

May 2016



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...and the usual much more!

Traditional dancers from the Geelong Hellenic Dance School perform at the Meredith Anzac Day Service in rememberance of the role of Australian and New Zealand soldiers in Crete during World War II. Full report on page 28.



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Meredith & district News



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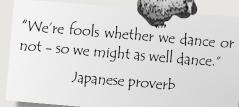
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COMMUNITY

The Wisey Muster

Marg Cooper

The 2016 Wisey Muster is on May 27 at Sawyers Arms Tavern from 7.30 pm.

The Wisey Muster is named in honour of Steve Wiseman. Steve was from Meredith in Victoria, who at 35 contracted and eventually succumbed to Asbestosis in 2007. Besides Steve owning his own property he was a local shearer was well known throughout the district. When Steve died a gathering was organized for his mates at his favourite Hotel "Clats" to remember Steve and from this grew the Wisey Muster. The first gathering saw the idea being floated to raise some funds for the Andrew Love Cancer Centre in Geelong who cared for Steve through his illness. Last year over \$13,000 was raised at the Wisey Muster and over the eight years since his death over \$115,000 has been raised.

The web site outlines the simple goals of the event as - to remember our mate, to raise funds for the Andrew Love Cancer Centre and to have a good time.

Steve's mother Myrt wants everyone to know that "all are welcome" to come to Sawyers Arms Tavern on May 27 from 7.30 pm for a fun night.

Thankyou

The family of Neil Cooper would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped with his funeral on Monday, April 18th. His sister Betty and his niece Heather would especially like to thank the Meredith Seniors and the congregation of the Church of Epiphany for the delicious afternoon tea that was served in the Memorial Hall after the funeral.

HOW to POSE with a STATUE



Could YOU do it?

We reported in last December's issue a lot of volunteers are invovled in producing the Meredith and District News. But the actual production relies on just two people. We have long realised we need to strengthen this arrangmeent to secure our sustainability. That's why we are interested in splitting both of these roles so that, with a partner, they are undertaken on alternate months.

So, if you have the aptitude, enthusiasm, and time for one of the following roles, PLEASE, contact us for chat.

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As Production Officer, you set up each issue, based on the previous issue, make changes to ads, add editorial and ensure compliance with Publication Guidelines. You liaise with the Editor, the Advertising and Accounts Officers as necessary, which includes an Editorial Meeting for each issue. You will have reasonably well developed computer skills and an interest in learning more. This will take you up to 20 hours an issue.

co-editor

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You will have good computer skills and bit of a creative flair about you.

All or this will take you about 20 hours an issue.

The plan is you would work with the existing incumbent until you feel comfortable in the role. Then you would take charge of every second issue. Might be interested? Give Jim Elvey a call on 5286 1273



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Weekly Services, baptisms, weddings, funeral Library toral 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 and 3rd Sunday of the month at

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

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St. Marys House of Prayer Elaine Solemn mass Sundays 10.00am. Rosary and Vespers Saturday 5.00pm. Confessions by appointment Fr. James Ph. 5341 5544

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Winchelsea every Saturday @ 5.30 p.m. (Please note change of time for Winter)

Inverleigh (for Bannockburn) Sundays @ 9 a.m. (Sunday May 22nd Mass @ 9 a.m.at the Stadium at Bannockburn ..next to the

Family Mass at Inverleigh @ 9 a.m. every first Sunday of the month. Youth band and morning tea as well as a produce stall.

First communion Mass at Inverleigh Sunday May 29th and Sunday June 5th both @ 9 a.m.

Anakie Mass @ 11 a.m. Sunday May 8th/ 22nd. Meredith Mass @ 11 a.m. Sunday May 1st/ 15th/29th. Mother & Daughter Breakfast Saturday May 7th at Back Creek Cafe Meredith at 9 a.m.

The Committee of Management

Meredith Community Centre Inc. (A00183180T) Invites interested members of the district community to our

Annual General Meeting To be held on Monday, June, 2014

at 9.30am on 29th June at

the Community Centre, 4 Russell St. Meredith. The business of the day will be:

- The acceptance of minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting.
- Reports from Executive, Coordinator, Subcommittees.
- Note of thanks to outgoing Committee of Management
- Election of the Committee of Management for 2015/16

RSPV June 15th 2016 5286 0700 or email learnlocal@meredithcommunitycentre.com.au



Hi everyone,

It is hard to believe we are already well into new term and some of our classes have already kicked off this week, but not too late to join in. By now you should have received our Term 2 Course guide in your mailbox which has a great array of courses to help you make the most of this colourful season with learning experiences at Meredith, Bannockburn and Teesdale.

We have lots of activities to help you get involved at the Centre including our classes and our regular interest groups. Our Monday Sew n Sew ladies always have a broad range of projects they are working on. Each week I can pop in and see spinning, knitting, cross stitch, patchwork and many other creative projects. If you want to learn a new skill I am sure the ladies in the group would be happy to help you out.

If you haven't had a chance to pop in to see our new building you are more than welcome to just have a sticky beak. The foyer has comfortable chairs and tea and coffee facilities so you could make it a meeting place with friends as well. This was the intention when the new building was planned. We want it to be a welcoming place for people to meet whether it is to participate in a class or activity or just call in for some company. So make sure you join us in getting to know your neighbours and your Community Centre.

We also have a busy vibrant playgroup on Thursday mornings where you are welcome to bring your little ones to have a play and share friendship for the Mums.

We are having our AGM a little later this year on 20th June at 9.30am. It will be a short meeting to present the annual report and confirm the Committee for the next year. We are seeking new committee members and if you would like to join us please contact me even if you can't make it to the meeting.

Jo and Rebecca have been really busy with occasional They offer a great program for the childcare. children; this is clearly appreciated by our parents and shows by the demand for places. The new longer sessions and the bridging session between 4yo kinder and school pickup are proving very popular.

Bye till next month.

Meredith Community Centre 4 Russell Street Meredith 3333 Ph 5286 0700

learnlocal@meredithcommunitycentre.com.au Open: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs 9.00-3.00. Fri Closed



Greetings to all readers of the Meredith and district newsletter and my apologies for missing the last month's article.

Firstly I would like to cover a little of this year's Golden Plains Music festival. It is clear that music festivals nationally have come under close scrutiny over recent months with incidents occurring which inevitably result in personal harm to young people.

After being involved directly with both the Meredith and Golden Plains Festivals for the past 6 years I am always looking for ways to improve safety of festival goers and most importantly the residents of Meredith who attend the festival in a professional or volunteer capacity. In saying that I know from feedback I receive both from police who attend multiple festivals throughout the state and medical services at the events that we have a festival that is very well run.

From a crime perspective I can report that I arrested a 33 year old Meredith resident on Monday the 11th of April. That male was remanded in custody on that night and will re appear at the Geelong Magistrates Court in May for matters relating to Threatening to Destroy Property, Criminal Damage and Aggravated Cruelty to an Animal.

There are multiple other matters also pending with regard to this male which will be alleged at the Geelong Magistrates court in May which result from ongoing investigations of serious matters for which the male has been interviewed for at both Meredith and Bannockburn.

Unfortunately getting a "BLUE LIGHT DISCO" up and running is proving to be rather a challenge for me due to Disco Des Hudson's role as the recently appointed Mayor of Ballarat. Clearly his commitments in his new role keep him extremely busy however I will endeavour to lock him down to a date at some point during 2016.

Finally I would like to again encourage people in our great community to keep up the great community work as we travel through 2016. Any Information that people may like to report can be given to me directly either by phone message or by leaving a note under my police station door or anonymously. Alternatively contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Kindest Regards

Greg KITCHEN

Officer in Charge – Meredith Police Station.

From the Mayor

Cr. Des Phelan

This month brings a range of opportunities for you to have your say on issues that are important to you. We also want to acknowledge and thank of all those in the Shire who generously donate their time for the good of others in honour of National Volunteer Week (9-15 May).

OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Have your say on the draft Council Budget for 2016/17

Council offers its draft 2016/17 Budget for public inspection, together with an updated version of the 2013-17 Council Plan (which also includes the Strategic Resource Plan). Council invites the community to view the draft Budget, which can be found on Council's website at *goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget* and in hard copy at our Linton and Bannockburn Customer Service Centres and the Bannockburn Library from Monday 2 May.

Get involved in the Golden Plains Shire Northern Settlement Strategy

Council is working on a Northern Settlement Strategy to guide sustainable development in the northern half of the Shire to 2030.

Consultation with the community is the key to ensuring a useful and meaningful strategy. Throughout May and June you can be involved in a range of ways: go to our website and have your say through an online survey, review the settlement profile for your area and take the opportunity to meet our land use planners at our informal drop-in session held in your area. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more information.

Access and inclusion in Golden Plains Shire

Council is developing a new Access and Inclusion plan for 2017-2020 and invites you have your say through the Access and Inclusion Survey and/or by participating in one of three Community Forums. Have an input into the new plan by visiting *goldenplainsdigital.com.au/consultations/149*. Feedback will assist us to identify any barriers to access and inclusion and to continue to improve Council services and facilities.

Reporting back on the Community Engagement Strategy

Council received 820 completed Community Engagement surveys. The passion contained in the responses confirm that we are on the right track – you can find out more about what we heard by reading our Draft Progress Report on our website.

SAY THANK YOU DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 9-15 MAY

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community, and on behalf of Golden Plains Shire Council I would like to say an emphatic 'thank you!' to all that give their time, effort and passion for others. We will be holding three events to celebrate these wonderful people, as well as sharing some volunteer stories and our short, celebratory video — check it out at https://youtu.be/xqa-ZIOJ 6A.

Cr Des Phelan Mayor, Golden Plains Shire Council

Recreation ***



Meredith Golf Club Results

On 20/3/2016 Stableford, Danny Jury 39 points, Denis Gear 38 points. Nearest the pins, 2nd Mike Colvin & 14th Jeff Cooper.

On 27/3/2016, Par, Danny Jury -2, Denis Gear -5. Nearest the pin, 14th Denis Gear.

On 2/4/2016 Stableford, Charlie Osborne 37 points. Nearest the pins, 2nd, Danny Jury, 14th Charlie Osborne.

On 10/4/2016 Putts, Denis Gear 28 putts, Jeff Cooper 28 points. Nearest the pins, 2nd, Vin Drew, 14th Denis Gear.

On 17/4/2016, Stableford, Mike Colvin 37 points, Jeff Cooper 36 points. Nearest the pins, 2nd Danny Jury, 9th Jeff Cooper & 14th Denis Gear.

On 24/4/2016 Par, Danny Jury square on a count back from Mike Colvin square. Nearest the pins 2^{nd} Danny Jury, 14^{th} Danny Jury.

As you can see golf competition is played on Sundays. You are welcome to join the regular players. Play starts at 10.30 pm.

The Moorabool Valley Crocs

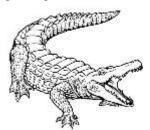
Damian Kelly

The Crocs have started their season in familiar fashion with four games played so far & four big wins, beating both Ballarat Masters & Melton Masters in both over 35s & 45s gtades.

Our first home game saw the Crocs take on Melton where we held our annual sponsors' lunch. The lunch also proved very successful, raising over \$7000. Last year's sponsors' lunch helped enable the club to purchase a 35 seater bus which will help to ensure the longevity of the club. The bus will also be made available to other community groups within the district. The Crocs would like to thank the following sponsors.

Happy Hens Egg Farm, Meredith Dairy, Paul Ryan Transport, The Royal Hotel Meredith, Buxton Real Estate, Shojun Concrete, Mick Harriot Transport, New Image Meats, Grippas Bakery, Bernie Gilligan Plumbing & Farming, Totally Workwear, Wathaurang Glass & Arts, Premier Fencing, Kevin Connors Painting & Decorating, DP Fabrications, AG Kelly Landscapes, Panus Trailers, HMI Electric, City to Country Plumbing, Meredith General Store

Our next home game is Sunday May 15th against the Goulburn Valley Giants at 1PM. Get along for a great afternoon.



The Meredith & District Motorcycle Club

Tracy Cook

Located on the southern edge of town the club offers a great family environment for all. Ride days occur on the 3rd Sunday of the month and caters for all level of riders from the beginner to the faster rider. Why not come on the Saturday working bee and then camp the night.

- Gates open 9 am
- Riders brief 10am sharp then ride.
- Please note No 4 Wheelers

Contacting us

Mail: Meredith & District Motorcycle Club, PO Box 2, Meredith, Vic, 3333

You can find us on the MADMCC Facebook page

Phone: Pres:Jamie Cook 52 651392 Sec: Tracy Cook 0415 503 869 Email:

madmcc@mail.com



Poisoned Carrots at Police Paddocks

Take care with your pets for the next few weeks, as poisoned carrots have been laid at the Police Paddocks in an attempt to reduce the rabbit population. There are warning signs at both entrances, so when there are removed, you will know it is safe again.



For further information, contact Ballarat Environment Network Reserves Manager, Roger Thomas on 0499 350 172.

Elaine's Youth Awarded

Moorabool Shire awarded its Youth Awards to five members of Elaine CFA on 28th April 2016. Jo Addock tained most of the recipients since they were 11 years old in Elaine CFA junior running team! Excellent effort in fighting the Elaine/Scotsburn/Clarendon fires



Cr Paul Tatchell, Anthony Young, Russell Ford, Tristan Mair, Brady Dunne, Matthew Wetherall, Natasha Ford, Cr Alan Comrie at Moorabool Shire's Award Ceremony.



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I wonder if like me you are looking at a dam with a damp patch where the water used to be. We catch all our water and the serious lack of rain so far this autumn is a serious concern around the garden. I usually comfort myself with the thought that I am not a commercial grower or a farmer raising stock or crops for my livelihood. However as a domestic gardener this stretch of unseasonably warm weather and little to no precipitation does challenge one's joy in the garden. To satisfy the pleasure factor I have taken to growing a few treasures in pots kept close by the back door. Try a few saffron crocus bulbs, a pot of tulips or a gardenia. These require little water and will reward with colour and perfume close at hand.

I am running late with the garlic (*Allium sativum* var *sativum*) this year. The beds are ready, weed free and composted and I will add some lime before planting. I must make the effort to get those precious cloves in the ground in the next week or so as I can see that some are already showing a small green shoot. You can plant garlic up until the shortest day, in fact I know wonderful gardeners who insist that garlic goes in on the shortest day and is lifted on the longest day. However my experience here is that a longer growing period is best, say seven to eight months. I usually plant in April as garlic likes the cold and a longer cold growing time encourages larger bulbs.

My visits to farmers markets reveal that we are becoming more and more sophisticated about garlic varieties and there are many taste sensations available now for the connoisseur. I prefer to keep it simple and will mention the two main groupings - the hardneck and softneck cultivars. The hardnecks, common varieties are Italian Purple and Monaro Purple, thrive better in a colder climate and some say they taste spicier. The bulbs tend to shoot earlier than softnecks. The bulb sends up hard stalks from the middle and this flower stem known as a scape produces a delightful umbel in which tiny bulbils develop. These can be eaten if cut when young or planted out. However bulbils will take a couple of years to develop into viable bulbs. Softnecks, I grow a variety called Silverskin, are different in that they rarely produce bulbils, they are non-bolting and if kept in appropriate storage will keep much longer than hardnecks, sometimes for up to nine or more months.

I noticed today that the globe artichokes (*Cynara cardunculus* var. *scolymus*) have pushed up a few leaves so they must be tough. This particular artichoke is a variety of thistle which becomes obvious if you allow the buds - the edible part - to develop into glorious giant purple flower heads. It is the 'heart', the flesh at the base of the flower bud that is delicious. The 'choke' is the furry unpleasant part in the centre of the bud that needs to be removed. However I now pluck the buds when they are quite small and cook the

entire bud. This overcomes the problem of the hairy choke. You may not have a taste for artichoke hearts but the plant itself is a splendid addition to a large garden with its great bluish-grey leaves and flowering stalks growing up to 1.5 metres high.

Happy gardening, Chris









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

Golden Plains Mobile Library



Is at the Meredith Primary School every Thursday from 9am to 10.30am

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016



St Joseph's Hall Lawler Street Meredith 10.00 am

Come along and help support this very worthy cause for the Cancer Council. Bring your friends for a fun morning, games, raffles, delicious morning tea. Gold coin entry. Bring your favourite teaspoon, tea caddy, anything to do with tea.



Meredith Baking Co is now open! We are an artisan bakery producing a variety of breads. pastries, tarts, donuts, and scrolls. Relax and enjoy our rustic garden surrounds.

ADDRESS

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GPS Draft Budget

Golden Plains Shire's first budget under new state government rate capping legislation is on display for community review at Shire Offices andwww.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget. Written submissions in response to the draft can be lodged up until 30th May. It provides for an average rate increase of 2.32 per cent per assessment, which is in line with the State Government's new Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) which has capped rate increases by Victorian councils in 2016-17, to the forecast movement of 2.5 per cent in the Consumer Price Index.

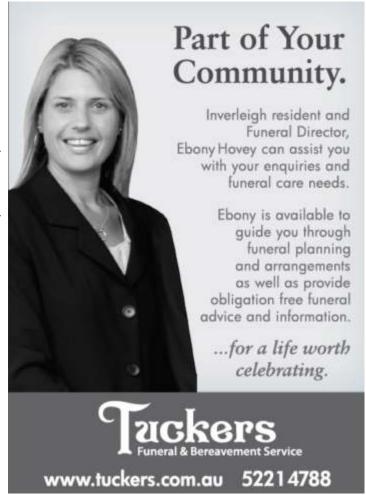
The budgeted programs include:

- \$16.5M allocated to the construction and maintenance of road and street infrastructure
- \$12.1M to support and develop our recreation and community spaces and groups
- \$8.3M to human support services, including children, aged, disability and maternity support
- \$3.4M to managing Council's environmental and land use planning responsibilities
- \$2.5M to managing Council's waste collection and disposal service
- \$588K to support economic development and tourism, and
- \$395K to support Council's emergency management responsibilities.

Mayor Cr Des Phelan said that sacrifices had to be made to be able to meet the rate cap, noting "...it has had to make some one-off capital reductions to achieve this result."







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Have your say on the NORTHERN SETTLEMENT STRATEGY

Golden Plains Shire Council is developing a high-level land-use planning strategy for the northern half of the Shire. We want to hear from you to understand each town and how you live, work and play in your local community.

WHAT IS THE NORTHERN SETTLEMENT STRATEGY?

The Strategy will guide Council in determining sustainable areas in the northern half of the Shire to accommodate population growth to 2030. You can find out more about the strategy at www.goldenplainsdigital.com.au/consultations (select 'Northern Settlement Strategy').

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Community input is key to ensuring a useful and meaningful strategy, so please get involved! Throughout May and June you can be involved in a range of ways:

1. FILL OUT AN ONLINE SURVEY

Tell us how you live, work and play in your local community by filling out our survey – it will only take about 10 minutes! **To fill out a survey, visit www.goldenplainsdigital.com.au/consultations** and select 'Northern Settlement Strategy' or attend your nearest drop-in session.

2. REVIEW YOUR LOCAL SETTLEMENT PROFILE

We have developed seven 'settlement profiles' which identify available utilities, services, infrastructure and key land use planning constraints for each area. You know your area best and this is your chance to help enhance our knowledge on each community. Find them at www.goldenplainsdigital.com.au/consultations (select 'Northern Settlement Strategy') or a hard copy can be provided - email: planning@gplains.vic.gov.au with your request.

3. COME ALONG TO A DROP IN SESSION

Informal drop in sessions for your town will be held to discuss the project and settlement profiles. Staff will be available to assist with the online survey. Please find below the location, date and times of the sessions:

Townships	Date	Time	Location of drop in session
Corindhap, Dereel, Illabarook & Rokewood	23 May 2016	1:00pm – 2:30pm or 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Rokewood Memorial Hall, 66 Ferrars St, Rokewood
Berringa, Cape Clear & Staffordshire Reef	25 May 2016	1:00pm - 2:30pm or 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Cape Clear Primary School, 1539 Scarsdale- Pitfield Rd, Cape Clear
Cambrian Hill, Durham Lead, Enfield, Garibaldi & Napoleons	30 May 2016	1:00pm - 2:30pm or 6:00pm - 7:30pm	Napoleons Hall 4715 Colac-Ballarat Rd, Napoleons
Linton & Happy Valley	1 June 2016	1:00pm - 2:30pm or 6:00pm - 7:30pm	Linton Rec Reserve 9 Brooke Street, Linton
Haddon, Nintingbool, Smythes Creek & Ross Creek	6 June 2016	1:00pm - 2:30pm or 6:00pm - 7:30pm	Northern Community Centre, 396 Sago Hill Ro Haddon
Smythesdale & Scarsdale	8 June 2016	1:00pm - 2:30pm or 6:00pm - 7:30pm	The Well, 19 Heales St, Smythesdale
Meredith & Steiglitz	15 June 2016	1:00pm - 2:30pm or 6:00pm - 7:30pm	Meredith Community Centre, 4 Russell St, Meredith

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Inventor turns 90

Marg Cooper

John Cameron, who celebrated his 90th birthday on April 20, is writing about his life for his family. Of particular interest to John, who has invented, engineered and built many agricultural implements during his farming career, is the evolution of haymaking at "Glenspean" and "Camberley".

He describes how, pre-war, two horses pulled a 4ft 6 inches wide Mitchell sickle bar mower to mow pasture for hay. These mowers had fingers that moved back and forth, they didn't like stones and needed someone to sharpen the blades constantly. A horse pulled a dump rake until it was full then the tines were lifted and the hay was dumped or two horses pushed a push rake until it couldn't push anymore. When the horses were backed off a pile of hay was left. A stationary Mitchell baler was then towed around to the heaps by two horses. (Tom Mitchell, of West Footscray, who produced a lot of early agricultural machinery, was a friend of John's father.)

The baler was unique in design. A magpie pushed the hay that had been forked by hand into the machine into a chamber and a big ram pushed the rectangular bale out the back. A drop board was put in to separate bales and someone tied the 16 gauge black wire by hand, with difficulty. John tells it required three men to operate. One man fed the baler with hay, forkful by forkful. If he fed too much it jammed, if he fed too little it was a waste of time. Blisters on the hands were a serious problem and sometimes the fork got fed in! One man tied the wire and the other man shifted the bales from behind the machine. The men positioned the baler so the dust didn't blow over them but invariably the wind changed and they were consumed in a hay seed cloud. The bales were carted to a shed and stacked manually. John wryly remembers that pleasant days were few and far between and that productivity was not really great. Now a man in one hour can do what three men did in two or three days.

John recalls how the Cameron boys learnt a lot from Emmet Cavey who worked for their father for years. They learnt how to build hay stacks and how to handle stock. Emmet also had a wry sense of humour. One day after a horse died in the shafts he suggested to the boys that they should have put the horse in backwards so he didn't see the amount of work in front of him.

John invented, engineered, built and sold many agricultural implements including the "Wayew" sheep weight checker in the 1960's. A farmer could set it up between paddocks, weigh 100 sheep in ten lots to give a quick flock average weight. It was "designed by a practical farmer for his own use and was so useful that it was offered to help others achieve these objectives". When big round bales came along he built a Quad roll that successfully transported and deposited four rolls in a row. He sold several and the prototype is still being used at "Glenspean". John deems that his biggest triumph was building a large rake that raked hay from opposing directions in perfect windrows with no hay left on the ground. He thinks that it may have been the

world's first twin rake. He later modified it so it also raked perfectly around corners.

Congratulations for 90 years of innovation.

Dear Reader...

You may be able to find spelling mistakes or other errors in this issue of *Meredith and District News*. This is because our policy is to try and please all our readers, including those who like to find fault.

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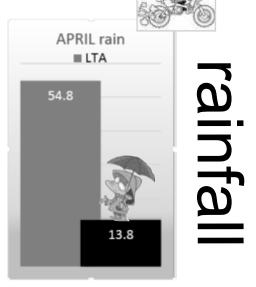
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6 eschalots, halved

2 celery sticks, thinly sliced

1 carrot cut, into 2cm pieces

1 eggplant, cut into 2cm pieces

2 garlic cloves, crushed

½ cup (125mls) red wine

1 ½ cups beef stock

400g can diced tomatoes

1 tbs tomato paste

400g can cannellini beans, rinsed, and drained

½ cup coarsely chopped fresh basil leaves

Method

- Preheat oven to 160c or 140c fan forced. Heat half the oil in a large non-stick pan over medium heat. Cook lamb, turning for 5 minutes or until browned. Transfer to a plate.
- 2. Heat remaining oil in the same pan over medium heat. Add eschalots, celery and carrot and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until eschalots are softened. Add eggplant and garlic and cook, stirring for 2-3 minutes or until eggplant is golden.
- 3. Stir in wine, stock, tomatoes and paste and bring to the boil. Transfer mixture to a large ovenproof dish and bake, covered, for 1 hour 30 minutes. Stir in beans and return to oven. Bake, uncovered for 30 minutes or until meat is very tender and starts to fall off the bone. Sprinkle with basil and serve.
- 4. Simmer for an extra 1.5 hours, stirring frequently so sugar does not burn.
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The target for Golden Plains Shire Council is to have over 100 residents take up the H30 Challenge. A recent region profile revealed 18.4% of Golden Plains Shire residents are likely to drink soft drink daily compared to the state average of 12.7%. One 600ml soft drink a day can equate to over 23kg of sugar each year. What's more, dental conditions for children aged 0-14 years in Golden Plains Shire Council are almost double the state average and Type 2 diabetes rates within the Shire have almost doubled in prevalence over the last 10 years.

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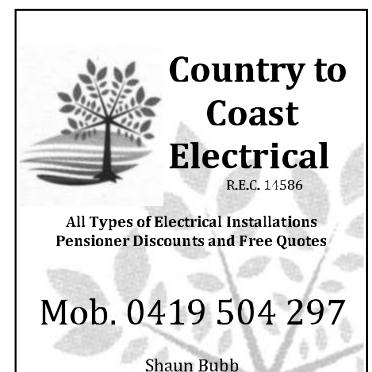
How to participate in the H30 Challenge

- 1. Sign up at www.h30challenge.com.au/goldenplains
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- 3. Switch sugary drinks to water for 30 days and reap the rewards

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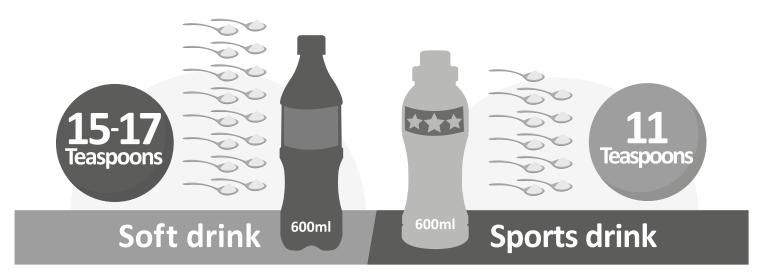
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Vale to Neil Cooper

6/4/1935-9/4/2016

Marg Cooper

Neil was the son of Ernest George and Annie Cooper. Ernie and his brother Arthur bought a farm in Coopers Road, Bamganie in the late 1920's and the brothers lived there together until they married...Arthur married Belle Small in 1931 and Ernie married Annie Adelaide Fry in 1932.

Four children were born to Ernie and Annie, Neil in April 1935, George and then twins Elizabeth (or Betty) and Keith.

The Cooper children went to Woodburn State School and were taught by John Duggan, Mrs Elcock and Mr Duffy. Their father drove them 10 kms to school in a horse and cart or in their Chev car.

Because Neil's father became ill and because his mother never drove a car they moved to Meredith when Neil was 11 years old. They lived in the bluestone house on Steiglitz Road that had been Charlie Davies but was then owned by Norm McDonald.

Neil used do a lot of rabbiting, including down Taylors Road, with his ferrets and foxie dog. He would hang the gutted rabbits on a wire beneath the cypress trees over the road from their house at the Church of England and cover them with a long piece of hessian. Les Dellar came from

Ballan once or twice a week to buy the rabbits. Neil was one of many children at the time who were catching rabbits and making good money. He gave all his earnings to his mother to help put food on the table.

When Neil left school he did odd jobs around the district. Neil also cut wood in 4 foot lengths to sell, often with Jim Duggan.

He wanted to end up buying his own farm so he went to Wingeel to work on a farm for a Mr McDonald. He drove tractors, did fencing, sheep work and general farming chores. It was a Soldier Settlement block and he lived in the back end of the car shed and had his meals with the family. After five years there he didn't think he was getting ahead so he went home.

Neil used to go fishing with Jim Brown who was the CRB foreman. His Uncle Bill Cooper worked on the CRB. Neil was offered a job on the CRB. The crew in the Bedford (later Isuzu trucks) would leave Meredith loaded with premix, sand, blue metal and tools like shovels, rakes and "a

whacker", with emulsion in a trailer, to repair the Midland Highway from Gargans to Geelong.

They performed many other jobs including spraying poison around guide posts to kill the grass, cutting fallen trees up on the roadsides, painting guide posts, mowing the median strip and erecting signs. In the early days the men loaded one or twp metres of pre-mix (bitumen and bluestone) each morning by shovel and would sometimes come back for

more to be loaded by shovel.

To repair a patch on the road the men sprayed the patch with emulsion, put pre-mix on and whacked the area with the "whacker", then put gritty sand on top which stopped the bitumen being picked up by cars

The crew took morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea and a thermos with them and were often seen sitting in the truck having their food and work break. Jim Brown drove the truck, Bill Cooper sat on the outside and Neil sat in the middle. He sometimes drove the truck but not in town.

He often acted as flagman. The sign was called a 'Stop Bat'. It said 'Slow' and 'Stop'. Neil laughed and said you needed eyes in the back of your head to be a flagman.

When the depot closed in Meredith Neil drove to Geelong each day, leaving at 5 am. Then they worked on roads

to Anglesea, Lismore and Derrinallum as well as the Midland Highway. He was retrenched when more work was allocated to contractors. He wished he could have worked a few more years.

Neil belonged to the fishing club and loved to go fishing. He was a keen gardener, grew a lot of vegetables and fruit and cut a lot of wood. He had a large self-propelled rotary hoe and he would hoe plots for Meredith residents. He was scrupulously honest and didn't charge for an extra moment! Neil also repaired/reconditioned motor motors to sell them and then bought vintage motor mowers and restored them. His answer to the question, "how many do you have?" was always "too many to count!" Another passion was his house which he kept it in tip top condition. Of course the other thing locals remember about Neil is his smile which he readily produced. He was affectionately known far and wide as "Happy Cooper".

He was a real Meredith identity, a character who was cherished by the town.



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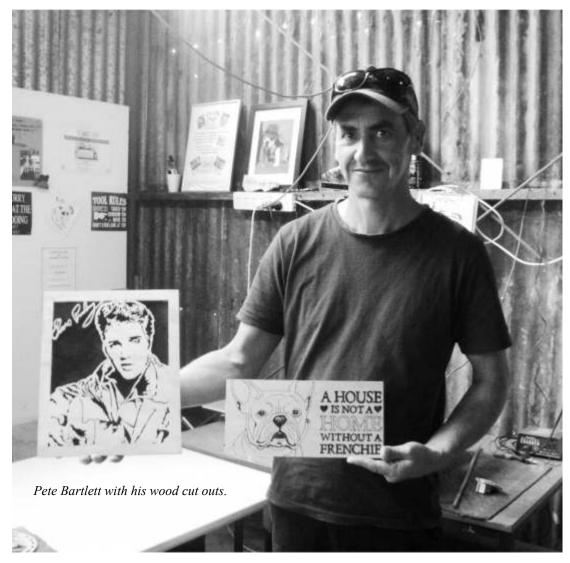
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Is it in the Water?

Marg Cooper



Since Pete moved to Russell Street, Meredith in December 2015 he has discovered his artistic talents. He said he has never drawn, made things or decorated but in Meredith he has set up a workshop in the back shed and is creating interesting items.

He firstly made a "cut-out" Bulldog with a scroll saw to decorate their home. His wife Vanessa put it on Face Book and people wanted to buy similar items. Pete and Vanessa have always admired Bulldogs, have a pet, white Bulldog and a grey cement one in their yard.

So "Pete's Bulldogs and Cutouts" business began. He has created many different items including coasters, jigsaws, light switch surrounds, key ring boards, personalised names, Elvis characters and more Bulldogs. He is willing to try to make whatever people order

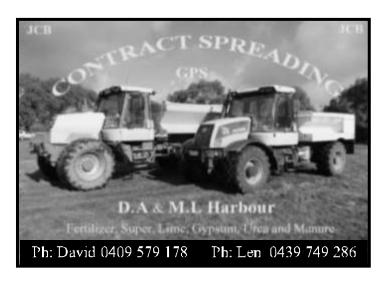
He uses an electric scroll saw which has an ultra-fine blade and uses a wood burner. A lathe for wood turning is to be Pete's next investment. He finds patterns on the internet and patiently traces them onto carbon paper and then onto pine wood.

Peter received a Certificate of Appreciation from GAWS (Geelong Animal Welfare Society) for his donation to them of items to on sell. He has already sent items to America and all over Australia and recently had an inquiry from England.

Vanessa who has a passion and talent for scrap booking does all the administration.

The couple have completely transformed the house they rent at 5 Russell Street both inside and out. Outside they have planted, tended and enhanced the garden with old machinery and quirky decorations such as a fingerboard sign post

made of old weatherboards with names of their grand children on each finger. Inside they have painted, decorated and brought life to a fairly old house Meredith house



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Hospitality at the Bottom Shop

Marg Cooper

Mathew Rozario recently took over the General Store and Post Office in Meredith. (Affectionately known as "the Bottom Shop," to distinguish it from the "the Top Shop" which was on the corner of Staughton and Read Streets.) Here Marg has a chat with Matthew about his long journey to Meredith.

When Mathew Rozario decided to invest in businesses of his own he went on drives to the country every weekend with his family to look at properties for sale. He also looked at the communities surrounding those businesses by meeting with locals, having chit chat and coffee and gauging if there was some rapport.

He has now invested in three country businesses at Coleraine, Elmore and Meredith. He explains how the three districts are totally different and it is interesting to a country person at Meredith to listen to him articulate those differences. He travels to Elmore and Meredith during the week and usually is at Coleraine at weekends.

Mathew bought a house at Caroline Springs 12 years ago. It was a multi culture suburb that he and his family embraced but now his whole street is occupied by people from India. Although he values his heritage and

the heritage of other people who are new to Australian he wants to also integrate into Australian life. He came to Australia with his parents and brother in 1994 from Bangladesh. His sister who was already married stayed behind. He had finished his Intermediate and had applied for a student visa to USA three or four times and a student visa for Switzerland to study Hospitality and Management, but he had not been successful. An Uncle who had migrated to Australia in 1971 offered to sponsor the family so his father decided that Australia had a future for his children.

Mathew was 25 years old when he enrolled at Victoria University to study Hospitality and Management and began working at the Windsor Hotel in Melbourne as a kitchen hand. After six months he was invited to move into the kitchen with a view to becoming a chef but he asked to be permitted to work behind the bar. He progressed to become a receptionist and ended up being front office manager for three years. Then he decided to do something on his own.

He has big plans to renovate the Meredith Corner Store which includes creating attractive indoor and outdoor eating areas. Customers are important to Mathew, who is a friendly, energetic and interesting character.



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Meredith Primary School News

ANZAC Day

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Meredith ANZAC Day service at the hall. The Primary School has always enjoyed being involved in the service and we were proud to see our school captains laying a wreath by the cenotaph. It has also been a tradition for the students to lead the singing of 'We Are Australian', and it was great to see this tradition continue. Thanks to Kym Ivory who popped up to the school to do a quick rehearsal.

The Grade 6s also made an ANZAC Day presentation at assembly on the Friday which helped the younger children to understand the importance of the day and why it is commemorated. Well done Grade 6s!

Help turn our dirt ditch into a soccer pitch!

Exciting times at Meredith PS! School Council, in consultation with the students, have decided to turn our dirt patch out the front of the school, into a fabulous soccer pitch. This, however, does not come cheaply. We need to raise \$30,000 to complete this project, which will provide our students with an area that they can use all year round (it is currently a concrete dustbowl in Summer and a muddy quagmire in Winter!) Please look out for our upcoming fundraising events, as all money raised will go towards funding this awesome project.

KICK IN NOW @ gofundme.com/meredithps

What have we been up to?

by Jhye Nixon, Community Captain

It's been a busy few weeks at Meredith PS. We have got some chooks to look after and we have welcomed Mr Brian Reynolds to our school. Mr Reynolds will be the Acting Principal for this term.

The Prep/1 class has been learning about fairytales. They have read lots of stories and are writing stories as well. They have also had Miss Amelia Benford visiting their grade. She is a teaching student from Deakin University.

Grade 1/2 have also been learning about fairytales. They have been doing a lot of art activities to make their room nice and colourful. They have loved their Thursdays with Mr Reynolds.

Grade 3 have done science experiments. They have put celery in water with food dye to see if the leaves change colour. And they have been learning about time and have had lots of fun in writing.

Grade 4 have had lots of fun doing their iLearning projects on Space. They have also made mobiles of their favourite books and have made a TV commercial about a talent show.

Grade 5/6 have also had lots of fun doing their space projects for iLearning. The Grade 6s made a wreath for ANZAC Day and laid the wreath on Monday at the hall. They have also been learning how to improve their persuasive writing

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> Joh, Grade 5 Shelford Primary School



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We were also honoured to have our District Governor Wayne Oakes and his wife Judi attend our dinner meeting on the 19th April. DG Wayne inducted our newest member into our club and gave a very interesting and entertaining talk! April has been our 'training' month with quite a number of our club members attending various training sessions given by Golden Plains Shire and our Lions District.

The Meredith and District Lions Club aims to raise funds that can be put back into our community, and hold events that benefit our community. We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and we're always looking for new members. If you're interested in becoming involved in the Meredith and District Lions Club, contact Mary Foster on 0424 037 542.



L. to R. - Dave Underhay (Meredith Lions Club - VP), Jarna Kelly-Harradence (Meredith Lions - Pres), Bill Hughes -Bannockburn & District Connected Communities and Shaun Ridgeway - Bendigo Bank, Bannockburn

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The weather was fine for the 2016 ANZAC Service conducted in the Meredith Memorial Hall with close to 300 in attendance. The quest speaker this year was Cr Jenny Blake who again offered a challenge to the students from Meredith Primary. Two years ago, when Cr Blake was our guest speaker, she challenged the students to research who from this district had enlisted in World War 1. The students met that challenge and last year at the Centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli were able to provide details. This year Cr Blake offered a further challenge for the students to interview any friends and relatives to record life stories. She observed that such stories would be of great importance in the future.

The ANZAC Service this year followed the usual format with one major exception when after the conclusion of the traditional march around the block the crowd was treated to a dance display by the Hellenic Dance School from Geelong. Some in attendance wondered about the relevance of the dance. In fact, the dance was for remembrance of Australian and New Zealand servicemen by the people from the Greek island of Crete. During World War 2 Australian and New Zealand troops were forced to withdraw from Greece because of the might of the approaching German Army. Once on Crete they found themselves under major assault from German forces including air attacks. Eventually the allied forces were withdrawn from Crete but some remained on the island and these were assisted by the locals of Crete.

Crete is the largest of the Greek islands almost 240 kms South of Athens and is long and narrow, 260 kms long, 60 kms at the widest and 12 kms at the narrowest. The Allied forces who remained on Crete hid in caves and olive farms during the day and came out at night to forage for food, and that is when the locals assisted. Even when the locals were summarily executed when caught, they continued to help and eventually assisted in the escape of the remaining Allied forces some 11 months later. Of the 6500 Australian soldiers who arrived on Crete 274 were killed, 507 were wounded and 3012 captured by the German forces.

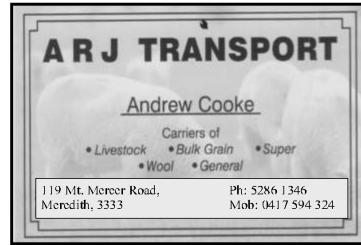
This opportunity is taken to thank those who help to make ANZAC Day in Meredith a success. The music provided by Dawn Macdonald, assisted by Kim Ivory; marching music by Donna and Mathew Murrell; catering ladies in the kitchen, especially those who volunteered to help clean up; and of course, the staff and students from Meredith Primary School who once again assisted in several ways, including preparation and printing of programmes, plus singing and reciting at the Service. Last, but not least a thank-you to all those who attended.



Some scenes from another well attended Anzac Day Service in Meredith. - Photos by Stefania Parkinson









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Community boost for Meredith

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With local children at the opening of the new Meredith Community Learning Hub.

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Bowling from Lethbridge

Marg Cooper

Ray Kelly is leaving Lethbridge. He remembers sitting in the front seat, next to the driver of the Railmotor on his way from Wangaratta to Melbourne when he was young. He could see everything through the big window and he pretended he was driving the train.

When he was nine years old he and his siblings of 200. He has played lawn bowls moved to Melbourne to live with their mother as their father had died. They lived in several suburbs over the years including St Kilda where Ray his first bowls all ended up in the acquired an early tan each year by sunbaking in a ditch. "Slow Down! sheltered position on the beach from September.

In 1965 he started ten pin bowling. He had Lethbridge will miss Ray when completed two and a half years of a fitting and he moves to the Lifestyle Village turning apprenticeship when he inquired if there was a job at the bowling alley. "Come tomorrow and start" was the reply and so began forty years in looked after the Lake Reserve. the industry as a "facilities operator". He did everything from maintaining the machinery, the gardens and the building. Chadstone was a busy bowling centre employing two maintenance men on the state of the facilities in the day shift and one at night. Ray describes the busiest Reserve. times were when championships and tournaments involving overseas contestants were played. As with a lot of sports, equipment and facilities have

greatly improved and believes that today bowling is "too easy" because, for example, the alleys used to have lacquered wooden lanes but are now made of a synthetic material that remains consistent.

He was a champion ten pin bowler playing twenty or thirty games per week with an average at Bannockburn for four years. He picked it up 'real quick' but Down", he was told.

in Bell Park. For the eight years he has been in the town he has When he walked his dog, Jack, up to four times a day he picked up rubbish, branches and checked

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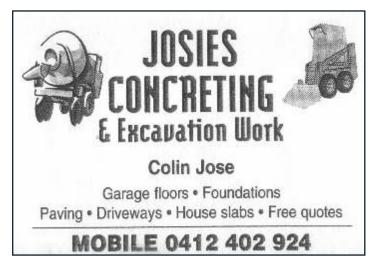
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A Good Fox in the Wild

This month, instead of writing about animals or plants, I'm writing about people, and one person in particular – Bernie Fox. Bernie died recently and very unexpectedly sending shockwaves through the environmental communities of Melbourne, western Victoria and beyond. Bernie had a better understanding of people and politics than anyone else I have met. He gently inspired and motivated people and had a talent for getting the right people together to get a job done. Bernie loved the natural world and had a fascination for all things in nature, big and small, which is often thought of as child-like, but is common in adults with a love and understanding of the natural world.

I met Bernie soon after we moved to Meredith, fifteen years ago, when we joined Friends of Brisbane Ranges, a group which helps to look after our local national park. Bernie was the president of the group at the time, and made us very welcome, including our one-year-old son. Bernie encouraged children (and adults) to investigate the world around them, and to join in the day's work with the adults, which they did enthusiastically, having fun, learning new skills and feeling that they contributed to the group's work. When Barwon Water no longer needed a wedge of land in the middle of the Park, Bernie was one of the main motivators leading to its eventual inclusion in the National Park. He persistently brought up the idea with politicians and Parks Victoria staff, and encouraged others to do the same, until after several years we were able to celebrate the handover of the land and the Lower Stony Creek Reservoir to the Brisbane Ranges National Park.

Bernie and his wife, Sue, were living in Werribee. The Brisbane Ranges was their regular escape from suburban life. They would camp for a weekend, go for a bushwalk, or join an activity with the Friends group. Spending time in nature is good for people. Adults and children who exercise in nature are fitter, but there are other benefits. Being outdoors, especially in a natural environment, makes people feel happy, less stressed and reduces mental and physical health problems, even without strenuous exercise. Bernie wanted to give people who wouldn't normally have this opportunity, the chance to get into the bush. He arranged for people with disabilities to be present and to try out the Anakie Gorge walk when it was opened for wheelchairs. They loved the day.

After retiring, Bernie and Sue bought and eventually moved to a block north of Nhill, which was partly farmland and partly mallee scrub, which had been flattened by chaining. The soil is sandy and poor for agriculture. They have worked hard reducing the rabbit population and planting thousands of indigenous trees, assisted by many individuals and groups

who they encourage to visit. They have made exciting discoveries on their block, including a population of endangered silky mice, and endangered malleefowl which have built large mounds of compost and sand to incubate their eggs. Among the visitors they encourage are students studying Environmental Studies at Wyndham Central College, which is in a disadvantaged area of Werribee. Most of these teenagers have never been in the bush, or anywhere without mobile phone coverage (rather stressful for some of them!). Bernie and their teacher, Allan Bernardi, cooperated to arrange for the class to go on an annual overnight hike in the Brisbane Ranges, as well as camping on Sue and Bernie's block. It is an eye-opening and joyful experience for the students, which may include joining others to plant trees. Bernie was involved with numerous organisations and will be sorely missed by many people, but he has inspired many of us to do our best to protect the environment and to help others to see its value and enjoy it. Few people leave such rich legacies.



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Karah has a keen interest in treating digestive complaints. Karah specialises in treating irritable bowel syndrome, reflux as well as general bloating and abdominal discomfort. Educating coeliac sufferers after diagnosis and helping them with diet planning, is an area which Karah is passionate about.

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Karah charges \$90 for the initial consultation (1 hour) and then \$50 for follow-up consultations (30 minutes). Private Health rebates are available, so check with your insurance provider and they will be able to tell you what you can claim back.

We anticipate that Karah will be starting around the middle of this month. Initially Karah will come in every 2nd Thursday and will increase her frequency the busier she is. Please like our Facebook page as we will be posting updates there.

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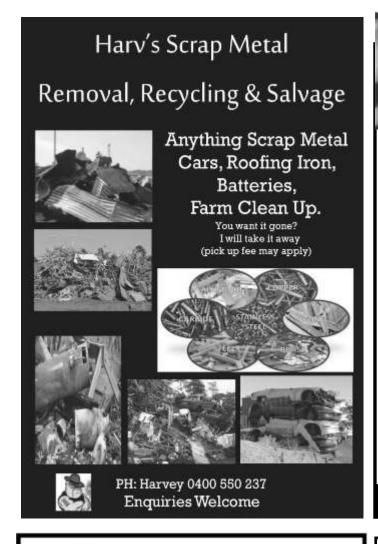
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Meredith Man Cave Madness No 2

Karl and Geoff Hardy.

The second annual MMCM, held on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at Meredith Golf Club, was a resounding success being well A huge thank you to Heath Stenton and our committee: Mark swap meet groups and the public who came to support this charity event for "Tour de Cure" and "Paceline" charities.

It was an ideal venue as there was plenty of room for all within a short distance of the clubhouse, in middle of the golf course. Stallholders set up on the first fairway. Display cars positioned themselves around the 10th fairway whilst a 'nearest the pin' was a short hit from in front of the clubhouse to the 18th scrape. The food, entertainments and raffles were under the spreading shade trees in front of the clubhouse and parking was just near

We raised a net amount of \$3,600 which was a culmination of raffle tickets for the "winner take all" prize of a wheel barrow full of donated goods, entry fees and gold coin donations.

Donated vouchers formed a significant

part of the prize pool for the car show. The vouchers were extremely well received and we believe they will keep them coming back with their prized cars each year.

Special thanks to the Bendigo Bank who donated \$500 for the golf competition. Many people competed for nearest the pin on the 18th scrape. A cash prize was awarded each hour and \$100 could have been won for a "hole in one". Next year!

We certainly made sure that we frequently acknowledged all contributions throughout the day via public announcements and as we also announced who we awarded prizes to. We would like to thank all our sponsors including Clyde Park Winery, Bendigo Bank, Plasta Master, Faggs Mitre 10, Royal Hotel Meredith, Batesford Hotel, Griffs Auto Parts, Doug Paton P.A., Preston Motors, Back Creek Café, Meredith

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The event is not only about raising funds for these important charities but also to put Meredith on the map.

received by locals and visitors to Meredith. We not only had & Jenny, Wayne & Lynn, Troy, Heidi, Denise, Adrian Mohr good weather but also a strong presence from local car clubs, and Rob Kent for helping to set up. Fantastic job done by all.





The Bone Collector

Like most dogs, my dog has a great love of bones. He gets one every now and then as a treat and takes great care in burying it. Then, after a time that only he is capable of specifying, he'll dig it up and take his time relishing in its festering goodness.

While this may not be unusual in the least, my family and I have noticed a rather strange phenomenon taking place in recent months. It seems that nowadays he disappears for a little while only to reappear with a bone in his mouth, and we're not talking ordinary butcher bones here.

A few weeks ago as I was putting the clothes on the line, my blue-heeler cross Labrador came bounding around the back of the shed with a bone three times the size of his head sticking out widely from his small mouth. The weight of the bone was pulling his head too far to the side whichever way he leant and it was hard to tell just how wide he was grinning due to the fat prize. I stood in wonder as to where this thing came from and went to investigate. There were no holes behind the shed and none that I could see hidden in cracks and crevices around the yard. I watched him chew away at it and shrugged, thinking nothing more of it.

But then came the Flintstones sized dinosaur rib. It is reported that dad saw him strutting his way up our driveway with a giant slim bone curving from his mouth to his head like antlers. Now we definitely knew this couldn't possibly be one of ours. It looked like it had been dug up by archaeologists and stolen by this furry black thief.

While these bones were definitely the strangest of the lot, we have noticed more regular sized goodies being unearthed from what we can only assume is the dirt under our house. We've seen him reappear with bones crawling in ants and watched as he emulated a small jumping goat bounding around each time he put his tongue on the bone and received hundreds of tiny bites.

While it remains unexplainable, it brings much delight to our pet and not to mention is quite humorous for us to watch too. But I can't help but think that maybe some other poor dog out there is experiencing a strange phenomenon too...that all his bones keep disappearing.



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The event was held in the Morrison Fire Shed where the Honour Roll will hang with the World War 11 Honour Roll. John Parkinson told the crowd about the schools that had been in the district. Margaret Parkinson gave information about some of the 45+ soldiers who are commemorated on the Honour Roll and Caroline Sanders (daughter of Madge Parkinson) described how she re-created the document. She only had a pale photo of the original to work from but managed to create a colourful, intricate copy. Her sister "improved" the photos and the document was framed with the photos surrounding it. After the unveiling John Geary talked briefly about Australia's contribution to WW1 and explained how it affected small communities like Morrison.

MHIG received a "Restoring Community War Memorials" grant from Veteran Affairs that almost paid for the recreation. The Honour Roll was completed before Anzac Day 2015 and was displayed by Ballan Shire Historical Society in their "We Remember" exhibition that ran for three weeks and had over 1000 visitors at the Ballan RSL rooms.

MHIG members thought it was important to officially welcome the re-created Honour Roll to Morrison. It is magnificent!

Bicycle Road Race:

"A bicycle road race, open to all riders within fifteen miles of the township, has been fixed for Saturday, April 19th. The course selected is from Meredith to Elaine and back, and entries close on Wednesday night, April 16th, at the Huntsman's Inn, or the Railway Hotel, Meredith. Three trophies are offered, first by Mr R.G. Stow, second by Miss E. Davidson, and third by the Raleigh Bicycle Company (Ballarat). The handicaps will appear in the next issue of this journal. Further particulars in another column."

From: The Steiglitz Miner, Saturday, April 12, 1902.

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Entrepreneurial Pioneers

Marg Cooper

William Knox and his wife Ann Agnew were very early pioneers of the Geelong and Meredith districts. In fact, so early that the state of Victoria had not been proclaimed. Their arrival records are for the destination of Port Phillip Bay in the Colony of New South Wales.

William Knox was a 19-year-old, single Irish Protestant man who immigrated from Derry, Northern Ireland. He departed Liverpool on the ship *England* on April 4, 1841 and arrived in Port Phillip Bay on June 17, 1841.

William and Ann's first son Samuel was born in 1852 before they moved to The Stag Hotel in Meredith in 1853. Their only daughter Jane was born in 1853. Their third child was born in 1854 but he died in 1856.

The rapid pace of development was an ideal opportunity for budding entrepreneurs in the Geelong area to prosper. Newspaper clippings, rate book entries, birth and death records, court records and inquest hearings tell us about the short lives of William and Ann.

Between 1850 and 1857 William Knox became a successful hotelier building and running several hotels in Geelong and Meredith. William was the first licensee of the Crown Hotel, Ashby (corner of Keera Street and The Esplanade South). The Crown Hotel opened in 1851. An entry in the Geelong Advertiser Tuesday 26 November 1850 reports William Knox's application for a Publican License to operate the Crown Hotel Ashby.

In April 1852 when William Knox applied to renew the license for the Crown Hotel. Mr Strachan remarked, 'on a late visit to Mr Knox's premises he found them to be clean, comfortable and well-furnished and was highly gratified with their appearance — renewal granted. (Geelong Advertiser and Intelligencer 28 April 1852, page 2).

In late 1852 William set out to take advantage of the increased travellers heading to the goldfields of Meredith and Ballarat. He built a new hotel which he named The Crown Hotel, in Sutherland St (between McLeod & Read Street) Meredith. A year later the hotel was in operation and the following advertisement appeared in the Geelong Advertiser and Intelligencer, page 8:

On the 4th of January 1854 William Knox, (late proprietor of the Crown Hotel, Ashby), begs to inform his friends and the publican general that he has opened the above house of accommodation being half-way house between Geelong and Ballarat and hopes by moderation charges, and strict attention to the comforts of all who may favour him with a call, to claim a share of patronage which he will ever be his study to deserve. Conveyances to and from the Diggings call daily and stay a half hour for the purpose of changing horses.

On the 10^{th} June 1856 William was the licensee of the Stag Hotel on the corner of Wallace and Sutherland Streets, Meredith

The Ballarat Star, Friday 12 June 1857, reported that William Knox's application for a publican's license for the Knox Hotel, Meredith, was granted.



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"Far from the Madding Crowd"

by Thomas Hardy

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The writing could be described as "flowery". Thomas Hardy describes beautifully using plenty of words. For example: "He had just reached the time of his life at which young is ceasing to be the prefix of man in speaking of one. He was at his brightest period of masculine growth, for his intellect and his emotions were clearly separated; he had passed the time during which the influence of youth indiscriminately mingles them in character of impulse, and he had not yet arrived at the stage wherein they become united again, in the character of prejudice, by the influence of a wife and family. In short he was twenty-eight, and a bachelor."

When Bathesheba Everdone arrived in a small village of Weatherbury she captured the heart of three different men; Gabriel Oak, a quiet shepherd, the proud obdurate farmer Boldwood and a dashing, unscrupulous Sergeant Troy. The battle for her affections has dramatic and surprising consequences.

Of particular interest in a book of this era is that Bethesheba inherited a farm from her uncle and proceeded to run it herself which she did quite successfully before she succumbed to emotional entanglements. Of course she is totally honourable in the Victorian sense which causes her all sorts of trouble.

Farmers at Meredith may enjoy the description of the shearing shed: "Today the large side doors were thrown open towards the sun to admit a bountiful light to the immediate spot of the shearers' operations, which was the wood threshing floor in the centre, formed of thick oak, black with age and polished by the beating of flails for many generations, till it had grown slippery and as rich a hue as the state room floors of an Elizabethan mansion. Here the shearers knelt, the sun slanting in upon their bleached shirts, tanned arms and the polished shears they flourished. Beneath them a captive sheep lay panting, quickening its pants as misgivings merged in terror, till it quivered like the hot landscape outside. So the barn was natural to the shearers and the shearers were in harmony with the barn." He also adds that the picture had not changed its frame for four hundred years.

The book for discussion in May is **The Swan Book** by Alexis Wright

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The 'People of Golden Plains' is a creative youth-led project that captures people's ideas, backgrounds and experiences through interviews that are shared as engaging stories with the community via social media, posters and postcards. More than that, the project encourages local people to share their ideas and stories with others and get to know other people; thus creating a culture where people are connected, heard and celebrated.

As part of the project, a Facebook page called 'People of Golden Plains' has been set up to share the faces and stories of young people in the community – the page has been a great success, engaging people from across the Shire. You can visit the page at facebook.com/peopleofgoldenplains.

Since its launch, 'People of Golden Plains' has brought communities and people together through the power of storytelling.

You're invited

This family-friendly event celebrates the People of Golden Plains project and the amazing people who have been involved in bringing it to life. The exhibition is an opportunity to be part of this exciting project – share your stories, connect with others and see first-hand what young people of Golden Plains are doing to connect local communities.

When: Friday 20 May

Where: Bannockburn Cultural Centre

Time: 6.30pm – 9.00pm

At the exhibition, you will have the chance to:

- · Record a video in the StoryPod video booth
- · Express yourself using paint and colour on the CaveWall
- · Hear stories from people of all ages at the ConversationGap
- · Join emerging musicians and create music at the Music Circle
- · Visit Grandma's Kitchen and feast on a variety of homemade soups prepared by the local 'Golden Oldies Group'
- Listen to incredible guest speaker Sophie Weldon, CEO of Humankind Enterprises, who will share her personal story about how one conversation changed her life.
 Sophie will provide a unique perspective about the importance of intergenerational storytelling and how stories can create a more connected community.

More information about the project can be found at facebook.com/peopleofgoldenplains or by contacting Sarah Dalton, Youth Development Officer, on (03) 5220 7177 or email sdalton@gplains.vic.gov.au

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