

Meredith & district NEWS

DECEMBER 2016

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a Joyous Festive Season
& a Safe Summer*



inside



three happy ladies





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Merry Christmas
— AND A —
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Meredith & district NEWS



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NEWS & VIEWS

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..or start something.

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



"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken."

James Dent

emergency

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(from mobile phone)	000 or 112
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Power Failure	132 412
Nurse-On-Call	1300 606024
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SES Emergency	-
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Golden Plains Vet	5281 2226
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Mr R Cooke Meredith	52 861 346
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Mr P Ryan Elaine	0409 861 296

services

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We can all be contacted through the email address elainetownhall@gmail.com

JOBS

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To be considered you must hold an approved diploma level qualification.

This is a wonderful opportunity to further your career in childhood education.

The successful applicant must be available to commence 30 January 2017 as this is an ongoing permanent part-time position.

A working with children's/police check will be required. Award rates apply. Applications close on Friday 9th December at 4p.m.

For more information or to apply, please contact Shane Sachse on 5286 1313 or forward your resume and details to Meredith Primary School Outside School Hours Care Program, meredith.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Newsletter Delivery to End



It is unfortunate that regulations and changing business arrangements sometimes have unintended consequences. For a very long time this newsletter, produced by a group of local volunteers, has been delivered to district residents by the Roadside Delivery (RSD) contractor as a goodwill gesture. We have always been grateful for this, as we have for the several businesses in the district who stock and display the newsletter each month for collection by their customers.

But, unfortunately, due to APO requirements the RSD contractor is no longer able to continue this practice. So, from next year, we face a cost of around \$1,200 *per annum* to maintain a district delivery service. While that cost, shared across the 250 recipients, might seem a modest one, and one that many would be prepared to pay, we don't have the administrative capacity to collect it. In the next few weeks, we will carefully consider our options, as our primary concern is that the newsletter remains a sustainable community service.

At the least, you will be able to do, as townspeople have always done, and collect it each month from Meredith, Elaine and Lethbridge businesses. And it is published online on the second Thursday of each month at meredithnews.com.au

So remember, if you received this copy via your mail contractor, it may be the last time, and next year you will have to **pick up a copy** when you are in one of the towns mentioned.- Editor

Meredith Racecourse Reserve Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING

To be held at the Meredith Community Hub on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 8 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three nor more than nine persons as the Committee of Management for the Meredith Racecourse Reserve for a period of three years.

The current committee's term will expire on 17th February 2017. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted on the night. Peter Macdonald (Secretary) 52861274

Classifieds

First insertion of small ads are FREE to district residents

For Sale

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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

St James. Morrisons:

Contact: 0429 146 566 or 5368 2730. The Rev. Glen Wesley

1st Sunday of the month at 5pm, 3rd Sunday of the month at 9am.

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.

Rev. Lindell Gibson 53413 200

SERBIAN ORTHODOX : Fr. Theodore—Ph. 5341 5568

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

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA.

St. Marys House of Prayer Elaine Solemn mass Sundays 10.00am.

Rosary and Vespers Saturday 5.00pm. Confessions by appointment Fr. James Ph. 5341 5544

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December

- Bannockburn 6pm Family Christmas Mass at Bannockburn Cultural Centre.

- Anakie 8pm

- Meredith 10pm

Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December

- Winchelsea 8.30am

- Inverleigh 10.30 am

St. Joseph's Parish Mass Times for December/ January/ February

Winchelsea every Saturday at 6 p.m.

Inverleigh every Sunday at 9 a.m. except 4th Sunday of the month at

Bannockburn Gymnasium

Anakie Sunday @ 11 a.m. December 4th/ 18th. January 1st/15th/29th

February 12th/26th

Meredith Sunday @ 11 a.m. December 11th/ January 8th/ 22nd February 5th/19th.

Enrolment for children to make their sacraments will be held at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre on Wednesday February 15th at 5 p.m.

Mass followed by enrolment and BBQ tea.

Art at the Centre

Come along to the Meredith Interpretive Centre on Sunday December 18th for the Carols and from then until mid January to see the budding artists of Meredith's work. Meredith preschool children and Meredith schoolchildren have produced some fantastic artwork for you to see. Meredith schoolchildren have painted their entries in the Junior Archibalds to link in with the Archibald exhibition currently at the Ballarat Art Gallery.



Interested in a Horse Riding Trail Club?

Please email tilikamoss@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining the club or would like to know more.



Meredith Community Centre

The final report for the year always brings a reflective tone. What have we achieved this year? It has been a year of consolidation for the Centre with all of the new members of the Meredith Community Learning Hub getting to know one another and working together for everyone in the Meredith Community. For the Community Centre it has been quite different as previously we operated completely independently and if the toilets blocked or another job needed doing we did it ourselves. Now that the Golden Plains Shire are our landlords we have had to learn to contend with layers of bureaucracy and getting things done in a different way. I am pleased to say that we are working really well with the Council and everything is running smoothly and the staff are very supportive. It has been great having a whole lot of new people coming into our space and getting to know us and what we do.

The Meredith Community Learning Centre is a vibrant busy place with programs and activities for little children with the Playgroup, Occasional Care and Kindergarten right through age groups to senior members of our community. Our programs this year have continued to deliver valuable opportunities for all of our participants whether they are looking to get fitter and healthier learn a new skill or just meet socially. We are planning some really great youth focussed programs next year and we are collaborating with both the Council and YMCA Geelong to bring some exciting new innovations to the Centre. Watch out in our brochure and on Facebook for those.

We are looking forward to 2017 with lots of interest already in our Occasional Care. Some sessions are already almost booked out. Our longer sessions this year and the short bridging session between the end of Kinder and school pick up have been very well supported. Parents love that they can come and do one pick up at school finish time instead of Kinder at 2.15 then School and hour later. Please call in to the Centre to register if you want occasional care next year. We will run 5 days if there is the demand for us to run the program on Thursdays as well. I think it is a credit to our Occasional Care educators Jo and Rebecca that people recognise the quality of the program they are running.

Finally I would like to thank my Committee for their valuable assistance and contribution to the running of the Centre and my wonderful staff Trudy, Joy, Jo and Rebecca as well a number of tutors and childcare assistants who have helped out this year. Without all of these people we could not offer the Community the programs and services we provide. Wishing you a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year. We will be back with lots more happening.

See you in 2017

Pam



Meredith Community Centre

4 Russell Street Meredith 3333 Phone 5286 0700

learnlocal@meredithcommunitycentre.com.au

Open: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs 9.00-3.00.

Fri Closed

Recreation



Meredith Golf Club

Marg Cooper

The Annual Presentation Night was held on Saturday, November 12 at the Golf House. A delicious roast meal was enjoyed by three tables of golfers, husbands, wives and friends. After the meal the President and Captain presented trophies to the winners of the Men's Annual Events.

A Grade Champion winner was Greg Armstrong

B Grade Champion was Mike Colvin

The Gordon Clancy Trophy was won by Danny Jury

The Captain's Trophy was won by Mike Colvin

The WL Cooke Trophy was won by Denis Gear and Alan Slocombe. The Eclectic was won by Danny Jury

The Women of the Club did not compete in Annual Events in 2016.



Elaine Cricket Club

Shane Dunne

Volunteers Ron Read & Seamus Dunne spreading couch grass seed. The Elaine Cricket Ground is in magnificent condition and will now stay green until at least March 2017 thanks to the spreading of couch grass 40 metres around the centre wicket



Congratulations to Nicholas "Chicka" Pantzidis on making his first 50 for the senior one day A grade team at the very young age of 14. It was even more special batting with a bat, a Centurion, his very ill grandfather & uncle, who had been batting with it for nearly 10 years, gave him only two weeks ago with chicka bringing the bat home all the way from Sydney. He said " my goal for the season is to make my first 50 for the seniors, and using the bat that has such sentimental value Chicka wanted to make them proud and that he did. It was a very emotional moment for the young lad. Captain Joel MacArthur said he was absolutely wrapped with the way boy stood up and batted, really helping the team come away with the win, and also taking two much needed wickets.



Elaine Tennis and Cricket Club now has a defibrillator. Bendigo Bank Buninyong donated \$1000 towards its purchase. It also donated \$500 of community gold vouchers. We thank them for their continued support of our club.

Closure of Meredith Golf Club

Attendance of members and interested local and district residents at the AGM to discuss the above was disappointing. To keep the club going we need more "active" members. that is members that play in club competitions on a regular basis and are prepared to assist with the operation of the club. The few aging members keeping the club going have decided to persevere for 6 months more, then close the club if unsatisfactory 'active member' increase is not achieved.

Membership is \$140 per year for ordinary members, \$25 for full time students (All ages) \$20 for juniors (under 18)

Denis Gear, secretary/treasurer. Inquires 53 415 748

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Elaine Hall Twilight Market

17th December, 4pm-9pm

Introducing our inaugural "Lighting of the Christmas Tree". All are welcome to join in

If you would like to be a stall holder, please contact us through, elainetownhall@gmail.com or our Facebook page: [elainemarket](https://www.facebook.com/elainemarket).



Christmas in Meredith

Advance Meredith Assoc.

Yes it's nearly that time of year again to start preparing to celebrate Christmas in Meredith.

Christmas Carols: Sunday December 18th at the Interpretive Centre. A Lions Club BBQ will begin at 6pm together with Face Painting and children's activities. Carols will begin at 8pm.

Christmas Lights/Decorations Competition: Entry forms will be available in December from local businesses and the Meredith Community Centre.

Christmas sheep: available for you to decorate at a cost of \$10 each. Ring Marg Cooper at 5286 8201.

Christmas Trees: Watch out for the new Christmas Trees in Staughton St, decorated by the school, kinder and playgroup children!

For more information, phone : 0408 599 602

Christmas Lights Competition

Let's Make Meredith a Christmas town this year !

You are encouraged to "DECORATE YOUR HOUSE or BUSINESS" for Christmas.

You may just hang some tinsel and baubles or go way out and create a Christmas scene with Santa and his sleigh or a Christmas crib or other Christmas scene. Last year there were more places decorated than ever before and if you ventured out after dark you would have seen some magical displays. Judges organized by *Advance Meredith* will indeed venture out after dark on Christmas Eve and award winners will be decided. Please pick up an entry form at any of the shops or enter your name and address on the Meredith facebook page or ring Diane Ritchie on 52 861291 to enter your home or business in the competition. Certificates will be awarded to the prizewinners.

Christmas Sheep

The mob of sheep are just being rounded up and will appear in Meredith shortly. If you have sheep in your shed please spruce them up and display them on your fence. Sheep are available in 2016 for the cost of \$10 or you are invited to trace the image of one of the sheep and cut out some more. MDF board is easy to cut and easy to decorate. Say "Happy Christmas" with a sheep! Please ring Marg Cooper on 52868201 for MDF sheep.

ST JOEY'S OP SHOP

A big thank you to everyone who has donated goods and supported us during 2016. We are closing on Friday 16th December 2016 and re-open Wednesday 1st February 2017.

Christmas Carols at Meredith

**Sunday 18th December 2016
Meredith Interpretive Centre**

6.30 p.m. Lions Club BBQ and Children's activities

8p.m. Carols and Santa

ALL WELCOME

Please bring a plate of supper



'Celebrate Christ's Birthday'

Christmas Eve, Uniting Church Meredith

Sat. 24th December 10 PM,

All Welcome.

Please note, no service at Anglican 'Church of Epiphany', on Christmas Day.



Peace on Earth

**St. Joseph's Catholic Parish
Meredith
Christmas Mass Times**

Christmas Eve:

Bannockburn Cultural Centre 8.00 pm - Children invited to dress as angels, shepherds and wise men.
Anakie : 8.00 pm Meredith: 10.00 pm

Christmas Day:

Winchelsea: 8.30 am Inverleigh: 10.30 am



Wishing you Christmas blessings and joy and happiness throughout 2017

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FIRE READY KIT at
cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fire-ready-kit/





Wow we are just so busy at Kinder now and with the end of the kinder year only weeks away the excitement is growing !! The Christmas things will begin soon as children become little elves and make gifts and fun things for their families. The concerts are being organised and practised at group times with the children.

The Pre -kinder group's concert with Kylie and Leanne is on Wednesday 7th Dec and their last session is on Wed 14th Dec.

The Kindergarten group's concert with Jodie , Kylie and Michaela is on Tuesday 13th Dec with their last session on Monday 19th Dec.

The children in both groups enjoyed a visit from the Roo Keepers. Michael bought in his Dingos, lizards, snakes Kookaburra and cute little dunnart for the children to pat and learn about. To follow on we have been reading Wombat Stew and discussing the different Australian animals that live here, children have enjoyed making animal masks and role playing.

We had our AGM last month, so a big thank you to Kristy and the outgoing committee members for your support and for organising some great kinder events this year. Congratulations to our new members and to Keely Bubb our new president for 2017.

Thank you to all our families who attended Kinder this year and best of luck to all our big Kinder children who are off to school next year, unbelievable it's gone so quick. From all the staff we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy new year and enjoy the holiday fun.

Jodie Trevaskis



Jacob with the bearded dragon

A Reunion of Skydivers

Marg Cooper

"The best weekend he's ever had in his life" is how Trevor Miller described the Meredith Parachute Club's reunion on the weekend of October 22 and 23. A few ex club members met last Christmas and decided it was time for a reunion of members and friends of the Meredith Parachute Club. They decided to hold it at the farm of ex-pilot, Paul Johns, at Lara. About eighty people "from the old days" attended including people who jumped before and after Trevor. It is sixteen years since the Parachuting Club closed. Trevor laments that Meredith was the second last club [Pakenham Club still exists but flies from somewhere other than Pakenham] and that now skydiving is all business orientated.

Before Meredith, was the Clifton Skydiving Club and they jumped from Lovely Banks Airstrip. They moved to Meredith and the Meredith Parachute Club was formed. It started in Meredith in 1972 on the property of Dave Woolstencroft, which was south of Meredith on the Midland Highway. The Airforce had rejected him during the war but after the war he achieved his life-long dream of learning to fly a plane. David and his mate Bill Kelly purchased a small plane and spent many hours flying around the district before David, Joyce and other family members made trips around Australia including the outback. David also made use of the aircraft in farming practices and crops were sprayed for pests, super phosphate spread over inaccessible parts of the farm and 1080 poison laid to kill rabbits.

Roy and Joan Taylor bought the property "Menari" in July 1975 from David and Joyce Woolstencroft. Roy recalls there was a short east-west airstrip and a longer north-south airstrip. He mowed the airstrips a couple of times a year but his sheep kept it mown nicely most of the time. There was a shed on the site and on a good day ninety people would jump - each paying \$5 or \$6 to jump. Skydiving became safer when square parachutes were used instead of earlier big round parachutes and pilots flew for free to gain hours towards getting commercial licences. The skydiver's plane was kept in the shed but other planes were tied down near the shed. If Roy put cattle in the paddock they taxied the outside plane to his house block. One pilot, not wanting to get out and open the gate jumped the plane over but misjudged slightly! Oops!

The members jumped each weekend when the weather was suitable. One man from Bendigo often waited until late in the day to jump when the wind usually abated. If an event was being held in Meredith some skydivers would literally drop in and they congregated at the Top Pub in Meredith on Saturday nights, no doubt to replay every jump like golfers replay the game at the nineteenth hole.

Trevor started to parachute in 1978 and had his last jump in 1994 before he moved to Port Macquarie. He had 1600 jumps and his highlights were BASE jumping off the Omega Tower in Gippsland, jumping into the MCG for a day/night cricket match, winning an Australian Gold Medal for speed 8 canopy stacking, jumping into a Bannockburn Football Match while the game was still in play and of course local functions. Only a few people at the reunion still parachute but they intend to have more regular reunions because it was awesome!

Meredith Playgroup

Meredith Playgroup meets every
Thursday from 9.30am

Enjoy new activities every week.
All Welcome

Contact Community Centre for details 52 860 700





What's next for Golden Plains Shire?



Council is working with the community to produce a new four year (2017-2021) Council Plan.

The Council Plan describes Council's strategic objectives, ways to achieve the objectives, indicators for measuring progress and the resources required to implement the plan for at least four years. In short, it is a roadmap to how we can get to where we want to go.

Have Your Say today

We want to work with the Golden Plains community to determine our strategic directions and objectives for the next four years. Community input is important to the development of the Council Plan; our community engagement process includes opportunities to:

- ✓ **Tell us your thoughts in a survey (1 December – 15 January)**
- ✓ **Join the Community Reference Group**
- ✓ **Share your thoughts at a Listening Post:**

Teesdale Country Market	Sunday 27 November 9am-1pm	Turtle Bend Teesdale VIC 3328
Golden Plains Farmer's Market	Saturday 3 December 8am-1pm	Cnr Milton & High St Bannockburn VIC 3331
Meredith Community Centre	Tuesday 6 December 1.30pm-4pm	4 Russel Street, Meredith, 3333
Smythesdale Country Market	Saturday 17 December 9am-1pm	35A Brooke St, Smythesdale VIC 3351
Twilight Market and Carols	Thursday 22 December 4pm til 8pm	Turtle Bend Teesdale VIC 3328

- ✓ **Participate in one of three community workshops:**
 - The Well, Smythesdale, Tuesday 17 January, 6.30-8pm
 - Rokewood Memorial Hall, Wednesday 18 January, 6.30-8pm
 - Bannockburn Cultural Centre, Thursday 19 January, 6.30-8pm
- ✓ **Provide feedback on the draft Council Plan**

To find out more or to complete the survey online, please visit
www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations

Timeline

- December 2016 – January 2017
Initial community consultation: survey, workshops and listening posts.
- February 2017 – March 2017
Council analyses all data and draws out key findings, themes and issues.
- March 2017
Second community consultation: Council brings key findings back to community for feedback.
- March 2017 – April 2017
Council develops the draft Council Plan.
- May 2017
Third community consultation: the draft Council Plan opens for community review and input throughout May.
- June 2017
Councillors are presented with a report on community feedback and any recommendations for change to the draft plan.
- 27 June 2017
Councillors to adopt final Council Plan 2017-2021.

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In the Cattery

Marg Cooper

On Saturday, November 12 Teresa Telford (Foster) was tested at the Talent ID day at Deakin University. For the whole day the skills of the 190 women were tested, including a 2kms time trial, in which Teresa came second and ball work in front of Cats coaches and lots of officials. Teresa was a bit nervous but felt she performed, well. On Friday, November 18 she received an email to tell her that she had been selected in the first Geelong Cats Victorian Football League Team. She is excited!

The 45 women who were selected from the 190 who tried out, will be publicly announced on Tuesday, November 22. Teresa says they will train at Kardinia Park under coach, Andy Hood and that pre-season training starts in two weeks. Teresa has played with North Geelong since she returned to Victoria to live and about 15 of her team mates were also selected.

The team will play VFL Competition in 2017 but in 2018 will be part of the AFL Competition. A Celebratory Breakfast was well deserved. How exciting it is to have an AFL Footballer from Meredith!



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from the MAYOR

Cr Des Phelan
Mayor, Golden Plains Shire



YOUR NEW COUNCIL

On behalf of the new Golden Plains Shire Council, thank you for placing your trust in us to represent you. The 2016-2020 Council includes three returning councillors and four new faces: Cr Joanne Gilbert, Cr Owen Sharkey, Cr David Evans, Cr Les Rowe, Cr Helena Kirby, Cr Nathan Hansford and myself. It is an honour and a privilege for me to once again represent and serve my community as Mayor and I look forward to the next year. You can find out more about your Councillors on our web page and in the December edition of the Gazette.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE COUNCIL PLAN

Council is working with the community to produce a new four year (2017-2021) Council Plan. The Plan will guide how Golden Plains Shire Council will deliver projects, facilities and services to make the Shire an even better place to live. You can get involved by telling us your thoughts in a survey, joining a Community Reference Group, sharing your thoughts at a listening post, providing feedback on the draft Council Plan or participating in one of three community workshops. For more detailed information or to complete the survey online, please visit www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations

CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

At the end of November we held our annual Volunteer Celebration, which is always a great opportunity for myself, my fellow Councillors and Council staff to express our gratitude for all the hard work our volunteers put in. If you would like to volunteer for Council, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator on 5220 7111. If you are interested in volunteering in a future emergency, please register your interest on HelpOut at volunteeringvictoria.org.au/emergency-volunteering.


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FESTIVE SEASON OPENING HOURS

Our Customer Service Centres will close at 1.00pm on Friday 23 December 2016 and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 3 January 2017. Council's waste and recycling collection service will not experience changes over the Christmas and New Year period. Please ensure bins are placed out the evening before your ordinary scheduled collection day. The Rokewood Landfill/Transfer Station will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. Please note the site will also be closed on days declared as a Total Fire Ban or Code Red Day.

On behalf of myself and your new Council, I would like to wish all Golden Plains Shire residents a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.



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Next Year at the Paddocks

Jim Elvey

The Meredith Police Paddocks Support Group, a group of local volunteers working with Ballarat Environment Network to protect and enhance “The Paddocks”, met late last month to plan its activities for next year. And a very busy year is the result!

It plans to collect seed and propagate hundreds of plants for a variety of projects, including:

- Pathway verges - embarking on a long term, continuing project, it plans to establish a number of “islands of native grasses and wildflowers along the pathway to make it an even more attractive place to visit.
- Wildflower patches - Already it has established three extensive wildflower patches along the pathway which are coming along very well. It plans to develop more of these next year to show off the beautiful array of wildflowers that inhabit this landscape.
- Entrances—In association with the construction of new timber post and rail entrances, it will establish landscaping to beautify the two entry points into the Paddocks.
- Pathway Copses—there are already a number of small copses of trees and shrubs along the pathway. These will be



extended to flank the path. This will add to the pleasure of walking the path and create improved small bird habitat.

It will also pursue the documentation of the site’s history which will initially be used to produce an information pamphlet for visitors. If you would like to join in on any of these activities, contact Jim Elvey on 5286 1273

Take a (New) Walk

Jim Elvey

The Meredith Police Paddocks Support Group recently established an extensive walking track for the more agile, that takes you across the Coolebarghurk Creek and up along the eastern ridge of this attractive valley. And with the construction of this track, it proceeded to install the fifth information sign for visitors.

This one overlooks a slip in the valley that exposes ancient layers, some of it over 400 million years old. This insight into the site’s geology is an important addition to the “story” that’s told as you walk around the site.

CAN YOU HELP? *If you could help us install 32 posts - no hole digging :-) - sometime in the new year, please let me know. A couple of hours of your time would be really appreciated.) - Jim Elvey 5286 1273*



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I am writing these garden notes from another place, not my home. I am looking through a window into another garden. This garden is ordered, productive and predominantly green. Various delicious leafy greens and young tomato plants grow in raised vegetable plots. A row of fruit trees, one laden with plump juicy peaches, has been planted in a rectangle of green lawn, and beyond the trees on the back fence espaliered raspberry canes are heavy with ripening berries. A dense grape vine shades a paved terrace which is bordered with culinary herbs - sage, rosemary, thyme. It is a kind of perfection. How good it is to visit other gardens, to learn and to be inspired and to see your own place from another vantage point. And then I always want to get home.

One of the great joys of being away is the return to one's own patch, no matter how far from perfection it may be. I imagine I will head straight for the potting shed and water the new seedlings, check on the progress of the runner beans I planted out before leaving and then take a gentle stroll around to breathe in the comfort of being home, in my own working garden. So, what is ahead for the summer months? Changeable weather perhaps. Reading the weather is such a crucial part of gardening and as a backyard grower I think kindly of the farmers who produce our food crops at the mercy of these recent variable weather patterns. The earth is warm enough now for the tomato seedlings and the basil to grow strongly, the french beans are taking off and new salad greens are surviving the snails and slugs.

Over the next week or so I plan to harvest the garlic bulbs and the timing of this job is important. The winter and spring rain followed by the warm days we've had lately have made for good growing conditions for garlic. Warm dry days are ideal for lifting the bulbs. For the all-important drying process a few weeks of warmth but with low humidity are required to successfully cure the bulbs so they have a longer storage life. I will clean the bulbs gently to remove any excess earth then bunch them up, about five or six to a bunch, and hang them from wires strung across the shed where there will be some air movement to assist the drying process. I find it

satisfying to produce enough garlic to give away and to sustain my household through most of the year. In the weeks to come I will take pleasure watching the morello cherries ripen in time for me to pop them in jars with brandy for seasonal gifts.

For me the great joy of gardening is in the doing, not the end result. There is no completion if you are a gardener. It's about moving plants that have not been happy in their original position, thinking about why one tree flourishes while its neighbor fails to thrive. Like any worthwhile relationship gardening is an ongoing experiment, a learning process and as the garden grows so, I grow.

Happy gardening

Chris

Cathie's Show Haul

Local craftie, Cathie Boer, entered several items in the Arts and Crafts section of the Ballarat Show.

She was awarded a Highly Commended for a hand knitted Shetland Lace scarf, and a Second for a photo of a sunset over Lake Wendouree.





Meredith Primary School News

Meredith Primary School

What a busy term it has been at Meredith Primary School! Often at this stage of the term you are counting down the weeks to the end of term, however this time I wish we had an extra week or two up our sleeves as the weeks are just flying by.



We have had some amazing camps occur this term. We have had the Grade 6 Urban camp, the Grade 4 camp to Anglesea, our Grade 2 sleepover and a number of our Grade 5 and 6 students also participated in Somers camp.



Our students also have participated the Junior Sports Day and Ball games day in Inverleigh, as well as the swimming program at Leisurelink Aquatic and Recreation Centre in Geelong.

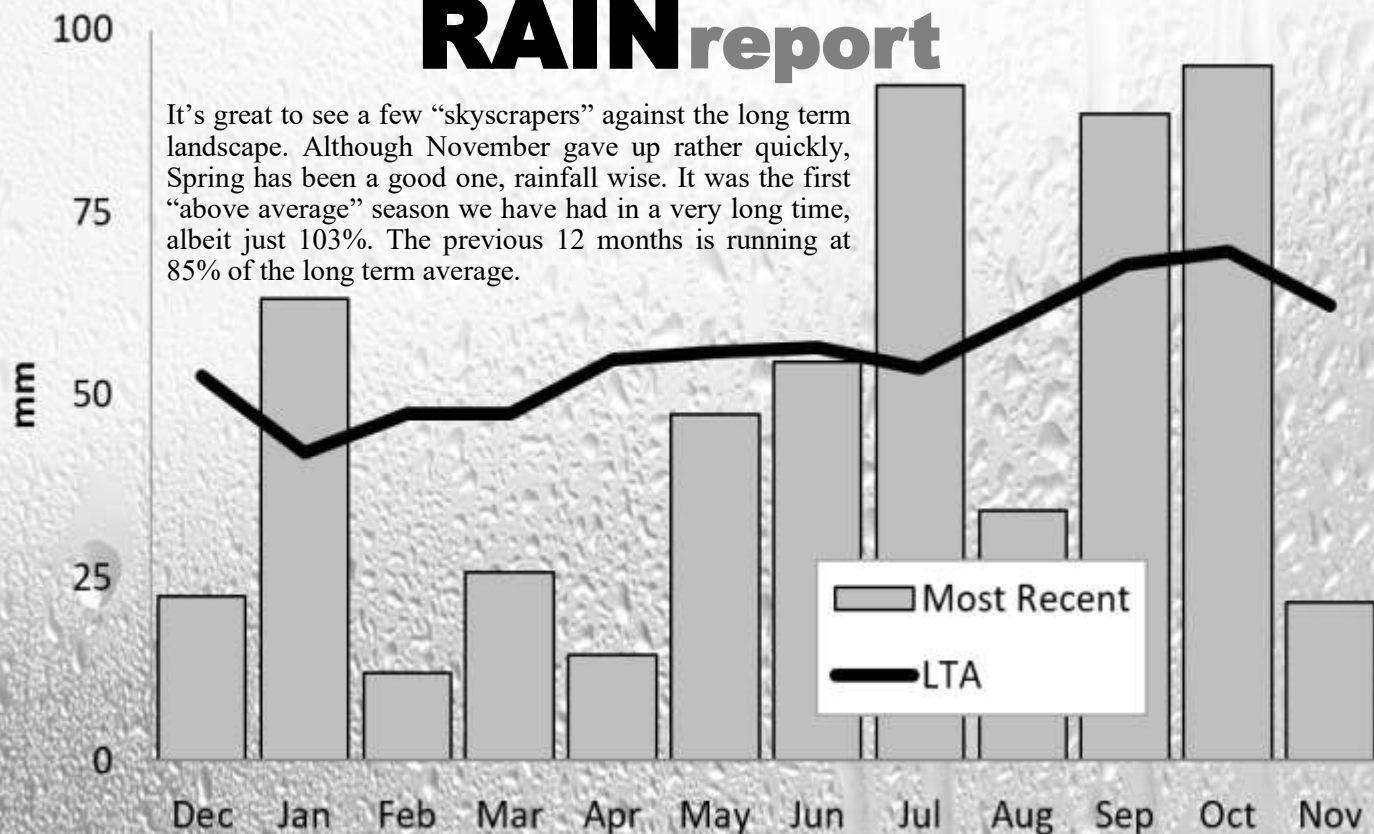
It is also an exciting time for our 2017 prep students, I would like to thank Rosemary Gargan and Lorna Daglas for their work with our Kinder to Prep transition program. I look forward to spending some time with our new students and their families over the next couple of weeks when they visit the school.

It has also been a sad time for many of our students as Mr Edwards will be moving on next year. He has accepted a position at Mount Duneed Regional Primary School. It is never easy for anyone to leave a school, especially when they have had such a significant impact on staff and students. However, I am a firm believer in that we should never stand in the way of someone chasing their ambitions. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank you for your service over the last two years. You have a bright future ahead of you!



Finally I would like to mention that I have recently received confirmation that I will continue as Acting Principal for term 1 and 2 next year. It has been such a positive learning experience for me this term, I would like to thanks the wider school community on their support and feedback they have given me. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. We have an exciting 2017 ahead of us!

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Lone Pine Clone Planting

John Diffey

On Wednesday 12 November 2016 the members of the Meredith Cemetery Trust and members of the Meredith RSL gathered at the Meredith Cemetery to plant a clone of the Gallipoli Lone Pine. This tree was donated to the Trust from the Yarralumla Nursery, Canberra, which has the task of growing these for distribution to organizations throughout Australia.

This tree planting was the culmination of the Meredith Cemetery's plan to commemorate the internment in the cemetery of returned service members from World War 1. The first stage was the unveiling on March 26th 2015 of a memorial plaque placed on a stone near the centre of the cemetery.

The planting of this tree should allow visitors to reflect not only on World War 1 personnel but also all those ex-servicemen and women from all subsequent conflicts and also current serving men and women who dedicate their lives to the protection of our land and our people.



John Diffey, David Jones and Doug McFarlane

It's a Long Way Home


Marg Cooper

An hour by bus from the mine camp to the township closest to the mine, a flight to Lambasi, an overnight stay, a flight to Johannesburg, an overnight stay, a flight to Dubai, a flight to Melbourne and a car to Bamganie to his parents' (Diane and Roy) farm on Bamganie Road. Nick Ritchie says that of his three week break he spends almost one week travelling.

Nick was working as an Occupational Health and Safety Manager and Trainer at a gold mine in Ghana but that came to an abrupt end in February when the expats were told to grab their passport and a few clothes in a backpack and were taken to the capital city because of increasing unrest at the mine. Nick was actually underground when the order was given so only had ten minutes to get on the bus. The first week in the capital he lived in a pair of shorts and a tee shirt. They waited for improvements in the situation but that didn't happen so the mine was closed and Nick moved to the Democratic Republic of Congo to a copper mine where he works as a Mining Shift Organizer.

Nick explains how a South African Company found the copper deposit. They then "prove it up" (drill and get results), partly develop the site, sell to investors and move on. They have already discovered a bigger deposit about thirty kms away. Nick

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works for Byrnegut, an Australian Company who supply workers to mines in many countries. They are contracted to develop twin, 1000 metres tunnels to the copper deposit, one for people access and one for conveyors. There are twenty Expats and sixty Nationals working to excavate the tunnels.

The camp is near a small village about five kms from the mine. Nick says the South Africans love tents so he lives in a big safari tent, about 7 x 8 metres on a concrete slab with pitched roof, veranda out the front and a proper bathroom. The Expats hate the tents because they don't keep out noise and because they get terribly hot. The portable air conditioners make no impression if you're trying to sleep during the day because you're on night shift. The company tries to supply recreational entertainment and Nick says the "Tavern" is better than in most towns but basically the men work, eat and sleep. They work from 6 am to 6 pm and the only days off are when you change from night shift to day shift.

Nick says the Congolese are very happy, polite and respectful. The villagers live a basic existence but the mine now supplies fresh water and employs many locals at the camp. The land is very green and flat but vegetation is sparse and there are two distinct seasons: dry and wet. The dry is not terribly hot but the wind swirls red dust into everything. In the wet season the humidity rises and the red dust turns to red mud. Nick remarked on a lack of animals. The wildlife have all been eaten.

During his breaks during the year Nick tries to come home to Bamganie once a year. He stays in Thailand and every second break travels as a tourist to a new country. He has certainly embraced the adventurous life.

Nick left recently when the tunnellers had just hit a big underground watercourse. At the end of his last shift he was standing in water up to his waist. He wonders if they will have stemmed the tide before he returns.






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Grants for Wildlife Carers

(from media release)

In 2016 the State Government will provide \$240,000 to help support Victoria's hardworking wildlife carers and institutions. Member for Western Victoria, Gayle Tierney MP, said around \$170,000 will be provided to volunteer shelter operators and foster carers across Victoria, including in Western Victoria with grants of up to \$2000 available.

In Victoria there are over 600 of these volunteers authorised by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to rehabilitate sick, injured and orphaned animals for release. The Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants Program supports the important work by people who help our wildlife when they need it most.

In August 2016 Melbourne hosted the Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference and authorised shelter operators and foster carers who attended this event will be eligible for reimbursement of their registration fees, through this round of the Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants Program.

Applications are open now and will close on Friday 18 November 2016. Further information is available at www.delwp.vic.gov.au/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants

Ms Tierney encourages wildlife rehabilitators in Western Victoria to apply for these grants to help cover the costs of their important work in looking after sick or injured animals.

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GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

There are no changes to Council's waste and recycling collection service over the Christmas and New Year period, so waste and recycling collections will occur as scheduled.

LANDFILL

The Rokewood Landfill/Transfer Station will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

The site will be closed on days declared as a 'TOTAL FIRE BAN' or 'CODE RED' DAYS.

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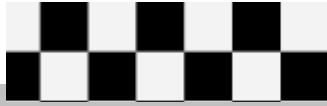
COUNCIL MEETING CYCLE 2017

At its Special Meeting on 8 November 2016, Council resolved the following dates for Council Meetings in 2017. Meetings are usually held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4.00pm.

24 January	Bannockburn Shire Hall
28 February	Linton Customer Service Centre
28 March	Bannockburn Shire Hall
26 April	Linton Customer Service Centre (Wednesday)
23 May	Bannockburn Shire Hall
27 June	Linton Customer Service Centre
25 July	Bannockburn Shire Hall
22 August	Linton Customer Service Centre
26 September	Bannockburn Shire Hall
24 October	Linton Customer Service Centre
8 November	Bannockburn Shire Hall (Special (Annual) Meeting of Council) (Wednesday)
28 November	Bannockburn Shire Hall
19 December	Linton Customer Service Centre (3rd Tuesday)

Councillors and staff at Golden Plains Shire Council wish residents a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2017.

ROD NICHOLLS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Meredith POLICE news



Greetings to all readers of the Meredith and district newsletter.

After returning after a week's annual leave I was somewhat shocked and concerned to learn of the fire that was clearly deliberately lit on the decking at the Meredith Primary school. This incident reportedly occurred over the weekend of the 19th and 20th of November. All avenues of enquiry will be looked at in relation to this matter and I would strongly encourage anyone with information to please contact me at the Meredith Police Station.

In addition I would encourage anyone who sees people at the school at unusual hours to contact police on "000" and be vigilant with regards to vehicles they may see or descriptions of people.

Although other crime in and around Meredith had been very low there has been significant crime occurring in and around Bannockburn. I can also report that a Burglary occurred in She oaks in Stirling Road on the 18th November 2016. This burglary occurred during that afternoon when the occupants had left the address. Again I stress to people to be vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour or vehicles.

This can be done anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333000 to me at the Meredith Police Station by calling 52 861222 and leaving a voice message.

On a separate issue I would like to respectfully raise the issue of depression amongst people in our community. As part of our job as police members we all too often attend and investigate suicides and also tasks involving people suffering the effects of mental illness and our community is certainly not exempt. As we approach Christmas I note that it can be a very stressful time of year for many in the community whether it be family or financial related or even isolation related.

If you require help there is a variety of services available and I am personally only too happy to assist anyone at any time who feels they may need to be put in touch with services that can help. There is certainly no shame in asking for assistance and the highest level of respect and discretion will be given to anyone seeking assistance. Alternatively services can be sought via the internet or your GP.

Greg KITCHEN



Boost for Citizen Science

From classifying galaxies to counting koalas across the country, recording rainfall or sleeping habits, citizen science projects give Australians the chance to contribute to scientific research.

The Federal Government will provide \$4 million in Citizen Science Grants, over four years, to support more opportunities for the public to collaborate with researchers on high-quality, nationally important research projects.

Grants between \$50,000 and \$500,000 will be offered to Australian researchers to engage the public in research.

Federal Member, Sarah Henderson said "This investment will help researchers to do more work, while boosting public participation in science by involving people directly in the research process,"

This year's National Science Week project, Wildlife Spotter, saw around 50,000 people contribute 43,000 hours to analysing and identifying wildlife from over 2.7 million images from automatic cameras in diverse wild and urban environments from Far North Queensland to Tasmania.

For more information visit: business.gov.au/assistance/inspiring-australia-science-engagement/citizen-science-grants

Vaccination Program Expanded

Federal Member for Corangamite, Sarah Henderson, advises eligible seventy-year-old Australians can now get the shingles vaccine for free with a catch-up program available for adults aged 71 to 79 years.

Shingles is a painful rash caused by the chickenpox virus. It is a serious infection that has a particularly debilitating effect on older people. One in three adults are at risk of developing the virus in their lifetime.

With the introduction of the shingles vaccine, the National Immunisation Program now provides free vaccines for eligible people against 17 infectious diseases. The NIP is the key weapon in Australia's fight against vaccine-preventable diseases.

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Shire Serious About Fire Prevention Notices

Golden Plains Shire Council is serious about protecting its communities through fire prevention in the lead up to the summer fire danger period.

Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officers will be assessing properties to ensure that residents have reduced fire hazards on their property by cutting long grass and cleaning up fine fuels (leaves, twigs, bark) in preparation for the coming fire season.

Officers will focus on the management of fine fuels in the area immediately around a house and outbuildings, providing a level of protection to both the house and the residents who may seek shelter in it.

Rod Nicholls, CEO of Golden Plains Shire Council, said that everyone has a role to play in staying safe this summer.

"I urge all residents to pay close attention to a Fire Prevention Notice if they receive one – it is about keeping you, your family and your community safe."

Visit cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/ for helpful information about preparing for the summer fire season.

"As we've seen in recent years in Dereel, Golden Plains is extremely vulnerable to bush and grass fire, and Council is serious about doing everything we can to keep residents safe."

"Fire Prevention Notices will be issued to properties with a fire hazard instructing the owner to clean up the hazard and non-compliance will result in fines in excess of \$1,500 plus additional costs," he said.

"Golden Plains Shire does its part in preparing our community for the fire season by implementing a Municipal Fire Management Plan and slashing long grass on Council-owned roadsides and in reserves, and helping CFA brigades to burn roadsides and reserves."

"Fire Action Week was last week and a good reminder to prepare, and I encourage all residents to learn what they need to know about staying safe this fire season."

Council issued 570 Fire Prevention Notices during the 2015/16 fire season directing landowners to cut their grass and clean up fine fuels around the home. "28 recipients failed to comply with their Fire Prevention Notice and were issued with fines in excess of \$1,500 plus contractor cutting fees and administrative costs, twelve of which went to the Magistrates Court in August."

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PORK LOIN WITH APRICOT & MACADAMIA STUFFING

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Ingredients

3kg pork loin with rind
2 tbsp olive oil Ground sea salt
Roast potatoes, to serve

Stuffing

75g butter
1 medium onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
½ cup macadamias, finely chopped
½ cup dried apricots, finely chopped
2 tbsp thinly sliced sage leaves
2 tsp finely grated orange zest
2 cups finely packed breadcrumbs
Salt & cracked black pepper

Method

Place pork, rind side down on a clean surface. Trim any excess fat, from underside. Cut a 2cm cavity between fat and fillet. Turn pork over and score rind at 1cm intervals with the tip of a sharp knife. Place pork, rind-side up on a tray then pat dry with paper towel. Refrigerate, uncovered, overnight to dry out the rind.

To make stuffing, heat butter in a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and macadamias. Cook, stirring for 5—6 minutes or until onion is soft. Transfer to a bowl. Add apricots, sage, zest and breadcrumbs. Season well and stir until combined and sticky.

Preheat oven to 230 C. Place pork rind-side down on a clean surface. Squeeze together handfuls of stuffing and place into and along cavity. Roll up pork loin firmly and secure with kitchen string tied at regular intervals. Rub oil over pork then grind salt over rind.

Place loin in a large baking dish and roast for 25 minutes or until rind becomes golden and has crackled. Reduce temperature to 180 C and roast for a further 1 hour and 15-20 minutes or until juices run clear when pierced with a knife. Transfer to a platter, cover with foil and rest for 20 minutes.

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David Rochow.

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Marg's Book Review

"Wanting" by Richard Flanagan

Richard Flanagan has managed to bring together the stories of Mr Robinson, the Protector of Aborigines in Tasmania, of a Tasmanian Aboriginal girl, Mathinna who was adopted by Sir John Franklin and his wife Lady Jane Franklin, when he was Lieutenant Governor of Van Diemen's Land between 1836 and 1843, of Charles Dickens' life between 1854 and 1858 when he was undergoing what we would now recognize as a midlife crisis, of Sir John Franklin's expedition to the Arctic and subsequent disappearance and of Lady Jane Franklin trying to clear his name of cannibalism.

The brief meeting between Lady Jane and Charles Dickens offers Flanagan a double opportunity, to investigate the brutal history of his Tasmanian homeland, and to explore a turning point in the emotional life of one of history's great novelists. It also allows the author to show how the colonised and the home territories are inextricably linked, however far apart they seem at first glance.

In tracing tangents where these contrasting and various lives or stories intersect and influence one another, Richard Flanagan has constructed an interesting book. He reveals a multitude of unexpected links by analyzing random encounters and placing them under the microscope.

Richard Flanagan has fictionalized history and through his fiction the flat, conformist portraits of individuals become rich and three dimensional. A review stated that "*Tasmania's silences resound with voices*" in this book. Unlike the biographer or historian, the novelist is not constrained by documented facts or their frustrating absence and is free to roam – always keeping authenticity and plausibility in mind. Many times in the book the Aborigines or savages are compared to civilized Englishmen: "*Control is precisely what marks the English out as different from savages.*" and "*Giving in to desire was the mark of a savage.*"

But there is wanting everywhere: Wanting love; Jane's wanting to turn her husband's disappearance into a triumph; Dickens' desire for a young actress; Robinson wanting to protect the Aborigines. The blurb explains how the book "Wanting" is about the ways in which desire and its denial, shape us all. Which is worse: giving in to desire or keeping it locked up inside?

The book for discussion in December is **Rain Music** by Di Morrissey.

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Christmas and Grief

Christmas is a joyful time for most families as they buy presents, attend parties and prepare for Christmas day. It can be loads of fun and something we all look forward to every year. However for some families Christmas may not be something they enjoy or even look forward to particularly if they have experienced the death of a loved one.

Christmas is not the same unless all family members are present and for those in our community who may have experienced the death of a partner, parent, child, grandchild or close friend during the year are facing an emotionally difficult Christmas this year.

We know that the first Christmas without a loved one is extremely hard and distressing for families. Some people report that during this period they experience intense grief and sadness. It may even make them withdrawn and unable to participate in usual festivities. Some people understandably chose not to celebrate Christmas day at all.

Grief during this time is unavoidable and is often worse during the lead up to Christmas day. We cannot prevent grief from occurring but we can consider ways to cope over the festive season. There are no right or wrong rules about how family members respond as some may want to still celebrate and others may not.

Here are some helpful ways to manage;

- do what you feel like doing it is ok to decline celebrations this year if you do not feel up to it
- try not to pretend that you are ok when you're not it's completely natural to be upset
- tell family members and friends about your wishes as they will most likely stop harassing you if they know you wish to have time alone
- look out for each other and perhaps discuss other options to be together as a family on the day
- find ways to remember and honour your loved one this does not have to be on Christmas day it can be on another day instead
- some family members might light a candle, write a Christmas card or letter to their loved one, hang a special ornament or photo on the tree
- some people like to plant a tree, shrub or flowers in memory of the deceased
- take it easy this year- grief is exhausting, you will be tired and lack energy so get plenty of rest. It's ok to keep it simple during the first Christmas of grieving.

For more information about managing Christmas grief go to au.reachout.com/managing-grief-at-Christmas or goodgrief.org.au/sites/default/files/Coping%20with%20Grief%20at%20Christmas_0.pdf

I wish to express my heartfelt regards to the families in our community who are experiencing grief this Christmas

Judy

Saving the Steiglitz School

Thomas Welsh

The Back to Steiglitz Association, (BTS) a local volunteer group, has worked tirelessly to save the Steiglitz School house. The Association has an aim of repairing and maintaining the town's historic buildings. Fund raising events like the Back to Steiglitz Festival and the Airing of the Quilts support these projects. We have been fighting to save the school for over 6 years even though Parks Victoria is the official protectors of everything in Steiglitz including its public buildings.

BTS members have manned the Steiglitz Courthouse for years and raised tens of thousands dollars mainly through its activities.

The School needs repair and relocation to the township. It is in the middle of the bush where it was moved in 1880 and is threatened by bush fires and vandalism. The Steiglitz School can be used for a community facility. We hope to succeed in this project so that the building can be preserved and used as a community facility.

Doreen's Top Dogs

Marg Cooper

Doreen Thompson took three dogs to the Mini Foxie Club of Australia's Annual Show at Elaine on Sunday, November 13.

Tomaview Kelly Royal (affectionately known as "Kelly") won Best Open Bitch in Novice Section, Runner-up Challenge Bitch in Novice Division, Runner-up Best of Breed, Novice Division and her and her Dad won Best Parent and Progeny. Doreen said this is the first time Kelly has been shown. Kelly's about five years old and Doreen uses her as a sheepdog.

Mungarra Panda ("Panda") won Best Veteran Dog, Advanced Division, won Challenge Dog, Advanced Division, was Runner-up in Best Breed, Advanced Division and her and Staughton Remy ("Remy") were third in the Owners' Group. A special presentation of a large sash was made to Doreen by Christine Crawford who came from Tasmania, for Mungarra Panda who has gained 100 points at shows and is now known as an Australian Champion.

Doreen won five rosettes, one small ribbon, two medium six sashes and one large sash. Between thirty and forty dogs contested on the day.





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Christmas Shopping Night!

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Christmas Shopping Night last month. We had a great turnout this year with everyone grabbing some great Christmas gifts with 30% off all giftware on the night! Everyone enjoyed the drinks and nibbles available not to mention the \$2,400 worth of lucky door prizes given away on the night! There were many happy people on the night winning some fantastic prizes. Again thank you to everyone who attended this night and helped make it a very enjoyable one. We will be running it again next year so we look forward to another great night then!

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The Hotel will close for the Xmas period after the 23rd of December function and will re-open on Wednesday the 4th of January 2017

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Quirky

We all have our little quirks. Whether they be a characteristic raising of the eyebrows every time you lie or the almost compulsive need to arrange your bookshelf in colour code. More often than not, you probably don't even realise you have these quirks until someone points them out to you. After a recent conversation that led me to describe someone as 'quirky', I realised that perhaps 'quirk' is just a nice way of saying that you have abnormal behaviour that can't quite yet be classified as downright annoying. Behaviour that is identifiably strange but not unsociable or frowned upon.

I do indeed know someone whose eyebrows raise unusually high on his forehead every time he lies. Much like Pinocchio, it is an extremely helpful indicator and one that he was unaware of until I bought it to his attention. Since then, he tries awfully hard to pin his eyebrows in place which in turn gives him a scowling expression that also tugs away at the corner of his mouth.

I also know someone who puts the money into her wallet in ascending order with the 'ladies' facing outward. While still classified as a peculiar but harmless aspect of a person's character, I do believe this is bordering on some kind of obsession that still falls under the same headline as a fun quirk.

This got me thinking about some of mine. Most of which have gone unnoticed until they've been pointed out to me. There is my separate eyebrow expressions (right up for surprise, left down for disgust) which I physically can't do anything to change or avoid. I also have that unfortunate aversion to shopping mall Santa Clauses that I have shared with you all in the past. That one I was definitely conscious of but didn't realise it was endearing, until this year when everyone at work started professing gleefully that it was 'that time of year again' where I don't leave the shop until I can tell where the latest Santa is situated.

However, recently I have rediscovered my 'quirky' inability to accept change. I may look like I am just nostalgic by using an extremely outdated mobile phone but, although I am a nostalgic person, it is really just because I'm afraid of new technology. I have tentatively been swapping my SIM card between devices, testing the waters, but have yet to commit. My partner feels that this is rather annoying and this led me to think that perhaps this particular behaviour is one step outside of the realm of quirky. Much like my need to locate and memorise the position of public toilets while travelling abroad (just ask my sister).

So is quirkiness cute and endearing? Or is it just a way of telling ourselves and each other that we're not clinically crazy...yet?

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In our Nature

Wendy Cook

I watched the hawk moth in my garden. Its streamlined body was furry and brown with a pointed abdomen. Along each side of its head was a white stripe, like a very long eyebrow. Its wings were a blur of brown and red as it hovered above a small bush with tight clusters of bright pink blooms. It unrolled its long brown tongue and dipped it into a long narrow flower. Soon it retracted its tongue, then extended it to reach into another flower. It moved to another cluster. All the time its wings were a blur, keeping the moth perfectly positioned above its food. It reminded me of a hummingbird. Hummingbirds are tiny with bright iridescent feathers. They are not much bigger than the moth, and like it, hover above flowers while feeding. Its beak, like the hawk moth's tongue, fits into long tubular flowers. Both are important pollinators of these flowers.

Various species of hawk moth are found throughout the world, while hummingbirds live only in North and South America. One is an insect and one a bird, yet their size and feeding behaviour is similar. They have evolved the same solution to the same problem, although they live in different parts of the globe. The long tongue and the long beak both reach down into tubular flowers. They both hover, so that the flower does not bend under their weight and become harder to access. Hovering also allows them to make a quick getaway if they sense a nearby predator. Throughout the world of animals and plants there are many examples of totally unrelated species looking or behaving like each other, because they have developed the same adaptations to the same problem. Sharks and dolphins are underwater predators. Sharks are cold-blooded fish with gills that absorb oxygen from the water. Dolphins are warm-blooded mammals, evolved from a four-legged land animal. They must rise to the surface to exhale and inhale air through their blowhole. Despite large differences, dolphins and sharks both have streamlined grey bodies with a dorsal fin on their back and pectoral fins or flippers, all adaptations for speed underwater. Both are swift hunters of fish and other aquatic animals, and have evolved the same body shape for the same lifestyle.

Another example of unrelated animals with bodies that have evolved for the same purpose is gliders, which have flaps of skin, usually along their sides, that can be spread to glide through the air, often between trees, while they hunt for food, seek a mate or escape predators. These include Australian marsupials, such as sugar gliders and feathertail gliders, and marsupial gliders from New Guinea, but also flying squirrels, which are rodents from the Northern Hemisphere, flying dragon lizards and flying frogs, both from Asia. Unrelated plants also develop similar solutions to a problem. One difficulty many perennial plants face is storing energy when it is too hot or cold for the plant's leaves to survive. A common solution is the development of tubers, which store food underground until growing conditions improve. Some of these plants are familiar as people eat the tubers. They include the leafy potato which originated in South America and yams which are vines from Asia and Africa. Some of our small flowering plants, such as yam daisies, orchids, lilies and water ribbons, an aquatic plant with long leaves, have tubers that formed part of the diet of the local Wathaurong people. Look around when you are in your garden or in the bush and you may notice other strategies that unrelated plants or animals have developed to help them to survive and thrive in their environment.

Wendy



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A Rare Find

Kerry Thomson

As I tried to start the lawn mower a movement in the grass caught my eye. No, it wasn't a snake but a small *Amphibolurus muricatus* (commonly called a Jacky Lizard or Tree Dragon). Usually these little lizards scamper away quite quickly but this one was definitely standing her ground.

A keen photographer, I was unable to resist the urge to dash inside, grab the camera and hope she was still there when I returned. And yes she was. Carefully moving towards her I managed to get some very close, detailed pictures.

Still she wasn't moving. Nevertheless, the mower called and a decision had to be made. Sorry Jacky. So, gently she was shooed into the nearby garden.

Damn, the mower wouldn't start. Fortuitous perhaps as Jacky had returned to stand over the hole she been at before. What's she up to? Back I went to her spot. She reluctantly took off and through the macro lens (pretty blind without some sort of help!) I could see lovely pale brown speckled eggs in the hole. No wonder she didn't want to leave.

Decision made. Leave Jacky to it and tackle the lawn on the other side of the house. Needless to say, checking later, Jacky had gone, the hole covered and so well camouflaged I had to check the photos for the exact location. I can't wait until they hatch and my garden has the benefit (and me the pleasure) of more of these wonderful little creatures.



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it's History

Meredith History Interest Group

Key to History

What is the use of a vault without a key? We have a vault but do not have a key to lock the vault. Would someone like to donate \$100 to get one key made or \$150 for two keys to be made so we can lock our most valuable items in the vault in the old Shire Hall?

The Shire Hall, that MHIG now occupy, was built in 1868. To keep shire documents safe a bluestone vault was built on the back of the front office. It had a heavy door with a handle that pushed a metal rod both up and down to secure the door and also had a box type door lock that was locked with a solid key. The handle is broken and keys for the door lock are missing. A locksmith can make a key for the lock for \$100 and he can make two keys for \$150. Would someone like to sponsor the key to history?

Before the Pre-School began in the Shire Hall in 1970 a Bannockburn Shire employee, Doug Henderson, painted and prepared the hall. He nailed up the door of the vault and built a coat rack across it. In May 2002 members of the Meredith Kindergarten Committee opened the vault and found the Bamganie Honor Roll and some framed photos of local soldiers. For more than thirty years the items were hidden and forgotten in the vault. They have been restored by Golden Plains Shire and now hang proudly in the old Shire Offices in Bannockburn.

You are invited to visit MHIG in the old Shire Hall. It is a lovely space and very suitable for a history organization. We catalogue on the last Thursday of each month from 9 am but will also be there at other times.

“Ballark”

Emma Muir

Last Sunday about 50 members of the Meredith Historical Group visited Ballark, heard a brief history of Ballark, toured the house and wandered the gardens which brought to life the story of the Wallace and Molesworth families.

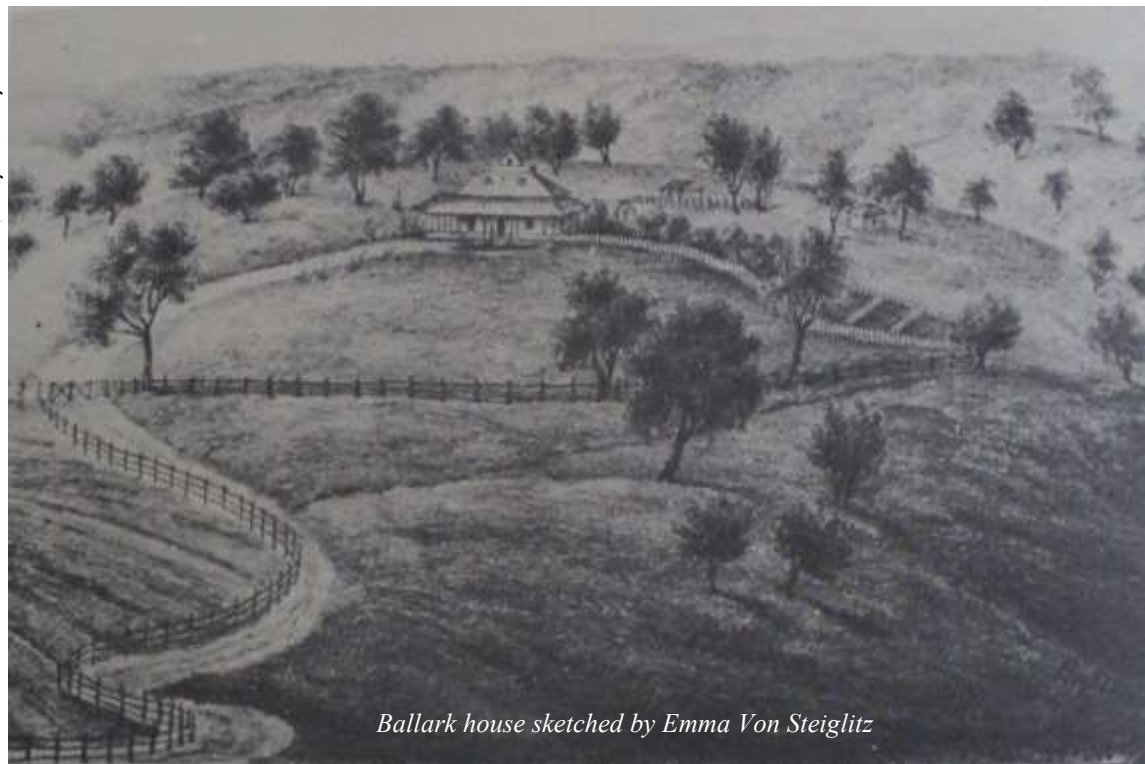
Dad, (John Molesworth) chronicled the dates of the Wallace family and the purchase of Ballark by his great grandfather in 1915 adding stories of note, including the racing connections. James expanded on the running of the farm and divulged some secrets of childhood. But then I couldn't help it and had to butt in – as neither of them had really covered the house! Yes Dad had mentioned its building dates and renovations, its secret cellar and its constant cool temperature but no one shared the secrets of the

house – what it means to the family – how large it loomed in our lives growing up and how it brought our family and friends together for lovely parties, delightful Christmas lunches, and countless celebrations and sad occasions as well. Ballark is more than bricks and mortar and a pretty garden, it's a place filled with memories of childhood and family. Christmas Day was always a lovely day: an escape from our daily life; a chance to dress up, have drinks in the drawing room and open presents - but only when my grandmother had arrived from the kitchen. Paper would be strewn all over the room from gifts and toys and sweets from the Boltes which had been divvied up amongst the children. The gong would sound and lunch served in the dining room. My grandfather's roast turkey, ham and often a goose for Sir Henry, was followed by a beautiful plum pudding smothered in brandy butter. Lunch was followed by lots of snoozing by the adults and either a swim or a game of cricket with some very competitive cousins!

Many of my memories of Ballark stem from my grandmother, especially the beautiful cut flowers which adorned the dining room table or graced the halls. I was often trailing two steps behind as she walked the expansive garden picking flowers for the next party. The garden provided her with lovely roses, foliage, gladioli and lilac to create her masterpieces. The garden also gave the children a place to play hide and seek, to throw chestnuts at each other or lemons into the pond, and somewhere to pick mulberries or catch up with cousins.

Perhaps one of the most distinctive things about the Ballark homestead are the traditions. They are traditions that have been there all my life and no doubt with each generation they change slightly but the lovely meals cooked with fresh produce from the farm, the ancient family dinnerware and silver ware and the sense of occasion that each meal engendered has no doubt continued through both of the families who have lived at Ballark.

The generations of the Wallace and Molesworth families have come and gone but still Ballark resonates with family and friends. It is a big house that needs to be filled with people. It's a wonderful place for a party and it has a lovely feel about it. Birthday parties and milestones, weddings and engagements, Easter egg hunts, firetruck visits or just a family dinner the house stands tall amongst all of its guests. The next generations of memories are just waiting to begin.



Ballark house sketched by Emma Von Steiglitz



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Golden Plains Shire Council is committed to providing equitable access to its buildings, services, communications, information and employment processes for all people. Council is seeking community views on the 'Draft Access and Inclusion Plan' which provides a framework to continue to support people with disabilities and work towards creating a more inclusive organisation and community.

The Draft Access and Inclusion Plan is open for public exhibition from **Monday 5 December 2016 to Sunday 1 January 2017**. A copy of the draft plan may be inspected at the following customer service locations: Bannockburn Customer Service Centre, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn, VIC 3331 and Linton Customer Service Centre, 68 Sussex Street, Linton, VIC 3331. Alternatively, a copy of the draft plan is available for review on the Golden Plains Shire website and can be accessed at www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/residents/my-family/access-and-inclusion.

Written submissions can be forwarded to Kim Boyd, Rural Access Worker at Golden Plains Shire Council, PO Box 111, Bannockburn 3331 or via email to enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au. For more information, please contact: Louisa White, Community Development Manager by calling 5220 7145.

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Marg Cooper

Glenn Howell started researching his family history about twenty years ago. He based his research mainly on documents and family stories and didn't think that he needed to visit cemeteries but when he visited Kew Cemetery on Boxing Day three years ago he changed his mind. He discovered that there were six of his relations buried in a grave which he didn't know anything about.

Six months ago he discovered that his great, great, great grandfather George Howell was buried at Lethbridge Cemetery in an unmarked grave. George Howell who was born in Wiltshire, England in 1815 but was sentenced to seven years transportation for sheep stealing when he was nineteen years old. He was transported to Tasmania on the "Lady Kennaway", worked on a farm near Hobart for the Armytage family, met and married Elizabeth Hudson who was also a convict working on the Armytage farm and they came to Lethbridge in the mid 1850's. When a subscription to build a school in Lethbridge was collected in November 1856 George Howell gave £5. He signed up three of his children aged 10, 8, 6, (including daughters) to be some of the first children at the Lethbridge school. George and Elizabeth had twelve children and lived near the railway line on what is now Lower Plains Road. George left his estate (including the land) to his wife Elizabeth, which she sold. Glenn was amazed that they came with nothing and eventually had a block of land to sell.

The family gathered on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at the Lethbridge Cemetery to unveil a plaque on the grave, to hear about George and Elizabeth Howell and to get the family together. Amidst the glorious wild flower display in the cemetery, Cameron Howell opened proceedings. Glenn Howell

explained about the life of his great, great, great grandfather. Michael Howell, deemed to be the most colourful character of the family, unveiled the plaque and said that the best thing George did was to bring the family to Australia. Tanya Howell read a prayer whilst Raymond Kelly, Secretary of the Lethbridge Cemetery, recalled what he knew about George and his family at Lethbridge and how the funeral would have been organized in March 1895. Significant objects were placed on the grave and everyone was invited to place small polished stones around the grave. Photographs of the family were taken. Some of the family then viewed the block where George and Elizabeth had lived and joined the group at the Royal Hotel in Meredith for lunch.

Glenn Howell said he felt awed standing near the grave of his great, great, great grandfather who was the first Howell of Glenn's family to come to Australia. (There was an unrelated Howell in the First Fleet) Until Glenn contacted Raymond Kelly and found out about the grave, the name George Howell was only a name on a piece of paper. Glenn also discovered that two of the children of George and Elizabeth were buried somewhere on the western fence line of the cemetery. Raymond suggested that George may have dug their small graves himself. George's wife Elizabeth lived at Traralgon with a son in her older years and she was buried there in 1898.



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