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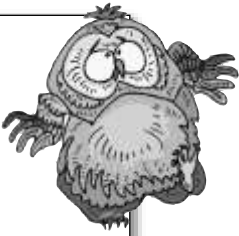
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~ Frank Zappa





Community

10th Year of the Wisey Muster

In July 2007 local farmer and shearer Steve Wiseman died and each year since then his friends have raised money for the Andrew Love Centre by having a night at the Sawyers Arms Tavern in Geelong.

This year the event is on Friday, May 26 and proceedings will start at 7.30 pm. If you wish to dine there before the Muster please ring the hotel and book a table. It is a get-together to remember Steve which includes a raffle, an auction of donated goods and an auction of the "Steve Wiseman Shears". If you or your syndicate bid the highest you get your name printed onto the shears that are displayed at the Sawyers Arms Tavern.

Steve's mother Myrtle Wiseman says that everyone is welcome at Chats (as the Tavern is affectionately known), that Steve's friends are committed to raising money to fight cancer and love a get-together to remember their mate.



Steve Wiseman who died in July 2007 was a local farmer and shearer.

Please note change of Date.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Meredith Community Centre Inc.

Monday 19th June 10.00am
at Meredith Community Learning Hub
4 Russell Street Meredith

On the Cover ...



This months cover features A wonderful photo of the Anzac Day march through Meredith, taken by Ian Murrell.

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Winchelsea every Saturday at 6 p.m.
Inverleigh every Sunday at 9 a.m. except last Sunday of the month which is in the stadium at Bannockburn (adjacent to the school)
Anakie @ 11 a.m. Sunday May 7th/21st & June 4th/18th
Meredith May 14th/28th & June 11/25th
Mother& Daughter Breakfast Saturday May 13th. At the Station Café Bannockburn. Adults \$20 Children \$12

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Our editorial deadline for next month is
Thursday May 25th.



Meredith **Community Centre**
working for your community

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 Meredith News 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.

Our classes this term cover a wide range of interests and skills and I hope there is something there to interest you. If there is something you would like to learn please let us know and we will do our best to make it happen. You can see our classes on our website or in the Course brochure distributed with the Meredith News in April.

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 advertised our AGM for May but for various reasons have postponed it until 19th 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 her staff have been really busy with occasional childcare. They offer a great program for the children; this is clearly appreciated by our parents and shows by the demand for places. The longer sessions are in great demand.

Till next month **Pam**

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Meredith Playgroup

Meredith Playgroup meets every
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Recreation



Elaine Cricket Trophy winners

Elaine cricket club 2016-2017

Junior awards U14 1st XI

Junior Batting Aggregate & Avg: **Nicholas Pantzidis** 323 runs @ 107.67

Junior bowling Aggregate & Avg: **Nicholas Pantzidis** 18 wks @ 9.22

Junior most improved: **Luke Inglis**

Junior Coaches Award: **Seamus Dunne**

Ron Read Award (Best first year player): **Alex Rofe**

Best Player of the Season (Voted by the players): **Nicholas Pantzidis**

Junior Player of the finals: **Seamus Dunne**

Captain's award (Capt. Nicholas Pantzidis): **Lachlan Baker**

Glass plaque - Junior coach of 2016-2017: **David Flood**

Junior awards U13s

Junior Batting Aggregate & Average: **Rory Ludeman** 146 runs @ 48.67

Junior bowling aggregate: **Dylan Lyons** 8 wks @ 15.13

Junior Bowling Average: **Rory Ludeman** 7 wks @ 10.00

Junior most improved: **Harrison Murley**

Junior Coaches Award: **Trent Miller**

Best Player of the season (Voted by the players): **Dylan Lyons**

Meredith Transit award (All round performance): **James Parkinson**

Glass plaque, Junior coach of 2016-2017: **Nigel Parkinson**

Club Awards

Best Club person: **Julie Pantzidis, Shane Dunne**

Glass plaque + life member badge : Life Member **Ron Read**

Chicka makes it 4 in a row

Congratulations to Nicholas "Chicka" Pantzidis on winning the Ballarat Cricket Association league best & fairest in the U14s 1st XI for the 4th year in a row, also taking out the leagues bowling with 18 wickets.

An absolute awesome effort by the young lad.



Meredith trail riding group.

We meet once monthly to ride around the Meredith area. If you are interested in joining please email: tilikamoss@hotmail.com


Meredith Senior Citizens

Jim Hynds President

On March 29 a group of seniors travelled to Geelong Shell Club for Morning Melodies. It was an "Elvis and Friends Tribute Show" performed by Andrew Portelli. The show soon got under way with Portelli singing his way through Elvis's most popular songs, and how popular they were! In no time the room was alive with people rocking and rolling. Diane, Coral, Billy and Betty were soon up showing their prowess as old rockers. All too soon the show was over and members settled down for an excellent two course lunch. A great day was enjoyed by all.

These Morning Melodies are proving very popular with members, for on April 10 we were all at it again. We travelled by bus to Stoney's Hotel in Bacchus Marsh for another show. Although numbers were down due to the horrible weather and school holidays, those who braved it were treated on arrival to the most massive amount of scones, jam and cream that I have ever seen. The show starred two young ladies called the "Rockelles". They were very good and sang many popular songs. When the show was over our members were treated again to a fantastic two course lunch.

I must say that these Morning Melodies are appearing in pubs and clubs all over and are very good value for groups such as Meredith Seniors.



Ist Anakie Scout Group

When we say 'adventure', we're not just talking about the awesome range of outdoor activities that Scouts offers! In fact, 'adventure' can mean any exciting, novel or unusual experience, and Scouts offers such a huge range of opportunities that there's always something new to try.

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Fascinating CERT Ladies

Julia Dunscombe


During March, four ladies from the Meredith CERT attended a two day training conference at beautiful Beechworth. We stayed in the nurses' quarters at the old Asylum along with many other CERT and ACO members from the surrounding district. After arriving late on Friday night we ate breakfast on Saturday morning with all the other members, before beginning our first of four workshops for the day. These were cardiac arrest, unconscious asthma, childbirth, multi-casualty incident and triage. These workshops provide members with the skills to deal with the various incidents that may occur at any time of the day or night.

In the evening we were provided with a two course dinner and a band. The theme for the night was hats and halos, with an auction and a raffle where I am sure everyone must have received a prize, with so many gifts donated by all who attended. It was amazing to see so many people who give their time to support the needs of their communities.

Volunteering as a CERT member is very rewarding, and the training provided gives you skills for life. Training is once a month with a 20 hours per month self- rostering system. If you think that you would like to volunteer as a CERT member or require more information on what is involved, please contact our Team Leader, Martin Peters, on 0417 823 965 for more details.



Lynn Heard, Julia Dunscombe, Cathie Boer and Marg Millar



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A heartfelt thank you

Dawn, Neil, Lisa, Robert and family wish to sincerely thank friends and the Meredith Community for their many expressions of kindness, cards, phone calls, messages and visits on the sudden passing of Rick.


Special thanks to Kylie and helpers for the catering.

It is comforting to know that so many people care and band together showing such a community spirit at such a difficult time. The support was greatly appreciated.

Rotunda Repaired

Jim Elvey

The ornamental rotunda on the Ibis Walk along the Coolebarghurk Creek, was last month given a face lift. Council engaged contractors to replace the damaged roof, as well as clean and re-fit the copper capping. The rest of the structure is pretty sturdy so it should stand handsome as a prominent feature along this popular walk for many years to come.



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Meredith ANZAC Service 2017

David Jones

The annual ANZAC Service conducted at the Meredith Memorial Hall was again blessed with fine weather for the traditional march around the block prior to the laying of wreaths at the cenotaph. Although having 30 – 50 mm in the evening and a few light showers in the morning the weather was all clear for the Service. Thanks.

This year the guest speaker was Lt Col Lance Collins, from Lethbridge, who spoke about the significance of Intelligence gathering when political decisions were being made regarding our foreign affairs. He suggested that we should all try to keep abreast of important issues and to advise our political representatives if we have serious concerns.

The Service in the Hall followed the usual format. Once again we were favoured with music by Dawn Macdonald with Kim Ivory adding her voice to the students from Meredith Primary. The traditional ANZAC hymns and National Anthems were sung with most of the gathering joining in. Unfortunately, this year we were unable to have a Catafalque party but there was colour provided by the uniforms of Scouts and Cubs (from Anakie, Bannockburn and Lethbridge); the Meredith CERT team; Meredith CFA; and members of the Hellenic Dance School from Geelong (who later performed a dance routine as a tribute to the ANZAC Servicemen who were in Greece and Crete during WW2). Donna and Mathew Murrell ignored the cool weather and played the pipes and drums for the march.

Although we did not have a Catafalque in attendance there is now an addition to the Cenotaph with a background of two Army soldiers silhouetted, with arms reversed, to represent two members of a Catafalque party. This addition is the result of a government grant as part of the ANZAC Centenary and was constructed by Tim Wood with his time donated. Sincere thanks to Tim for his timely completion.

At the conclusion of the march and the laying of wreaths everyone retired to the Hall Supper Room for Morning Tea prepared and served by RSL Ladies. Thanks to all who attended and especially to the Headmaster and Students from Meredith Primary.



Many thanks to Ian Murrell for his great photos of this event!

Shearer's Hall of Fame

Marg Cooper

In the relocated Murray Downs Shearing Shed at "Shear Outback" in Hay NSW, on Easter Sunday, five shearers were inducted into the 'Shearers Hall of Fame'. The annual inductions honour selected individuals who, through their skill and commitment, have returned to shearing more than they have taken.

The five inductees (of 30 nominations) in 2017 were Ron Bowden of Longreach Queensland, Graeme Tyers from Kojonup WA, and from Victoria: John Conlan from Kyneton, Robert Cuttler from Geelong (who shored for Chris Mooney of Meredith for 25 years), and Peter Kelly from Mt Bute.

Peter Kelly was born in 1927 and lived at Cargarie with his parents and three siblings. They lived on a block which is still called 'Kellys' by locals and is west of the Meredith/Mt Mercer road, close to the old Music Festival site. When Peter was around 14 years of age the family moved to 'Silverlea', a small farm at Grenville down what is now Kelly's Road. He married Elva Eason in 1956 and they lived in Buninyong before buying a property at Mt Bute.

(Jeff Cooper remembers James Nolan driving past Peter's new brick veneer house in Buninyong and commenting to a young Jeff, "That's what shearing can get for you!")

Peter learned from his father, at a young age, to shear with the blades but soon moved to electric gear and was a natural. He

always said that shearing was easy, working on the farm was hard work! He shored in many sheds throughout NSW & Victoria, including Bill Nolans shed at Meredith. He was "the ringer" at many sheds including at 'Yanga', a 40 stand shed in NSW, for a record 12 years running. Peter began competition shearing in 1956. He was known for his quality shearing, was

basically self-taught and had perfect measure of both speed and quality. He won the Australian Championship three times, was runner up twice and third on two occasions and he also won some 70 other competitions. He was a member of the Australian Shearing Team in 1963 and 1978. (Just prior to his death he qualified a third time and, if he had not declined to go, would have been competing in New Zealand at the time of his death!)

At his best he shored 315 sheep in 7 hours 48 minutes at "Lawaluk" Station at Mt Mercer using narrow combs. He only shored with wide combs when he was in New Zealand shearing for the Australian Team.

He shored for Princess Alexander at the Royal Melbourne Show and for Queen Elizabeth in New Zealand. He was well known and respected by his peers in the sheds and on the competitive stage. He taught many shearers and judged as well as competed professionally. He was involved in the AWU and strongly believed in a high standard within the industry. He died in 1980, aged 52 years.

His family of four daughters and a son gathered at Shear Outback for the ceremony with Peter's grandchildren and great grandchildren along with close neighbours "Mr Mike" Mike Colvin and his wife. **A Champion honoured.**



Peter Kelly



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Meredith Primary School News

Colour Run

During the last day of term one, Meredith Primary held its inaugural Colour Run. Both students and their families were encouraged to enter to help raise funds for our School Council Fundraising Committee. Competitors were encouraged to wear white, as they would be hit with colour and water as they made their way around the track. Designated colour stations were set up around the course to assist spectators to either squirt water or throw handfuls of coloured flour over the runners. Both students and parents thoroughly enjoyed the event; it was a great way to end the term.

Earlier in the day students also competed in their school cross-country event. This was quite a challenge for some age groups, as they had to run three 1 km laps of the school track. Even the prep students had a go at running part of the track.

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Anzac Legend

Over the last week, students have been learning about the significance of the Anzac legend. It was amazing to see the level of engagement students had when they were working on their tasks in class. Ms Pritchard also helped organise our own special ceremony that was held at school. Many of the senior students were either involved with sharing poems, talking about the significance of Anzac day, or creating the school wreath.

The event concluded with all the students singing, "We are Australian". It was an amazing event!

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from the MAYOR



Cr Des Phelan
Mayor, Golden Plains Shire

Golden Plains Shire Council invites the community to view its draft 2017-18 Budget which will be available for public inspection from Monday 1 May.

The 2017-18 draft Budget proposes an average rate increase of 2.0% per assessment. This is in line with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) which has capped rate increases by Victorian councils in 2017-18.

Our Budget balanced a commitment to quality service and infrastructure provision with financial sustainability.

Councillors examine the budget in depth each year and are mindful of the impact rate rises have on rate payers. I believe this Budget meets the needs of our community - delivering roads, infrastructure, programs and services while still preserving our financial sustainability.

Copies of the draft 2017-18 Budget will be available for inspection on Council's website www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget and at Council's Bannockburn and Linton Customer Service Centres from Monday 1 May.

Anyone may make a written submission on the budget in accordance with the Local Government Act. They may request to appear in person or be represented by another specified person to present the submission at a special meeting of Council at 6.00pm on 13 June 2017 at the Bannockburn Shire Hall, High Street, Bannockburn. Written submissions should be lodged no later than Monday 29 May 2017, and forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 111, Bannockburn, 3331.

Wadawurrung Visit

Jim Elvey

The Meredith Police Paddocks Support Group last month hosted a visit from two Wadawurrung men including Wadawurrung Elder, Uncle Bryon Powell. As members of the group walked the Paddocks, they were treated to a wealth of information about aboriginal customs and practices, including the many uses of plants and animals for food, medicine and raw materials for making useful things. As well as learning a lot about the site's original custodians, the Group developed some promising ideas for further collaboration leading to a better understanding of local aboriginal language and practices.

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Chris McKenzie's Garden Notes

Autumn is upon us with its abundant harvest. Persimmon, pomegranate, quince – all the deep glowing colours of a medieval tapestry. But enough of this romancing. Autumn has arrived with heavy rains, the earth is awash and it is time to get to work on hand and knees and finish planting out the garlic. For as much as I rhapsodise over fragrant fruit, garlic is my passion. Growing it, eating it and all the stages in between – about which I learn more each season. Much knowledge is gleaned from the experience of observing what happens here in our particular environment, but also from sharing garlic lore with like-minded friends and from the ‘experts’ who have written entire books on the subject.

Good garlic is like gold and you may wonder why certified organic garlic is around \$45 - \$50 a kilogram. Unlike one grain of wheat that in good conditions produces a head bearing maybe a hundred or more seeds for replanting, the garlic grower usually has to reserve a large portion of the crop to replant. Garlic can be grown from bulbils. These are the multitude of tiny bud-like bulbs that develop in the flowerhead of the hardneck garlics. Bulbils can be planted out but will take two years or more to produce full sized bulbs. Smaller cloves can be planted however in the first year they grow into rounds, one whole round bulb. If left for a couple of years these will grow cloves in the usual way. When garlic crops are grown on a small scale all the planting, weeding and harvesting is done by hand. Then it is sorted for drying which can take several weeks, and then cleaned and prepared for sale. It's all time consuming.

Each year I select the large plump bulbs from the harvested crop to plant as garlic reproduces in a vegetative way, producing exact progeny from a part of the parent plant. There are two main groupings of garlic: the hardneck variety and the softneck variety. The hardnecks have a stem through the centre of the bulb, they are early to mature and usually keep for around four to six months before beginning to shoot. The cloves of the softneck cultivars cluster together without a central stem and they are slower to bolt, often keeping in a dry dark storage place for up to nine months. It's best to separate out the cloves for planting just as you are about to plant. I love pulling away the papery outer skins that protect the entire bulb. Gently pull open the bulb and separate out the cloves, again choose the largest for planting and keep the small ones for the kitchen.

Garlic requires the transition from short winter days to longer days to form a bulb. It's an underground miracle. The original clove sends out roots below and a green shoot upwards and in early spring the bulb develops. Each leaf of the plant is a layer of skin around the bulb, and several intact skins are needed to protect the bulb both in its underground growing phase, and when it is harvested and drying.

Garlic does not require really rich soil, but will benefit from a top dressing of well-composted matter once it shoots, and a layer of mulch. Weeds are the worst enemy of garlic and will stop the bulbs from thriving so it's back to the hands and knees work a couple of times during the growing period. Some watering may be needed in spring when the bulbs are forming depending on weather conditions. However garlic does not want to be in sodden ground either, so think about the position of your beds, whether they need to be raised or not and aim for them to be moist but well drained.

I could go on about the wonders of garlic - the protection it offers against colds and vampires - but the garden calls.

Time to cut back those ragged looking perennials and herbaceous plants. Time to wander through the bush and gaze at autumn orchids - Parsons Bands and greenhoods.

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Catholic Primary School for Bannockburn

For many years there has been talk about the possibility of opening a Catholic Primary School in Bannockburn. The Bannockburn Primary School is now certain to move to its new home in 2018 and become part of the new Prep to 12 school. This means that a change of use at the present site to become a Catholic Primary school moves one step closer to reality.

So close is that reality that the Catholic school could also open in 2018. No guarantees yet but a 2018 vs 2019 opening date will hopefully be confirmed within a few weeks.

There will be opportunities soon for families to indicate their intentions regarding enrolment for their children and there will be community forums at which families can talk about what they see as important for this new school.

This new school will be a vibrant Christian presence in the heart of Bannockburn, drawing in families from the Bannockburn, Lethbridge, Teesdale, Anakie, Inverleigh, Batesford, Shelford, Meredith area and beyond.

More news in the coming weeks! God Bless,

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Vale to Lindsay Dunsmuir

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A service was held at Lara Uniting Church on Thursday March 6, 2017 in loving memory of Lindsay Gordon Dunsmuir.

Lindsay grew up at Briagolong where his father had a bullock team and dragged red gum logs out of the bush to the mill. Lindsay left school at 13 years of age and worked on a farm a number of miles from his home. He got half a day off a week and would walk home, hoping to get a lift part of the way there and back. Lindsay joined the Army in 1937, transferred to the Navy in 1941, was a helmsman on the corvette "Wyalla" and later became a gunner on the cruiser "Hobart". He left the Navy in 1946 and did a Forestry Course at the Forestry School at Whittlesea and after working in Gippsland he was posted to Steiglitz and arrived on Melbourne Cup Eve 1947, in torrential rain. On his first day, Stanley's, who had the Post Office at Steiglitz, invited him inside to listen to the running of the cup.

He lived in a forestry hut, "a God forsaken place" from November until April 1948 when he married Doreen Bennett from Briagolong. They then boarded at Barwick's Railway Hotel in Meredith. The Forestry Commission shifted a house from Anglesea to Anakie and they moved in, in May 1950. They had two children, Allan and Jill.

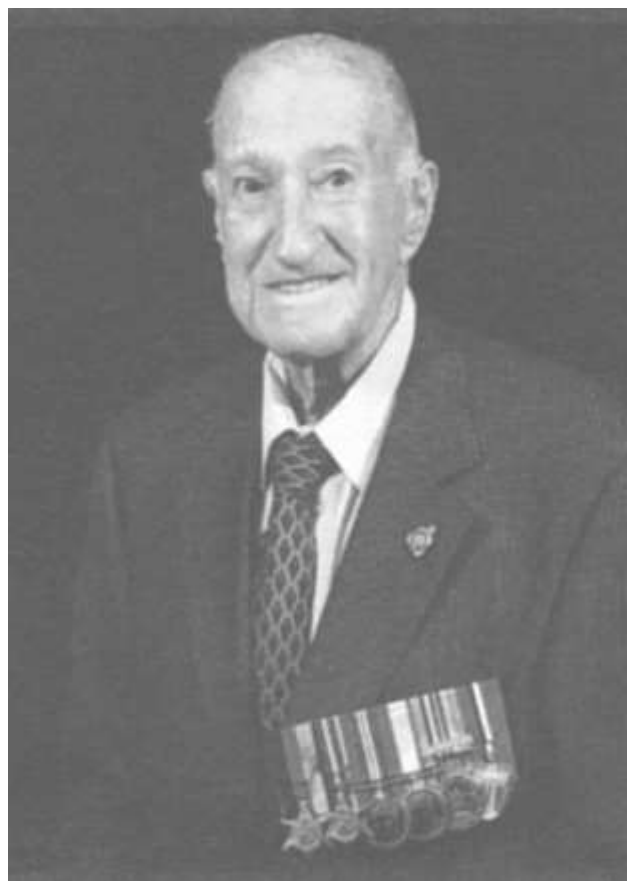
Lindsay admitted that he loved the bush. He was in charge of all the forest at Banganie, Bannockburn, Brisbane Ranges, Inverleigh, Steiglitz and Staughton Vale. He looked after slate miners, woodcutters and gravel extraction. He marked trees for professional woodcutters to leave, he issued people with permits to collect fire wood, he surveyed, did blasting and made roads, he created a bulldozed track on every spur for fire access, he cleaned gutters, controlled rabbits, checked rainfall, did disease control and planted test plots of pine and gum. He retired in 1978.

Lindsay was involved in Meredith and Anakie Football but in 1960 he started to play golf at Meredith. His lowest


handicap was 7. His favourite club was a wedge with a heavy copper head! He was dynamite at the "chip and run to the scrapes" with a 5 iron and he always hit straight. He was Captain, President, coach, greenkeeper, champion and great clubman at Meredith and was awarded a Life Membership in 1973. The "Dunsmuir Plate", a 4 Ball event was first played for in 1972. The "Dunsmuir Plate" is still played for annually but with a slightly different format.

Lindsay and Doreen moved to Lara after Lindsay retired and enjoyed golf at Elcho Park, family, RSL, Probus Club, their pets and the nearby coffee shop. His son Allan said Lindsay loved people unconditionally and if he was waiting outside a shop for his wife to save him some money at the sales, by the time she came back, he had made friends with strangers on the seat.

Lindsay was a gentleman who enriched all he met. He would have celebrated his 99th birthday on May 3.



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Community celebration for Tech, Tea and Tales

On Tuesday 18 April over eighty participants, friends and family joined together at a community celebration to mark the completion of the Tech, Tea and Tales program. Over the past six weeks, Golden Plains Shire has been home to this exciting new program. Tech, Tea and Tales aims to connect generations, provide meaningful employment for young jobseekers, and enable younger and older members of the Golden Plains Shire to meet and share knowledge and life experiences.

Sixteen young jobseekers had been employed as 'Tech and Story Helpers' for the Tech, Tea and Tales program, helping 32 older community members learn how to use technology. The young people also recorded the life stories and experiences of older people and their video stories were screened during the event. The young and older participants highlighted the importance of creating opportunities for intergenerational connections.

"I feel like the older people are helping me just as much, if not more, than I am helping them in so many ways. It's so heart-warming and wonderful forming real friendships with older people," said a young 'Tech and Story Helper'.

The program is an initiative of two Melbourne-based social enterprises, Lively and Humankind Enterprises who partnered with the Golden Plains Shire Council to deliver the program. Sessions were hosted across the Shire, including Haddon Community Learning Centre, Meredith Community Centre, the Bannockburn Library and Estia Health in Bannockburn. Golden Plains Shire Council looks forward to delivering further intergenerational initiatives in the future.

Tech Tea & Tales; a Terrifically Timely Trio

John Thompson

Exclusion is a sentiment shared by both elderly and youth alike. Youth are limited to uninspiring jobs and face the prejudice inherent with inexperience. Elderly are seen as a burden and woefully undervalued in society. Detached from the technology that has become so vital in our digital age. This is the issue that the Tech Tea and Tales program has sought to fix. An effort that has been, in every sense of the word, a success. Employing youth to educate and through extension; empower the elderly with technology. Harbours not just digital but social connection.

The brain child of two Melbourne based Entrepreneurs -Anna Donaldson and Sophie Weldon. The Tech Tea and Tales program has consisted of six sessions in four locations across the Shire. Its participants -all local shire residents, have come together in an effort to learn and connect with each other. From a husband and wife discovering the joy of text, to the resolution of a personal mystery, the program has shone new light onto the benefits and power of social collaboration.

Through the use of the same technology they have sought to learn our elderly participants have been given the opportunity to share their experience, to display their knowledge to an extent unprecedented without their newly established digital connection. Via easy to use and accessible mobile phones, stories and lives have been recorded with the help of Tech and Story helpers. Creating a quality and timeless product with hitherto now unseen accessibility and relevancy. Therein lies the real value of this program -through the gentrification of storytelling, our ageing community has been given a voice, a meaning, a place to display their experience and knowledge.

John Thompson participated in the Tech ,Tea and Tales program at Meredith and is interested in doing journalism.



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A Garden

Marg Cooper

A fantastic garden is being established in Pioneer Ridge Road at Meredith. The dictionary defines "fantastic" as capricious, fanciful, grotesque, imaginative, odd, queer, unreal, visionary and whimsical. All these words describe the garden.

There were a few gum trees but absolutely no garden when Bianca and Daniel McDonnell bought the house and land four years ago. A blank canvas!

The garden is capricious: everywhere you look there is something different and something amazing.

The garden is fanciful. Bianca's parents make statues of elves and fairies. Many are in the garden having been treated to a rust process with items from teapots to mowers. The garden is grotesque. Many of the features are big, extravagant and fill the space. The garden is imaginative. With Daniel's machinery and Bianca's ideas anything is possible.

The garden is odd. They have used mainly cacti and succulents to fill garden beds which are either mounds of soil surrounded by sandstone boulders or planter boxes made of flat, rusty steel.

The garden is queer. Have you got a truck in your garden with big plants growing in the tray and out of the engine? The garden is unreal. Metal sculptures include dinosaurs that light up at night and a chandelier on a vintage chain block in the archway.

The garden is visionary. A turtle enclosure is being built at the moment with a hill and a pool and there is a fountain amid a goldfish pond, which is actually the bottom rungs of a large tank.

The garden is whimsical. It is fun. Bianca describes it as a bush garden with a twist and says that each Easter when the family gather the children enjoy an Easter egg hunt in the garden.

Gardening is a huge passion for Bianca. She has to have a garden around her. By the age of ten years she was growing sunflowers in pots and selling them out the front of her parent's home. Her parents started a nursery for her when she left school and at her previous homes in Moolap and Bannockburn she established a tropical garden and a conifer garden but she has never worked in a dry environment before.

Bianca and Daniel have completed about a third of the garden and predict that in about five years' time they may open the garden for photographers to capture wedding parties.

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Media Release

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State winners of the Telstra Business Women's Awards will be announced at gala events later this year, with the Victorian Awards taking place on Tuesday 10 October 2017.

The National Awards, including the announcement of the Telstra Business Woman of the Year, will take place at a gala dinner in Sydney on Friday 1 December 2017.

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The Arts Trail

Marg Cooper

In a shed at She Oaks Isobel Paton and Tania Alonso displayed their art on the "Red Route" of the Golden Plains Arts Trail on March 25 and 26. The shed was "full of stuff" before it was cleaned out and set up with flowers, furniture, a fireplace and their art. The shed faced small paddocks containing farm animals amid the bush, sculptures of animals and historical gates and beside the shed was a stoned waterway which effectively and attractively took away the run off from the shed roof.

Isobel explained how the land is in her blood. She explores it in her paintings and sculpture with the cultural narrative including works demonstrating biodiversity, the vanishing landscape and aboriginal mythology. She uses print etching, pen and ink, lino cuts, bronze and clay and for an amazing sea scene called "Ocean Tide" she used watercolour and gouache. Many of her works depict animals; a pen and ink cockatoo, lino cut cows, a bronze lizard, a clay crow and a painting of a rocking horse.

Isobel and Tania both completed the Certificate 4 in Visual Arts at the Gordon Institute in Geelong in 2016. At the final exhibition of works by the students the Director of the Geelong Gallery, Jason Smith, awarded Isobel "The Gordon Visual Arts Geelong Award".

Tania uses multimedia collage to create colourful works that have lots of symbolism. She especially is interested in the culture of Mexico and incorporates the colour, joy, music, food and religious beliefs of that culture in her work. Her wedding photo is amazing. She used stipling (begin with dots) on the faces of her husband and herself and surrounded the faces with pictures, her torn up paintings, paper and symbols make a surreal, colourful memory of their wedding day. Tania would like to be a full time artist, loves to explore different themes and experiment with different materials. She is available to make a similar wedding memento for you or to create a gift with meaning and symbolism.



Tania Alonso displaying her art for the Golden Plains Arts Trail in March.

Janet is 95 Years Young !



Janet Cooke celebrated her 95th Birthday with family at the Meredith Hotel on Thursday 13th of April. A lovely lunch was enjoyed by all.

Happy Birthday Janet !



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Kinder News



It's been a very short month at Kindergarten with our holidays and Easter taking up most of the days, we are looking forward to May to have lots more time to play!

Both groups had an Easter egg hunt and we had a variety of related activities on offer. With many families going camping over the holidays we have set up the Tee Pee tent inside for imaginative role play along with Australian animal toys.

The Kindergarten group have been enjoying storytelling and acting Wombat Stew and Tiddalick stories with more to come. Both groups are starting to prepare some surprises for Mothers Day which is just around the corner.

The cold autumn weather is upon us now and we are planning to go out for a big walk soon to collect the changing leaves to use in our program.

Thank you to Bevan for making us a great outdoor sink set up for mud and sand cooking, the children will love it. 3D Box constructions will start this month so we are taking donations of cardboard boxes/containers and anything useful for the children to stick together !!

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Meredith Interpretive Centre

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A new life for the Meredith Interpretive Centre which is to become the first dedicated space for arts in the Golden Plains.

The Committee that looks after the Interpretive Centre in conjunction with the Golden Plains Shire Arts and Culture Department have planned to breathe new life into the striking building on the Midland Highway in Meredith. After recognising the value of arts and culture in this area and looking around for some time to find artists or an art group that would like to use the building we have been fortunate to find a local art group who is very excited to lease the building for a year.

The Bop Arts Co -op is a local arts group designed to be a cooperative group of artists providing opportunities for local artists to display and perform. Samantha Thompson from Lethbridge leads the group and together with other artists created The Bop in May 2016.



Their first exhibition is currently at the Little Creatures Brewery in Geelong. Golden Plains Shire has given them a grant to run a free mixed media workshop for parents and children in May 2017. There are exciting plans so check out their facebook page :the Bop Arts Coop.

So: a new life and a new purpose for our Interpretive Centre and we in Meredith are very fortunate to have a fantastic new dedicated arts space for future workshops and displays!

None of the fabulous photos and Bolte memorabilia have been removed...just covered for safety and the Meredith display of history is to be moved outside and weatherproofed for travellers to visit.

A huge thank-you to all the wonderful loyal volunteers who have looked after the centre for the past few years.

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Dust friands with icing sugar and serve.

Note: You can also add white choc bits to the mix along with the berries of your choice. Recipe From – taste.com

Stefania

Mental Health Funds boost

Media Release

Local mental health nursing services will be boosted with an extra \$1.16m in Commonwealth funding.

Western Victoria Primary Health Network (PHN), which covers Corangamite, will receive a total of \$ \$1,168,664 to commission mental health nursing services to meet local needs. The funding will help local nurses fully engage with the Government's mental health reforms.

Historically, funding for mental health nursing services has been subject to significant variation across Australia but from July 1 funding will be distributed on a nationally equitable basis.

In Victoria, four regions which have been significantly impacted by the redistribution of funding will receive top-up funding for the coming year, to help them transition mental health nurses to the new stepped care system at the heart of the mental health reforms. A total of \$7.7m will be made available to four Primary Health Networks: South Eastern Melbourne; Eastern Melbourne; Murray; and Western Victoria.

Mental health services are not a one-size-fits-all proposition. Our Primary Health Networks are responsible for planning and commissioning regionally appropriate, locally-based mental health and suicide prevention services.

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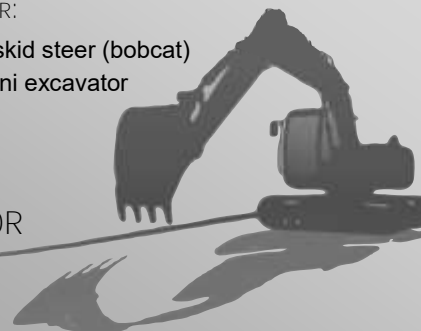
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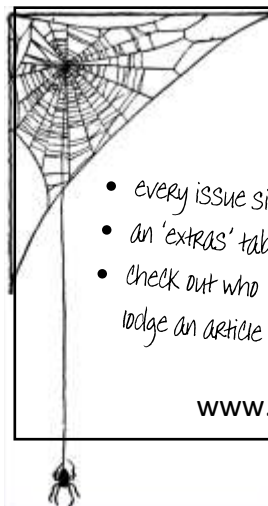


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Pioneer Park Makeover Underway

Jarna Kelly

After a great deal of planning the ground was finally turned on 29 April, at the first of several planned working bees. The working bees are to install new equipment and transform the current Pioneer Park Playground into a vibrant and attractive play area for local and visiting children of multi abilities. This is Stage 1 of an ambitious multi-stage project the Meredith Lions club is undertaking, to reinvigorate Pioneer Park as a family friendly venue that is a drawcard to Meredith and a gathering place for visitors and locals alike.

Landscape Architects Nick and Pati Bainbridge, from Geelong, have been engaged to design the upgrade in consultation with the Meredith Lions Club. They have fallen in love with Meredith and were enthusiastic volunteers at the working bee along with some familiar faces, the CFA and Lions club members. Despite drizzling rain, recalcitrant foundations and some angry bull ants the working bee was a great success!

We really need your involvement for this ongoing project to be completed!!

Please contact Jarna (0473380552) or Kerrie (01236448) if you and/or your club would like to help in any way (may be with preparation activities prior to the day?)

The next Working Bee is scheduled for the Queens Birthday Long weekend, June 10, 11 & 12, when the new play equipment will be installed.

Full map and details of the Project will feature in next months issue!



Annamarie Londish and Nick Kruger digging in.

Please note that the playground is now zoned as 'under construction' and is not accessible until the upgrade completion.



CFA mbr Andrea Cameron having a blast.



Doris Robinson & Kerrie Kruger scrub up pretty well!

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Meredith school crossing upgrade

Sarah Henderson MP visited Meredith Primary School to inspect the crossing upgrade on the Midland Highway last week. She, along with local residents and parents have been campaigning strongly for the upgrade since 2013.

The electronic warning signs clearly identify when the 40kph speed zone applies.

Sarah Henderson congratulated the Meredith community which never gave up, particularly local parents including Stef Parkinson, school council president of Meredith Primary School.

Left to Right: Sarah Henderson MP, Lilly, Shane Sachse Meredith Primary School Principal, James and Stef Parkinson Meredith P.S. School Council President





POP-UP SPACE WORKSHOPS

Would you like to create a pop-up space for the community to meet or a new place to host a fun activity?

Come along to a 'Pop-up Space' Workshop to see what it's all about!

Wednesday 3 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

At 'The Well', Smythesdale

OR

Thursday 4 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

At the Bannockburn Cultural Centre

A pop-up space usually involves decorating a public area in a cheap and fun way that makes it inviting and grabs the attention of local people. These activated spaces, which might be at your local park, hall or recreation facility, can help community groups achieve their goals and have a positive impact on the community.



Consultants from CoDesign Studio, who are experts in helping communities activate their neighbourhoods, will lead the workshops and share lots of ideas gathered from across Australia. **Nibbles, tea and coffee will be provided.**

Participants will:

- Learn how to set up and deliver fun, exciting and effective pop-up spaces
- Pick up handy strategies to help place the pop-up spaces in the best community spots
- Get ideas on where to find cheap or free materials

For further information about the event or to book your spot at one of the Workshops contact Scarlet Cridland, Create Crate Project Officer at scarlet.cridland@gplains.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 5220 7111

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DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2017-21 RELEASED FOR COMMENT

The draft Golden Plains Shire Council Plan 2017-21 will be available for public comment from Monday May 1 via the Council website and customer service centres.

The Council Plan sets out the priorities and objectives of Council for the next four years.

Mayor Cr Des Phelan says that the Plan has been developed in close consultation with the community.

"The community engagement process for the 2017-2021 Council Plan was one of the most thorough ever undertaken by Council," said Cr Phelan.

"I invite the community to provide further comment over the next four weeks prior to the Plan's finalisation.

"We will continue to develop and strengthen our relationships with the community, government, key partners and other organisations to create a vibrant, prosperous and sustainable future for our Shire."

The Council Plan was prepared following extensive community engagement with almost 400 community members from across the Shire.

Findings from this consultation show that residents highly value Golden Plains' rural lifestyle, sense of community and natural environment. Their priorities for Council included listening and consulting, encouraging business growth and support for local events bringing the community together.

Community members will be able to provide feedback via a hard-copy feedback form, or by attending one of the listening posts that will be held at community markets across the Shire.

The draft Council Plan will be available on Council's website at www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations

Alternatively, residents can view the draft Council Plan at Council's Customer Service Centres during opening hours at 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn and 68 Sussex Street, Linton; and at the Bannockburn Library.

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Flu Vaccination Clinic available soon in the Pharmacy

Towards the end of this month 2 of our Pharmacists, Cindy & Tracey, will be undertaking a vaccination course through the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia. Once completed, along with the necessary paperwork, Cindy and Tracey will be qualified to administer flu vaccinations here in the Pharmacy. We anticipate we will be approved to administer flu vaccinations by the start of June. We would have like to be ready before now, but due to timing of available courses has meant we haven't been able to offer this service before this time. Keep an eye out in next month's newsletter and also on our Facebook page for updates on the availability of this service.

Farewell & Good Luck Ash

It is with sadness that after working with us for the last 3 years that Ash is will be leaving us. Ash has decided to further her health career and go back to study as well as supporting her partner on his farm near Colac. We will be sad to see her leave but we wish her all the best for both farm life and also in her future endeavours.

Rotary Bowel Scan Kits

Rotary bowelscan kits are now available throughout May.

It is strongly recommended that ALL men and women over the age of 40 to have a Bowelscan EVERY YEAR.

If you would like to undertake this screening then please come and buy a Bowelscan kit from the Pharmacy for \$15. The return of completed kits remain the same as last year where they are posted back.

Passport Photos

We now have our brand new passport photo service available in the pharmacy. We have upgraded to a brand new system that uses the same bio-metric technology as at the e-Gates when you enter and leave Australia. Biometric technology scans 60 points on your face to ensure the photo meets the passport requirements.

Some of the key features of our new system:

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Slip Up

It happens to everyone. You get excited about what you're talking about, or you haven't really been paying much attention to the conversation and now comes your turn to respond. You open your mouth but suddenly the words that form from your lips aren't exactly what your brain told you to say. Somewhere along the line, your tongue got confused and you've said something embarrassing. Or completely nonsensical.

The Freudian slip seems to be a common occurrence in everyday life, but when you delve into the meaning behind it, you have to wonder whether a less technical term like 'slip of the tongue' is more accurate. A quick Google search will tell you that, in general, a Freudian slip reveals what your subconscious mind (or a conscious thought you are trying to repress) is thinking. Sometimes this may be true, but I think that the slip that made your co-worker tell you that they love you as you leave work, is more of a habit from just hanging up the phone from their daughter, rather than the fact that you are such a magnificent worker that your colleagues fall in love with you.

And the slip that made you call your third grade teacher 'Dad' or 'Mum' certainly didn't mean that they substituted parental figures in your subconscious mind, you just genuinely had a desperate moment that saw you vying for attention in a room full screaming kids. Which then in turn changed into a room of laughing kids when they realised what you'd said.

The routine of generally talking to the same people every day instils habits in our speech that sometimes seep their way in when we talk to people in a different context. Just think about it. You've called someone the wrong name. You've accidentally ordered a pizza that you hate because you were thinking of how much you didn't want to order it. You've called the wrong person on the phone and now you have to quickly think up an excuse as to why you called them – because caller ID doesn't let you get away with anything nowadays.

Then you have to think about all the other ways our communications let our brains down. What about when you send a text to the wrong person? Or when autocorrect makes a slip of its own and sends an unintentionally inappropriate message to the person you were texting because, out of habit, you clicked 'send' before you'd fully proof-read it? I also can't help but think of someone I know who has a very persistent slip when trying to repeat common sayings, resulting in forming two separate sayings into one totally absurd phrase.

And then there's certain people who more trip than slip over their words resulting in tongue-tied gobbledegook that resembles that grade five hurdles race that saw you trip over every hurdle before giving up to defeat and lying down in the mud. What's the word for that?

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It was a still night. The bright light of the full moon was dimmed by mist. Out of the white haze along the ground stood trees, those closest to us appearing black. Trunks behind them were grey, becoming paler with distance, until they faded into invisibility. While we waited for the rest of our group, we scanned the trees. A grey brushtail possum gazed down at us, its fluffy black tail hanging down beside the branch; large ears, pink nose and dark eyes alert. Careful! Don't shine the spotlight in its eyes. We don't want to blind it! It ducked behind the trunk, out of view.

Soon the group assembled and we began our walk along the bush track. More possums were seen, going about their nightly business in the tall pale-branched manna gums, trunks dark and rough, long ribbons of old bark hanging from their branches. We followed the slow 'mo-poke' call of a southern boobook owl, hoping for a glimpse of it. In the distance another boobook answered. A member of the group repeated the owls' calls, hoping to attract one to us, but as the birds' calls became more distant, we gave up.

Sharp eyes noted a mat of prickly leaves on the ground, with small cranberry heath flowers, red tubes splitting at the end to five tiny hairy points. A cluster of parsons bands orchids was found, each with two white petals reaching out and down. Then ... eyeshine ... up in the wattle tree. A small grey head with rounded ears and a black stripe between them. Sharp claws gripping the trunk as it faced downwards. A loose fold of white skin between front and back legs. A sugar glider! It stayed frozen as we gazed at it, the two wildlife photographers clicking away enthusiastically. Then it began to move its head from side to side, perhaps using sharp incisors to cut the tree's bark, creating a wound that would ooze sugary sap, an evening meal. When the photographers were satisfied, we continued our walk.

We turned onto another track, hoping to see the prize we had come for, a powerful owl, known to be in the area. We noticed a rare patch of snow gums, trunks pale all the way to the ground, veins of the leaves almost parallel. Above, we heard the high-pitched echolocation calls of white-striped freetail bats hunting flying insects, and in

the distance a repeated yap from a sugar glider. More eyes. Something large and brown in a tree. There it was! Australia's largest owl! The powerful owl was huge, sitting on its branch, brown feathers with white markings, bright yellow eyes with large black pupils staring down at us and away. The photographers were joyfully busy. The rest of us watched the bird in wonder. It spread its long pale wings and silently flew to another tree. After a few minutes, the spotlights found it again. The watching continued. A rustle in the trees across the track. The owl flew towards it. We left it, hunting for a meal, probably another possum.

Some of us were tiring, so we turned back along the track, searching for more eyes and listening to the sounds of busy nightlife. Towards the end of the walk we heard the growling squabbles of brushtail possums. There were four in the low leafy branches of a manna gum, arguing over territory or food or mates. One climbed down the curved trunk and walked among the grasses. It sat up on its hind legs looking around. We could see the dark stripe of a scent gland down its chest, marking it as a male. Back onto four legs, walking towards us! When he was close, he turned and walked away along the track and finally back into the grasses. We continued back to the cars. The mist was gone, but the moon was still dimmed by light cloud. We enjoyed the

black silhouettes of tree branches and leaves against the grey sky, said good night, and drove home to bed, leaving the animals to continue their busy night.

Wendy



*Powerful Owl and a Sugar glider
Photographer: David Whelan*

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Meredith History Interest Group

Treasure Trove

You are invited to bring a treasure and tell everyone about it on Sunday, June 18th at the History Centre. (if the painting and decorating has been finished) Watch the next newsletter for more details.

Painting and Decorating:

The Golden Plains Shire notified MHIG that work will start on repairing the plaster in the History Centre by early May. They requested that everything be removed from the building to enable the workmen to erect scaffolding. Everything was shifted on April 22 except the tables as our unpaid help (husbands) refused to oblige. The heavy, awkward to shift tables have been stacked in the centre of the room!

Best & Fairest

We were planning a display of "Meredith Football" to be open over a weekend in late May to coincide with the Heritage Weekend in Ballarat. This event will have to be re-scheduled to sometime after the building repairs are finished but we implore you to look for Meredith Football memorabilia that may be displayed. It may be that Meredith Football jumper you wore, those snaps you took in 1963, newspaper reports of football matches, photos or the dust coat you wore when you were the trainer.

Alexander Fitzpatrick

In an article titled "10 ways Ned Kelly is linked to Ballarat", Number 4 tells that "Ned's last stand came about after policeman Alexander Fitzpatrick made unwelcome advances towards Ned's sister Kate, one night at their Greta home. Ned's mother Ellen hit Fitzpatrick over the head with a shovel and Ned shot him in the wrist. The fateful events of this night set Ned and his gang off on their lawless rampage, which resulted in his death by hanging. Fitzpatrick had fathered, then abandoned, a child to a woman who lived at Meredith, outside Ballarat."

Alexander Wilson Fitzpatrick was born on 18/2/1856 at Mount Egerton. Just prior to him joining the police force as a mounted trooper he had an affair with a Jessie McKay who bore him a child. Having to pay maintenance he joined the police force in April 1877. In Richmond he got involved with another woman, Anna Savage. In May 1878 Fitzpatrick was transferred from Benalla to Beechworth and by that time Anna was pregnant and on 10/7/1878 he married her after pressure from her solicitor father. Fitzpatrick was described as a liar, lazy, weak willed man, a worthless character who could not be trusted out of sight and never did his duty and a drunkard. To this man was entrusted in April 1878 the temporary charge of Greta. He was dismissed from the police force on 27/8/1880 and died at Glenferrie on 6/5/1924 of, you guessed it, cirrhosis of the liver.

But what of Jessie McKay and the child. Was the child born alive? Was the child registered in her name or his? Was the child adopted or put in an orphanage? Was the child born in Meredith? Did Jessie marry someone later on? Is anyone related to the child of Jessie and Alexander?

Catalogue

We will not be at the History Centre for the next few weeks due to the workmen occupying the building.

Membership

If you have forgotten to renew your membership please remit to Fay McFarlane at 5 Lawler St, Meredith, 3333. At \$15 it is the bargain of the year!

Constable Alexander Fitzpatrick

Born at Mount Egerton in 1856, Constable Alexander Fitzpatrick had a questionable character even before he was posted to Greta station in 1878. He made an attempt to arrest Dan Kelly but did not follow correct procedure and went by himself. He had also been drinking before the attempted arrest. While Fitzpatrick stated that he was assaulted and suffered a minor gun shot wound at the hands of Ned Kelly and other family members, his claims were disputed by them. The Kelly's went bush after this incident and the party led by Sergeant Kennedy went in pursuit of them.

Constable Fitzpatrick's superiors had little confidence in his ability and integrity. A 'perjurer and a drunkard', he was discharged in 1880 as his behaviour was deemed to have more in common with criminals than with the police.

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David Craig was Killed in Action at Bullecourt, France on April 11, 1917. He was reported missing on April 15, 1917 but it was found he had been killed on April 11. A Court of Enquiry was held on November 13, 1917. He had influenza on two occasions previous to his death and had been wounded on July 2, 1916 in the field in France, again on October 22, 1916 in the field in France and had been admitted to hospital with a bomb wound to his left hand. When he enlisted he was 27 years 5 months of age, 5 feet 4½ inches tall, weighed 11 stone 2 lbs, had a fair complexion, blue eyes, was single, a labourer and Presbyterian. He was the son of William and Martha Craig (Steers). Thirteen of their children were born at Steiglitz. It is believed that the Craig family lived at Paradise Gully, Steiglitz. His sister Alice Gertrude Craig married Richard Ernest Sellars and his sister Hilda Craig married Samuel Wiseman. By October 1922 the address of David Craig's father was Meredith. Records tell that after he enlisted on July 19, 1915 he was at Seymour from August 2, 1915, Ballarat from August 4, 1915-September 27, 1915, Williamstown from September 27, 1915- November 25, 1915 and at Broadmeadows from November 25, 1915-December 2, 1915. He embarked on December 29, 1915 per HMAT A64 "Demosthenes" from Melbourne. He was a Private No 4163 in the 14th Battalion, 13th Reinforcement of the Army, Australian Imperial Force. David Craig has no known grave but is commemorated at the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, France, on the Steiglitz State School Roll of Honor and on Panel 72 at the Australian War Memorial.

Another Meredith soldier Killed in Action at Bullecourt on April 11, 1917 was John McRae.

More information in "Meredith World War 1 Soldiers" by Margaret Cooper.

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Eloy turned 70.

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Eloy Corral and his brother and sister in law applied to immigrate to Canada or Australia. He could speak Spanish, Portuguese, French, German and Italian. The paperwork was done in Geneva. A boat trip was offered but Eloy suggested that they would fly. Two days after his suggestion a telegram arrived telling them to board an aeroplane in London to go to Essendon Airport in Melbourne, Australia.

When they arrived they were herded onto a bus and when Eloy saw they were leaving the city he asked where they were going. "About 20 minutes out of the city" was the reply. They were distressed when they arrived at Bonegilla near Albury. Eloy describes it as a concentration camp, stressed that they were immigrants not refugees and refused to accept unemployment relief. He wanted to work. And after only eight days there they left.

The ambulance driver at Bonegilla was Spanish and offered to take them to Melbourne for \$20. He knew Spanish families in Melbourne who accommodated them before they moved into a house in Fitzroy. A man had bought it for \$14,000, divided it into small apartments and had seven families living in it, paying \$14 per week rent. After visiting the Spanish, German and Italian Clubs Eloy was offered concrete work. The pay was \$50 cash on Friday with 12 bottles of beer. Eloy next worked at Fords in Broadmeadows. He complained that he got less than \$60 per week but was told that he couldn't get adult wages until he was 21 years old.

He bought himself a car. Not any car. It was the first Holden Premier produced in Australia. It was 1966. It was silver colour and all red inside. Eloy had brought about \$4000 to Australia in savings. He recalls that he could have bought a house with the money. The car was much admired!

When he moved to Sydney Road in Coburg to live he walked all the streets in Melbourne, visiting all the hotels and restaurants and asking for a job. The Mayfair Hotel near Victoria Market offered a positions where he work free for a week with his meals provided but they wondered how he was going to communicate with customers. On his second day they offered him accommodation. Eloy says that it was a busy hotel, often taking \$17,000 on Friday nights. His pay was \$100 a week, a room and all he could eat.

He enrolled to learn English and a tutor taught him five days a week. Eloy describes how he had to push German away to learn English. At a church fiesta Eloy saw Louise and asked her to dance. She seemed indecisive so he told her that he only asked once. Eloy believes that women never like whimpy men, they like men who take responsibility. They danced all night. Two months later he met up with her at a party in Geelong. Louise remembers that he often hitchhiked back to Melbourne because he missed the train. They married on 15/4/1968 and bought land on the Midland Highway at Meredith in the early 1970s.

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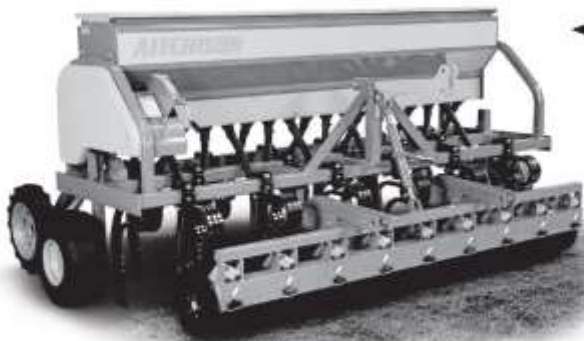


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Council planning for redevelopment of community and civic centre

Golden Plains Shire Council has flagged plans to redevelop the Bannockburn Customer Service Centre into a new Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre, including new customer service areas and confidential community meeting facilities.

Council's 2017-18 Draft Budget is set to include \$500,000 for community engagement, detailed architectural and engineering designs for the Centre.

Initially residents will have the opportunity to provide feedback on this proposal, as well as other Budget items, as part of the four-week Budget consultation process.

Following Budget adoption in late June, further community consultation will be undertaken including listening posts and surveys.

Mayor Cr Des Phelan says that Council is focused on providing quality customer service and achieving efficiencies as they serve Shire residents.

"With a Shire population growing by 2.3% on average every year, we are conscious of the need to plan for future growth, and effective and efficient work practices," said Cr Phelan.

"We are embarking on this project after previous feedback from the community through Council Plan consultations and community focus groups about the need for welcoming and modern customer service areas. We also heard from the community that more accessible areas for Council meetings that can accommodate greater numbers of community members, are required."

"Council has made this decision for a number of reasons, including the need to provide more private meeting areas for those residents who require them, improve efficiencies in our operations by reducing operational costs, and provide improved access and transparency around monthly Council meetings."

The existing facility is around 40 years old and presents a number of building compliance and safety issues, resulting in increased spending on building maintenance.

In addition, the customer service areas are outdated and do not provide privacy for residents to discuss sensitive issues such as planning matters.

The redeveloped facility will be known as the Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre and will include construction and refurbishment of office space to house staff centrally and increase workplace efficiency by doing away with the portable units currently used.

Staff areas will be modest and fit-for-purpose, and the new fitout will allow a substantial reduction in operating costs and environmental impact.

The new space available for Council meetings will provide increased transparency in Council matters by allowing more members of the public to attend monthly meetings, as well as provide facilities for new technology such as on-line streaming of Council meetings. The design of better traffic flow for the new precinct will increase safety for families using the Bannockburn Family Services Centre.

The community can provide their feedback on this proposed project by making a submission either in writing or via www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/consultations as part of the Budget submission process.



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Marg's Book Review

"The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck

"First published in 1939, John Steinbeck's Pulitzer Prize winning epic novel of the Great Depression chronicles the Dust Bowl migration of the 1930's and tells the story of one Oklahoma farm family, the Joads, driven from their homeland and forced to travel west to the promised land of California. From their trials and their repeated collisions against the hard realities of the new America, Steinbeck creates a drama that is intensely human yet majestic in its scale and moral vision, tragic but ultimately stirring in its insistence on human dignity."

His wife Carol chose the title from Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" because it is a march and this book is a kind of march. It tells of the drastic plight of the little farmers who watched debt creep up on them and whose farms were taken over by the banks and describes the tragedy of their trip across the country. There are many themes in the book including family and the role of different members of the family, people's struggle and their commitment to other people, ecological awareness and the farmers' connection to their land. *"There was the time when we was on the land, there was a boundary to us, old folks died off, and little fellas come along and we was always one thing, whole and clear."*

It is deemed to be one of the twenty one books that changed America and that every generation of readers has found something new and relevant in it that speaks to them in their time. It is profound! Steinbeck explores how the inhabitants become frightened of the influx of workers eager for the limited jobs, food and accommodation and become angry, cruel and vicious. The promised grapes of California have turned into grapes of wrath that might come to fruition at any moment.

John Steinbeck's writing is described as bold, rhythmic, nervy and raw. The journey across America is done in superb style, one marvellous short story after another and all melting into this long novel of the great trek. These chapters are interspersed with short lyrical chapters of exposition and background pertinent to the migrants as a group. And his descriptions are great. The car yard man was *"thin, dirty, oily skin tight against stringy muscles. One eye was gone and the raw uncovered socket squirmed with eye muscles when his good eye moved. His jeans and shirt were thick and shiny with old grease and his hands cracked and lined and cut. His heavy pouting underlip hung out sullenly. Tom asked "You the boss?"*

The book for discussion in May is "relativity" by Antonia Hayes.

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Golden Plains Shire Council invites the community to view its draft 2017-18 Budget which will be available for public inspection from Monday 1 May.

The 2017-18 draft Budget proposes an average rate increase of 2.0% per assessment. This is in line with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) which has capped rate increases by Victorian councils in 2017-18.

Mayor Cr Des Phelan says that the Budget balances a commitment to quality service and infrastructure provision with financial sustainability. "Councillors examine the budget in depth each year and are mindful of the impact rate rises have on rate payers," said Cr Phelan. "I believe this Budget meets the needs of our community - delivering roads, infrastructure, programs and services while still preserving our financial sustainability."

The challenges

"To meet the financial challenges of rate capping, we have identified and implemented savings measures to comply with this obligation," said Cr Phelan. "Council will also continue a strong campaign of advocacy and lobbying with State and Federal Governments for grants and assistance. While we have success with securing funding for key priorities and projects - such as for the Bannockburn Heart - this revenue stream is not a certainty," said Cr Phelan.

What the 2017-18 Budget proposes to deliver

The budgeted programs and infrastructure spending includes:

- \$14.6 allocated to the construction and maintenance of road and street infrastructure
- \$500K towards community engagement, detailed architectural and engineering design for a redeveloped Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre [see separate media release]
- \$9.8M to support and develop our recreation and community spaces and groups
- \$8.7M to human support services, including children, aged, disability and maternity support
- \$3.6M to managing Council's environmental and land use planning responsibilities
- \$2.3M to managing Council's waste collection and disposal service
- \$601K to support economic development and tourism, and
- \$333K to support Council's emergency management responsibilities. 2

Opportunity for public submission

Copies of the draft 2017-18 Budget will be available for inspection on Council's website www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget and at Council's Bannockburn and Linton Customer Service Centres from Monday 1 May. Anyone may make a written submission on the Budget in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989. They may request to appear in person or be represented by another specified person to present the submission at a special meeting of Council at 6.00pm on 13 June 2017 at the Bannockburn Shire Hall, High Street, Bannockburn.

Written submissions should be lodged no later than Monday 29 May 2017, and forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 111, Bannockburn, 3331.

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Betty's Quilt

Marg Cooper

Betty Billingham has recently completed a Missouri Star quilt. She ordered the material which came in "jelly rolls" or in strips 2½ inches wide from America when the exchange rates were good, she watched a workshop on Facebook on how to make the quilt and she sewed it on her sewing machine using her left hand, which was affected by the stroke she suffered in 2014, to hold the material. An amazing effort considering that Betty is well over 80 years old.

Betty remembers being introduced to patchwork by "the other mother in law" or the mother of her daughter in law, in 1995 after Betty retired from her job in Sydney. She made the "gran" quilt. When Betty's mother died she got rid of everything except three of her mother's dresses which Betty and her husband Ken unpicked, pressed, cut up into hexagons and Betty hand sewed into a quilt which is called "the gran quilt" and will be passed down to Betty's granddaughter. She has made many quilts over the years and has sewed and spun wool with Inverleigh Ladies, the group at Meredith now known as the 'Sew and Sews' and the Geelong Guild.

Betty finds cutting the material the hardest part. She now doesn't sew much by hand and admits that sometimes she "fudges" to get quilts absolutely



square. She is thrilled with her Missouri Star quilt. It consists of parallelograms of coloured material sown into squares and all joined to make a double bed size square quilt. Her friend Doreen took her to buy backing material and Doreen's daughter put the wadding between the top and the backing and machine sewed the layers together in an intricate pattern. Betty should be admired for working to rehabilitate herself after her stroke and for her incredible achievement in making this quilt. So, now, Betty, it's time to sit and admire It!



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