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..or start something.

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emergency

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Meredith Police Station	5286 1222
Power Failure	132 412
Nurse-On-Call	1300 606024
Mental Health Advice	1300 280 737
Poisons Information	13 11 26
Barwon Water	1300 656 007
SES Emergency - flood & storm	132 500
24 Hour Helpline	1800 629 572
24 Hour Drug & Alcohol Counselling	1800 888 236
Kids Help Line 24hr 5-18yo	1800 551 800
Golden Plains Shire A.H. emergencies	1300 363 036 0408 508 635
Ranger	5220 7111 or 0409 830 223
Bannockburn Vet	5281 1221
Golden Plains Vet	5281 2226
Injured Wildlife	13000 wildlife
Pets and Horses 24/7	0421 617 238
Wildlife Rescue	0459 379915

Justices of the Peace

Mr R Cooke Meredith	52 861 346
Mr H Woerner Meredith	52 861 402
Mrs S W Dynon Steiglitz	52 819 223
Mr P Ryan Elaine	0409 861 296

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"And when it rains on your parade,
look up rather than down. Without the
rain, there would be no rainbow.

G. K. Chesterton."





Community

St. Joey's OP SHOP

Rear of St. Joey's Hall. Lawler St. Meredith
Call in on Wednesdays and Fridays between
10am and 4pm.

Lots of great furniture, clothes, ornaments, toys and books. Special this month on recipe books. Come in and grab a bargain.

TEESDALE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stall holders wanted COUNTRY MARKETS

HAND MADE, HOME GROWN

VARIETY OF STALLS CAR BOOT SALES

Sausage sizzle Devonshire Tea

TURTLE BEND RESERVE, TEESDALE

4TH SUNDAY OF MONTH 9am – 1pm

October 23rd November 27th

December 22nd Twilight Market 4-8pm

Entertainment, Christmas Carols, Fireworks

January 22nd February 26th

March 26th April 23rd May 28th

Stallholders contact

teesdalecommunityevents@gmail.com

PH 52815 354 or 0407 835 731

VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO ASSIST WITH MARKETS



Winchelsea Uniting Church

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY Show

October 28th to 31st

Globe Theatre, Winchelsea

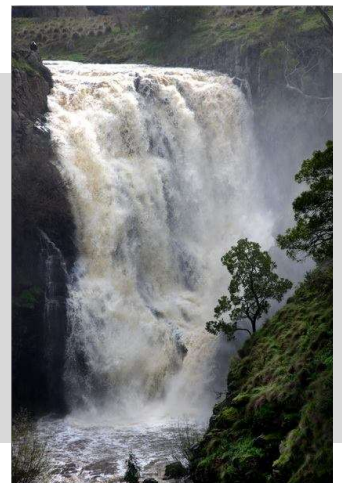
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HOW to POSE with a STATUE



Our fabulous front cover captures Lal Lal Falls after last month's heavy rains. Thank you for your stunning photograph Kristina Kitchingman!!



Classifieds

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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

St. Joseph's Parish Meredith Mass times for October/ November

Winchelsea Saturday at 5. 30 p.m. October 1st/ 8th/ 15th/ 29th. Sunday October 23rd at 11 a.m. (Please note change of time for this week only) November 5th/ 12th/ 19th/26th.

Inverleigh (for Bannockburn) at 9 a.m. every Sunday in October / November except the last Sunday of each month when Mass will be in the foyer of the Basketball Stadium adjacent to the school i.e. Sunday October 30th and Sunday November 27th.

Anakie Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday October 9th/ 30th November 13th/27th Please note No Mass at Anakie on the 23rd October.

Meredith Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday October 2nd/ 16th., and Saturday October 22nd/at 6 p.m. November Sunday 6th/ 20th.

Invitations :

1. All parishioners and friends of the parish are invited to a remembrance prayer service on Friday October 14th at 4.30 p.m. on the site of the former St. John's Church Bannockburn to mark the day one year ago that the church was destroyed by fire. It will be a chance to remember, grieve and reminisce.

2. All parishioners and friends of the parish are warmly invited to attend the Mass of Installation as parish priest of Father Charles Balnaves on Saturday October 22nd. at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's Meredith. Archbishop Denis Hart , Archbishop Of Melbourne will be the celebrant. Dinner will follow in the church hall. Replies to 52861230.

3. Thanksgiving Mass and barbeque for all parishioners on Sunday November 20th at Meredith . Mass at 11 a.m. followed by a barbeque lunch.



Meredith Community Centre

working for your community

Hi Everyone,

While preparing this report I happened to go back and look at my report for the same time last year. It's amazing how much has happened in that time. We were on the move to our temporary home which after our first term in the new building seems just like a distant memory. We are still ironing out the glitches and we are really looking forward to the Kinder joining us in the new building.

We are looking forward to hosting an open day with the Kinder once they have settled in so that everyone can come along to see the new facility.

Our move has also provided us with extra places in the occasional care service so if you have been considering using the service give us a call.

We had some great programs last term. A special thanks to Ian Nash who ran the chook workshop. We had a great response with 20 people going along to Ian's Teesdale property to learn about chook care. Ian also has a beautiful garden and we are looking forward to a garden workshop early next year. Watch out on the website and facebook for updates.

By the time you read this you should already have received our Term 4 Course Guide and the short version is also in the Newsletter. Some of our new programs from last term were very successful and we are running them again this term. Pru is returning for another Saori weaving workshop this time for those who wanted a weekend class and we are going to be playing with colour in polymer clay.

On the subject of the Term brochure we have been forced this year to work with new arrangements with Australia Post and I am hearing that people who used to receive it no longer get it delivered. Our arrangements should be the entire Meredith, Elaine, Lethbridge postcodes and urban areas of Bannockburn. We would appreciate it if you could let us know if this is not your experience.

Bye for now,

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



Golden Plains

Mobile Library

At the Meredith Primary School
Thursday 9am to 10.30am

BATTLE OF BANNOCKBURN TIMELINE FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER 2016
SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 2016
FROM 9.00AM – 5.00PM



- Period re-enactment
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Most children's rides and
entertainment are free
NO BYO alcohol permitted

Recreation



Elaine Tennis Club

Elaine Tennis Club has entered 4 junior teams in the Buninyong & District Association for 2016/17.

B1/B2 C3 C4/C5 x2

Our coach Julie Golightly will run professional tennis coaching sessions on Sunday's starting on Sunday the 2nd of October at 10am.

Please contact Brady Dunne for further enquiries: ph 0476129520

New players most welcome

It's not too late for new comers

Ballark and District Gun Club Shoot

Sunday 9th October

Nominations 9.30am

Start 10am Sharp

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Elaine Cricket Club Milo cricket registration day is on Thursday 13th October at 5.15pm.

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Date: Saturday 29th October

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BUSINESS BASICS

Date: Starting Monday 3rd October

Do you run a small business and want help or have a business idea for a product or service and run a business from home. This course will provide you with the skills and knowledge to plan, set up and operate your home based business.

CREATE A WORDPRESS WEBSITE

Date: Wednesday 19th Oct-30th Nov. 6-8pm

There are millions of WordPress sites around the world. WordPress is an amazing, flexible and easy to use application that you can use to create and maintain a website for your business or for your hobby or personal interest. Learn how to create your own website platform which you can easily maintain yourself.

COMMUNICATING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA

Date: Thursday 20th October —1st December

Time: 7.00 to 9.00pm

Social Media is the new way to communicate.

An introduction for existing and new businesses to understand how to harness social media to build the business. You will learn marketing skills, define your goals and implement a social media strategy using various platforms to reach your customers.

COMPUTERS NEXT STEP Intel® Easy Steps

Dates: Wednesday 19th October– 30th November

If the world of computers baffles you but you are finding you need to learn some basic skills to move into the digital world? Intel® Learn Easy Steps will give you the practical skills you need.

MyGov made easy workshop

Monday 17th October 10.00am-11.00am

Centrelink are providing a workshop to assist you set up and use myGov, a way to access government services online. A secure myGov account lets you link a range of Australian Government services and access them all in one place.

Venue: Meredith Community Learning Hub, 4 Russell Street, Meredith

Enquiries and RSVP: Kim 5342 7000 or
NorthernCommunityCentre2@gplains.vic.gov.au

Cost: Free

TUCKERS INFORMATION SESSION

Date: Monday 17th October

Time: 10.30—11.30am

Cost: FREE Session

Federal Budget changes are coming for retirees.

We can explain how you can maximise your pension entitlement by using smart funeral planning.

Tuckers are offering free information talks for community groups to explain the benefits of pre paid funeral bonds.

FUN FITNESS FOR EVERYONE –Katrina

Date: Every Friday until 16th December. 2-3pm

Cost: \$99.00 11 weeks or \$10 Casual

At the Meredith Community Centre.

“Strength and fitness” class suitable for all age groups.

WEEKNIGHT WORK OUT–MICHAEL

Date: Wednesday evenings 5-6pm

Week night workouts is an instructed fitness class for people of all ages who cannot make it through the day due to work or family.

Instructed by Michael who has a background in Exercise Science, he aims to provide classes that are fun as well as physically challenging.

TAI CHI CLASSES

We have Tai Chi classes running in Meredith Bannockburn and Teesdale every week. Please call us or check our website for times and details.

W: www.meredithcommunitycentre.com.au E: learnlocal@meredithcommunitycentre.com.au

<http://www.facebook.com/MeredithCommunityCentre>

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am to 3pm Friday Closed



Go on...smile!



Standing in the park, I was wondering why a Frisbee gets larger the closer it gets. Then it hit me.

Stewart Francis



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The Red Tape Roundabout

Lindy Allinson

'Red tape'...simple words, yet capable of striking terror into Aussie's across the land.

These words have the power to make shoulders of the strongest men sag. Ensure the most optimistic hippy's smile disappears. And, as we all know, once the term is uttered, hours, days, even months suddenly get sucked into a frustratingly futile, time-wasting void.

A tiny not-for-profit group, the Back to Steiglitz Association (BtS), know that feeling only too well. This handful of passionate volunteers have been fighting red tape for over 6 years now...and still chasing their own tails.

Why? The BtS are trying to save part of Australia's heritage; an irreplaceable school building. It's the last standing in, what a Heritage Report deems 'one of the most important early gold rush towns in Victoria,'...Steiglitz. Amongst the best ghost towns in Australia, it's also the last town in Victoria without electricity. Over 60,000 tourists visit annually. Amidst its handful of historic buildings, is one designed by architect Henry Bastow. Sadly, this long-neglected schoolhouse now sits derelict.

So what's the problem?

BtS can't convince the town's custodians (Parks Victoria) to support them. Parks are the official protectors of everything Steiglitz; including its public buildings. Budget cuts left them basically broke. Yet fulfilling their custodial obligations takes money...lots of it!

This is why, over 30 years ago, Parks and BtS joined forces in a 'you-scratch-my-back-I'll-scratch-yours' relationship. BtS worked their tails off, and Parks provided Public Liability Insurance (PLI) for their fundraising events. Throughout those years, the copious BtS working bees, meetings, and award-winning fundraisers, have helped save this quirky town from slowly disappearing. All a great effort, considering none of it is their responsibility!

Here's where the tail chasing begins...

Recently, Parks told BtS they'd no longer provide PLI. Though naturally they'll accept event proceeds!

However, every dollar BtS raise maintains Parks-managed buildings. They can't afford PLI. Yet without insurance, events can't occur. Without events, there's no money. And without BtS money, Parks can't conserve this culturally significant town. Yet Parks still insist BtS spend their money on insurance?

Some of you may be saying, "Why should Parks help? They can't support every little group around the country." Fair enough, they can't.

Though Steiglitz is special. Nobody's asking Parks to fund relocation, or finance its long-term maintenance. BtS have a long history of fundraising capabilities. Also shire support, motivation, and a continual social connection to both school and town. This special building is part of their community.

Historical authorities agree. Numerous detailed management plans, academic papers, and reports confirm the importance of

this town. Their expert opinions add weight to the worth of every building in Steiglitz. Especially the school.

Yet still, the cash-strapped custodians refuse to support BtS. Instead, the red-tape ridiculousness escalates.

This school needs both TLC *and* relocating. Presently isolated and continuously vandalized, BtS believe the school won't survive where it is. Parks acknowledge the situation is dire; yet want it left insitu. Completely ignoring the fact, it doesn't even sit on Park's land.

That's right. The building was moved in 1880. To land now owned by the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP). DELWP gifted the school to BtS a few years ago. Though on one proviso; it be moved. For they want to sell the land.

So BtS searched for a new site. Everyone jumped on board – Shire, Engineers, locals, Architects, even politicians. After three years, BtS struck gold. In the heart of Steiglitz sat an unnamed dirt track. Big enough to put the school on. Eureka!

Everyone thought it the perfect solution. Except Parks, who refuse to allot that, or any land, for relocation.

So what are BtS to do?

This historic school's survival is under threat. Put at risk by the very body charged with its protection; Parks Victoria. Everyone agrees, drastic action is needed...and needed now.

Parks could help, yet don't. Their PLI would enable BtS to continue raising money for repairs to *all* Steiglitz buildings...not just the school.

While, assisting relocation means they'd be saving part of Australia's history. Yet Parks only proffer BtS years of insurmountable obstacles; all wrapped in red tape. Where is the sense in this?

Dr. Fiona Gray (of Deakin University's Faculty of Science Engineering and Built Environment), in her recent paper on this very school, offers one explanation. Her work discusses difficulties faced when protecting historic buildings. How complications, such as cost and planning, can make custodial inertia an easier option than conservation. Dr. Gray asks whether this plays a role in the disrepair of many historic sites today. Posing an interesting question: should such custodial neglect be viewed as a form of demolition?

A question this red tape roundabout has BtS asking as well.

Obviously there's much more to this tale. Either visit the BtS webpage to learn more backtosteiglitz.org.au or contact me lindyallinson@gmail.com

Peter Sharp advises BtS requested local State MHR Geoff Howard to write to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Lily d'Ambrosio on its behalf and as a result Parks Victoria will make a grant to cover the insurance for this year but in future BtS will have to pay the cost from its own funds.



Happy Birthday Your Majesty

Rachel Young

Back in mid-June, knowing that The Queen's 90th Birthday was fast approaching, I thought it would be a nice gesture to send Her Majesty the Queen a 90th Birthday card. I had never written to the Queen or sent a birthday card and was very excited to send a card. Knowing that Her Majesty rides horses, I included two photos of myself with my Fjord Horses. I wrote a note, describing both photos. I didn't expect a reply as I knew that Queen Elizabeth II is a very busy Lady.

After a week or two, I forgot all about the card and photos. About mid August I received "Royal Mail" from Buckingham Palace. This jogged my memory and I couldn't wait to go inside and read my important letter. I couldn't believe that I had "Royal Mail". The letter was from Her Lady-in-Waiting, Richeuda Eltoir, thanking me for the card I sent Her Majesty on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday.

Here's me with my "Royal Mail" and the two photos that I sent Her Majesty. Where I am dressed as a Viking for a fancy dress event, I was representing one of the uses of the Fjord Horse back in its day. The other photo is of me visiting my beloved Fjord Horses, when I was recovering from breaking my back.



from the Mayor

CR. Des Phelan



As the Local Government elections are being held this month, policies are in place to make sure that information shared with the community during the 'caretaker period' (the election lead up time) does not unduly affect the election result – that is why this is a 'CEO message' this month.

2016 GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL ELECTION

The Golden Plains Shire Council postal election will be held this October. General elections are held every four years. Local councillors make decisions on a range of issues, including local roads and footpaths, parks and recreation facilities, planning and building regulations, and libraries and community centres. If you haven't received your pack by Wednesday 12 October or have any other enquiries, please contact the Returning Officer at Bannockburn Cultural Centre, 27 High Street, Bannockburn on 1300 587 451.

Golden Plains Shire Council strongly encourages all eligible voters to have their say at the 2016 council election—in fact, compulsory voting provisions apply and you may be fined by the Victorian Electoral Commission if you don't vote. To find out more and check your enrolment, visit vec.vic.gov.au.

KNOW SOMEONE GREAT? NOMINATE! 2017 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The Australia Day Awards are a great opportunity to formally acknowledge extraordinary individuals and community groups – and there are many of these around the Shire! This year you can nominate online at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/forms/australia-day-awards-2017 or by getting a form from one of our Customer Service Centres.

So why not celebrate those who make an outstanding contribution to the Golden Plains Shire in fields such as community service, arts and culture, environment, business and economic development? Nominations must be received by 4pm, Wednesday 30 November 2016.

PROJECT WINS AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICES AWARD

Golden Plains Shire Council's Aged and Disability team has won the 'Outstanding program/project' award at the LGPro Aged and Disability Services 2016 Awards. They won for the 'Walk about Australia and up the guts' program – an interactive, low cost, high impact, easy-to-follow program that targets the physical health and emotional wellbeing of participants by tracking steps towards a virtual walk around Australia. You can find out more about this fantastic initiative in the news section of our website.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS – REGISTER FOR THE 2017 ARTS TRAIL!

Registrations for the Golden Plains Arts Trail on 25 & 26 March 2017 are now open. Registration costs just \$30 and includes registration for the Trail, your artist profile on artstrail.com.au and 12 month membership of GP Arts Inc. Registrations close Friday 14 October. Go to artstrail.com.au to make sure you are a part of this great arts opportunity.

If you would like to sponsor this year's event, would like your venue to feature on the trail or are interested in volunteering opportunities, please call 5220 7111.

Cr Des Phelan

Mayor, Golden Plains Shire Council



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October 2016 Local Government Council Election



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- Voting is compulsory for all people enrolled on the State electoral roll, except those 70 years of age and over.
- Don't forget to vote or you risk a fine from the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Authorised by Rod Nicholls, CEO, Golden Plains Shire Council, 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn 3331



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

VOTE

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DES PHELAN



EXPERIENCED CONSULTATIVE RELIABLE

3	GILBERT, Joanna
7	KIRBY, Helena
5	STEELE, Cameron
12	EVANS, David
6	HANSFORD, Nathan
2	Mc ARTHUR, Bill
4	ROWE, Les
10	VAUGHAN, Greg
1	PHELAN, Des
8	SHARKEY, Owen
11	RYAN, Marlene
9	KRUSIC- GOLUB, Peter

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*Authorised by Des Phelan
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GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL ELECTION 2016

*"You hold the vote to
ensure that the future of
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To the Residents and Ratepayers of the Golden Plains Shire

I am 56 years of age and have lived in the shire all of my life. I own and operate a mixed farming business at Sutherlands Creek. My family's association with this area spans a period of approximately 160 years. I am married to Tracey, a primary school teacher. We have 3 daughters, who attended kindergarten and primary school at Bannockburn.

For a period of 10 years I served as a School Councillor and President of Bannockburn Primary School. I worked with fellow councillors on funding the building of the local community library, a partnership between the school and the Shire Council. As School Council President I worked with government leaders and representatives of the Education Department to purchase the site for the new K-12 school in Bannockburn. When opened in 2018, this will be the first secondary education

facility for Golden Plains. We achieved a huge benefit, not only for the Bannockburn community but the entire shire.

I am a member and past President of Maude Landcare Group, also a former vice-chair of Geelong Landcare Network.

If elected to Council I will:

- Support all residents, ratepayers and community organisations and make decisions that will benefit all of the community.
- Maintain the viability of the council by ensuring resources are managed in a responsible and accountable manner.
- Provide a valuable link and effective communication between the council and the community.
- Have a do once, do properly approach.
- Advocate to keep the farm rate for rural ratepayers and keep rates at an absolute minimum for all.

I look forward to the opportunity to represent all the ratepayers and residents of the Golden Plains Shire.

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Diane and Roy Ritchie of Bamganie celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 27th 2016. They were married at St. Anthony's Catholic Church Hamlyn Heights Geelong, which was part of the Manifold Heights Parish. They spent 4 years of married life in Casterton and moved to Leopold at the beginning of 1970. Diane taught at Leopold Primary, Roy became general manager of Cam Dawson Ford and also coached Leopold Football Club which was then in the Polwarth League. The next year Leopold joined the inaugural Bellarine League with Roy becoming the first InterLeague coach. Diane was one of the instigators of the inaugural Bellarine Netball League. Their three children were born whilst they were living in Leopold - Marcus, Nicholas and Emily.

Roy had come from a farming family so after living on 5 acres in Leopold he looked further afield for more land. The family ran a small farm on Ballan Road Meredith at weekends and school holidays and in 1986 moved to Bamganie to combine farming and fulltime work in the Ford dealership. Diane taught at local schools and then at Meredith. Roy retired from the Ford dealership 15 years ago and has enjoyed his farming life ever since. They have enjoyed 30 happy years in the Meredith district.

Di and Roy celebrated 50 happy and healthy years together with two celebrations. The first one was with a Mass at St. Joseph's Meredith followed by a surprise lunch from parish members on the Friday and the second celebration was a lunch at Clyde park Winery with their children, the members of their wedding party, and other family members.



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2016 Australia Day winners

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Please select the category that best represents the person you are nominating:

- ☐ **Citizen of the Year**
(28 years of age or over)
- ☐ **Senior Citizen of the Year**
(55 years of age or over)
- ☐ **Young Citizen of the Year**
(Up to and including 27 years of age)
- ☐ **Community Events of the Year**
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Summarise the reasons why your nominee should be considered.

Other significant contributions and achievements:

Background information about your nominee/group/event/ community/professional bodies you nominee/group/event has been involved with:

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Flight of a Lifetime

Marg Cooper

Marie O'Connor remarked over several weeks, to her son Colin, that Lake Eyre was filling up. After a few weeks Colin asked her if she wanted to see it and she replied that she'd love to.

Marie hadn't travelled much. Colin remembered a seven day holiday along the Murray as their only family holiday when he was a kid, and a trip around Tasmania that his parents won. Colin drove his mother and father around Tasmania for a week. Marie hated the flight in the big aeroplane to Tasmania, so Colin was surprised that his mother even contemplated flying in a small aircraft to see Lake Eyre.

He contacted his mate Brendon Reidy, a licensed pilot from Colac, they hired a Cessna 172, picked Marie up and flew out of Lethbridge Airport on the Tuesday after the long weekend in June. It was slow going to Mildura. Into a strong head wind the trip took nearly 4 hours travelling at about 80 knots. They refuelled the plane and themselves there, headed for Leigh Creek and then on to Marree where they visited a museum about Tom Kruse the Outback Mailman and enjoyed a good meal and accommodation in the local pub. The Finke Desert Race had just finished so there were many cars and bike riders still at Marree. Marie sat in the back seat of the plane and took a keen interest in everything, marvelling at the magnificent scenery including the Flinders Ranges, and loving everything!

Next morning, in beautiful weather they flew around both Lake Eyre North and South, across to William Creek Hotel for a counter meal lunch and back to Marree for the night. It was so calm that at times it was hard to determine where the water and the sky met because the sky was reflected in the water. They

saw the rivers running water into the lakes, salt around the edges of the lakes and a spectacular rainbow that heralded the brewing storms.

On the flight home on the third day they literally "were flying" at about 150 knots with a tailwind, dodging thunderstorms all the way. At St Arnaud after flying over the Pyrenees they got clouded in, so landed, got picked up by family and driven home from there by car.

Marie who will celebrate her 87th birthday soon enjoyed every minute of the trip. She tells that it was time to do something as many of her friends are ill or have died. Colin hopes that she will fly to Perth soon to visit her sister, now she has found her wings.



Marie O'Connor on her trip to Lake Eyre.



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Meredith POLICE news



Greetings to all readers of the Meredith and District newsletter.

I would really like to take this opportunity in thanking a local Meredith resident in contacting me on the 11th September, 2016 regarding what he saw on the Shelford Road, Meredith. The diligence of the male caller resulted in me locating and arresting a 26 year old Ballarat man who had been committing serious crime in Ballarat and Elaine.

Prior to me arresting the male, it is alleged that he was driving a stolen Holden Commodore sedan which was used when he allegedly committed aggravated burglaries in Elaine and Armed Robbery and Attempted Armed Robbery in Ballarat with the use of a Machete.

While looking for the male and the Silver Holden Commodore in the Elaine area I received further reports from other witnesses travelling along the Midland Highway suggesting that the suspect's driving was extremely dangerous.

In the end, and with the assistance of the diligent Meredith local, the offender was arrested without further incident on the Shelford Road at the Intersection of Lower Plains Road. I think this reinforces the need for community to work together and to contact police at times when you may see something that clearly is suspicious.

This male has been charged and remanded in custody to face a Ballarat Magistrates Court at a later date.

On Wednesday the 14th September I was called to assist SES and CFA in a rescue on the Shelford – Inverleigh Road where two occupants were trapped in their utility while attempting to cross a flooded river. I think this highlights the need to show all due care while driving in flood affected areas. Both parties were safely air lifted from the vehicle and re located to safety. This was a great multi agency response to a very dangerous situation.

I would ask residents to continue in their vigilance for any future incidents of crime and to contact police where necessary.

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.

Kindest Regards

Greg KITCHEN

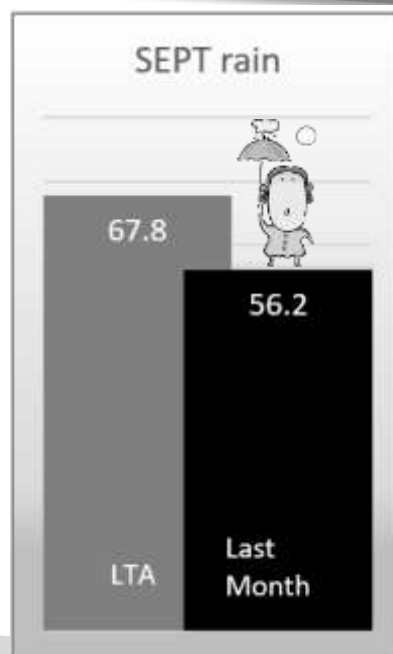
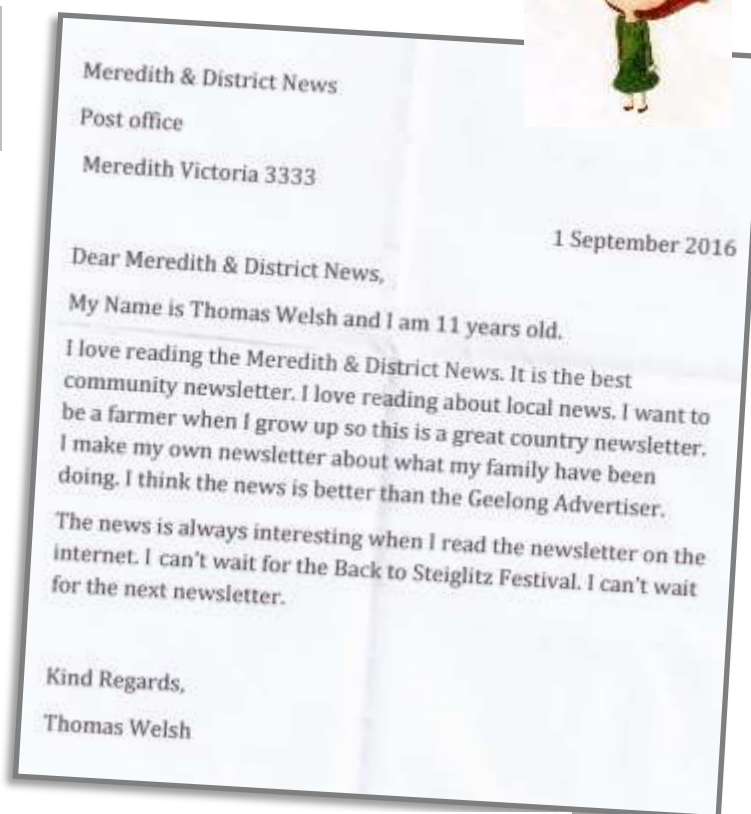
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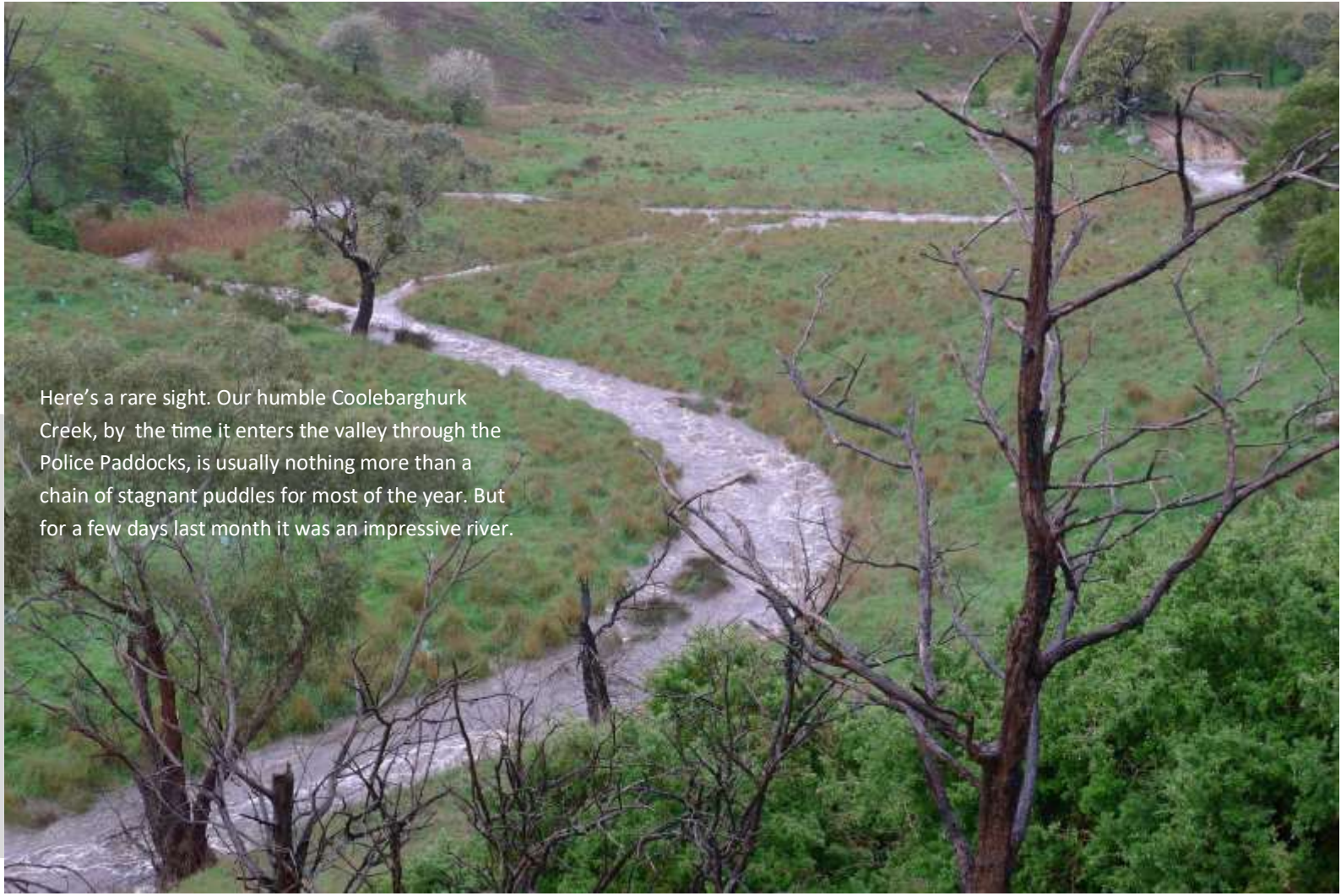
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Here's a rare sight. Our humble Coolebarghurk Creek, by the time it enters the valley through the Police Paddocks, is usually nothing more than a chain of stagnant puddles for most of the year. But for a few days last month it was an impressive river.

Dorothy's Kitchen Springs into Life!

Marg Cooper



The shop at 30 Staughton Street was Bobby Bell's Bootshop. He had boots in one window and a Douglas Motorcycle in the other. It is believed that the two buildings were shifted to Meredith from Steiglitz before the turn of the century. It was known for years as Fay's shop as the buildings were owned by Fay McFarlane and she had a Dressmaking Shop, then it was Mrs Elliott's haberdashery, Leslie Cox's haberdashery, Christine Stevenson's Dressmaking and Coolebarghurk Crafts run by Fay McFarlane and Fay Haywood before Brillee's Hardware and The Country Emporium.

Several families lived in the residence behind the shop including Bobby and Melva Goggin and Harold and Mary Donahue. With much flourish Andrew and Robert of the Country Emporium performed a superficial makeover before Graham H. Smith purchased the buildings in August 2014.

"What haven't we done to it?" Graham commented when asked what work had been done. From the foundations to the roof the buildings have virtually been rebuilt. Graham tells that there was no way that the builder Sefton Peters could quote for the job as no-one had any idea what was involved. Every board removed revealed another problem! Prior to any renovations the west wall was held up by ivy, the front left window was full of ivy growth, the paved courtyard was a foot under dirt, the residence swayed in the wind and had a lake of water where the floorboards should have been and the toilet was in the centre of the backyard.

Despite these "problems" Graham always thought "it had

a nice feeling" and that it had potential. What has been created is solid, attractive and versatile while retaining its old world charm.

Graham and his crew concentrated first on creating the kitchen and the bakery for "Meredith Baking Co" where Diane Dunne bakes delicious pastries, cakes and breads. Next they finished the Bed and Breakfast "Meredith Hideway" and the Beauty parlour, "Country Beauty Therapy" run by Jo Green.

Graham's son Anthony has designed the interior of the providore shop "Dorothy's Kitchen" to make it suitable to sell fresh locally sourced vegetables and fruit, and gourmet preserves, meat, cheese, pasta, and handcrafts. A highlight is their freshly milled in-store flour.

"Dorothy's Kitchen", named after Graham's late wife who was never happier than in the kitchen, opened for business on Saturday, August 20.

The sign was designed by Graham and his son Paul at the kitchen table one night and features a small bird sitting on the back of a sheep within the shop name in a circle.

The sheep is apt as Graham and his family came to Meredith in 1977, started "Meredith Wool" in 1980, built the wool store in Wallace Street and ran it for many years and he continues to buy and sell wool overseas and in Australia. These days he mainly trades "Downs Wool" that is used to make quilts. Graham is creating a photo book of the development. The bobcat inside the building is a good photo! Did he take a photo of the ivy growing inside? Graham tells that it has been fun!

Graham hopes to open the shop on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.





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Usually we have quite late frosts here prohibiting the planting out of potatoes and tomatoes until around mid-November. However this year I am going to get some seed potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*) in over the next few days. I'm going to plant them in a section of an old tank that has been cut into a few open ended containers, each about two feet high. This allows me to gradually build up a frost cover as the plants grow using a mixture of well-composted manures and vegetable matter mixed with pea straw. I have been convinced that it is wiser to plant seed potatoes rather than the old ones shooting in my pantry as seed potatoes promise to be disease free. If possible avoid planting potatoes in areas which you have limed previously as they like a PH of around 5.5 and more alkaline soils may encourage scab disease.

Many say that it's better to plant the whole potato, however an old farmer friend showed me the trick of cutting the seed potatoes in sections, each with an 'eye', and then coating the cut side with wood ash from the stove. The wood ash supplies potash required by potato plants and protects the cut potato in the soil. Place the potato section cut side down and cover with a layer of organic materials to a depth of about 20 cms. Keep the potatoes well-protected from sunlight as this causes greening. The potato plants will continue to push upwards to the light. When the flowers die off and the plant yellows then harvesting the crop should be as easy as pulling away the mulch and gently lifting out a delicious family of spuds.

When you are in your garden do you only see the jobs that have to be done? I am trying to BE in the garden and take pleasure in this glorious creation. Too often when standing and talking to a visitor I find myself bending over constantly to pull a few weeds and even moving around to check on something. Not just rude, but too obsessive to simply stand still, breathe in the garden deeply and enjoy the conversation.

Happy being in the garden

Chris



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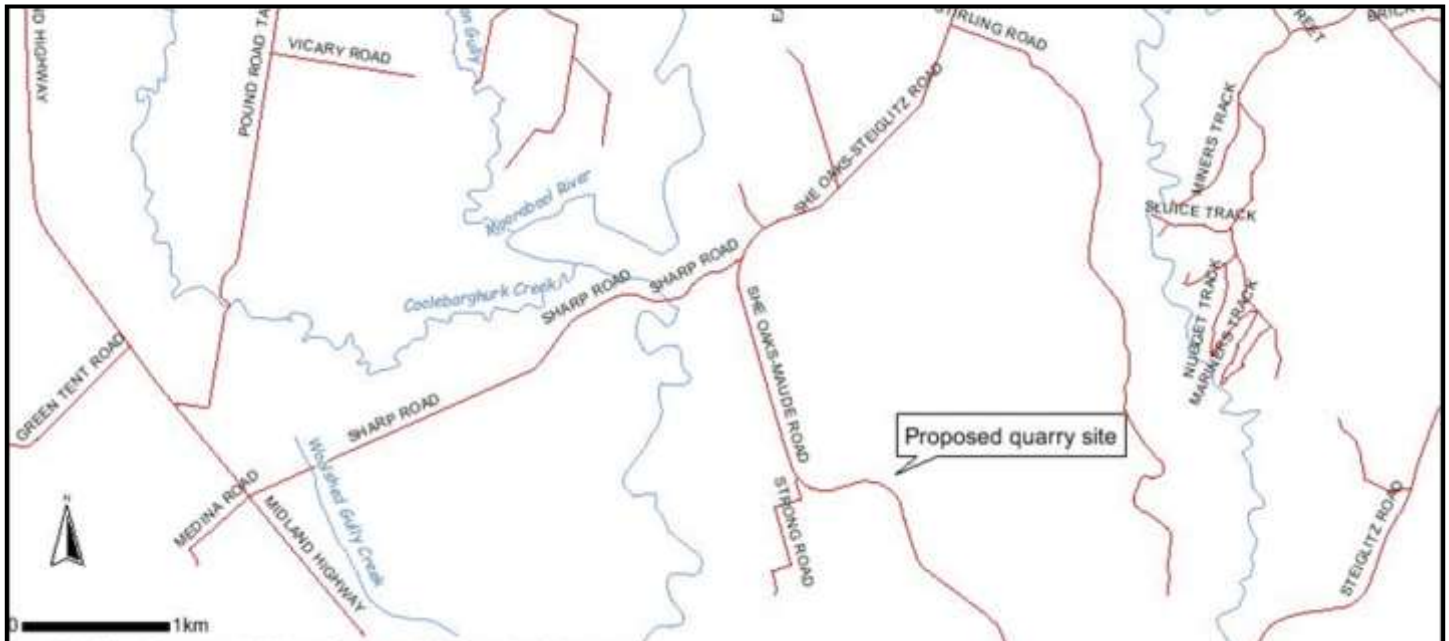
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Sand Quarry in She Oaks?

An application has been submitted to establish a sand quarry in She Oaks. The site of this proposed quarry is on the Maude – She Oaks Road, approximately 1 km East of the Strong Road intersection. See map below. The property is 23 hectares in size, with the proposed quarry to be 13.7 hectares.

The proposal was submitted in July 2016 to the Department of State Development, Business and Innovation (DSDBI) and is currently being evaluated. If the plan is approved by DSDBI, the proposal will be advertised, allowing the public to review the mine site management plan.

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Bushfire and Insurance

Julie Lee

This is the first in a series of articles focusing on living in bushfire zones, planning and insurance cover.

There are many factors that affect the cost of rebuilding after a fire and history has shown many residents are under insured. A new home today not only needs to comply with the new energy rating but to a BAL* construction level that is site dependant. There are other things to consider;

- cost to clear a site,
- replacing the slab/footings of sheds,
- fencing,
- a new septic system,
- underground power and new services connections as you may have to build somewhere else on your block.
- Architect or drafting fees
- Storage costs

Many insurance policies will cover out of pocket expenses for clearing the site, but are limited to 10% of the sum insured so you need to understand the full cost to know if you are covered. Temporary accommodation is covered by a percentage of the sum insured and may have time limits as well. If you run over time you may find that you need to find the money to cover these costs. Living on site while you rebuild is not possible if you are in the Golden Plains Shire and under a Bushfire Management Overlay; other shires do not have these restrictions.

How do you determine these costs?

- Use a reputable online calculator this will help to determine current building regulations for the size of your home.

Remember to add in all other buildings and slabs and all ancillary items such as water tanks, solar panels etc.

- Secondly you need to have an understanding of the Bushfire Attack Level or BAL. This is a measure of the radiant heat that your home will need to stand in the event of a fire. Vegetation type and slope (effective slope) is the main parameter of how this is determined. Overestimate your BAL level if you are in doubt. (You can access a BAL self-assessment calculator at balreport.com.au – Ed.)
- Refer to the ancillary costs such as cleaning up debris, accommodation what is paid out and for how long
- Allow for a new septic tank, underground power and for your plans to be drafted.
- If your property is in an extreme risk from flame attack during a fire you may be building to a FZ category and in this instance you may need to install a bunker to achieve compliance.

Finally look at your policy. Are you covered for fences, are you covered if part of your home is used as an office; see whether there are any other restrictions on your policy.

Julie Lee holds qualifications in Planning, Conservation (Native Vegetation) and Bushfire Planning and can be contacted at julie@nrlinks.com.au.



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There are many aspects to consider ensuring that your children and teenagers remain as safe as possible when using mobile and online devices. Here are some basic information to guide you;

Manage web connected devices at home

Parents can use parental control tools and safety settings on all devices in the home including, computers, laptops, tablets and phones. Even Playstation, Xbox and You Tube have age based settings and parental controls. They can keep children and teenagers safe by allowing parents to;

- block sexually explicit sites
- set screen time limits
- block in app purchases
- block numbers and SMS
- allow or block websites
- restrict chat features
- allow parental monitoring

Some safety advice for children and teens

Many children pester parents about opening social media accounts such as Facebook, Instagram or Snap Chat. Being mindful that these sites have age restrictions some starting at 13 years old we know that younger children still have accounts and have exposure to anyone of any age around the world. Teaching children and teens the following guidelines will assist them to be cautious and sensible social media members;

- join in and create your own account and be friends with your child or teen but be mindful not to cramp their style by commenting on conversations they engage with their friends unless it is unsafe
- learn as much as you can and keep up to date with popular media sites
- tell your kids not to share their passwords with friends and set their profile to private
- tell them not to post their full name, date of birth, phone number or address online and never post photos with house numbers, street names or in school uniform or anyway they could lead to stalking.
- encourage them not to accept "friend requests from people they do not know"

- if they befriend someone who starts speaking to them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable", they should tell a trusted adult
- advise them never to meet anyone online that they have not previously met in person
- most importantly, stipulate that they do not send via phone or post on social media any embarrassing photos of themselves, especially nude or semi nude. It is a crime and they may get into trouble with the police
- help them to report any cyber bullying they encounter

For more information on how to keep your children and teenagers safe online and how to manage and report cyber bullying go to the following websites;

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Prep time 40 minutes plus standing time

Cooking time 40 minutes Serves 6

Ingredients

3 large eggplants
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium brown onion, chopped finely
2 cloves crushed garlic
1kg lamb mince
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ cup tomato paste
½ dry red wine
700g bottled tomato pasta sauce
½ cup finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
¼ cup finely grated parmesan

Cheese Sauce Ingredients

50g melted butter
¼ cup plain flour
1 ½ cups warm milk
¼ cup finely grated parmesan cheese
1 egg beaten lightly

Method

Cut each eggplant lengthways into 10 thin slices, discard end pieces. Pan fry eggplant in batches in an oiled large frying pan on med-high heat until just starting to soften and colour up, drain on paper towel.

Heat oil in same pan, cook onion and garlic stirring until onion softens. Add mince and spices, cook stirring until browned. Add paste, wine and half the sauce. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat, simmer, covered 30 minutes. Uncover and simmer about 10 minutes or until sauce thickens slightly. Remove from heat, stir in parsley.

Meanwhile make cheese sauce.

Cheese Sauce:

Melt butter in saucepan, stir in flour until combined, cook on stove top stirring, for 2 mins. Remove from heat to gradually stir in milk small quantities at a time, continually stirring to ensure no lumps, until sauce thickens. Remove from heat, stir in cheese, then egg. *(Do not replace back on stove top after this step)*

Preheat oven to 180 C.

Lay two slices of eggplant side by side, slightly overlapping on a board, spread 1/3 cup lamb mixture across centre of the eggplant. Roll eggplant tightly to enclose filling, place seam side down in shallow ovenproof dish. Repeat with remaining eggplant and lamb mixture. Pour remaining tomato pasta sauce over eggplant parcels, top with cheese sauce, sprinkle with cheese and extra cinnamon. Bake uncovered 20 minutes until browned lightly.

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Marg's Book Review

“Burn” by James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge

“James Patterson books are like junk food....they taste good, it's hard to stop once you've started, and there's virtually no nutritional value.” This quote came from a review that also stated that they're fairly predictable, not all that well-written, read like a cheesy action flick with a heart of gold most of the time.

“Burn” is the seventh book in the Michael Bennett series by prolific American author James Patterson. It is co-written with Michael Ledwidge. It is written in a relaxed style, in short chapters.

Detective Michael Bennett and his family of ten (adopted) children plus nanny, Mary Catherine and father, Seamus return to New York after nine months in witness protection. He finds himself demoted by the vindictive actions of a rival to Head of the Mayor's Ombudsman Outreach Squad. He quickly reforms this department of a “misfit new police team” before he is once again called to the Major Crime Squad.

Combined with a legal challenge to his rights as an adoptive father, the fear of losing the family nanny and illness suffered by Seamus he gambles his reputation and his affections in a determined bid to do the right thing. He investigates several cases at the same time including a cadre of untouchable wealthy gourmet cannibals and an untraceable diamond heist team.

In other words he juggles home, work, love and politics. He is the good guy in a horrifying world of immorality, corruption and wickedness.

And as another reviewer stated, “As you dig deeper into the book the story begins to take a stranglehold on you”.

I like to learn from reading. This book was action packed but I felt that I didn't learn anything. Others may be entertained by the book.

The book for discussion in October is “Flesh Wounds” by Richard Glover.

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Allan rode his horse to Lethbridge State School and then went to Geelong College. Because the boarding house at the college was full he boarded with an elderly woman nearby who would go to her room after dinner at night, and leave her three young boarders to do what they liked. They liked to roam the streets of Geelong! Allan finished school a month before he was seventeen years old and came home to work on the farm. They grew a lot of onions in those days as well as running sheep and growing crops. Allan got on well with an older chap, Mr Reg Bath of Lethbridge, who worked for his father and learnt a lot from him. Allan also started shearing locally and interstate.

Allan married Sandra in June 1968. Although Sandra lived in Ivanhoe in Melbourne, they had met a couple of times because a cousin from Bannockburn knew them both. Sandra's mother took to Allan and invited him to visit and as Sandra tells "sort of brought them together". The Austin Healey sports car that Allan had bought may have been another attraction or him gallantly playing polo-cross or his ability as a ballroom dancer or his larrikin streak!

He had played football as a young man but by the time he got to his twenties he thought he should become serious about his work. Holidays were spent hunting for machinery or inspecting farming areas. He visited the cropping areas of Western Australia several times and there are many photos of Allan in paddocks of wheat. One exception to his life of work, work, and work was when he competed in the inaugural "King of the Mountain" at Wycheproof in 1978. He trained and thought he'd go well because he was wiry and strong but he didn't quite finish. He was delighted with his effort though because a well known Geelong strongman, the late Frogg Ritches, one time anchor man for the World of Sport tug-of-war, had thrown his bag of wheat down before Allan on the 1km track up the world's smallest mountain.

Allan and Sandra rented a small house on a property nearby to the McDonalds farm. It was quite lonely for Sandra until Lorraine Scanlon, a local woman introduced Sandra to others and invited her to functions at Lethbridge. She also got a job as a Law Clerk in Geelong until their sons were born, Eden in 1970 and Ashley in 1972. She returned to work during the 1982 drought when they decided that one of them needed to get a paid job.

Allan gave up interstate shearing after the birth of his first son but continued shearing locally. He had a passion for machinery which he made and modified. He share farmed and leased many properties including 1500 acres at Stuart Mill from 1974. Sandra remembers slowly following big machines, with two small, lively boys aboard, to and from Stuart Mill. It was horrendous!

Allan and Sandra bought several farming blocks of land over the years and after his father died in 1988 he took over the farm on Tall Tree Road. Allan developed one block they bought on Lower Plains Road into a bluestone quarry and later sold it.

The highlight of Allan's farming career came in 1993 when he won the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria's Champion Exhibit of Barley from a high rainfall zone. He also won a

Bronze Award for malting barley in medium to higher rainfall zone.

When Allan was 49 years old he became ill. After extensive tests it was determined that he Myelofibrosis, a blood disease. For 25 years he endured tests, doctor and hospital visits, medicines, injections but carried on with his life as best he could. Six months before he died Allan was told he needed a bone marrow transplant but that he was too frail to survive it. Sandra tells that he accepted his condition, never complained and tended to worry about little things but not about the big stuff. He had recovered from so many health crises over the years that the family were stunned when he died at 2.10 am on Monday, August 15.

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Some, such as the sun orchids, with flowers more likely to open on warm sunny days, are of a similar shape to more familiar flowers, but others are far more bizarre.

One of the more unusual orchids, and also one of my favourites, is the flying duck orchid. Each tuber grows a narrow green to red-brown leaf close to the ground. They can be seen now, forming colonies, often at the base of large trees in very poor soil. The shiny brown flowers appear in early summer with one or more on a stalk usually 20-30cm tall. Each flower is shaped so that it has a body, outstretched wings, long curved neck, head and bill, looking just like a miniature flying duck. Most orchids are pollinated by insects, and instead of offering a reward of nectar, many use tricks to attract them. Flying duck orchids entice male sawflies. Like some other orchids, it either produces a scent similar to the pheromones of a female of the species, or part of the flower looks like her. The male lands on the head of the duck hoping to mate with her. The head snaps downwards against the body of the duck, trapping the insect. As it moves inside the flower, bundles of pollen stick to it. Within thirty minutes, the flower reopens, releasing the sawfly to carry its pollen to another flower.

Another group of orchids that deceive male insects in this way are the greenhoods. The flowers grow on stalks and have a hood of green, often with white stripes or touches of brown. They may appear to have horns standing up beside the hood. The most common and obvious of these are nodding greenhoods which grow in large colonies. The rosettes of leaves appear in autumn. If you return to them in late winter, you'll find the first flowers. Most greenhoods have upright hoods, but the flowers of nodding greenhoods droop or nod towards the ground. After pollination, the plants produce upright capsules. Stalks continue to grow, pushing capsules up, so when vertical splits form in their sides, the dust-like seeds can more easily spread on the breeze. As the weather becomes hotter and drier, the plants turn brown and die. Once the capsules have gone there will be no trace of the plants above

ground until next autumn. Not all orchids trick insects. A few offer nectar. Some pollinate themselves, produce seed without pollination or spread by tubers.

Native orchids come in many shapes. Those with small brown flowers, such as gnat, mayfly and mosquito orchids resemble insects. Midge orchids are so tiny they are extremely difficult to find. Other brown orchids look like tiny helmets or baby birds, mouths wide open begging for food. A few orchids have beards. Some appear to have fingers of pink, blue or white. Spider orchids are green, red and white with stripes on the five long 'legs'. Wax-lip orchids spread patches of five-petalled purple flowers through the bush. Onion orchid leaves resemble chives. From each leaf grows a spike of tiny green flowers. The Diuris group has beautiful yellow flowers with 'ears' sticking up or to the side. They are often marked with brown or orange and named after leopards, moths, hornets and wallflowers. One of the year's last orchids is the hyacinth orchid which sends a dark brown stalk up to one metre tall with many pink spotted and striped flowers. A few orchids flower in spectacular numbers after fire, but rarely at other times. Orchids are small treasures waiting to be admired, but please don't pick them. They are protected by law and it is best to leave them to reproduce.

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It was a rather windy, unpleasant day and I was running perfectly on time for work when I opened my boot to shove a bag in. It was there that I noticed, flapping wildly in the breeze, a shed skin of a rather long-legged, gruesome looking spider. The initial panic of thinking it was an actual spider subsided as I placed my possessions inside and shut the door.

It was as I was driving that I began to wonder. Yes, there was a shell of an arachnid hanging from my hatchback like a dangly window ornament, but that also meant that there was an extremely high possibility that the actual living creature was still getting about in style in my new, rather clean car.

A quick scan of my immediate area assured me it wasn't in my vicinity. It could have crawled out after it got sufficiently naked and gone to live in the rather tempting outside world where spring had sprung. But I knew I was kidding myself. It is always warm and comfortable inside the car and, although not with a constant supply of food, there were enough grass dwindling creatures getting in through windows and open doors to have an occasional meal.

After telling my Grandpa a few days later about the discovery, he went on to tell me about just how much of a terrarium an automobile can be. It was after this conversation that I was driving home after checking both of the side mirrors, sun visors and closing all of the vents. With the sunshine beaming through the windows, I was warm and cosy, my mind wondering away from my possible tenant.

Coming to a stop at some roadworks, I was happily singing away to the radio and watching the works. That's when I saw it. I'm not sure whether I unconsciously saw it out of the corner of my eye or whether I literally have some Spidey-Senses, but there it was, crawling lazily along my door handle. I have never seen *Snakes on a Plane*, but I'm certain this is how the passengers felt. Frantically I felt around the console with my eyes glued to the creature, hoping to grab something, anything, that I could use to defend myself with. A muesli bar wrapper and a SLOW sign later, I felt guilty but finally alone. Arriving home, I went into the boot of my car again to fetch my shopping. To my horror, the shell was much too large and the body much too fat to have been the one now smeared across my handle.

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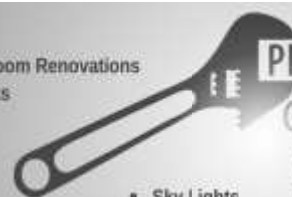
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2017 Calendar

Marg Cooper has created a calendar for next year containing local content. The calendar will be available at the Car, Truck and Tractor Show and Tell on October 2. Proceeds will help pay for storing and cataloguing equipment for MHIG. A "Meredith Calendar" will be a great Christmas present!

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Meredith Sentinel, 1902.

CONLEY'S HOTEL, ELAINE

About five weeks ago Conley's hotel was destroyed by fire, and the owner and licensees were desirous of re-building the hotel and continuing business. The hotel was situated near the Elaine railway station, about 100 yards distant from the Railway hotel. Mr J. Farly appeared for the owner (Ernest Higgins), and Mr R. J. Gribble for the licensee.

Const Searle stated the structure which was burnt down was of brick, and very old, but fairly well furnished. One hotel was, in his opinion, sufficient. The Railway hotel there was extremely clean and well furnished. It was also conducted fairly well. Conley's hotel was conducted in a way that elicited complaints during the past 18 months. Witness had spoken to licensee's husband about Sunday and after hours trading, and he said he would see witness was not troubled again.

To Mr Gribble: There was farming and grazing in the district. He had not heard of a proposed further cutting up of estates there. During the winter season nine days' coursing was annually held. There was then a good demand for accommodation. Witness had not seen a horse in Mr Hickey's stable. Witness had not heard of dancing having taken place at the hotel.

To Insp Nicholson: He had received no complaints about the other hotels in his district.

After hearing further evidence the bench adjourned the Court till to-day, at 10 a.m., when the decisions will be announced.

The Ballarat Courier 22 February 1917

The Licenses Reduction Board at its deprivation sittings held at Ballarat on Thursday announced that it had decided to close the Lal Lal Falls Hotel, Lal Lal, and Conley's Hotel, Elaine, both of which are in the Buninyong licencing district, owing to their not being required for the convenience of the public. There are other hotels in the townships named. Conley's Hotel was destroyed by fire some months ago, and the board refused to issue a licence for new premises. The matter of compensation to owners and licensees will be decided at a future sitting of the board.

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A Treasured Bible

Marg Cooper

Matilda Muir was given a small bible, about 10 cm long, 6 cm wide and 2 cm thick in a case which is thought to be made of dog or pig skin. The inscription on the inside cover reads "Presented to Matilda Muir by J.M." The opposite page records that James Maxwell Murdoch was born at Renfrewshire, Scotland on the 17th day of March, 1828 and underneath is recorded that Matilda Muir was born at Kilmarnock on the 1st day of January 1833. Presumably the small Bible in the case was a present from husband James Murdoch to his wife Matilda Muir on their wedding day at Busby Presbyterian Church, Renfrewshire, Scotland on March 31, 1853.

The small Bible which has a green velvet cover, gold edged pages and a brass clasp also records the births and deaths of several of their children including John Murdoch b. 1854 at Campbell's Creek, d. 1855, Isabella Murdoch b.1856 at Simmons Reef, Blackwood, Anne and Maria Murdoch b. 1858 at Buninyong, John James Murdoch b. 1860 at Stoney Rises, d. 1862, Jane Maxwell Murdoch b. 1863 at Stoney Rises, John Murdoch b. 1864 at Stoney Rises and also the death of her husband James in 1864 aged 37 years. He is buried in the Meredith Cemetery. A large stone memorial which is leaning against the wrought iron fence records that the memorial was "Created by Matilda in Memory of her Beloved Husband James Maxwell Murdoch, a Native of New Cathcart, Scotland who departed his life at Stoney Rises, January 20, 1865 in the 36 year of his age."

The Muir family lived over the road from where the Recreation Reserve at Elaine is today where a clump of pine trees still stand.

James Murdoch was a baker and storekeeper and his quite substantial premises were on the south side of the Morrisons Road, adjacent to where the highway is today. Peter Wells remembers the shop and residence was right on the fence line. The bakery was separate with the counter, scales and baker's oven, and the delivery carts were housed in the sheds out the back. Today a few bricks in the corner of the paddock mark the spot where James Murdoch ran a thriving business. He had decided to make his money by catering to the miners rather than trying his luck in the field. Peter tells that the buildings sort of vanished over time.

Matilda remarried to a Mr William Crowe and they had two children, Minnie who died in 1877 at 8 years of age and Thomas Crowe b. 1872 at Elaine. Peter Wells thinks that William Crowe ran the Railway Hotel in Elaine. After he died Matilda carried on running the hotel, the bakery and the store for a time. (A James Crowe had the Elaine Hotel in 1872 & 1873.) The relations of Thomas Crowe gave the small diary to Peter Wells, who is great grandson of Matilda Muir, about twenty years ago.

Matilda and William Crowe are buried together in the Meredith Cemetery. Their graves are unmarked but there are only two plots between Matilda and her first husband. William Crowe died on December 6, 1877 and Matilda died on October 17, 1931 at 99 years 9 months of age.



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We had loads of fun and too much to eat, resulting in everyone taking plenty home for the next days lunch!!

Our humble apologies to the Community Centre, apparently a 'fragrant' aroma still lingered the following day giving testament to our adventure!! Whoops!



*Liz Wells
enjoying the
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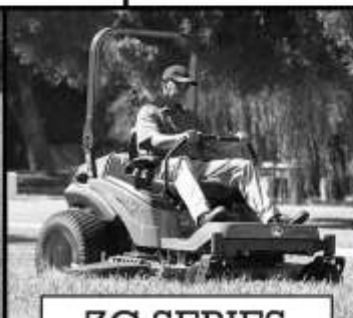
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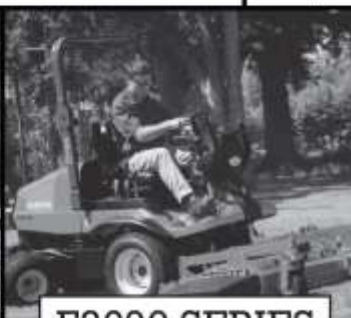
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