

Meredith & district News

November 2017

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Community

A Letter Of Thanks!

Hello All,

Just a note to say thank-you to everyone who wished me well and a speedy recovery after my recent accident in the garden.

A special thanks to the CERT members Cathie Boer and Jo Peters and their "magic whistle" for making my wait for the ambulance a lot easier. To the ambulance staff on shift that day "thanks heaps and good job"

A big thanks to my neighbour Alan for being there before anyone else, making me comfortable and directing people to where I was, as well as the help after my return home. To Damo Kelly, thank-you for your help that morning also.

The biggest of all "thank-you's" goes to my wife Debbie for all her help so far for these 4-5 weeks and potentially a 12 week lay-off. To my children, Aaron Dean and Shami another big thank-you for all that you are doing around the place to make things easier for us.

Regards
Ralph Holtz.

Our Cover this Month

Our thanks to Tony Wild for this wonderful pic of local, Ralph Nordin, at Sugg's Cottage Steiglitz at the Airing of the Quilts and Back to Steiglitz Reunion



Bamganie/Meredith Landcare

Bamganie/Meredith Landcare group meeting will be held

Tuesday 28th November 7-9pm

at Pioneer Park. More details in the Landcare article on page 22.

Members and non members are invited to attend.

Meredith Playgroup

Meredith Playgroup meets every
Thursday from 9.30am



Enjoy new activities every week. All Welcome

Contact Community Centre for details 52 860 700

Meredith Music Festival 2017

Traffic Management and contacts

We are writing to notify you about the traffic management plans for Meredith Music Festival scheduled to occur on Friday 8 December - Sunday 10 December 2017.

The summary of the plan is outlined here.

- We implement a speed reduction on Mount Mercer Road and Cameron's Road from two days prior to the festival through to the day prior to the festival.
- We implement one-way traffic on Mount Mercer Road from Bamganie Road to Cameron's Road from approximately 4am the day prior to festival to approximately 7pm on the first day of the festival. Traffic within the one-way zone travelling to Meredith will be diverted down Cameron's Road.
- We assign traffic controllers to the corner of Midland Highway and Staughton Street on the final day of the festival to assist vehicles turning left or right onto Midland Highway.
- No-parking zones are installed along Mount Mercer Road and some surrounding roads.

If you live or work along Mount Mercer Road, Bamganie Road or Cameron's Road and you would like a vehicle pass please email Auntym.

If you have any comments or ideas about any matter related to either Meredith Music Festival please get in touch by phone/text 0430 091 120 or by emailing via auntym@mmf.com.au. These contacts are also operational 24 hours over the festival weekend.

The festival website is www.mmf.com.au and other information for locals is available at auntym.mmf.com.au/locals.

Thank you for your support. Festival Planning Team

Our editorial deadline for next month is

Thursday November 30th.

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Anakie @ 11 a.m. Sunday November 5th/ 19th

Meredith @ 11 a.m. Sunday November 12th/ 26th.

All Souls Day Masses and visits to cemeteries. Thursday November 2nd. Mass Meredith 9.30 a.m. Inverleigh 3.15 p.m. Winchelsea 5 p.m.

Annual Thanksgiving Mass and Barbeque Lunch for all parishioners Sunday November 26th at 11 a.m. at Meredith .

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Solemn mass Sundays 10.00am.

Rosary and Vespers Saturday 5.00pm.

Confessions by appointment Fr. James Ph. 5341 5544

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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.

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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

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Rev. Lindell Gibson 53413 200

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Meredith Kindergarten Committee Inc AGM

Notice of AGM to be held

Monday 27th November 2017

7pm

At the Meredith Community Learning Hub.

All positions declared vacant

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The BOP Arts Co-op Meredith Community Centre



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Meredith Drop-In Support for Families

Barwon Child, Youth & Family will be holding a drop in service, half a day a month, at the Meredith Community Centre. The next drop in will be

16th November 2017 from 9am.

Louise and Raquel from BCYF will be available to discuss any areas of support that you may need in relation to Drug and Alcohol or parenting issues.

Please feel free to call in and have a chat. All conversations will be strictly confidential. Looking forward to having a chat and perhaps a tea or coffee with you.



SUDOKU BOREDOM BUSTER

Sudoku is easy to play and the rules are simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9. (Solution on page 42)

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little
GEMS



Old Year Resolutions

Despite how long we waited for it to be spring, it is now nearly over. The days of hot water coming out of the cold tap and thighs sticking to vinyl car seats and the resulting painful unpeelings are fast approaching. And with this diminishing sense of time, comes a time of reflection on what exactly you have achieved thus far this year. And what you haven't.

With little under two months until the end of 2017, it is becoming increasingly evident that those New Year resolutions that you set yourself at the start of the year are now in serious danger of being rolled over into the next year. You may have made yourself a little checklist in your mind of things you would like to achieve, quit or obtain, and then promptly forgot them. Or you may have written out these overly ambitious and, let's face it, mostly unrealistic goals on a nice piece of stationery with an elaborate '2017 Goals' heading written with the enthusiasm of someone who has just read a motivational self-help book and was subsequently suffering from an enlightenment-induced high. Which then wore off quicker than your festival season hangover. Or muffin top. And your resolutions remain unresolved.

While there is much debate as to whether it is actually in any way beneficial to set yourself these resolutions, we all do it. We all go into the year thinking 'I am going to be fit and eat no sugar and cartwheel into next summer flexing my rippling muscles like an over-tanned body builder in a swimsuit competition'. But for the most of us it doesn't happen. A healthy relationship with food will start Monday. You will go to the gym more than twice a week starting next week. You will quit your mundane, soul-sucking job and get that dream job when you don't have a loan to get approved for. But as the year progresses these goals change. We limit ourselves to one sweet a day instead of none and tell ourselves we have to wean off it. We tell ourselves working out twice a week will probably still get us a little bicep to proudly flex at people who don't care. And you'll tell yourself that this will be your last Christmas in retail. And then you laugh mockingly at yourself and have that glass of wine you told yourself you wouldn't have.

But two months is two months. And while it's too late to do that three month trip around Europe, it is not too late to eat healthier, job search, start learning that language, plant those trees, or one of the million other things you promised yourself you'd do before next year.

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Grief & Loss at Christmas

- Tuckers Funeral Service Geelong

The summer holiday season is just around the corner. For most people this is a joyous time, traditionally sharing gifts with those we love and sharing happy times with our families ... and eating too much!

However, for some, the holiday season can be daunting. Each year there are many people who face the holidays for the first time since experiencing the loss of a loved one. Regardless of our age, grief can come to us in many forms and often the most difficult is the loss of a loved one. Grief can be a confusing experience and grieving people are often misunderstood, because their world has been literally turned upside down. It can show itself in many different emotions and behaviours and is experienced differently by each individual.

One support network available for people in the Greater Geelong region is Tuckers Funeral and Bereavement Service. Since the late 1970's Tuckers have been offering additional care to the families they serve through their Bereavement Care Program. "We are passionate about caring for our community, and that extends beyond the funeral service. Not everyone needs additional support, but it is something that can be requested by families as needed" says Karen Thirlwell of Tuckers. "We consider it a vital part of our service and care provided to our families."

Annually in November, Tuckers extend their Bereavement Care Program to the wider community by hosting a special evening service called 'Time to Remember'. This service is aimed at helping people prepare for the Christmas period in particular. Providing a warm and inviting environment where it is 'safe' to express grief, people are able to participate by writing a message, candle lighting and/or a balloon release. It is a way for people to spend some quiet time and focus on their memories. All aspects of the evening respect the individuality of the grief experience while providing the opportunity for inclusion.

'Time to Remember' will be held on Monday November 27th, 6.45pm (for a 7pm start) at Tuckers Highton Chapel, Barrabool Hills Centre, 4-32 Province Boulevard, Highton. The event is free and we encourage you to bring a friend. A light supper will be provided and an RSVP is required for catering purposes. For more details contact Tuckers on 5221 4788.

Tips for Coping with Grief during the Christmas Season

- ◆ Acknowledge that the coming holiday season will be different, perhaps even challenging
- ◆ Make plans, but keep them flexible
- ◆ Discuss your plans with other family members in advance
- ◆ Decide which traditions you want to keep or those you want to change
- ◆ Accept that everyone grieves differently, even within the same family
- ◆ Ask for help with the tasks you find daunting
- ◆ Prioritise your commitments and allow time for self-care
- ◆ Acknowledge your loved one in some way. For example light a candle, hang a special decoration or raise a toast.
- ◆ Allow yourself time to grieve, but also allow yourself to experience times of pleasure and joy
- ◆ Monitor your food and alcohol intake, it can be easy to use these for self-comfort
- ◆ Donate a gift, or some of your time to a charity – honouring the memory of your loved one.
- ◆ Trust your own instincts to know what will be helpful for you.

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David's Flight Path to School

Marg Cooper

I recently met with co-owner and instructor of Golden Plains Aviation P/L, David Mackay. David grew up in Melbourne but loved economics and agriculture and getting his boots muddy. As a kid he worked on farms in Euroa, Kalgoorlie and West Gippsland and loved the life. So much so that when he heard of a course in agricultural economics at New England University in Armidale, NSW, he applied after Year 12 and went on to complete a Master of Economics studying the economics of the dairy industry in NSW.

A Dominican Chaplain at the University who had flown during WW11 sparked David's interest in flying. David didn't know if he could justify the expense of learning but he was told, "Australia is a big country, you need to fly to get around it!" When he was posted to Deakin University at Warrnambool as a lecturer in Agricultural Economics, his qualifications as a pilot proved beneficial as he flew staff and academics to meet with off campus students at many places including Adelaide, Broken Hill, Mildura, Swan Hill, Port Pirie, Canberra, Bendigo and Shepparton. He flew over fifty hours a year for about ten years while stationed at Warrnambool.

When David was lecturing at Deakin University in Geelong, after transferring from Warrnambool, he didn't fly much. He decided to retire early from the university and he and a colleague bought a farm at Elaine (Larundel). After battling dry conditions for many years he sold the farm, and when an opportunity came up to buy the flying School at Lethbridge Airport with a partner four years ago - he literally 'flew' into it! David is a Commercial Pilot in General Aviation, and is also trained to be a Recreational Aviation instructor. With his two partners, Mark Gallo (Lara Glass) and Peter Landers (Geelong accountant), they have built a hangar to store their own aircraft, and also lease space to others for their aircraft storage.

David and his partners have bought three planes which they use for training. David said it is significantly cheaper to learn to fly in a two seater RA aircraft before moving on to

a GA career. It is very affordable. Theory lessons are taught in the meeting room upstairs in the hangar. David demonstrates that his laboratory is just out the window i.e. he can show students the features of each aircraft from the vantage point. The table is covered with laminated maps used to teach navigation.

David's youngest student is thirteen and a half years old and female. She will be able to fly solo when she is 15 years old once she has completed all her training. A young seventeen year old, Tim, who has not yet got his driver's licence, was taking his mother for a flight over the Grampians on the day I visited. She then drove him home.

I also met two young lads, Alex and Sam, both from Geelong, who were recently lucky enough to have work experience at the Lethbridge Airport under the tutorage of David Mackay. Alex is a clean cut kid who seems to know where he is going and what he wants — he wants to join the Air Force and fly Stealth bombers. His work experience at Lethbridge involved a lot of cleaning aircraft, a trial instructional flight, a flight to Yarrowonga and lots of time observing how much preparation is done before a flight and debriefing after a flight. He is aiming to complete a Bachelor of Technology in Aviation at Swinburne University and to take lessons at Lethbridge as a prelude to gaining his commercial pilot's licence.

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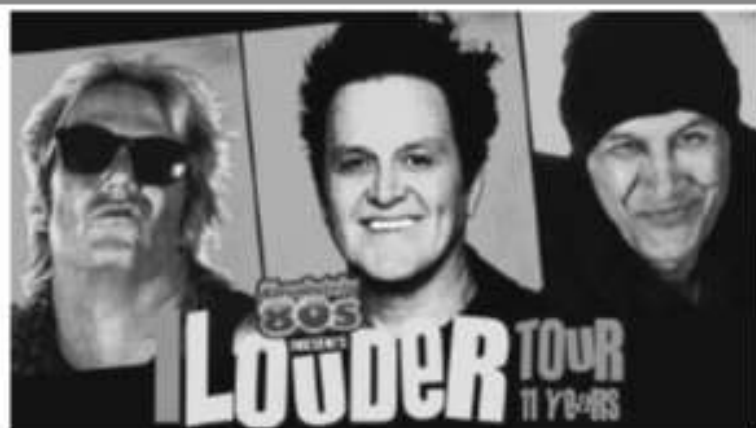
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A Way of Life

by KERRIE KRUGER



A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

Why do a super deep chook house clean each spring ? A good clean at this time can help with maintaining pest free environment in the warmer months.

This is a chore for a warm day.

Collect up gardening and rubber gloves, dust mask, rake, shovel, wheelbarrow, old broom, disinfectant, scrubbing brush, bucket, hose, and fresh straw or wood shavings.

Mid-morning is a good time to start as hopefully the girls have completed their egg laying. After saying good morning, let them out to free range ...if you have to, set up a temporary run (put them to use cleaning up an old winter vegie bed ready for spring seedlings). Collect any eggs.

Now, take everything out of the house, drinkers, feeders, perches and nest boxes if easy to do so. Grab the shovel, dig out that beautiful deep litter from under perches, remove all old nesting materials, this is where the gloves come in handy, then rake up all other materials from the floor - straw, wood shavings, feathers, and get it all in the wheelbarrow and take it all to the compost. Remember you cannot use this directly on seedlings as it will be too rich, it needs to break down.

Now to get rid of the cob webs and dust, wave the broom around into the corners and up and down the walls. With the hose give the walls, floors, perches and nesting boxes a good spray down to remove the fine dust and soften any stuck-on chook poop or dirt and drown any mites lurking in the crevices. Do a final scraping of any remaining, softened poop or dirt, then allow the water to drain away, or sweep it out the door if you have a concrete or brick floor.

Scrubbing and disinfection time. I like to use vinegar. Plain old white vinegar with hot water. Mix up equal parts white vinegar and water in a bucket. With rubber gloves on grab scrubbing brush and give everything a vigorous scrubbing, making sure to distribute as thoroughly as possible, especially all the nooks and crevices. Clean out and give drinkers & feeders a good scrub with vinegar water solution and put them in the sun to disinfect and dry. One more hose rinse and then spray all over with the Mint & Lavender Chook House Spray* (this can be omitted if you haven't made any...it sweetens up the house and leaves a nontoxic deterrent to mites, lice and rodents).

Once everything is dry, add fresh bedding under the perches and in nest boxes. It can be beneficial to add some fresh herbs to their nesting boxes at this stage.

Fill and return feeders, drinkers, nest boxes and perches.

And tell your chooks, "You're welcome!" as you call them back to their clean fresh home with a treat.

Slow down, Connect and Enjoy

Kerrie



My Favourite Strewing Herbs

Many herbs act as safe, natural insect repellents and may help drive away flies, mites, lice, flies and rodents in your chook house

However if I didn't have fresh herbs growing in the garden, I wouldn't spend the money to buy herbs, but we usually do so all is good.

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Cricket Legends' Final Innings

Marg Cooper

John Lindsay Chambers, who passed away on September 12, 2017 aged 86 years., was known in his adult cricket career as "Cocky", and lived and loved his cricket!

He played 27 first class matches for Victoria between 1949/1950 and 1954/1955 seasons. In 44 innings he scored a total of 1457 runs at an average 33.11 per innings. His highest score was 122. He hit three centuries, including the score 122 at his debut in the match between Victoria and Tasmania in January 1950. He played District Cricket for South Melbourne in 1948/1949, and later played for Hawthorn-East Melbourne from 1950/1951 to 1968/1969. He served as President of the Waverley Cricket Club, as Waverley CC Delegate to the VCA from 1979 to 1992, Chairman of State Selectors from 1982 to 1990, and as an inaugural member of the Cricket Victoria 200 Club in 1985. His service to cricket was recognized by Cricket Victoria in 1992 when he was awarded Life Membership.

John Chambers was the son of John Moffat Chambers (Jack) who was transferred to Meredith State School #1420 in January 1938, appointed Head Teacher in January 1939 and transferred from Meredith in May 1942. John was educated at Geelong College from October 1944 to December 1948. At College he was in the 1st Football XV111 from 1946 to 1948 and the 1st Cricket XI from 1945 to 1948, captaining it in 1948. He was Vice-Captain of Shannon House and School Prefect in 1948. That same year he came 2nd in the Open Tennis Championship, 1st with JE Dickson in the Doubles Tennis Championship and was the winner of the WH Hill Memorial Cricket trophy. He also served on the Cricket, Football and Tennis Committees and was a cadet lieutenant in the College Cadet Corps. He was one of the youngest cricketers to ever be selected in a College APS team playing his debut match against Melbourne Grammar School in February 1945. In 2011 John was selected by the Lindsay Hassett Club as a batsman in The Geelong College Team of the Sesquicentenary.

In the 1980's the Meredith Cricket Club held a dinner in the Meredith Hall. Sir Henry Bolte was MC and the speakers were John Grant and John Chambers. Henry recounted how both their fathers played cricket at Meredith, that Henry won the first Championship at the Meredith Golf Club and that John Chamber's father won the second and that he also played cricket in Ballarat against and English Eleven.

John Chambers recalled how much his father liked playing sport and how he believed that young people learnt to be good citizens by playing sport and keeping out of trouble. John recalled his first game of cricket. He had accompanied his father to a game against Bamganie. The Meredith team was short so young John played 11th man. The pitch was in Henry's paddock just west of the house. He also recalled Eric Mayo who he called "the Bradman of the Bush".

John Chambers was described as a brilliant and aggressive left handed batsman. Henry described him as "straight down the line like his father".

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Insects are everywhere, and make conveniently-sized snacks or meals for many predators. Birds seek them under bark and on leaves or snap them out of the air. Lizards and small mammals sneak up cautiously, or sit and wait for them to come close. Frogs snatch them up with sticky tongues. Spiders pounce or catch them in a web, wrap them in silk, and suck them dry. Bats flying at night detect them by echolocation. Large insects prey on smaller insects. Even some plants use them as a source of nutrition.

Locally, our commonest insectivorous plants are sundews. These small delicate-looking plants supplement their diet of sugars created by photosynthesis, and minerals extracted from the soil, with nitrogen digested from the bodies of insects. While sundews are scattered around the world, there are more species in Australia than anywhere else. Their leaves are covered in hairs, each with a gland at the end which secretes a thick sticky liquid that glistens in the sun, so the leaves appear to be covered in dew. Long hairs are positioned at the edges of the leaves and short hairs in the centres. An insect which lands on a leaf becomes stuck. The ends of the long hairs bend inwards, dragging the insect into a pool of sticky liquid in the middle of the leaf, in which it drowns. It is then digested by enzymes, that release nitrogen from its body for the plant's benefit. Once the plant has extracted food from the insect, the hairs uncurl, the leaf opens fully and the black remnants of the insect can be seen stuck in the centre, as the leaf waits for its next meal.

While some of our local sundews have fairly circular leaves, others have two points on one side of the otherwise round leaf, creating an edge shaped like a smile. The leaves are concave and the points have especially long hairs, ready to turn inwards and capture larger insects. The dish-shaped leaf makes it harder for the insects to escape, or for rain to wash away nutrients collected after a meal. The climbing sundew holds its leaves upside down. They have a deep dip in the centre, so they look like tiny green lampshades each with a sticky fringe. As well as catching insects, the hairs attach to neighbouring plants, which support the slender sundew as it climbs, occasionally reaching a metre in height. Some sundews have only rosettes of leaves on the ground, which may be green or red.

From the centre of the rosette, or at the top of a taller sundew plant, grow their flowers, which are a safe place for an insect to land for a meal while it spreads pollen.

Most sundews have white or pale pink flowers, sometimes perfumed, but even with its petals of bright orange, the tiny scarlet sundew is not easily found. Even smaller is the pygmy sundew with a rosette of red leaves each only a few millimetres across. While most sundews die back to a tuber in summer and resprout in autumn, the scarlet sundew regrows only from seed. Pygmy sundews also lack tubers. As well as producing seeds, they grow a special bud in the centre of the rosette. When a raindrop splashes the bud out of the parent plant, it lands a short distance away, and begins to grow leaves and roots. In this way pygmy sundews form a colony. Scented sundews also form colonies of rosettes, as once the flower is pollinated and the petals have died, the red flower stalk turns downwards into the soil where it buries the seed.

Although sundews are deadly to most insects, there is one that can benefit from visiting their leaves. It is a tiny wingless bug, that somehow avoids becoming stuck. It feeds on insects that have been trapped by the sundew, and may even find shelter and protection in its leaves. After a meal, its droppings may provide another source of nutrients for the sundew.


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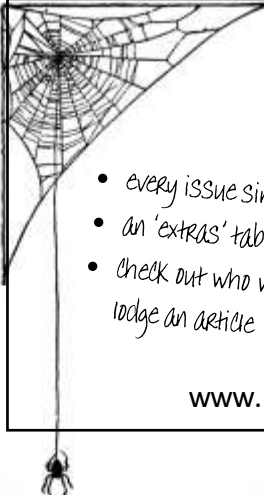


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MAN COOK EAT



Steve Duffy

And then came the 1970's. Aside from the local Chinese Take Away, Asian food had not really established itself in the Australian Cuisine. I was lucky to be working as a chef at this time in a little Restaurant in North Carlton called Boojums. When we put Sushi on the Menu, we had to explain what it was! These days it is almost a staple, available in every shopping centre. Lygon Street was building and several famous names such as Stephanie Alexander were opening their doors with new and international influences. It was also a time of middle eastern immigration: this newest twist on spices was showing up in little cafes all over: the Kebab had arrived! Up-market Indian and Vietnamese places were opening every second week. The curries from my Coronation Cookery Book were supplanted by the real thing. Thai restaurants were becoming commonplace. Not only that, people were eating out more. Diverse food businesses were booming everywhere. Newspapers started reviewing all and sundry.

There was a lasting flow on effect: with cooks still enjoying discovering and embracing these 'new' flavours. What I call the 'Modern Australian Cuisine' is here, and one of the things we have learnt is the use of spices in all their guises, including bush tucker and indigenous spices. Have a look in your pantry, it's my guess you have quite a few in there. Rogan Josh, Pho and Pad Thai are the new 'norm'. We can even combine cross cultural tastes. The modern way is fresh and inventive with zing, and it's good for you!

Our local supermarkets have quite a range, but not every ingredient is available.. There are a number of Asian grocery stores, locally in Ballarat and Geelong. On my most recent visit to Melbourne I went to a establishment called GEWURZHAUS: a franchise which specialises in Spices, Herbs and Teas. The selection is vast, although most are already ground. That's fine if you use them promptly; I prefer to buy my spices whole, to be roasted and ground as you need them. This maximises the aromatics. The spices were beautifully presented as shown here, but not with the flamboyance one sees in the spice markets of Asia and Central America.



Remember to buy fresh and small amounts often. Roast and grind them as you need them. Invest in a spice grinder or use the coffee grinder (don't forget to wipe it out carefully) or a wand, if it has the right attachment. Chef Google can give you all the recipes.

GOOD EATING
Steve

BOP Artist scooping Awards

Marg Cooper

Samantha Thompson is a professional artist who lives in Lethbridge. She is the Director of BOP Arts Co-Op who have recently taken over management of what was previously the Interpretative Centre in Meredith. BOP run creative workshops and exhibitions in the centre.

Samantha recalls that Art has always been an important aspect of her life and that she has worked with many different mediums. Over the last five years she has focused on mixed media and print making.

At a workshop at the Firestation Studio in Melbourne, in March, Samantha produced a piece which she called "Clarice". It was shortlisted as a finalist and ultimately won the Waverley Art Printmaking Prize at Bondi Beach, NSW.

Two weeks another piece by Samantha, titled "Jimble Jamble" was selected from more than 600 entries as a finalist for the prestigious National Still Life Awards. The overall winner will receive \$20,000 and the winner of the People's Choice award will receive \$5000.



"Jimble Jamble" by Samantha Thompson

Samantha says that these art works are a transformation exploration of the works of ceramic artist Clarice Cliff.

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STEVE and PETER GOAT

We're delighted to add a bit of extra sparkle to 'the News' with our new column on cultural events and news within our region and within our reach. It's the work of a couple of local "goats". Unfortunately Billy has long retired, so we have recruited Steve Goat and Peter Goat or, as they would want us to believe, ...

REVIEWS - This month the goats have been to see Shakespeare at The Pop-Up Globe in the King's Domain, near the Sydney Myer Music Bowl. The season runs to the end of the year, with matinees and night shows. Four of Shakespeares plays are on offer: Much Ado About Nothing, Henry the 5th, As You Like It and Othello. All details of session time can be found at ticketmaster.com.au/popupglobe

A replica of the original Globe theatre has been temporarily constructed beside the Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne. If you can imagine the MCG shrunk down to a size smaller than a tennis court, with four tiers of covered seating in the round, that's how intimate the Globe experience is.

Steve Goat - "Much Ado About Nothing"

My fellow Goat alerted me to this season held by Pop-Up Globe, the Shakespeare Troupe from Auckland. Shakespeare is being performed as it was written, in a replica of the original Globe theatre in London in the 1600's."

I booked "groundling," tickets (standing room.) Seats are available in the boxes that surround the standing zone at higher prices, but if your legs are stout enough I would recommend the cheaper option. Right at the foot of the stage and only \$20, plus booking fee. Seemed pretty good value for any "Live" event, let alone the Bard himself. This play is probably Shakespeare's most popular Comedy. Perhaps the inspiration for a much later form: the wacky romantic comedies we are familiar with in film. A tale of revenge which interrupts two love stories, but in the end love wins through.

We were in the thick of it, as groundlings. As a prelude, a couple of the players: mingled with the crowd and set the scene for a very amusing night. These two appear throughout the show several times, almost as court jesters and buffoons. Engaging directly with audience members. At one stage, Dogberry even found verse to compare his and my moustaches, with much hilarity.

The audience laughed and sighed, slapped their thighs and, at times, booed and hissed the villain. This play is aptly titled, the characters are vain and shallow; some are none too bright. But what a hoot! The troupe hams it up beautifully. You really should try to catch it.

Peter Goat - "Henry V"

So the show I went to see was Henry the Fifth which I know well from the script and also film and audio versions but had never seen live -- and how live it proved to be.

I got a Groundling ticket too but went to a 1pm matinee as I had to do a small maintenance job for a friend after the performance. Being already in my work clothes and running a bit late I didn't

bother changing which was quite appropriate as in Shakespeares time the Groundlings were largely the Great Unwashed.

Being a groundling is like being on the fence in the standing room in the old outer at the footy-- very close to the action. Henry V is the story of the Battle of Agincourt in 1415 when an English army [largely longbowmen] routed the overconfident French [largely mounted knights- in-armour] who outnumbered them 5 to 1. It was very reminiscent of what happened in a certain stadium just across the river, a few weeks before, when the underdog Tigers mauled the very cocky Crows - by great coincidence, in his well known speech, Henry V urges his troops :

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more....in peace there's nothing so becomes a man as modest stillness and humility; but when the blast of war blows in our ears, then IMITATE THE ACTION OF THE TIGER!"

Shakespeare always has contemporary relevance and in the prelude to and aftermath of the battle there are all the off-field goings-on as in football and politics. Powerbrokers plot, coaches are stabbed in the back [or have their heads cut off] and after the game the trading begins.

Before he became King, Henry was a wild, irresponsible lad but like Dusty Martin he came good on the day.

However it's not all about the battle, and, as in most of Shakespeare's works, it is as full of wit, wisdom and whimsy as it is drama and action. I thought it was a really good production with some very fine performances [an all male cast- many play several roles including as women].

And the experience of the intimacy of this theatre space and in the way that audiences would have seen the plays when first performed is what makes it so special. I'm going to try to see the others, which are OTHELLO and AS YOU LIKE IT.

There was plenty of parking in Alexandra Ave between Swan St Bridge and Anderson St but you need a mobile app or coins . From there go up behind the Bowl to enter.



EVENTS

- **Golden Plains Shire Exhibition:** Samantha Thompson, local artist, will present her work in various media, through November and December, 2017.
- **Geelong Art Gallery:** The Archibald portrait Prize, the biggest national portraiture competition comes to Geelong till December. The show will be presented with the Who's Who Portrait Show featuring the work of senior students from the local area.
- **Ballarat Gallery:** presents 2 new exhibitions for the next 2 months: Romancing the Skull is a show that includes images, objects and a Virtual Reality experience that explores the iconography of the human skull from Pirates to the Mexican Day of the Dead. The works of Lauren Black are also on show with her emphasis on the anatomy of the human body. The Meredith Festival: This year the fun starts on Friday, 8th Dec through to 10th, Dec. See Auntie's website for further details.
- **The Golden Plains Art Trail:** Register now for this March 2018 event. See the GPS website for further details.

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Bamganie-Meredith Landcare Group News



The monthly meeting of the Meredith-Bamganie Landcare group was held on Tuesday 17 October at the Meredith Community Centre.

The Soil and Pasture Trial Field Day held at Bamganie on Tuesday 10th October at Bamganie was well attended. Many local landowners came to hear the results of trials of lime and other soil biological products on pasture growth. Feedback was very positive, and there is a clear interest in having more field days in the future.

People attending the field day provided valuable feedback about future activities. We are always happy to hear your ideas, so come along to the next meeting with your suggestions.

We are planning a rabbit control demonstration in early 2018. Details of the demonstration are still being finalised, but it is likely to include ripping with a dozer, smoking burrows, and explosives. Watch this space – we will keep you posted.

Other potential activities in 2018 include a trial of a deep soil fertiliser machine or seeder, and the use of deep-rooted systems such radish or turnips to help build up organic matter within the soil profile. Again, watch this space!

Need to complete or update your farm chemical user training? Coimadai Landcare Group (north of Bacchus Marsh in the Moorabool Landcare Network) is conducting a Farm Chemical Users Certificate Course 9am – 5pm on Saturday

18th and 25th November at the meeting room of the Coimadai CFA shed. The course is free to Landcare members, or \$50 for famers wishing to obtain an endorsed 1080 certificate. For more information contact Anthony Dufty on 99716506 or 0402894576. Registrations are essential, go to: <https://register.eventarc.com/39205/farm-chemical-users-course>

The final Landcare meeting for 2017 will be held on Tuesday 28 November 7pm – 9pm at Pioneer Park. A barbecue tea will be provided (BYO drinks). All Landcare members and prospective members are welcome, bring the family and come along to celebrate the Landcare highlights of the year.

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Gingerbread Loaf

Serves 10, Prep time 10 mins, Cook time 45 mins

Ingredients

- ½ cup or 125mls skim milk
- 75g butter or margarine
- 2 tps ground ginger
- 1 tps ground cinnamon
- ¼ tps ground allspice
- ¼ tps ground cloves
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 tbs treacle or golden syrup
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 cup self-raising flour

Method

Pre-heat oven to 160 C. Grease and line a loaf tin with baking paper.

Place milk, spread, ginger, cinnamon, all spice and cloves in a saucepan over medium high heat. Cook for 2 minutes until spread melts. Remove from heat and whisk in sugar, treacle or golden syrup, egg and flour until combined.

Spoon mixture into prepared tin. Bake for 40 minutes until a skewer inserted into the cake comes out clean. Set loaf aside in the tin for 5 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool. Serve warm or at room temperature.

NOTE: This can be frozen for up to 1 month or store in an airtight container for up to 3 days. Serve with butter if desired.

A TWIST: Pear and ginger cake – Swap loaf tin for a round cake tin (20cm). Before baking, top with canned or fresh pears (thinly sliced).

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Requiem: The Soldier (extract)

Down some cold field in a world outspoken
the young men are walking together, slim and tall,
and though they laugh to one another, silence is not
broken; there is no sound however clear they call.
They are speaking together of what they loved in vain
here, but the air is too thin to carry the things they say.
They were young and golden, but they came on pain
here,
and their youth is age now, their gold is grey.

Yet their hearts are not changed, and they cry to one
another, 'What have they done with the lives we laid
aside?

Are they young with our youth, gold with our gold,
my brother?

Do they smile in the face of death, because we died?'
Down some cold field in a world uncharted the young
seek each other with questioning eyes.

They question each other, the young, the golden
hearted,

of the world that they were robbed of in their quiet
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by Humbert Wolfe

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Pictured: representatives from the Teesdale Twilight Market, Katrina Andresek, Anthony Cavanagh, Richard Riordan MP, Carmen Powles and Ailish Seaton

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All nominees must be an Australian citizen, who either lives or works in Golden Plains Shire, who has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

2017 Australia Day winners

Citizen of the Year	Young Citizen of the Year	Senior Citizen of the Year	Community Event of the Year
Stewart Seaton	Katrina Andresek	Carmen Powles	Teesdale Twilight Market

How to nominate

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Go online at goldenplains.vic.gov.au/residents/my-council/about-council/australia-day-awards

More information: Contact Golden Plains Shire Council's Events Officer on 5220 7245



2018 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATION FORM (PART 1, PART 2 OVERLEAF)

Please list your details as the nominator:

Full name	
Contact telephone or email address	

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**
(An event staged within the past year)

All nominees must be an Australian Citizen, who either lives or works in Golden Plains Shire, who has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

Please list the details of the person/event you are nominating:

Full name			
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Please turn over to record why your nominee should be considered.

2018 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATION FORM (PART 2)

Contribution/s to the community for which the person/group/event is nominated:

Summarise the reasons why your nominee should be considered.

Other significant contributions and achievements:

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

If you require additional space to talk about the person you are nominating, please write on a separate sheet and attach to the form.

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Nominations must be received by 5pm, Friday 1 December 2017



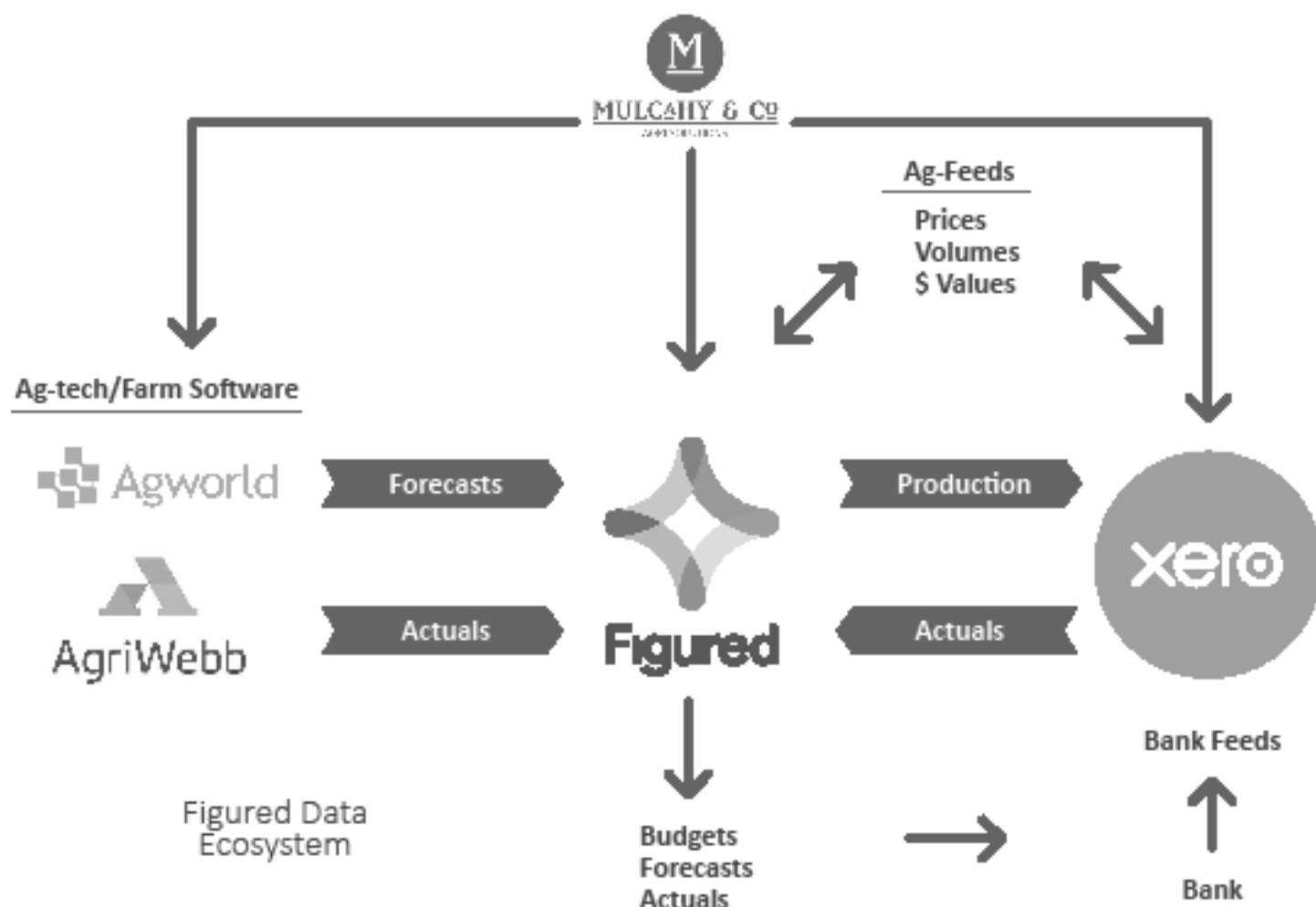
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Shire's four Cup Winners

Marg Cooper

The Melbourne Cup came to Ballan on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Ballan joined thirty other cities and towns across Australia and New Zealand as part of the 15th Annual Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour.

Ballan is known for having four Melbourne Cup winners. Two were owned by Donald Smith Wallace who served on the MCC committee 1889-90 and was VRC committeeman from 1881 to 1898. He was also a long term Councillor of the Shire of Ballan, Victorian Legislative Councillor and local land owner. Donald Wallace had inherited his father's preemptive rights to the "Ballark" Estate in 1882. His horses "Mentor" and "Carbine" won the trophy in 1888 and 1890 respectively. Carbine being one of the all-time great racehorses. Mentor was foaled and bred at the Wallace Stud at "Ballark".

Carbine, a bay stallion, was foaled in New Zealand on September 18, 1885. He was undefeated in five starts in top class races as a 2yo in New Zealand. At the end of his three year racing season Carbine (nicknamed "Old Jack") was shipped across the Tasman to Sydney in October 1888, and then travelled by train to Melbourne where he was stabled at Caulfield. He was favourite for the Derby and his next race was the Flying Stakes on Oaks Day. Carbine was then put up for sale and bought by Donald Wallace for 3000 guineas. Many people believed that it would prove an expensive buy as Carbine was known to have some hoof and fetlock trouble. During his Melbourne campaign Carbine raced five times in eight days for his new owner and in spite of being troubled by a curb and split heel, had run a third, a second and three

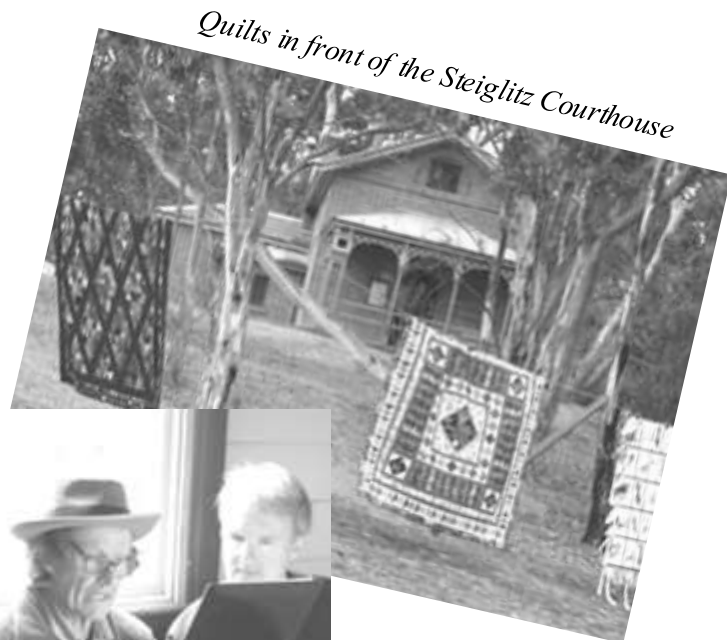
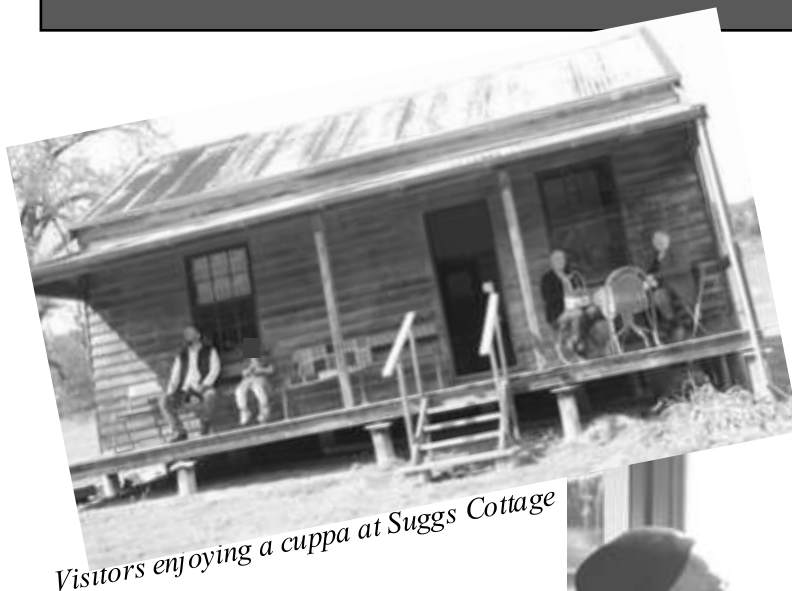
firsts. He proved himself an outstanding 3yo and had won stakes already for his new owner of 2131 sovereigns. Carbine went to Sydney for the AJC Autumn Carnival, his main mission being the Sydney Cup of 1889 which he won. On April 7, 1890 Carbine won the Sydney Cup for the 2nd time. He started five times over the AJC Autumn Carnival for five wins and ran over nine and a half miles in eight days.

Carbine then came to Melbourne to prepare for what was to be his greatest triumph, the Melbourne Cup on November 4, 1890, against a field of 38 horses. He had protective plates on his fore feet but unfortunately his heel split open during the race and he didn't run in any other events at the Carnival. After the Sydney Autumn Carnival in 1891 Carbine was again rested at Wallace's stables at Queenscliff. Trainers Hickenbotham and Wallace planned to enter him in the 1891 Melbourne Cup and other events but the chronic heel injury thwarted their intentions, so he was retired to Wallace's Lerderberg stud.

In 1895 Carbine was sold to the Duke of Portland for 13,000 guineas and shipped to England. He was walked to the Bacchus Marsh station, and was farewelled from Port Melbourne wharf by a great crowd. He stood at stud at Welbeck Abbey until he was aged 29 years. The Duke of Portland gave his skeleton to the Melbourne Museum. Carbine's combined record as both a racehorse and an international sire is possibly unequalled by any other Australian Thoroughbred. At stud Carbine sired three generations of English Derby winners and the champion "Wallace" who sired two Melbourne Cup winners. Over half of the 65 Melbourne Cup winners from 1914-1978 were descendants of Carbine, including Comic Court, Phar Lap, Rising Fast, Rain Lover and Think Big.

Abbreviated from: The Settler, Official Quarterly Newsletter of the Ballan Shire Historical Society Inc.

The Airing of the Quilts and



Our thanks to local photographer Tony Wild for these special photos of the Airing of the Quilts and Back to Steiglitz Reunion 2017, held on Sunday 7th October. Full article to follow in next edition.



Local historian Jack Boardman, Peter Sharp and Dr Justin Oakley of Monash at St. Pauls Church

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Meredith History Interest Group

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Meredith Creamery and Butter Factory:

Some more information has been obtained re the factory.

"A representative of the well-known firm of Dalgety and Co who are at present conducting the butter factory at Meredith, visited Steiglitz during the week, and after a good look around, decided to erect a creamery at Five Mile bridge. A suitable building has been purchased and is now in the course of removal. It is anticipated that all will be in readiness for receiving milk supplies in the course of a few weeks."

From: Steiglitz Miner, October 1899.

"The creamery at the Five Mile is now in working order and milk is being supplied from all parts of the district. The building was removed from Steiglitz and re-erected by Mr Condor to the order of Dalgety and Co, who have the butter factory at Meredith and creameries in various parts of the district. The appliances at the Five-Mile are up to date and capable of separating a large quantity of milk per day. The first batch of cream was conveyed to Meredith yesterday. A formal opening of the creamery will take place shortly."

From: Steiglitz Miner November 11, 1899.

"The Meredith Butter Factory with creameries attached at Mt Wallace, Morrisons and Five Mile are solicitous of supplies of either cream or milk at any of the above establishments and until further notice are prepared to pay 3¼ d per gallon on a 3-6 test. All payments made weekly.

M Coghlan, Manager."

From: Steiglitz Miner, December 23, 1899.

Weekend of Family History Expo:

On Saturday, October 21 MHIG representatives had a table at the Family History Expo in Colac. This day was part of activities organized by Colac and District Family History Group over Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We met people who had relatives in Meredith district who are now going to visit us for more information, we connected with groups from different areas, absorbed ideas and were amazed at the dedication of some historians.

Catalogue:

Thursdays from 9 am. You're welcome to call in and you may buy a 2018 Meredith Calendar.

MANSLAUGHTER.

William Balmer pleaded "Not Guilty" to kicking and slaying his wife, Margaret Balmer, at Lethbridge, on the 26th ult.

Emma Steady deposed,—I am the wife of Constantine Steady, at Lethbridge, I know the prisoner. He is a blacksmith, living opposite to our house at Lethbridge. I have known him and his wife for the last four years. He was two years in gaol out of the four. ...

I saw the deceased on the evening of the 16th of September, about seven or eight o'clock. ... Deceased was sober, and seemed in her usual health. I saw no marks of violence on her. I begged of her to go home. She did so. There was a light in the prisoner's house then. As soon as the door was opened I could see that some male figure threw her down upon the table, and smashed a number of the things upon it. I heard no man's voice, but I heard deceased repeatedly cry out "Oh, mercy, Balmer, don't! Oh God! Balmer! don't beat — don't murder me!" I heard heavy blows given on something; and then for a long time afterwards heard heavy moans and groans. They continued nearly all night. I have frequently heard quarrels in the house between them before. I saw prisoner a few days afterwards, and he said his wife was very ill. I asked what was the matter with her. He said she was out of her mind. On the Sunday following, the 29th September, I went in to see the woman. Prisoner was present. She was all bruised and scratched. She seemed wild, and out of her mind. She said her husband had beat her... Prisoner told me he had been at her with a small stick, no bigger than a switch....

Michael O'Hare deposed,—I am a labourer, residing at Lethbridge. On the 29th of September, after nightfall, prisoner came to me and asked me to take his wife to town. ... On going to Balmer's house, I found deceased lying on the sofa. She was talking sometimes foolishly and sometimes sensibly.... We put her on to a common dray, and started about twelve o'clock at night. ... On getting to town, prisoner told me he was going to give her in charge as a lunatic....

Peter Clarke, watchhouse-keeper, deposed,—I received Margaret Balmer at the watchhouse from O'Hare and the prisoner on the morning of the 29th September. He charged her with lunacy. I asked him the cause. He said she had been drinking for the last week, and he blamed that for it....

After the inquest was over, and the prisoner was committed, he said to witness, "Well, it's all over now, and I only beat her with a paling." ...

Dr. Mackin deposed.—I am the Government surgeon here. I recollect the deceased being sent to the gaol as a lunatic. She was much emaciated. Her legs and arms were all bruised and scratched, and there was a wound on the head. She seemed unable to live long. She died on the 8th of October, from exhaustion consequent on mania, and accelerated by the ill-treatment she had received...

His Honour said no excuse could justify the atrocious cruelty he had treated his wife with, and sentenced him to three years' hard labour on the roads, to commence at the expiration of the sentence he received yesterday.
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Kinder News

Our Kinder groups are busy bees this spring, playing in the sunshine and having plenty of fun together as the term progresses.

November is full of visits to the Meredith school to begin the transitions to prep and help prepare the children. The kindergarten children are going on an excursion to Christian College Back Creek Farm, we can't wait to spend the whole day exploring and engaging in hands-on learning with the students, animals and teachers. We had Brooke from Hesse come in to talk about Farm safety which will be very relevant on our excursion.

To celebrate children's week last month we had a special persons day. It was lovely to meet so many grandparents, mums and dads and favourite Aunts and Our Pre kinder group went on an excursion over to Bannockburn to see the MicMacs show. Thank you to all the extra helpers on the day, the children and staff really enjoyed the show.

This month we are having a separate parent and AGM information night. Our parent night is on Thursday 16 th Nov and is for the pre-kinder (3 year old group) families of 2018 and any new families coming to our Kinder in the new year. Invitations will be sent out very soon. The parent Committee will hold the AGM on Monday 27th Nov, more information will be sent out to all our families soon.

An information day for the 2018 Kindergarten group will be held on the orientation day early February.

... Meredith Kindergarten

SMART FARMS SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Media Release

There are pressures on Australia's natural resources that can limit the viability and productivity of Australia's farming, fishery, aquaculture and forestry industries. These industries are looking to trial and implement new and innovative technologies and tools which will reduce these pressures while increasing their productivity and profitability.

In response to these needs the Australian Government established the Smart Farms Small Grants program under the Smart Farms initiative, an agriculture component of the National Landcare Program (NLP).

Grants will be available to support local on-ground projects across Australia that increase the knowledge and capacity of farmers and fishers and facilitate the adoption of tools, technologies and improved land management practices to effectively, sustainably and productively manage Australia's natural resources and adapt to significant changes in climate, weather and markets.

Farmers, fishers, community and industry groups can now apply for grants of between \$5,000 and \$100,000 to assist them to protect and improve the condition of soil, vegetation and biodiversity and support agricultural systems to adapt to change.

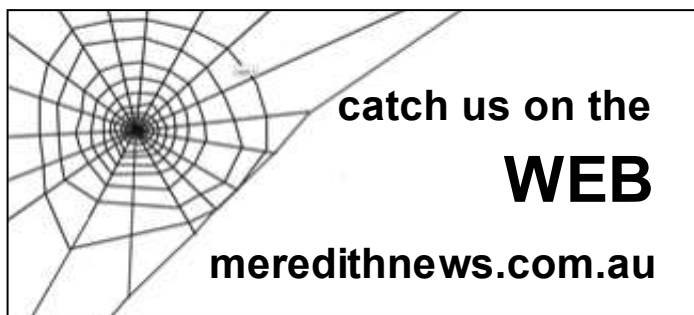
Applications are open for farmers and community and industry groups for the competitive \$50 million over six years Smart Farms Small Grants program, through the National Landcare Program.

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• *Round One opened 24 October 2017 and will close 7 December 2017.*



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DOWN(SIZING) AND OUT

Marg Cooper

Don, Hope and Sheryl Hodge are moving on. They have decided to downsize and after looking around country areas they have bought a house in Walla Walla in NSW. After packing, cleaning up, a garage sale and moving on, the Hodges hope life quieters down to simple living in Walla Walla.

Don and Hope grew up in Gippsland and Don worked on his father's farm at W Tree. When he got his driver's licence, he and his brother went shearing all over East Gippsland. They then managed a farm out of Walla Walla for Judge Nagle and in 1979 came to manage 'The Homestead' at Mt Mercer when it was owned by St Gabrielle's.

Hope describes how they came to Meredith from Mt Mercer to get their newspapers on Saturdays, and enjoying the township and wanting a place of their own, they decided to purchase a small farm at Woodburn Creek, on Mt Mercer Rd, from the Nolans. When 'The Homestead' property was sold in 1981 they moved to their own property and Don decided to return to his old career of shearing. When they bought their property they didn't know that it was literally a stone's throw from where Don's father had grown up. He knew his grandparents had lived on a farm at Meredith but had no idea where. Don's father had left when Don was 8 years old, in 1904.

While Don was shearing and breeding stud Hereford cattle on their farm, Hope looked after their three daughters, Barbara, Tammy and Sheryl and involved herself in the community. She had been a Brownie Leader in NSW so helped Wendy Cooke with the Brownie Pack and later supported Guides and Brownies by joining the Trefoil Guild. Hope became a member of Red Cross and especially enjoyed Red Cross Calling, where members visited homes to ask for donations. She joined CWA and at one time was International Officer, she volunteered at the Community House, she volunteered to help with reading at the State School, even though she had no children there, and held every position at Meredith Seniors. She is proud that she trained Jim Hynds for the job of President. Her experience in training new office bearers came from being in Young Farmers Clubs.

In 2000 Don and Hope sold most of their small farm, keeping some acres west of Cargarie Creek and built a new house. They established a garden and Don grew strawberries mostly in polystyrene boxes. Water came from a spring fed dam. They sold the strawberries around the district including to Clyde Park Winery.

Hope has had some health issues recently and has retired from many of her commitments. She still keeps busy with craft projects with Sheryl, growing iris, daffodils and gladiolas, playing computer games, and online forums, etc.

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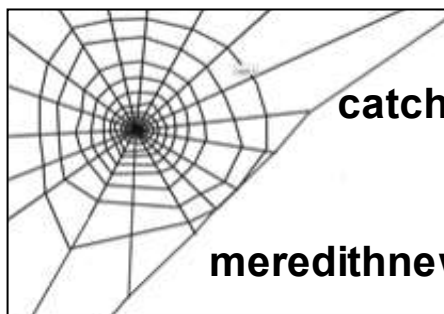
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from the MAYOR



Cr Des Phelan Mayor, Golden Plains Shire

I am writing to you with my last Mayor's message as this term as Mayor expires at the end of November.

A Mayoral election will be held by current Councillors and this result should be known in mid-November.

Thank you for your support over the past year; I will continue to sit on Council and to act in the best interest of Golden Plains communities.

This has been my third term as Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Council and it has been an honour to lead the Council through a time of strong growth and positive results for our Shire.

Another leadership position in the Shire will also be changing hands with the appointment of our new CEO. Rod Nicholls will finish in this position in mid-December and Mr Eric Braslis will commence as CEO.

Mr Braslis' previous roles include several at senior executive level at various metropolitan Melbourne Councils, the City of Ballarat and most recently as the CEO of the rural Gannawarra Shire.

Council conducted a wide-ranging and rigorous search process which attracted many high-quality applicants. We're delighted that Eric will join us to guide our Shire as it continues to grow from strength to strength.

Our Councillors were impressed by Eric's passion for the work that local government does, and his vision to build on the strengths of the Golden Plains region.

Eric's technical background is in planning and strategy, which is a great fit for a growing Shire such as ours. Our Council looks forward to welcoming Eric to Golden Plains Shire.



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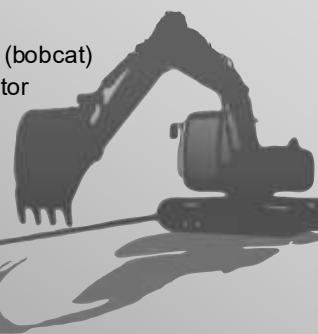
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Meredith Primary School

A group of our grade two students has been working with Meredith and District News columnist, Wendy Cook. Her column, "In Our Nature" and Wendy are constant sparks to our learning. Recently, the children went out into a favourite space at school, 'The Ramble', which is a wonderfully wild and untidy area where there is always lots of activity at playtimes. You can see digging and poking and discovering, much looking under rocks and observing the creatures that live there. Charlie, Dylan, Emma and Shaylah also read Rachel Tonkin's book "Leaf Litter" which is a delightful collection of the most beautiful illustrations about life in and under leaf litter. It is subtitled 'Exploring the Mysteries of a Hidden World'.

Together, with Wendy, they decided to construct their own leaf litter model. Understanding that they couldn't bring the living creatures inside, they drew them, cut them out and found a good space to position them. Charlie's very hairy Black Widow Spider is up in the Sheoak tree, while Dylan's ants are crawling underground in their maze. Shaylah's snake is slithering through the leaf litter and we are still looking for Emma's brush-tailed phascogale – it must be hiding until the sun goes down.



Here are the stories to go with the model:

I am a snake, a blue snake. I'm slithering through the leaf litter looking for my food. I found mice but I only caught one because the rest got away. When I was slithering through the leaf litter, I saw nine sticks and I found ten leaves. Then I saw some frogs...there were ten so I crept up and they were adults so I gulped them up, then I went to bed. Shaylah

I am a brush-tailed phascogale. I come down from the trees and I go hunting every night. I eat bugs, ants and sometimes I will eat mice. I sometimes go around the other side of the tree. Ants! I love ants! I guess bugs are dessert. Well, time for dessert, five millipedes, yum! Well back up the tree, time for bed. Emma

I am an ant that lives in the leaf litter under a log. I live in the ground. I have other ant friends. I go into the leaf litter to find food. I live in a maze. I find food for the ants and me. Dylan

I am a Black Widow Spider. I live on a tree. Now I am exploring the leaf litter. When I came back to my tree, I found a fly in my web. I wrapped it up with web then I ate the fly. Charlie

We would like to invite the community to visit school and see the students' "Leaf Litter" work and the originals of their stories. It is in the learning space at the centre of the school. Just come in the door near the office and introduce yourself to Belinda.

Footnote: Wendy also does wonderful work every week in our school library. In amongst being a classroom helper, she processes all the new books ready to go into classrooms and the library. She loves it when she arrives and the shelves are messy because it means the children are reading and enjoying the books. Wendy also has special Library Monitors every year who love learning to stamp and label new books and help shelve the books as they come back from the classrooms. Thank you Wendy!



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Vale Bernard (Barney) Ward

Marg Cooper

Barney left school when he was 15, did an apprenticeship in boiler making in shipyards in England, came to Australia as a 10 pound Pom and intended to go back to his family after a few years - but that didn't happen! The newspapers in those days advertised pen friends and while working around Australia, Barney began to write to Nan in Geelong. They met for the first time at the Geelong Railway Station, fell in love and married.

Barney took Nan home to England for a three month honeymoon to meet his family. They had looked around for some land "out of town" and bought a block at Lethbridge, built a house, lived there for 41 years and loved it. Barney worked as a boilermaker until 1982 when he discovered that he had heart problems.

He was a member of the Darts team of Birimid Auto Castings Social Group, he liked to play euchre on Friday nights with Father Dargan at the Meredith Presbytery and on Saturday nights at Murgheboluc. He was a School Council member at Lethbridge where their three children attended, and a member of Lethbridge Fire Brigade.

It was said that Barney could make something by looking at it! He did many odd jobs for Father Dargan and Father Tom, including, building a dividing wall in

the Elaine Church, building the arch near the shade house, building the toilet in the backyard, installing a new doorway at the Presbytery, building the tea rooms at the church at Anakie and helping renovate the old school building to become the Parish Centre. He also did work at Lethbridge Primary School, on the Lethbridge fire truck and for members of the community.

In his late 50's Barney went to Gordon Tech. to study for a Certificate so he could care for intellectually disabled people. He looked after people in a home environment for 10 years and retired at 67. He wished he had known about that career years ago and had started earlier.

In recent years Barney and Nan joined Meredith Seniors and had many enjoyable lunches and outings and about five years ago he joined the Men's Kitchen group in Bannockburn and had a lot of good times preparing and cooking meals and then eating them.

Barney was honest, thoughtful, generous and talented. He kept to himself but Nan says he would have his say and he liked company. He was a good father and absolutely adored his grand daughter, Lily-Rose.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Meredith on Wednesday, September 27 at 11 am by Father Charles Balnaves and he was buried at Lethbridge Cemetery.

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Lions Clubs work together to support emergencies and natural disasters in Australia and overseas, through our clubs and our Australian Lions Foundation. Whether it be by providing direct help as members of the local bushfire brigade or SES, helping out as tradespeople in rebuilding efforts, providing food, clothing and a friendly face to emergency workers; or raising dollars to help local communities recover – Lions are there.



Helping Farmers in Need

Lions are helping Aussie farmers through tough times. The Need for Feed initiative is one of many projects supporting farmers in Australia by providing fodder and transport in times of disaster, particularly bushfire. The Lions Drought Relief project, in partnership with the not-for-profit Aussie Helpers, raised \$1 million to help farmers and their families cope with the affects of the drought.



Supporting Young Leaders

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Lions are kind and generous people who want to help. That's why we work on projects to improve our communities and protect the environment. Lions demonstrate their commitment to the environment through projects that protect the planet by cleaning the environment, planting trees, recycling and educating others.



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Supporting refugees and welcoming them into our communities is a key focus of many Lions clubs throughout Australia. Lions Clubs around the world and the Lions Clubs International Foundation has a proud history of banding together to assist refugees in crisis, including those in Syria, as well as providing humanitarian support to a range of other causes.

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NEW GOLDEN PLAINS CEO

Media Release

Golden Plains Shire Council has chosen their new Chief Executive Officer, who is set to replace long-serving incumbent Rod Nicholls in the role.

The new CEO is Mr Eric Braslis, currently CEO of Gannawarra Shire, who has extensive experience in metropolitan, regional and rural local government bodies.

Mr Braslis' previous roles include several at senior executive level at various metropolitan Melbourne Councils, the City of Ballarat and most recently as the CEO of the rural Gannawarra Shire.

Mayor Cr Des Phelan said that Mr Braslis stood out among a strong field of candidates.

"Council conducted a wide-ranging and rigorous search process which attracted many high-quality applicants," said Cr Phelan.

"We're delighted that Eric will join us to guide our Shire as it continues to grow from strength to strength.

"Eric Braslis has been chosen by Councillors because of his demonstrated track record of achievement, and proven ability across a wide variety of local government organisations and functions.

"Our Councillors were impressed by Eric's passion for the work that local government does, and his vision to build on the strengths of the Golden Plains region.


"As our Shire is similar to other Councils in offering over one hundred diverse services and programs for our ratepayers, our new CEO will be able to hit the ground running.

"Eric's technical background is in planning and strategy, which is a great fit for a growing Shire such as ours.

"Our Council looks forward to welcoming Eric to Golden Plains Shire," concluded Cr Phelan.

The CEO appointment was set to be ratified by a special meeting of Council late Friday.

Mr Braslis is expected to commence in the role in mid-December.



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Marg's Book Review

Lost & Found" by Brooke Davis

Brooke Davis was inspired to write the novel following her mother's sudden death. She was trying to answer the question "How do you live knowing that anyone you love can die at any moment?" The whole novel became a process of Brooke trying to work through that and of understanding the concept of grief.

Brooke Davis wrote the novel as part of a Ph D at Perth's Curtin University and described how the plot coalesced during a long train trip across the Nullarbor where she realized that the ugliness and barrenness of the landscape was actually beautiful and unique. She felt a parallel to her situation where the ugliness and darkness of grief actually let her see beauty and appreciate life more than ever.

The novel is whimsical but has profound philosophical underpinnings. It is a quirky story of a seven year old Millie Bird who is abandoned in the underwear section of a Department store by her mother. Millie's father has recently died. She is lost and found by two completely eccentric older people, Agatha Pantha, an eighty two year old who has not left her home since her husband died seven years ago and Karl an eighty seven year old touch typist who has escaped his nursing home with a plastic mannequin for a companion. They decide to help Millie find her Mum.

They are an unlikely trio, causing confusion wherever they stumble. A series of events binds the three together on a road trip they undertake by trains, buses and car that takes them from the south east of WA to Kalgoorlie and along the Nullarbor to the edge of the continent. The trio outsmart the few people who try to stop them, there is kindness and ignorance and good people and bad and finally they make it to a place where Millie's mother might be found.

It is one of those books which raises many questions, making you reflect and think about issues that could impact on any of us. Some interesting and thought-provoking sections included: "It was around this point that she stopped talking to her husband. She grunted, signed, nodded, pointed, elbowed but never spoke. She had nothing left to say." "Life had been one blink and one breath and one piss and now he was here in a nursing home, sitting on a bed in a room full of old men." "Everything is always both things, Love & Hate, Sad & Happy, Terrifying & Exciting". "We all have a series of faces, eg crying face, sad face, terrified face that we put on when we're not pretending!"

Together Millie, Agatha and Karl set out to find Millie's Mum. Along the way they discover that the young can be wise, that old age is not the same as death and that breaking the rules once in a while might just be the key to a happy life.

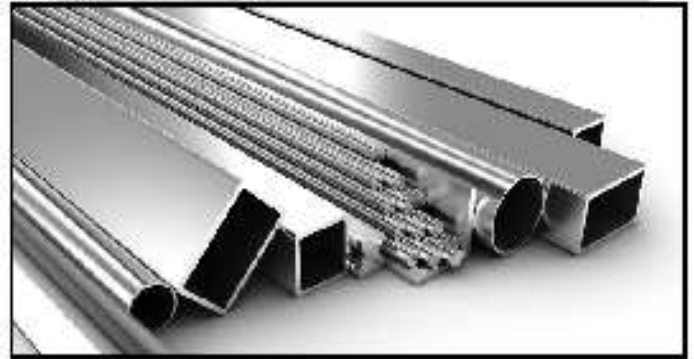
If you like a solid story line and a solid ending you may not like the book but if you can appreciate quirky that makes you sit up and think, you will enjoy the book.

The book for discussion in November is "The Whites" by Richard Price.

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A Shearing life — the ‘Norm’

Marg Cooper

“In the photo I am a fresh faced youngster standing next to Lou Gleeson in the centre of the front row. We both have overcoats on. Our boss Chris Mooney stands second from the left with Ray Grant beside him” Norm fondly reflects.

Norm Smith left school at 13 years of age, dug spuds, (everyone grew spuds in those days), worked on the thrasher owned by Lorensini’s for four to six weeks per year, did odd jobs in the district and worked on his father’s farm.

In 1948, when he was 18, Norm and Lou Gleeson from Clarendon, started working with Chris Mooney. Norm worked as a rousie at “Mawallock” at Beaufort and at “Moranghurk” at Meredith. In his third year he started as a shearer when they went to “Boabula” one mile from Wanganella. He didn’t aim to be a shearer but once he started working in the sheds it got in his blood, he started shearing an odd sheep for the shearers and developed his skills.

The team usually went to NSW in July and did two sheds, came back to Victoria to shear at “Mawallock” and “Moranghurk” and then shore at a couple of sheds at Skipton. The Brennan brothers worked in the team, Tim as a presser and Pat picked up the pieces. At “Moranghurk” there were ten shearers and at “Boabular” there were fourteen shearers, seven on each side of the shed and they shore 20,000 to 30,000 sheep.

Norm recounts how Chris’s sheds finished about November so for a couple of years he and Lou shore with contractors Murfitt and Worrell after Chris’s sheds finished. He tells how on one evening of the last day of shearing at “Narmbool”

some men went into Meredith for a few beers. When they came back to the shearing quarters they were hungry and wanted a feed and upset the cook. He served them soup but he had put some copper pennies in it. He’d gone the next day by the time the team members had the runs!

At “Moranghurk” the shearing quarters and a big kitchen were over the Native Hut Creek from the shearing shed so the team would walk down over the creek to and from work. Bob Lowne was the manager of the property, twenty or more men came from everywhere but there were no locals. After shearing was over the “Moranghurk Shearer’s Ball” was held in the Meredith Hall and a bus brought some patrons from Ballarat.

Norm shore for Chris from 1948 until he married Shirley in 1961. He then shore locally from Lal Lal to Mt Egerton to Morrison and Elaine. He shore at many sheds including for Cliff and Russell Ford for twenty five years, for Neil Stafford at Morrison, for Bill Egan at Mt Egerton, for Ken Creed at Cargarie and at “Narmbool” two or three times.

Norm shore 120 or so each day. His best tally was 227 at Mt Hesse shearing lambs and ewes. Chris would ring up and give team members a date and place where shearing was to begin and then other sheds would follow. Chris never helped in the shed. He might visit once or twice during a shearing but according to Norm he organized well and was generous in that he paid more for shearing daggy sheep. He usually came for the cut out and to pay his team. An overseer or expert managed each shed for Chris. Norm remembers Chris driving a cream coloured car and that he always enjoyed a drink.

Sitting in the chair with a walker in front of him, Norm describes how his knees are now worn out. Maybe he shore too long and pulled too many sheep out of the catching pen—but he sure he enjoyed the company and meeting all types of blokes!

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...November

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Christmas Shopping Night

Don't forget our annual Christmas Shopping Night will be held at the Pharmacy on **Thursday 23rd November** from **6:30pm to 9:00pm**. Last year we had a huge number of people attend the evening that had a great time. Again this year there will be lucky door prizes drawn during the evening and there will be in excess of \$2000 worth of prizes to give away on the night! Plus there will be finger food and drinks provided throughout the evening. On the night will be offering our Loyalty Club Members **30% off all gifts!!** This will be a great chance to kick start your Christmas Shopping if you haven't already started! Please bring your friends and family and join us on what will be another fun and enjoyable evening on Thursday 23rd November from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

Farewell to Cindy

This month we will be saying farewell to one of our pharmacists, Cindy. Cindy has been with us for the past 4 years, in between having 2 children, and she is moving back home to Coffs Harbour with her husband and 2 children. It will be sad to see Cindy go, but we wish her all the best in her move to Coffs Harbour.

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