen, great heating and cooling system, comfortable chairs, also Tea and coffee all nightyou can even turn it into Gold Class and BYO drink and food if you wish!!!!

The Films are usually a surprise, maybe someone's favourite or a film from the Geelong library that is recommended etc ... amongst the films we have seen over the last couple of years are Belle, Ghandi, Angela's Ashes, Marigold Hotel, an Alfred Hitchcock, The Help, On Golden Pond, and the last one was My Old Lady, which if you haven't seen it, is worth trying to get it.

REMEMBER... ALL WELCOME.... JULY 30TH, AUGUST 27TH, SEPTEMBER 24TH.....

Film starts at 7.30 pm

Meredith POLICE news



Welcome once again. I have made many references in previous articles over recent months requesting readers to report any suspicious behaviour to me at Meredith or to Crime Stoppers and to record as much information as possible with regard to vehicle behaviour and registration details. I know that this message is having a positive effect as I have received some great information in recent weeks.

Unfortunately our run of suspicious vehicles attending at houses at various unusual times just has not ended. I have received multiple reports of vehicles being seen on rural properties for unlawful reasons. One particular person recently reported that he observed a car next to the house as he approached from a distance. He then heard the vehicle toot where two people were believed to have left. It has become very clear indeed for all police across and Victoria that the drug epidemic has had a flow on effect with regard to drug users trying any means necessary to support drug habits.

In recent weeks a large rural property located in Butchers Road, Steiglitz saw multiple fences cut where it is clear offenders gained entry to a large portion of the property. It would appear that nothing on this occasion was stolen however significant damage was done to farm gates.

At another address on the Steiglitz Road, Meredith between the 7th June and the 19th June a Burglary occurred at a 36 acre rural property. Offenders have cut a chain to the front gate to gain entry. Offenders have then smashed a window to gain entry to the dwelling. After gaining entry offenders have ransacked the dwelling in search of valuables.

At a separate address in Steiglitz – She oaks Road between the 20th and 21st June, an attempted burglary occurred where offenders damaged the lock on the front gate to gain entry. Although the lock on the front door of the property was damaged nil entry was gained on that occasion.

I encourage people in the community to keep up the great work where matters have been reported to me relating to suspicious behaviour within the community.

Kindest Regards

Greg KITCHEN

Officer In Charge – Meredith Police Station.



Hi Everyone,

After a few delays, we now expect to move in to our new home some time this month. The Kindergarten will take a little longer because of the playground landscaping but hopefully not too long.

The Hub is principally for the Meredith Kindergarten and the Meredith Community Centre and our Occasional Care service to operate from the building. The Maternal Health nurse will operate as it did previously at the Community Centre. Although there is 1 general purpose consulting room which may be used by a doctor, it is **not** primarily a health care facility. The Community Centre has operated for more than 25 years from the old school residence and we are excited to have the opportunity to combine our services and programs in this community learning hub. The precinct now provides occasional care, kindergarten, the nearby primary school and the community centre offering lifelong learning options. The building has been designed to provide a welcoming community so please come in and find out what the Community Centre has to offer you.

What better way to celebrate a new term and new digs than a great new program with lots of new classes. With the popularity of our bee keeping class we have decided to introduce a sustainability theme this term. We have the Ballarat Permaculture Guild joining us for workshops in seed saving and starting a kitchen garden. We also have Ian Nash from Teesdale offering us a backyard poultry workshop. In the art and craft realm we have an international recognised tutor teaching you to make a gorgeous Saori woven scarf and the opportunity to make your own jewellery using polymer clay. We can help you write your family story and give you a fun introduction to poetry. Finally if you have an event you are involved in, whether it is large or small, our event management program will provide you with the tools and strategies to deliver a successful result. The new course guide with all the details will be in your letter boxes soon or visit www.meredithcommunitycentre.com.au. Our website and Facebook page are great places to find out what is happening around the Centre. We do our best to keep an update in the news section of the website.

Occasional Care continues to go from strength to strength. Jo and Rebecca are always busy providing great activities for the children.

Please feel free to call in for a chat and a cuppa to find out what we have happening at the Centre. Till next month.

Pam

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5 Russell Street Meredith 3333
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learnlocal@meredithcommunitycentre.com.au
Open: Mon, Wed, Thurs 9.00-3.00 Fri 9-12.30

From the Mayor



Cr. Des Phelan

We've been busy over the past few months forming next year's budget and managing the transition to our new waste management system.

The 2015-16 Draft Budget was open for review for the month of May and has been structured to deliver essential services at the lowest cost possible. It includes \$8.9M to support children, aged, disability and child health services; \$8.3M to develop recreation, community spaces and groups; and \$14.4M in construction and maintenance of roads and street infrastructure.

It is a challenge to deliver services in one of the fastest growing regional municipalities in Victoria. That said, we have developed a budget for 2015-16, where the 5.26% rate rise per property assessment is the lowest in our Shire for many years.

The new Waste Management system is effective from 1st July. To help with the transition we've developed a website: letsgetitsorted.com.au, providing a comprehensive guide to our waste and recycling services, and an information package (distributed last month). If you haven't received your pack, please contact Customer Service on 5220 7111.

I'm very pleased to advise that we've been successful in securing \$33,000 from the Vic Health Community Activation Program, which will fund 'pop up' activities, such as adventure play areas and fitness circuits in the Bannockburn Civic Heart precinct. The funding aims to activate and transform public spaces and, as activities attract people to the Civic Heart, we can demonstrate how much the community values the development of the precinct, which will support funding applications.

At the other end of the Shire, plans are going well for the extension of the Smythesdale Well, to provide extra consulting rooms for health services and enhanced community meeting spaces.

On Friday 12 June, Federal Member for Corangamite, Sarah Henderson MP joined Councillor Helena Kirby and community members, to turn the first sod as work commences to build the Dereel Men's Shed. After the 2013 bushfires, this project is particularly meaningful to the Dereel community. A contingent of men from the Sebastopol Men's Shed were also in attendance to lend support to the new development.

Planning is underway for Seniors Week Festival, to be held in October. We're working on creating a fantastic celebration and would like to hear from organisations and community groups who want to get involved. The theme this year is 'Celebrating Community'. For more information, contact Alexa on 5220 7135.



Wisey Muster 2015

The 2015 Wisey Muster held at the Sawyers Arms Tavern on May 29 managed to raise a nice total of just over \$13,000. Many Meredith people attended, and another great night was had by all in memory of Steve Wiseman and for a great cause. The auction alone made over \$10,000, with many items auctioned including a Kids Fehdt Ride on Tractor, a Kids Massey Ferguson Tractor & Trailer, a day in the Cats VFL Coaches Box, Football Posters, a Gift Voucher for the Tramcar Restaurant and a Circle Media Website. The major auction item, "The Wisey Shears", was purchased by the Blacklock, Cameron, Nelson, Ritchie, Powles and Dowdy families and friends for over \$4,000. The shears are on display in the Sawyers Arms Tavern with a few familiar Meredith names on the plaques from earlier years. The money raised each year is used to buy equipment for the Andrew Love Cancer Centre in Geelong in the Wisey's name.

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

CREATORS & CRAFT MARKET BANNOCKBURN

Sunday 30th August, 2015

FROM: 10.00am - 2.00pm

(farmers market site)

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Meredith Rural Fire Brigade

Recently the Meredith Rural Fire Brigade held its Biannual elections and as of 1st

July 2015 operational positions are as follows:

Captain: Chris Jones

1st Lieutenant: Mathew Burgess

2nd Lieutenant: Ralph Holtz

3rd Lieutenant: Donna Murrell

4th Lieutenant: Robert Cooke

Comms Officer: David Jones

Classifieds

First insertion of small ads are FREE to district residents

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FOR SALE Small pool table, with pool and snooker balls & cues. \$230 Ring Cathie 5286 1508

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 4th Sunday each month, Holy Communion at Anglican Church. 11.00am 2nd 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 9.30 at Buninyong Uniting Church

Enquires Doug McFarlane 52861283.

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Mass times for the Meredith parish for July/August

Winchelsea every Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Bannockburn every Sunday @ 9 a.m. (1st. Sunday of month Family Mass followed by morning tea and music workshop.)

Anakie Sunday @ 11 a.m. July 12th/26th August 9th/23rd

Meredith Sunday @ 11 a.m. 21st July 5th /19th August 2nd/30th

Annual Healing Mass and Delicious 3 course roast lunch for our sick and elderly parishioners on Saturday July 25th at Meredith from 11a.m.

Meredith Parish celebrates 140 years of Faith & Community.

Reserve Sunday August 16th to celebrate this important milestone for the district. Mass at St. Joseph's Meredith at 2p.m. Followed by afternoon tea and historical display at Meredith Memorial Hall. All welcome.

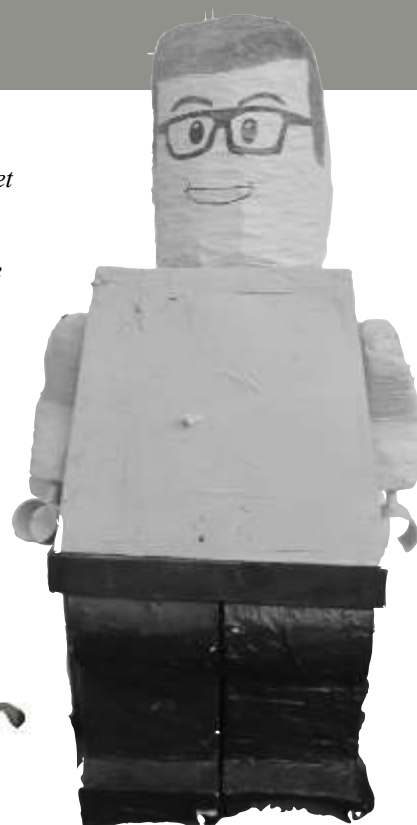
Farewell Mr G. (Cont. from p.1)

- Developed the Digital Sandpit (using Xbox, Playstation and Wii) to educate in alternate ways.
- Created a 25 minute Lego animation, 'Mr G's Lego Trek' with his class, which was screened at the Regent Cinemas in Ballarat and also organized for Academy Award winner Adam Elliot to speak at the event.
- Has presented at numerous conferences throughout Australia and the USA.
- Participated in projects run by the Education Department relating to game-based learning.

Ben is moving on to Melton Primary School in a Leading Teacher role where he will preside over the implementation of their version of Investigations and iLearning, and will also be the ICT specialist teacher. We will really miss Ben at Meredith Primary School, but wish him all the best in his new adventure!

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*Girls can be nerds too...
Rena, Tilley and Eliza get
in character for Mr G.
And, right, the star of the
school's animated feature
"Mr G's Lego Trek."*



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Recreation



Golf Club Results

31/5/2015:

1st Round of W.L.Cooke Trophy, Vin Drew & Danny Jury defeated Mike Colvin & Charles Osborne 2 up.

Stableford: J. Cooper 28 points, Denis Gear 23 points.

7/6/2015:

Stableford: Danny Jury 33 points, Charles Osborne 32 points,

Nearest the Pins, 2nd J. Cooper, 14th D. Jury.

14/6/2015:

1st Round of Captain's Trophy, Jeff Cooper defeated Denis Gear 1 up.

Stableford: Mike Colvin 33 points, Danny Jury 29 points,

Nearest the Pins, 2nd D. Jury, 14th D. Gear

21/6/2015:

Stableford: Danny Jury 32 points, Denis Gear 30 points,

Nearest the Pins, 2nd shot 14th J. Cooper.

1st Round of the Captain's Trophy, Vin Drew defeated

Charles Osborne on the 19th Hole.

Elaine Tennis Club

The Club is looking forward to returning to the senior ranks in the Buninyong & District Tennis Association in 2015/16. With two brand new blue acrylic courts to be completed once the weather warms up we can offer the best playing surface in the district. All interested senior men and women are urged to contact President Deb Mair on 53415589 or 0415969290 as soon as possible so the club can be well prepared when the season starts.

The 2015/16 Office bearers are:

President Deb Mair

Vice Presidents Brady Dunne and Russell Ford

Secretary Shane Dunne

Treasurer Ian Farhall

Committee Members Ron Read, Phil Mair, David Wells

Elaine Cricket Club

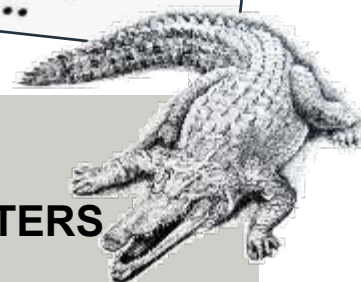
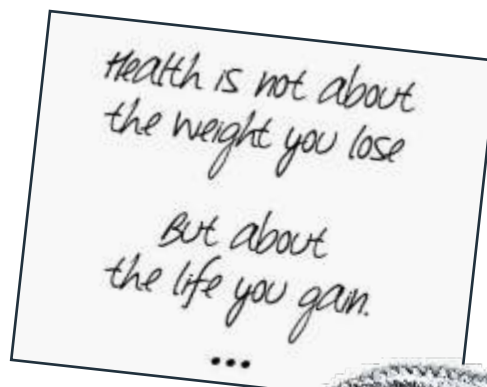
Preseason training starts late August/early September. ECC will enter an U14 1st team in the Ballarat Cricket Association and an U14 2nds team which is aimed at beginners to learn the game of cricket. There is a lot of interest also in an U16 team and Buninyong Cricket Club has let us know that if we can't get an U16 team up then they wish to form a joint team with ECC to give all players a chance to play the game.

Cricket Victoria advises that players in hardball competitions shall be at least nine (9) years old as at 1st September in to be registered that year to participate. There are exemptions however. Further details ph Daryl Wells. Contact details are as follows:

Daryl Wells Coach 0418535713

Shane Dunne junior coordinator 0448291074

Murray Arnel 0428 264103



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50 Years Married

Marg Cooper



A weekend at Nagambie with all the members of their family that are in Australia was the way John and Maureen Diffey celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They hired a large house at the Hide and Seek Winery near the river, and had lots of fun with their children and grandchildren who range in age from 2 years to 23 years. They received many cards, including ones from the Prime Minister, the Governor General and the Corangamite Member of Parliament.

Maureen met John when she nursed him back to health at Wangaratta Hospital after he had been involved in a car accident. At the time he was in the Air Force. They married on 8 May 1965 at St Mary's Church, East St Kilda on Dandenong Road, and family members travelled from Hamilton where Maureen grew up and from Wangaratta where John grew up. Maureen wore a creamy white shantung straight frock with lace decorations. They have no outside photos as it rained all day. The reception for about 60 guests was held at the Gables in Malvern. They went to Tasmania for a week for their honeymoon and John remembers that it cost them \$99 for airfares, accommodation, car hire and breakfasts. A grey EH Holden was their hire care.

John and Maureen lived in a flat in Carnegie after they were married, and before they travelled through Australia and South East Asia with the Air Force. They returned to Werribee in 1982, and came to Meredith about 20 years ago, building the octagonal house in Wallace Street.

A man tried to get into a nightclub. But the bouncers said you're not allowed in without a tie. So the man returned to his car, got a set of jumper leads and tied them around his neck. The man went back to the bouncers pointing at his jumper lead tie. Is this alright? The bouncers said OK, but don't try and start anything.



Jason Byrne
Melbourne Comedy Festival

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New Gifts Arriving!

30% off Gifts

This month we are off to Salt & Pepper to buy lots of new gifts and homewares from their brand new range! Then at the start of next month we are off to the Melbourne Gift Fair to buy more gifts! So to make room for all of these brand new gifts we are going to have sale on selected existing gifts.

Starting **Monday 6th July** we are going to be taking **30% off all gifts** (excluding fragrances, Glasshouse, Cica Home, Handbags & Wallets. See in-store for terms & conditions.

Circa Home now in-store

We are now stocking Circa Home candles, diffusers, hand washes, electric wax warmers and soy melts. Circa Home are a sister brand to our Glasshouse products.

There are 3 different candles sizes priced from \$14.95 to \$29.95. The brand new electric wax warmers are \$39.95 and soy wax melts are \$9.95.

Don't forget as a member of our Loyalty/Gift Club you will receive a 16% discount on these plus 5% of your sale goes back on your loyalty program as loyalty cash.

New Loyalty Program

Don't forget to join our new Loyalty program now we have become a HealthSave Pharmacy. Here are some key points:

1. Our new program runs exactly the same was as our old program. For **every \$1 spent in-store you receive 5 cents cash back on your loyalty program** (excludes prescriptions).
2. There is no expiry on the money you accumulate. You can spend as much or as little as you choose when you want to.
3. We have decided that we won't be issuing cards as many of us prefer not to carry another card in your wallet or purse. We will be able to you quickly look you up in-store when you are making a purchase.
4. A great feature with our new Loyalty program is we can link multiple family members to the one Loyalty program. Previously each family member would need their own card.

If you are a member of our **FREE Gift Club** you will still receive a **16% discount** off our RRP and 21% off during the month of December.

Pharmacy Features:

- Medela (we hire Breastpumps)
- MooGoo
- **FREE Home Deliveries**
- Natio
- Homy Ped shoes
- Sukin Organic Products
- Nude by Nature
- Diabetes Australia Agency
- Kate Morgan Weight Loss Centre
- Giftware for all ages
- Salt & Pepper
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Medication treatment for anxiety and depression

The most common medication treatment for anxiety and depression is anti-depressant's. Although in the past they seemed to be less effective for treating anxiety there are now a number of anti-depressants that do in fact work very well for anxiety management.

It is critical to understand that anti-depressants are NOT addictive and that once the right dose is achieved most people remain stable on the same dose for as long as they might need to take them.

When might you need to take an anti-depressant?

- If you have ever experienced an episode of anxiety or depression in the past and it has returned. This may be triggered by life stressors, such as, child birth, relationship problems, employment troubles or grief.
- In cases where you have endured a number of episodes throughout your life to date. This is known as a chronic history.
- If you have never experienced anxiety or depression at all in the past and it hit's you now. This is called a reactional episode which is usually caused by a significant event, such as, trauma, road accident, physical disability, terminal illness, family breakdown, divorce or the death of a child.
- If you have tried everything else including counselling and nothing helps to manage it.
- If you have not slept well for weeks/months/years, antidepressant medication can be very effective to manage sleep disorders which in turn contribute greatly to anxiety, depression and other mood disorders.
- If you have been having bad thoughts/ ill feelings about yourself and even thoughts to harm yourself or end your own life. These feelings and thoughts are common with depression and anxiety and can be life threatening.
- If you have been feeling exhausted, have no energy or motivation, constantly feel sad or anxious, you find yourself withdrawing from family and friends and stop attending your usual activities, if you can't get to work, can't keep up with house work, have no energy to have a shower/ shave or cook meals and you don't want to leave the house or talk to anyone.

Anti-depressants can only be prescribed by your GP or another medical specialist, they are very effective and can be lifesaving.

How to manage anxiety and depression effectively with anti-depressant medication

- **TAKE IT-** non-compliance is one of the primary factors that a lot of people struggle with. It's important to know

that anti-depressants are not going to be effective unless you take them religiously every day. Taking the tablets daily as prescribed by your GP and having regular check-ups on how they are working is essential. This includes ensuring that you never run out of a script as stopping this medication abruptly can cause a relapse. Yes at the beginning you may have some mild side effects and they may take up to 12 weeks before your mood improves. Perseverance is the key as most side effects tend to disappear. However, if you are not certain that the medication is working discuss this with your GP as they may suggest trying a different anti-depressant.

- **TAKE IT FOR UP TO 12 MONTHS OR MORE-** this is the other most critical factor most people feel heaps better and return back to their usual self whilst on anti-depressant medication. However because they feel 'back to normal' many people think that they are ok and stop taking the medication without guidance from their GP. If you stop taking the anti-depressant you may experience relapse. Therefore, if you feel like you are 'back to normal' don't change anything as the medication it is likely to be a key factor in restoring good mental health. *"Keep doing what you are doing...because it is working"* This does not mean that you need to stay on anti-depressants for the rest of your life it just means that it usually takes 12 months or more to make the changes in your life or address the issues that maybe triggering the anxiety or depression.
- **ATTEND COUNSELLING or A SUPPORT GROUP-** research shows that professional help and medication combined can be very effective treatment for managing anxiety and depression. More importantly talking to a professional or attending a support group will assist you develop the skills and strategies you need to get better, stay well and prevent or manage relapse.
- **LIMIT SUBSTANCE or ALCOHOL USE-** anti-depressants are unlikely to be helpful if you are drinking or using other drugs in excess on a daily basis. Your GP or a counsellor can assist you to cut back to allow for the medication to work at its best.
- **EXERCISE and DIET-** has a direct relationship with improving mood and maintaining good physical health. It is important to eat well and get as much exercise as you can whilst taking anti-depressants as this will also help you to get well. Multi vitamins and omega 3 supplements are also enhance brain function and mood.

There is no need to suffer when effective treatment is available

If you are experiencing anxiety and depression it is treatable and the modern assortment of anti-depressant medications available today do work for most people and enable them to live a fulfilling life. For others they are simply life saving and essential for maintaining good mental health. Speak to your GP about treatment options.

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Garden Notes



Today in my letterbox arrived a late birthday present from my niece. She's renowned for finding just the right gift from her local opportunity shop and, opening the recycled packaging I unpacked a hat. A soft linen broad rimmed hat and as she said in her note: 'perfect for you in your garden.' The hat is printed all over with roses. Now, The Rose is a subject of some disagreement in our garden. I love the highly fragrant, old varieties whose densely petalled flowers in colours that range from buttery gold to the deepest crimson look and smell beautiful in a bowl on my table. The Rose also wins its place for being a survivor. It will come through a drought and produce blooms in relatively poor soil.

However, my gardening partner cannot abide The Rose whose cruel thorns catch hold of him and his truck at inconvenient moments. I enjoy mixed garden beds and have planted a couple of rose bushes in a plot that is ideal for summer vegies. This is an understandable aggravation for a food producer. But the main grievance against The Rose is that she is a foreigner. And I am not unsympathetic to this viewpoint.

We live in the midst of natural beauty, the bush around us is alive with plants endemic to this area, exquisite grevilleas, orchids - some rare, flowering eucalypts, and in flower now the delicate prickly hakea decurrens. Gradually over the gardening years several roses have been moved, tucked away where they do not dominate and where I can still pluck their blooms. There are times when I dream of growing only a few stalks of silver beet, a tomato plant in summer, a bank of herbs and then, in that precious time released from weeding weeding, luxuriate in the quiet miracle of our local bush flowers.

That day has not arrived yet and this is a good time to get to work and prune and feed the roses. I have just cut some modern bush roses back quite severely which they can handle. I am sure you know the routine: using sharp, clean secateurs and pruning saw remove any dead wood and cut back stems that are thinner than a pencil, usually by about a third, to an outward facing swelling that will become a bud in due course. Opening up your rose bushes to air movement by cutting out crowded branches lessens the potential for black spot and mildew to infect your plants. You can be as tough as the rose is tough and you will be rewarded with healthy new growth in spring. Note that some varieties of old fashioned species roses do not like to be cut back too harshly and depending on the place they occupy in your garden can be left alone and tidied up with a light pruning. Replenish the earth around your roses with well broken down manure and compost, or a handful or two of blood and bone.

I have sprayed the stone fruits – peaches and nectarines – for leaf curl. One spray now and one in late winter before bud burst. I dissolve 100 grams of washing soda in five litres

water, 100 grams of copper sulphate in 5 litres of water and mix the two together in my spraying outfit. Wear gloves for this work and do not spray on a windy or rainy day. Burn any old leaves, prunings, rotted fruit and stones from under your trees to prevent re-infestation.

Happy gardening.

Chris



Raymond Heard a Toot!

On the Saturday morning of the Queen's Birthday long weekend a 1930's era rail motor passed through Lethbridge conveying a tour group to Yelta. I heard it toot as it passed through about 11 am! Yelta is just past Mildura {350 miles} and is the furthest station from Melbourne on the Victorian Lines {being about 10 miles further than Mildura}. Before the group who were members of the Diesel Rail Motor Preservation Group, returned to Melbourne on Monday the rail motor ran out to Murrayville, a station on the former Ouyen to Pinnaroo line. It passed through Lethbridge about 4 pm on the Monday. I heard it whistling down the line!



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The Police Paddock's Past

Colin Cook

On a recent Sunday, members of the Meredith Police Paddocks Support Group met at the community house studio to review all of the information that we have on the history of the Police Paddocks. It turned out to be quite a lot, but still not the full story.

Indigenous Australians certainly used the site, although visible evidence of their occupation is now hard to spot due to the long grass. In 1884, the Rev. Peter MacPherson published an article titled *The Oven Mounds of the Aborigines in Victoria*. In it he states:

"In the district of Meredith, midway between Geelong and Ballarat, there is a considerable number of mounds, locally known as Blackfellows' ovens."

"Along the Coolebarghurk and Cargerie creeks, honeycomb, the volcanic lava commonly called bluestone, is invariably found in the ovens, because the country through which these creeks flow is covered with lava."

"Many of the Meredith ovens are on small creeks"

Any further inspections to look for visible remains will have to wait until we have removed some of the excessive grass and weeds along the creek.

The earliest reference we have to an established Police Paddock at Meredith is in 1853, when portable iron houses were transported to Meredith for use by the Mounted Military gold escort. The Mounted Military had been drawn from an English army regiment, the 40th (2nd Somersetshire) regiment. They served as gold escort troops between 1853 and 1857, when the escort service was taken over by regular police.

The Victorian Police were also present at the same time as the Mounted Military and took over the buildings when the Mounted Military left. A new Police Station and Court House was built in 1859, with the Police Station, stables and lockup being situated in the paddocks near the end of Nuttall St. In 1865, the Office of Lands and Survey requested that the paddocks be sold to a local resident, a move which was quickly fended off by the Police.

In the early 1900s, Meredith residents agitated for the sale of the paddocks and the relocation of the Police station to a more convenient location. The station was quite a distance from the business centre of town and the approach via Nuttall St was almost impossible in wet weather due to boggy ground. This agitation obviously failed as the Police station was still there in 1919, although the paddocks had been earmarked for use as a soldier settlement block. The use as a soldier settlement block apparently never came about, although we have yet to find the records stating the reason for this. They'll be on file somewhere, I'm sure.

We still have a lot of records to get through (most of the twentieth century for a start!), but we continue to be surprised by the insight it provides into the goings on in Meredith over the years.

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Geelong indie rock band, Residual, will pay homage to their roots and inspire other young musical talent when they return to headline the Push Start Battle of the Bands competition in August.

The 2015 FReeZA Push Start Battle of the Bands competition will be held at the Meredith Memorial Hall on Friday 14 August. This an annual Victorian Battle of the Bands contest for people aged 14 – 25, is a great event, providing important opportunities for young musicians and emerging artists to gain local exposure and live performance time.

This Year's Push Start competition will see a line-up of local young emerging musicians who will battle it out for a spot at the Barwon Regional Final in October. Supported by the Meredith Music Festival and Music Workshop, Residual will also join a panel of judges to provide their feedback and critique to the young musicians.

Residual first joined the Push Start competition in 2013 at the Courthouse Battle of the Bands. Following their success, the four-piece band went on to join the line-up at the Push Pop-Up stage at Moomba which opened the doors for many more big things.

Registrations are still open for soloists, duos and bands to apply. Workshops will also be held in the weeks prior to the competition for those starting out with their music or wishing to advance their already existing talent. Visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/youth for application guidelines and workshop details.

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My Patchwork History at the House

As the Meredith Community House prepares to move into its (almost) palatial new facilities at the Hub, Desma Blow reflects on her long association with this much loved, local institution.

Our family moved from Mt Riverview in the Lower Blue Mountains in January 1990. We lived with my brother Bruce in Meredith for some time, until we decided to settle here permanently. Some friends of Bruce's also knew another family in Meredith and so we were introduced to Heather and Rob Kent.

I had read on the local noticeboard that the Meredith Community House was looking for a patchwork tutor. I had done some patchwork in the Blue Mountains and saw this as a great opportunity to meet local people, but NOT as the tutor, no way, not shy, quiet little me. However, I had mentioned this to Heather, thus one day while visiting her, she had a phone call from Veronica Naylor, the co-ordinator of the House at the time. Heather asked her if she was still looking for a patchwork tutor, because she knew of one, and before I knew it I was IT!!

I started in May 1990 in the main room, on the left, which was later divided into two rooms, now/was the computer room and childcare store room. These rooms have been used for many things in between. We had a very enthusiastic group for a few years, before a short break when a new group started, some of them are still there today. They were so supportive of me, always buying patterns, and probably some extras, which gave me some spending money when I went to England with my mother to do some family tree research.

We were a very close knit group supporting each other through our many high's and low's. We were with each other for all the births, weddings, family tragedies, good and not so good news stories and giving each our advice and opinions. Goodness knows how many problems here and abroad we solved. There was much laughing and tears, but always the support which is why I think this group has stayed together and been so successful.

After many years I decided it was time for me to move on as I had shared everything I knew about patchwork, which was all done by hand. The group was ready to spread their wings and try new techniques and ideas. They have had wonderful inspiration from Joyce Read.

Not long after I started at MCH Veronica left and the House was run by Jean Dunstan and Lucy Kootstra, followed by Christine Haskin, and Judy Emond before Joan Brick. Other classes started and we needed some child minding while mum's did these courses, which I agreed to do. I was then asked, and agreed to become a Committee member.

It is only recently that I have learnt the Meredith Community House, as it was then, was still in its infancy when I joined. I am proud of my association with the now Meredith Community Centre Inc. and to have been able to watch it grow from its very humble beginnings to the very successful business it is now, and so looking forward to the move into the wonderful new building. Good luck everyone, keep up the great work.



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A flash of red caught my eye. Perched on the top wire of the fence between the bush reserve and the lightly grazed paddock was a small bird, its scarlet breast contrasting with the white below and the black of its head and back. A white stripe down the side of its wings and an obvious white spot above its beak, completed its showy costume. Further along the fence another bird perched. Its size and white markings were similar, but its back and head were brown, and its red chest duller. The birds stared down. The duller bird dropped to the ground, caught a small flying insect in the grass, and returned to the fence to devour its prey.

The birds reminded me that it is winter. The bright bird is a male scarlet robin and the brown bird is a female. They breed in forests during spring and summer and move to more open areas at lower altitude in autumn, remaining there for winter. They prefer larger patches of forest with shrubs, fallen branches and leaf litter, and in the cooler months are more likely to be found in areas with ungrazed native grasses. They eat insects and spiders, caught from the ground in colder months, and from bark and leaves in warmer months. The male and female bond for life and defend their territory during the breeding season. They choose a place for a nest in the fork or hollow of a tree. The female builds a cup-shaped nest of bark. She covers the outside in sticky cobwebs and lines the inside with animal fur, feathers and sometimes soft plant fibres. She lays about three pale green, blue or grey eggs with brown splotches and one pointed end. The female sits on the eggs and the young chicks, while the male feeds her and the babies. As the babies grow, the female also feeds them. Many chicks don't survive as they may be eaten by snakes or predatory birds such as currawongs. Cuckoos lay their eggs in the nests of other birds, including robins' nests, with the young cuckoo being the only survivor of the brood. The robins will lay two or three batches of eggs in one breeding season. I notice the scarlet robins' arrival, usually in April, but I never notice them leave for their breeding home. One day I realise that I haven't seen them for a few weeks, and I know they are gone until next autumn.

Occasionally another robin visits us in autumn. It is the flame robin. The male has a brilliant orange-red breast, and dark grey back. His posture is more upright than the scarlet robin and he is slightly larger, but otherwise they look similar. The female is brown. She has white stripes on her wings, but no red on her chest. These robins are sometimes seen in small flocks in winter. In his springtime breeding habitat the male sings and displays his feathers, puffing up his flame coloured breast, or his white markings, to defend his territory from other flame robins, and from scarlet robins, which sometimes breed in the same area. He may also fly at intruders to scare them away. The number of both these robins is declining,

possibly due to lost habitat and more predators as birds such as currawongs thrive in landscapes created by people.

Another colourful but uncommon visitor is the eastern yellow robin. Both male and female have a grey head, olive-green lower back and are bright yellow underneath. They live near the coast and further inland in many different habitats. Their habits are similar to the other robins.

All these birds with their bright colours are eye-catching. They are often seen perched on a fence or in a tree. They seem undisturbed by people, so it is possible to walk slowly and quietly closer to them, and watch them as they go about their lives. Some are curious enough that they may come closer to look at you!

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A new train table was introduced across the V/Line train network to coincide with the opening of the Regional Rail Link tracks from West Werribee Junction to Southern Cross Station on Sunday, June 21, 2015. As a consequence changes were made to some of the V/Line bus times between Ballarat and Geelong. The main changes relate to the morning services to Geelong which depart slightly earlier. The time table is displayed at the bus stop and copies can be picked up from the Meredith Corner Store and the Geelong Train Station.

Drive/Train to Melbourne on the Ballarat Line. Ballan is the closest station to Meredith. Trains operate half hourly during the morning and evening peak periods and hourly during the day. Travelling time is from fifty three minutes to one hour and three minutes. Parking is available in the station car park. The station is staffed from 05:30 to 13:00 from Monday to Friday. Peak/off peak fares are: Ballan to Melbourne \$23.60/\$16.52 return, \$11.80/\$8.26 concession.

Drive/Train to Melbourne on the Geelong Line. (North Geelong) Trains operate every ten minutes during the morning and evening peak periods and every twenty minutes during the day, Monday to Friday. Travelling times are around one hour. The station is staffed every day and parking is available in the station car park. Peak/Off peak fares are: North Geelong to Melbourne \$20.80/\$14.56 return, \$10.40/\$7.28 concession.

Peak period fares apply to trains arriving in Melbourne before 9 am or leaving Melbourne between 4 pm and 6pm, Monday to Friday

Bus/Train to Melbourne from Meredith.

Depart Meredith 07:03, connect at Geelong Station with train arrive Melbourne 09:11.

Depart Meredith 08:57 connect at Ballarat Station with train arrive Melbourne 11:40.

Depart Meredith 10:25 connect at Geelong Station with train arrive Melbourne 12:27.

Fares from Meredith to Geelong/Ballarat are \$9.20 return, \$4.60 concession.

Returning from Melbourne Southern Cross Station depart 16:22 connects at Geelong Station with bus arriving Meredith at 18:32.

If you only require three or four hours in Melbourne it is possible to catch the 12:17 pm train from Southern Cross due Ballarat 13:45 or the 13:17 train due Ballarat 14:45 then catch the 15:00 V/Line Ballarat to Geelong bus due Meredith 15:42.

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“Life after Life” by Kate Atkinson

Kate Atkinson was born at the end of 1951 and grew up feeling that she had missed out on something terrible and tremendous. Those fears receded until she was writing her book “Behind the Scenes at the Museum” and started looking at her own family’s history when her fascination with the Second World War was rekindled. In the Author’s notes she tells that she was intrigued by “What if?” scenarios and one of the most potent and familiar was “What would have happened if Hitler had been prevented from coming to power?”

So the book starts with Ursula Todd, the protagonist, assassinating Hitler in 1930 in a Munich café with her father’s Great War revolver. Soon after Atkinson reverts to Ursula’s birth in 1910 in the Todd family home. The umbilical cord is wrapped around her neck. The family doctor is unable to be present because of a heavy snowfall and the baby died but Ursula has another chance. In another chapter the doctor is on hand, he cuts the cord and all is well. This is the pattern of the novel, the dead or near dead are granted another life.

The novel is primarily about Ursula who is the daughter of genial Hugh who does something in the city and his wife Sylvia who produces children and casts a sardonic eye over the family. They live just beyond the leafy edge of north London in a large house called “Fox Corner.” Later iterations of the life of Ursula take her into World War II where she works in London for the War Office and helps Blitz victims at night. Atkinson believes that the English were at their best then and she would like to have known those times.

The novel has an unusual structure, repeatedly looping back in time to describe alternative possible lives for its central character. The author is making various statements about life; that lives hang by a thread, that our destiny is uncertain and that our identities are not necessarily fixed. What if there were second or even third chances? She is also telling us that writers control their characters and that they can produce many versions of them. Her latest book “A God in Ruins” focuses on Ursula’s brother Teddy. A review tells that, “It zig-zags its way through the 20th century. His life isn’t given a chronological treatment so the events create a puzzle for the reader to piece together and make sense of, much like our experience of life itself.”

I had to keep copious notes so I could refer back to what happened but the book made the reader concentrate and think! Some members thought that she overdid the “What ifs”!

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Meredith Primary School News - July

Meredith Makers Market

Congratulations to all of our 2-6 students for their wonderful market on June 18th. This market has been the culmination of several weeks worth of work by the students during their 'iLearning' sessions and the result was absolutely fantastic. You should be very proud of your work kids, the items you made looked terrific—they were of a very high standard. Nearly everything was 'snapped up' by many happy customers. Of course, all of this would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our terrific staff—well done to Miss Pritchard, Mrs Edmiston and Mr. Gallagher for putting together such a great educational experience for our children.

State finals here we come!

Congratulations Zoe for finishing second at the cross-country Western Region Finals! Zoe has now qualified for the state championships on Thursday, July 16th. This was a sensational performance and we are very proud of you Zoe - terrific stuff! Best of luck from all of us here at Meredith PS! We know that whether you win, lose or draw that you'll do yourself proud. Please congratulate Zoe when you see her at school next.

Bus Safety Incursion

On Wednesday June 10th students from Grades 1-6 participated in a bus safety incursion run by Keith Foote from Bus Association Victoria. On the day children learnt about many important aspects of bus safety in the classroom and then went outside and practised them on a real school bus. Special thanks to Dale McIntyre for bringing his bus to school for the day and for co-ordinating this activity for our students. Bus Association Victoria also gave us a \$150 donation on the day for participating in the program, which was a wonderful surprise. The children learnt many important lessons about bus safety including: to stay 100 paces away from the bus when it's coming in, to always remember to pick up your things when you leave the bus and not to jump off the bus' bottom step.

Meredith Primary School Facebook Page

As a way of enhancing our home/school communication and engaging people within the broader community School Council has started a school Facebook page. The purpose of the page is to connect current and potential families to the school via the regular sharing of exciting happenings and events within each of our classrooms. The page name is Meredith Primary School—School. Content will slowly trickle onto the page over the next few weeks, and our School Council policy team will develop a broader Facebook policy next term. You will be able to like posts and comment on photos. Photos will be posted by teachers with only the first names of students used. Please check out our page at the following address:

<https://www.facebook.com/meredithprimaryschool>

'Colourful Characters'

During the first week of June in Miss Pritchard's classroom students set to work developing their own characters as a part of their daily literacy block. Characters were developed with their own unique physical and personal traits. Great characters have the ability to draw us into the author's world and hook us in to their story. There was a lot of great work on display in the classroom, with some well thought out and wonderfully presented pieces—well done kids.

Coming Up in August

We have a really exciting month planned when we come back from school holidays; this includes our school athletics carnival, Grade 5 camp to Maldon, and a trip to Geelong to see a performance of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Please feel free to come and in and say hello, and have a look at our fantastic school – we'd love to show you round and see you there.

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Solar Power and Grid-Connected Batteries

Recent announcements from the Tesla Electric Car Corporation signal a turning point in Renewable Energy's onward march. Tesla have announced a Grid-Connected Battery Solution – "The Powerwall" – available (initially in the USA only) at unbelievable crazy low prices. Price Competition from other battery manufacturers is heating up and I expect Batteries with Solar to make economic sense for almost all Homes and Businesses within 5 years ... possibly just 1 or 2 ...

By making low-cost Solar Electricity available at all times of the day, Battery Storage will support current trends towards:

- Installing Solar Power (and Wind Turbines)
- Going All-Electric and Getting Off Gas (Mains Electricity is already cheaper than Mains or Bottle Gas and Solar Electricity is even cheaper).
- Disconnecting from the Mains Grid completely.

So I urge Householders and Business Owners to consider how batteries (charged by Solar or Wind) will fit into their overall energy budget in future regardless of whether they install Solar or Batteries now ... When appliances like Cooktops, Heaters and Hot Water Services fail, choosing to get off gas by replacing them with the most energy-efficient all-electric options will position you to take advantage of Batteries in an All-Electric Future.

If you already have solar power, note that many of the existing Feed-in Tariffs will no longer apply after the end of 2016. Instead of receiving a guaranteed minimum of 6c/kWh or 25c/kWh for exported solar power, you might receive NOTHING !!! At the right price, it will make sense to add batteries to capture that power at lunchtime for use at dinnertime ...

The good news is that it will be possible (at the very least) to reuse your existing Panels ... and probably your Inverter.

Technical Note: A Solar Power System consists of the Panels (which convert light into Electricity) and one (or more) Solar Inverter(s) that convert the Direct Current (DC) from the Panels into the Alternating Current (AC) that matches power from the Mains Grid.

Retrofitting batteries onto any grid-connected solar inverter can be done by "AC Coupling" a new device – a Battery Inverter-Charger – that converts the AC Output of the Solar Inverter back to DC to charge the batteries. But note that if you intend to disconnect and go Off-Grid completely, you are likely to need to replace your inverter as AC Coupling does not always allow complete battery charging unless the Solar

Inverter and Battery Inverter-Charger have been specifically designed to work together.

If you are planning to install solar power in the near future, you have an opportunity to purchase equipment now that is specifically designed to give you the easiest and lowest cost pathway to add batteries later ... and if desired the option to disconnect and go Off-Grid completely ...

The Energy Market just gets more and more interesting ...

Simon

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(Stereo)Typical

There is a new stereotype I see emerging amongst the younger generations.

Teenagers to young adults have been marked as many things: lazy, ungrateful, rude etc. But I see something else swarming up these ranks of stereotypes insinuating uselessness, and that is technological geniuses.

When I was a child, I used to look up to my dad to solve any technological issues from the video player not rewinding my videos properly to the resolution being corrected so that I could play my favourite educational computer games – usually featuring a space travelling dog.

But something has shifted. My parents now come to us kids with issues with their phones and other new fandangled devices which we are sometimes more than happy to smugly solve.

Although this seems like a rather positive shift, I beg to differ. What once started as just my family asking for help and advice has now changed to strangers asking me to help find something on their phones or asking what slimline computing device would best suit their travelling needs.

I work in luggage, not computers, and I am finding more and more often that people are approaching me in my working environment about technical issues as if I have a clue.

I am expected to instantly know how to fix EFTPOS terminals or computer and printer malfunctions whenever they arise (which is fairly often thanks to the reliability of today's electronics).

When these things happen I am forced to remind my co-workers that my degree is in writing, not computer science.

With all this in mind I wonder whether there has been a mix up between generation Y and what is supposedly now being referred to as generation 'Z'. I was brought up with minimal inside/TV time and was encouraged to play outside in dirt and fresh air and use my imagination.

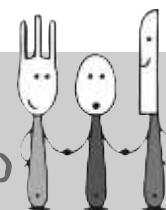
My exposure to the new things hitting the market has, like most people, been a rather recent happening. And I haven't been all that accepting of change as I have established previously many, many columns ago.

It's the kids that can barely form complete sentences that know what's what. I've seen children in prams operating iPads and the like with such finesse that I am left feeling both disturbed and slightly impressed.

That's the generation that's going to know how to fix your technical issues and create the robots that will take over the world, eliminating human life.

Generation Y will give your issues a go and try to act more in-the-know than they are but, to be honest, if you come to me I am more likely to wreak havoc on your expensive technology and walk away with a guilty look on my face, not really knowing whether I got rid of the virus or deleted everything on the hard drive.

The second last Friday
LUNCH club



Narmbool ★★★★★☆

We ventured up the road to Narmbool (a restaurant/catering facility located on a beautiful rural property between Meredith and Buninyong) for lunch on a Saturday last month. The setting with the garden and green lawns around the dining area made for a pleasant day even though we are in the midst of winter.

We were offered drinks on arrival, and sat down to a choice of entree, either a BBQ duck pancake, or Ricotta and tomato tart.

The choices for mains were Beef fillet with potato gratin or crispy skinned salmon. for desert we were offered Vanilla cream brûlée or poached pear and cinnamon cream.

Overall the food was good with great service and a delightful outlook, a great place to have a party

We would love to hear about your eating out experiences too. Nothing unduly derogative of course, but an honest appraisal of your dining adventure would be most welcome. - Ed.

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Meredith History Interest Group

World War 1 Soldier's Tribute"

On May 31, Jan Dimmick talked about her father, J.J.G. Colclough. (See article in this issue.)

Margaret Parkinson talked about Percy Black. He was born at Bacchus Marsh but is related to the Black family at Beremboke. He enlisted on 8/9/1914, at nearly 37 years of age and was a miner in Western Australia. He was mentioned in dispatches several times, was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Croix de Guerre.

"On the night of 2-3 May 1915 during an operation near Kaba Tepe, after all his comrades in his machine gun section of the 16th Battalion had been killed or wounded and ... surrounded by the enemy, he fired all available ammunition and finally brought his gun out of action."

This man who gave outstanding service was Killed in Action on 11/4/1917.

Jan Crump told about a small book of drawings titled "Flowers of the Holy Land" with a wooden cover that she found in her grandmother's cupboard. In the back a note was signed by Ewan. Who was Ewan? Jan searched the lists of Geelong and district men who had gone to WW1 and found two Ewans. One was Ewan Alexander McCallum who was station master at "Glenspear" and the other was Ewen Alexander Ross of Colac. After reading their service records she determined that Ewen from Colac had the same signature as the one in the book. She is interested to discover what relationship Ewen had with her grandmother!! Jan told that he was a Field Engineer, was promoted and demoted about four times, was a sergeant and was awarded the Military Medal.

June Cameron told about Neil and Ewen Cameron who went to WW1 and she read an account by Ewen of landing, living and leaving Gallipoli Peninsula. Such a poignant account gives us all an insight into what the soldiers had bear.

Catalogue: We catalogue on the last Thursday of the month at the Anglican Church Hall from 9 am. You are welcome to join us.

Morrison and Meredith Ploughing Match

"The weather was beautiful, the sun shining gloriously throughout the day, but the condition of the land on which the match took place was simply execrable. For several days past rain had fallen almost continuously and the level lands were in swampy condition. The site selected was a portion of a level flat that had been cultivated some four years ago. It was enclosed with fences of the rudest description composed of logs and branches of adjacent trees. Not only was the land a swamp covered with water and almost a perfect morass in some places but it was also strong to a degree that rendered ploughing excessively difficult to some of the ploughmen and dangerous to the ploughs."

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Monday. Shortly before 9 o'clock on Saturday night the Presbyterian Manse was found to be in flames. On reaching the burning house the spectators were horrified at learning that a boy named John Shell, son of a farmer residing on the Moorabool River, was asleep in one of the rooms, and that all efforts to save him had proved fruitless. Nothing could be done to prevent the destruction of the building and contents, though there were many willing hands around within a few minutes of the discovery of the fire. So rapidly did the flames spread throughout the building, which was of wood, lined with paper and canvas, that within half an hour of the discovery of the fire the whole structure, consisting of eight rooms was levelled to the ground. The house was occupied by the Rev. J. Manby, Presbyterian clergyman, his wife, and mother an old lady of over 80 years, and two boys, Victor Surman, a boarder, and the ill-fated boy John Shell, aged 11 years. Mr Manby had only sent the two boys to bed about 20 minutes before, and had not retired himself, when he was attracted to the kitchen by hearing a peculiar noise. When he opened the kitchen door he found the portion adjoining the bedroom where young Shell was sleeping in flames. After vainly attempting to reach the bedroom door through the flames, he rushed round the house to the window of the room, which he burst in, but he was driven back when he tried to get in by the smoke and flames. There is no doubt that the fire originated in the bedroom, and was most likely caused by the deceased leaving his candle burning when he fell asleep.

When the flames of the burning building had completed their work the bedstead remained standing amongst the burning debris and the spectators could plainly see the charred remains of the unfortunate boy lying thereon just as he had gone to sleep. From this it would appear that the boy had been suffocated in his sleep before the flames reached him. The parents of the deceased boy were sent for at once, and arrived soon after the remains were recovered.

The other lad was sleeping in another room some distance from where the deceased slept, and was only rescued as the flames burst into the room. In his efforts to rescue young Shell Mr. Manby was burnt about the hands and face rather severely. The premises were insured for £200 and the furniture for £150, but the latter will not nearly cover the loss sustained. This morning a magisterial inquiry was held at the shire hall before Mr. John Armstrong, J.P., upon the remains of the deceased boy, when evidence to the above effect was elicited, and a verdict of accidental death recorded.

The Argus Wednesday 31 August 1892

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John James Graham Colclough

Marg Cooper

On 31 May, the Meredith History Interest Group learnt about the life of J.J.G. Colclough, a former resident of Meredith, from his daughter, Jan Dimmick. He was an outstanding man!

Graham was schooled at Essendon Grammar and Scotch College. He played football for Melbourne on weekends in 1901 when he was still at school and in 1903 & 1904 played football for Ballarat. He wouldn't play for Geelong as he would have had to play against Melbourne. He played cricket with Melbourne Cricket Club and won many honours for scholarship at Scotch College.

Graham was to go to Oxford in England but decided to "go on the land", so his father bought "Glenairlee" (on Taylors Road) at Meredith for him and his brother Leslie.

While at Meredith Graham played cricket, football, tennis, participated in running races, was on the Committee of the Meredith Sports Club, wrote letters to Council, was on the Hall Committee, was secretary of the People's Party, was a member of the Liberal League, was a Justice of the Peace, was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was well known for his athletic performances. It seems that he was at Meredith between about 1905 and 1915.

In 1908 he married Mary Rose Grant of Woodburn Creek. At the wedding were four gentlemen who came to Australia together on the clipper "Clifton" which arrived in Geelong in 1852, 56 years before. Mrs Colclough won a trophy at the Meredith Show in 1912 for a plate of scones and in 1913 she won champion rose. Mary Rose Colclough died in 1914. They had one surviving child, Richard Roy Colclough.

Graham was 32 years of age when he enlisted for WW1 on 11/11/1915. He named his 6 year old son as his next of kin. He was given a gold mounted fountain pen by the Meredith Community before he left for the war. He was one of four Colclough brothers at the front. He served three years four months overseas and eight months in Australia. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Croix de Guerre.

"After an absence of three years Lieut. G. Colclough, a well-known and highly respected resident of the district returned to Meredith on Tuesday's afternoon train. A large number of residents and school children went to the station and greeted him with three hearty cheers. Lieut. Colclough was motored to Woodburn Creek by W. & R. Grant." A confidential report at Officer Cadet Unit described him as "a splendid type of man-thoroughly reliable and trustworthy-a first rate leader of men."

In 1925 Graham married Annie McNaughton of "Glenspean" and they had a daughter, Jan. Graham's brother Leslie married Annie's sister Jessie Catharine McNaughton in 1915. One of their sons, George Colclough lived and farmed for many years on Mt Mercer Road at Meredith.

Many interested people attended the MHIG event including George Colclough, his wife Betty and his daughter Heather, members of the Grant family and the Camerons from "Glenspean".



Graham Colclough and (above) his first wife, Mary Grant. Right, Annie McNaughton, who he married in 1925



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If this sounds like something that may interest you, some members of the Meredith Rural Fire Brigade meet most Sunday mornings from 8:30am - 9:00am and I encourage you to come along for a cuppa and chat with some of the members and learn more about becoming a firefighter.

I really look forward to meeting potential new members in the near future. As stated earlier the Meredith Rural Fire Brigade relies 100% on volunteers willing to offer their time to help others during what can be someone's darkest hour of need.



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Vale to Maisie Erwin

Maisie was the daughter of John Ivey and Sarah Elliott {McNaughton}. She had two sisters, Marjorie and Jean, and a brother Gordon. The family lived on Bamganie Road, Bamganie. Maisie told that she was the first patient in the Meredith Hospital. She had her tonsils out in 1927 when she was 9 years old. Dr Docker performed the operation. Her Aunt, Madge Elliott, donated a gift for the first patient, but because the first patient was her niece, she raffled the gift and gave Maisie a packet of dates telling her not to eat them all at once. Madge Elliott also organized for a layette to be given to the first child born at the hospital.

Maisie attended Bamganie State School. She remembered saluting the flag on Monday mornings. She remembered that she wore dresses with cardigans to school and ladies lace up boots made of soft leather and that girls put pinafores over their clothes at school. She remembered church services and dances being held at the school.

Maisie left school early because her mother was sick. Sarah Elliott died in 1933. Maisie remembered regularly taking a billy of milk to Mrs Sutherland who lived next door to them at Bamganie. She had the first crystal set and Maisie would sit and listen to it, enthralled!

Maisie, her brother Gordon and her sister Jean each planted a pine tree in 1923-24 on the perimeter of the Bamganie School ground to commemorate the fifteen men who went to WW1 from Bamganie. Maisie was 93 when she unveiled the plaque honouring those soldiers in November 2011 . .

Maisie married Charlie Carter and had two sons, Neville and John. She later married Ted Erwin. She lived at Stawell, Beaumaris and Ballarat. In her later years she lived at Midlands Retirement Village before moving to Nazareth House. A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 28 to commemorate Maisie at the Ballarat Funeral Centre in Doveton Street North, Ballarat.



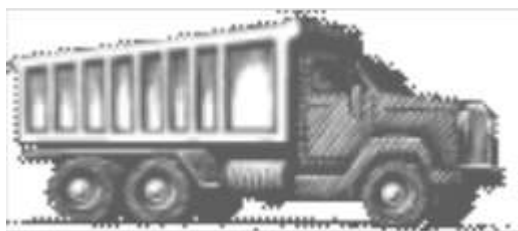


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Smith Brothers Workmanship Continues

Marg Cooper

The notebook of Les Smith records every detail of the restoration process that he used to restore the family graves at the Meredith Cemetery. It is obvious that the motto that the Smith Bros had - "near enough is not good enough" - is also his motto. It is told that Smith Bros were difficult to work for because they expected first class work all the time.

In the 1990's Les noticed that the grave of Peter and Susan Smith in the Lethbridge Cemetery needed attention. He got serious in 1995 and restored that grave. Early in 2015 he began planning the restoration of the graves of Philip and Alice Smith at Meredith. He was then told that there were two unmarked graves next to the large plot, where Thomas, Catherine and Philip Smith are buried. So he told the family about his intentions and rallied them to lend a hand. They never dreamed that the job would involve many weekend trips to Meredith, and involve bringing trailer loads of equipment including diggers, cement mixers, sand, cement and blue metal, water, wooden boxing, bluestone blocks, grout and tools. Some mornings they left Melbourne at 5 am.

The graves now look superb. They straightened the headstone and lifted the granite corner stones of the large grave. Also, they built attractive bluestone headstones with plaques on the formally unmarked graves.

Philip and Alice Smith and their son Peter came to Australia from Ireland in 1879 and immediately took up residence in Meredith. Philip Smith was a proficient tradesman who established the firm that became known in Victoria for its high-class workmanship. When Peter Smith, eldest son of Philip and Alice Smith died in July 1919, Smith Bros had already constructed many buildings in Meredith, including St Joseph's Church, School and Hall, Royal Hotel, Mechanic's Hall additions, St Patrick's Church, Elaine and many houses. Smith Bros consisted of brothers Peter, John, Michael and William. Their brother Thomas died at 14 months from teething problems (Les said that doctors often cut the gums of children if they had teething problems and they died from infections). Their sister Catherine died aged 17 years and brother Philip also died of teething problems. Les is a son of William and Annie Smith (Gardiner). Annie's father Daniel Gardiner had the Railway Hotel at Meredith and she gained her cooking and cleaning skills by helping in the hotel.

Les Smith intends to restore another grave at Meredith Cemetery - maybe next year. His sister Joyce accidentally drowned in January 1927, aged 14 months and her grave is surrounded by red brickwork that needs some attention.

The Cemetery Trust is very pleased with the restoration as each family is responsible for maintaining their family graves, and many graves are in need of attention. If you would like to know more about restoring your family graves, please contact John Diffey on 52 861550.

Vale to Basil Musgrove

10/8/1938 – 25/5/2015

Marg Cooper

Basil was the eldest son of Percy and Rita Musgrove. He had two brothers Jim and Charlie. The family lived at Corindhap until they moved to Mildura in 1956 when his father became a shearing contractor. Basil worked in shearing sheds and did some crutching. When he was 14 years old, one of the shearers did not turn up and Percy gave Basil a handpiece, pointed to the vacant shearing stand and said "get going". Basil started on a learner's stand at Minyip. He always remembered the owners' advice that it didn't matter how

many he shore as long as he shore them neat and clean. Basil shore for Sunraysia Shearing Co. in Vic., NSW and SA and managed a team for his father.

He married Margaret Brown in Wentworth in 1958, and in 1960, they and their young daughter, Kerrie, came to Meredith to manage his father's property. Basil had taken about 3 months off from shearing before Len Gargan visited "Paringa" and asked Basil if he would like a pen. This started a long local shearing career that saw Basil shear in most local sheds and shear for some farmers for over thirty consecutive years. He worked alone in some sheds, but shore many sheds with Keith Taylor. Basil's best tally was 228 at "Nindathana", 56 miles out of Wentworth on the Broken Hill Road.

He had many stories, including the big flood on the Darling River when the team travelled by boat to the shed and shearing quarters, of shearing at Hay during the shearer's strike under different names, and of driving to Meredith on Friday nights after a heavy week of outback shearing to work on his father's property over the weekend.

Basil, Margaret, Kerrie, Tony and Tracey moved to 40 Staughton Street in 1967 and Basil bought some small blocks of land around Meredith. In 1975 they sold the house and blocks and bought a farm on the Shelford Road that they called "Basmar". Basil said that he ran "anything that he could make a quid out of" on his farm, but they sold the farm in 1989 and moved to Geelong. Basil continued to shear until he retired in 2003, but he still kept his hand in by shearing pets for friends. He coached the under 16's football team in Meredith for some years and was very involved in the club before it went into recess in the 1980s.

Basil passed away peacefully with his family by his side, after a long illness. In accordance with Basil's wishes, the family held a private service for him.



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Walking Down Memory Lane

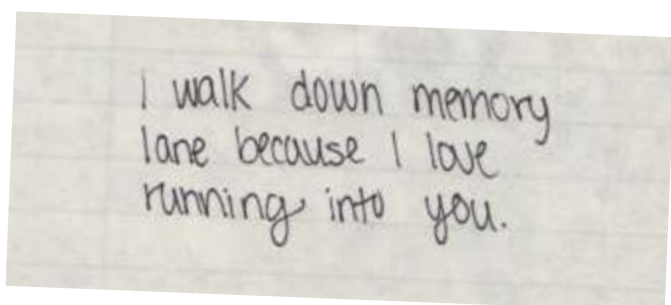
He walked into Mirepoix and stood in front of the wood heater in the front room. When he was asked if he would like a coffee or cake he replied that he did not require any refreshments and that he was just having a walk down memory lane. The smells reminded him of the freshly cooked bread that he remembered from when the building was the bakery. He admitted that when his mother purchased a loaf of bread he nibbled like a mouse, the soft insides of the loaf, in the back of the car on the trip home. Sometimes there was little left except the crust!

He says he remembers events from when he was three years old. He remembers attending dances in the Meredith Hall and especially a debutante ball. He tells that his mother loved to dance and that the children or young scallywags, as he called them, had a marvellous time running inside and outside, all night. The policeman Jack Powles would visit the hall on his nightly patrol accompanied by his Golden Retriever dogs, which were as gentle as lambs and warm to hug on a cold night.

The little blue bus driven by Doug McFarlane was one of his favourite memories. His brother Michael had attended Shelford State School but transferred to Meredith when he started school. He remembered many children who travelled on the bus, giving Doug and Fay an engagement and wedding present from the bus children, and being allowed to spend his pocket money at the Bottom Shop on the way home on Fridays. He bought lollies which he polished off before he got home. He told that one time his mother queried why the account from the bakery was so high. She discovered that he had been sneaking off from school at lunch time to the bakery to buy a pastie or pie for his lunch and booking it up. From then on, he was not served unless he had a note!

He remembered that Mr Henderson and Mrs Hearn were the teachers at the State School, the Catholic School, the lockup behind the police station, the Nolan brothers and Walker McDonald who shored his father's Merino-Corriedale sheep, Mrs Ryan running the Bamganie telephone exchange and the fire trucks during the devastating fire that ravaged Bamganie in 1967. His parents Dave and Joan Brian who were soldier settlers on Shelford Road played tennis for Meredith. He loved to play with the Powles children while his parents played tennis and he fondly remembers riding their push bikes around the town.

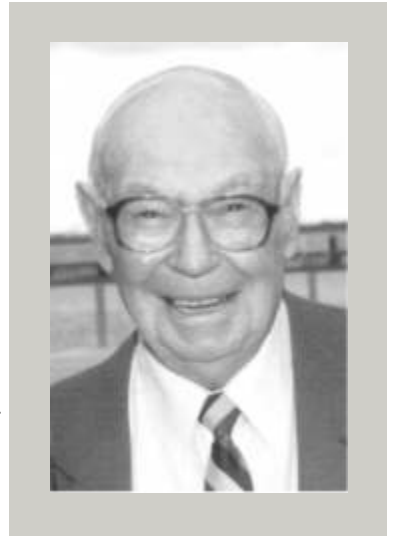
Trevor then left Mirepoix and continued his walk down memory lane. What other delightful images of the past did he remember?



Vale Keith Tanner

(by Fay McFarlane, a précis of the Eulogy given by Brian Tanner, 28 April, 2015)

Albert Keith Tanner was born July 1917. to Albert (Bertie) Tanner and Catherine (nee McKenzie). The Tanner family had migrated from Switzerland and settled in the Sutherlands Creek/Maude district. Bertie died when Keith was 2 years. Catherine then married Robert Deans and the family moved to 'Kylloe' west of Meredith. His sister Janet and brother Bob arrived to complete the family. Keith rode a horse to attend the Meredith State school. Keith's chosen sport was cricket, and he once shared a 100 run partnership with Henry Bolte.



Keith enlisted in the RAAF in 1941 and trained as a wireless technician, serving in the South West Pacific region. Keith married Natalie Desborough a nurse, at Scots Church Collins Street Melbourne in 1946. They made their home in Lawler St, Meredith and Keith took over management of the family property. Annette born 1949, Brian in 1953, completed their family.

Under Keith's management 'Kylloe' quickly became known as quality producer of fine Merino wool. From a flock of 800 sheep, when he retired he had built the farm up to running 4,200 sheep. Keith could turn his hand to most tasks, from fencing, cropping and general farm improvements.

Keith and Natalie were strong contributors to the Meredith Community. Keith served on the Board of Management of the Meredith Uniting Church, served on the committee of the Memorial Hall for 32 years, Secretary of the RSL, the Fire Brigade and the School Committee. Keith was the first Secretary of the Meredith Progress Association formed in 1950. Keith was elected to represent the Meredith riding of the Bannockburn Shire Council in 1960, elected Shire President in 1969. He resigned in 1971, after serving 11 years.

Having suffered two heart attacks, he retired from farming and with an excellent reference from Henry Bolte secured a position in the accounts department of Myer Geelong. Keith then moved the family to Hamlyn Heights, Geelong, where they built a new home. Keith was a foundation member of the Bannockburn Bowls Club. and also took up a hobby of woodcarving, much of which was sold at the Grovedale Craft Shop. Sadly Natalie died in 2003. Keith gave up Bowls but continued with his woodwork, and with 'Max' the cat for company he continued to enjoy his time in Hamlyn Heights. He moved to Balmoral Grove Nursing Home in 2013, and it was here that he peacefully passed away in April 2015. He lived a full and meaningful life, one that touched many others, he will be sadly missed.



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