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Meredith & district News

Our FREE Community Newsletter since 1972



It's Spring!

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..or start something.

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



In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.

- Margaret Atwood



Community

Meredith Seniors

Jim Hynds

Meredith Seniors held their Annual General Meeting on Monday, July 23, 2018. President Jim Hynds thanked members for their support throughout the year and he thanked the committee members for their great job. Also he gave a special thanks to Kylie and her team for providing fabulous lunches throughout the year and to the Meredith school children who support Kylie and her team.

The Treasurer Carol Broadhurst gave a fabulous report that was well received by the members. As per our constitution all positions on the committee were declared vacant. The outgoing committee were re-elected unopposed and are as follows: President, Jim Hynds, Vice President, Wilma Webb, Secretary, Robyn Gallichio, Treasurer, Carol Broadhurst, Assistant Treasurer, Nan Ward and Lunch Organizer, Dianne Stevenson.

Jim Hynds thanked the many businesses and hotels in Meredith for their support to the seniors. Your support is greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

INVERLEIGH AND DISTRICTS GOOD FRIDAY
APPEAL 2019

Meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at the
Inverleigh Hotel at 7.30 pm.

Next Meeting - 3rd October, 2018 7.30 pm

ihdgfa@outlook.com for more information.

Supporting the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday
Appeal

SAVE the DATE



Friday October 26th @7.30 p.m.

Preloved Fashion Parade

Wine, cheese and supper

Meredith Memorial Hall

Meredith Playgroup

Meredith Playgroup meets every
Thursday from 9.30am

During the School Term

Enjoy new activities every week. All Welcome

Contact Community Centre for details 52 860 700



Pick Your Project

Media release

Pick my Project' voting is now live, which means Victorians can vote on their favourite projects, with 13 fantastic Golden Plains Shire projects put forward by residents, community groups and organisations.

Pick My Project is a State Government community grants initiative, with \$30 million available to fund local projects. Victorians were asked to come up with project ideas earlier this year and make a submission.

Members of the Golden Plains community are encouraged to view the list of local projects and help make their favourite project ideas a reality by voting for the top three eligible projects in their community by 17 September.

To vote for a local project, visit pickmyproject.vic.gov.au



VOTE MEREDITH

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The Meredith History Group has received approval for their project to have bespoke shelving and glass topped display cabinets installed at the centre.

Our very talented Anthony Hamilton-Smith will design, construct and install the shelving.

BUT

To gain funding we need to show community support by getting votes for our project.

You can indicate your support by registering at

pickmyproject.vic.gov.au

and voting for our project.

Please select Meredith in the top bar and you will see the range of projects available.

You have 3 picks and they all have equal value but remember to select the Meredith History Group as one of your choices. **Voting closes September 18th.**

The History Group are very hopeful of success but it all depends on the number of votes.

Please vote today

Classifieds

First insertion of small ads are FREE to district residents

Church News



CATHOLIC

St. Joseph's Parish Meredith

Parish Priest Father Charles Balnaves phone 52861230.

Parishofmeredith@bigpond.com

Mass Times:

Winchelsea 6pm every Saturday.

Bannockburn: every Sunday at 9 am and, starting October, there will be an additional Family Mass on the first Sunday each month at 4 pm followed by pizzas.

Inverleigh every last Sunday of the month at 4p.m. followed by cuppa, bbq or pizzas.

Anakie Sunday September 9th/23rd at 11a.m

Meredith Sunday Sept. 2nd/16th/30th at 11 a.m.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA

St Marys House Of Prayer— Elaine

Solemn mass Sundays 10.00am.

Rosary and Vespers Saturday 5.00pm.

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ANGLICAN

Weekly Services, baptisms, weddings, funerals and pastoral care. Contact: Rev. Phil Jacobson Ph. 0419 322 385

Church Office, Byron St. Bannockburn 5281 2553

Service Times: Holy Communion at Anglican Church, Meredith, 11.00am 5th Sundays of the month

Church of Epiphany - Meredith.

11.00am 4th Sunday each month, Holy Communion at Anglican Church. 11.00am 2nd Sunday of month, Holy Communion at Uniting Church

St James. - Morrisons:

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

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

UNITING CHURCH

MEREDITH Uniting Church

11.00 am, 2nd Sunday each month

BUNINYONG Uniting Church

1st; 3rd; 4th Sundays, 9.30am.

5th Sunday, combined service at Meredith Church of Epiphany, 11am.

Enquires Doug McFarlane 52861283.

Rev. Lindell Gibson 53413 200

SERBIAN ORTHODOX

Fr. Theodore—Ph. 5341 5568

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

Our editorial deadline for the July issue is
9.00 am Thursday 27th September

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Our Cover.

This is the time of the year to visit the Grampians to see the spectacular wildflowers on show. Or, for a bigger adventure, drive the wildflower trails in Western Australia or the Flinders Ranges. Or you could just tootle out to the nearby Brisbane Ranges. Wendy Cook's beautiful cover photo, taken on Outlook Track mid-Spring last year, show the delights on our very doorstep.



Recreation



Spring is upon us, the temperature gauge is rising and the golf course is looking great. With new members now playing, the club decided to resurrect the monthly medal, the winner being the player with the highest number of points over the month, the winner for August 2018 was S. Crighton. Other scores for the month were:

5/8	Winner S. Crighton	R'up	P. Nemtsas
12/8	Winner P. Mitchell	R'up	S. Crighton
19/8	Winner S. Crighton	R'Up	P. Nemtsas
26/8	Winner P. Mitchell	R'Up	S. Crighton

Several *Playgolf* Clinics have been held over the last 12 months supported by Golf Victoria. We would like to hold another clinic in October for both adults and juniors the one hour clinics run over 4 weeks and only cost \$20. The clinics cover the basics of golf to help beginners or intermediates improve their game. If anyone is interested or know of those who are please contact the club on the numbers below.

If you are interested in a hit why not join us on a Sunday morning at 9:00am for either 9 or 18 holes. Everyone is welcome no matter what ability and if you don't own clubs we could arrange a set for the day.

The Club has a bar and kitchen facilities that are available for hire for functions and meetings, with a large car parking area and the course as the backdrop this is great for functions.

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Secretary -	Scott Crighton	0430 480 156
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A WELL PLANNED JOURNEY

"DEATH IS JUST ANOTHER PASS, ONE WHICH WE ALL MUST TAKE"

Spoken by a true wizard, Gandalf from Lord of the Rings.

It's not a topic that is easily discussed however it's something that most of us would like to avoid thinking about, as some distant problem that in some ways is beyond our control. But you may have more of say than you have ever imagined.

Join us for a serious yet light hearted look at what exactly is a good death – and if one exists.

What care options do we have, what are our legal responsibilities, what other considerations should we make, how can we make these decisions in a timely and effective way.

Are there cultural considerations or family rituals you'd like to see adhered to?

Discuss options you can consider when planning end of life, where you want to be, what options around care you have, how you imagine your funeral/wake and what you would want it to be like.

We have some well-known and trusted faces, experts in their field, to provide you with information to empower you to make choices for yourself and your loved ones when the time is right to do so. We all endeavour to lead a long life and hope this will be the case – being prepared gives us peace of mind, and the ability to control the things that we can.

Wednesday October 17th 10.00am to 2.00pm

\$5.00 entry Lunch and refreshments provided

Golden Plains Little Athletics Club

Heather Parkinson

Catering for children aged between 5 and 15 years, Golden Plains Little Athletics Club focuses on kids enjoying themselves whilst learning new skills, being active and trying their best. A variety of track and field events are offered each week and members get a chance to have a go at each of them many times throughout the season. For children who choose to, there are opportunities to compete in a wide range of extra competitions. For those who just want to attend once a week and have fun being active, that's great too!

The athletics season runs from October to March with friendly competition on Saturday mornings at Corio Little Athletics Centre, Goldsworthy Reserve, Corio. At Golden Plains Little Athletics Club we pride ourselves on being welcoming and supportive to all our members no matter what their skills or abilities are. We love seeing self confidence improve, new skills develop and friendships form.

To all future young athletes, no matter what your skill level, we would love for you to come and join us this season. You are welcome to attend our free 'come and try' morning at Goldsworthy reserve, Corio where you can participate in a range of events and see if athletics is for you. If you have any questions or would like any further information please contact Heather Parkinson (President - GPLAC) on 0403 195 283.



Come and Try

Friday September 28th (public holiday)

Corio Little Athletics centre,
Goldsworthy reserve, Corio
10am until 12 noon



CALLING ALL WALKERS

Di Ritchie for Meredith Community Coordinators.

If you are one of the many people in Meredith who like to walk for enjoyment, exercise, a chance to meet others and to appreciate our flora and fauna then this opportunity is for YOU!!

Join the Meredith Community Coordinators, Advance Meredith Association and Meredith Lions Club members on a walk around the path that we are proposing to Golden Plains Shire for a Meredith walking track.

Meet outside the Meredith Memorial Hall on Saturday October 13th at 10am to walk together to Pioneer Park across and through the Police Paddocks, across Steiglitz Road, on Middleton Walk along Coolebarghuk Creek to Creamery Road, across the highway and along McLeod Street past the Hall again and to Pioneer Park where you can help Lions Club members replant some shrubs at the playground and enjoy a free sausage sizzle.

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The decline in quantities of small lots and bulk class has deemed it no longer viable.

Over the years we have developed a strong relationship with various Exporters/Traders and more so WISS (Woolgrower Independent Selling Services). WISS is a grower owned cooperative where the profits are returned to the growers in the form of an annual rebate. WISS sells wool at auction and/or electronically in Melbourne weekly.

We have been successfully marketing large and small wool clips for our clients through WISS, at auction/wooltrade for the past 15 years. Many of our clients obtained the top prices at the Melbourne wool sales on many occasions.

We will continue to market wool for our clients through WISS Melbourne, and anticipate increasing this part of the business.

Regardless of the size of your wool clip we will continue to service your needs, providing the best possible service available. We will achieve this through continued feedback and guidance from the time your wool is shorn, to when it is shipped to its final destination.

All bulk class lots will be handled at WISS Melbourne, and paid directly to the client from WISS. The same will apply to your main wool clip.

We thank you for your support and look forward to providing a personalised and beneficial service to you. We will continue to expand our merchandise and rural services. Our friendly and competent staff will always be there for you.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Banks, Helen Banks and the staff at Woolabrai.

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from the MAYOR

Cr Helena Kirby
Mayor, Golden Plains Shire



More than 70 business leaders and young entrepreneurs enjoyed lunch and networking at Clyde Park Vineyard & Bistro at our August Business Networking event.

Guests heard from Peter Dostis and Linda Wong from Runway on their journey to help start-ups and entrepreneurs in both Geelong and Ballarat. We also heard from local success story Josh Walker from World Class Vintage, who continues to go from strength to strength in his online business. These events are a great opportunity to connect with other local businesses and I encourage you to sign up to receive economic development updates to your email by visiting goldenplains.vic.gov.au/newsletter/signup.

Local residents, community groups and organisations have put forward 13 community projects as part of the State Government's 'Pick My Project' initiative. It's time for the community, including local businesses, to get behind their favourite projects and vote. Without the votes, projects from Golden Plains Shire might not be funded – see the story below for more information

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Bronte Gorringer
Agri Business Consultant

I'm Bronte & I'm an Agri Business Consultant at Mulcahy & Co Agri Solutions.

Four things you should know about me:

1. If I had to live off one food group for the rest of my life it would be dairy... milk, cheese, chocolate, Yum.
2. If you buy me a drink; always go with the Sauvignon Blanc.
3. I completed a farm business management degree.
4. I grew up in the Western District; with a strong production background in livestock (dairy & sheep).

The dry start to the year has changed the playing field with the demand for grain and hay reaching a point where it is putting pressure on supply. As winter kicks in this is expected to continue. In this edition we look at the business life cycle and how it relates to farming situations, farm land values and where to from here and tax effective financing options as we approach the end of financial year.

Please visit our website to read our latest Farming Matters newsletter.



“Steel Art” is coming to Meredith

Marg Cooper

There are two excited young adults who are about to realize their dream. Bianca can't sleep with plans “going around in her head”. Daniel is relieved to be out of the factory and looking forward to using his artistic talents.

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. At her present home in Pioneer Ridge Road, because it is a dry environment she has established an extraordinary garden of mostly cacti and succulents.

Daniel hated school but excelled at art. He always carries some engineer's chalk to sketch ideas. He is a boiler maker by trade but has created some extraordinary sculptures for their business “Steel Art”, that has previously been in Geelong. Nothing scares him and he can learn about a subject and convert it to a meaningful sculpture. Recently he constructed a twelve foot sculpture out of stainless steel for “Fork and Flower” restaurant on the Bellarine Peninsula featuring a fork, daffodil and reed like grasses. Bianca tells that it is great to see him using his imagination to create.

Bianca and Daniel McDonnell have purchased Foxy's in Wallace Street, Meredith. They see it as a blank canvas. They are wanting to fill the acre with something different to what has been done. As a clue, they admire Roraima Nursery at Lara that blurs the worlds of art and nature. They speak of plants, water features, garden ornaments, arches, fresh flowers, sculptures, old machinery and new gates.

It's a dream on their doorstep!

John Richards

Marg Cooper

On July 6, 2018 one hundred years after John Richards was Killed in Action at the Battle of Hamel his family positioned a plaque at the tree on the She Oaks/Maude Road that had been planted to commemorate his service, soon after he went to WW1.

On July 7, 2018 relations of John Richards gathered near the tree to remember him and to view the new plaque. After some photos they soon retreated to the Royal Hotel at Meredith for lunch as the weather was cold, windy and wet.

“John Richards was killed by a 5.9 shell, death was instantaneous. He was buried on the left side of Vaire Wood, Hamel. Was short and thick set. Informant: Cpl. P. Newborn. No 1959.”

“John Richards was in 7th M.T.M. Battery. At Hamel Wood on 6th July about 11.30pm. We were in gun position waiting to resist enemy's tanks. Was killed outright, hit in head and chest by shell. Was buried just outside the wood. I was in burial party, cross erected. Christian name “Jim”. Informant: Gunner G. Gccliseff.”

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EVENTS IN GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Tracing your family history

Join Family History Detective Tricia Curry of Tricia's Tracings to find out more about family history research. But be warned, researching your family history is addictive. Once you start, you won't be able to stop!

Introduction to tracing your family convict history

Thursday 1 October

1.00 - 2.00pm

Introduction to tracing your family history

Monday 4 October

1.00 - 2.00pm

Cost: Free

Haddon Community Learning Centre, 396 Sago Hill Road, Haddon Vic 3351

Bookings required. Joan Coker, Ph 5342 7050, or email manager@haddonlearning.org.au

Intergenerational Program

Come along and get support from a young person with your technology challenges (mobile phone, digital camera, laptop computer, tablet etc) Drop in anytime and stay as little or as long as you like.

Wednesday 3 October

10:00am - 2:00pm

Bannockburn Library, High St, Bannockburn

Healthy Ageing & Staying Connected

This FREE presentation covers the importance of being healthy and active as we age, as well as how we can stay connected with family, friends, and the community. Scams that target older people and how they can be avoided are also discussed.

Monday 8 October

Please join the Dereel Walking Group for morning tea from 10.00am with session starting at 11.0am.

Dereel Hall, 14 Swamp Road, Dereel

RSVP to Lucy Osmond on 5346 1521 or 0409 247 237

Smythesdale Seniors Bus Trip to Bendigo

Visiting the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion, Tramways and the Woollen Mills

Tuesday 9 October

Leaving from The Well, 19 Heales St, Smythesdale 8.30am returning approx. 5.30pm

Lunch at Bendigo RSL at own cost

Cost: \$30

Bookings essential by 25 September

Ph Robyn 0407 851 668

Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

Join the bus to a mystery destination.

Wednesday 10 October

Leaving from:

- Bannockburn Cultural Centre at 8.00am
- Rokewood Community Hall at 8.30am
- The Well, Smythesdale at 9.00am

Cost: \$25 includes bus, morning tea and lunch

Bookings essential by 5.00pm 28 September

Ph 5220 7151 or 5220 7154

A Well Planned Journey

Join us for a serious yet light hearted look at what exactly is a good death - and if one exists. Key speakers will start the conversation and discuss care options, legal responsibilities and the choices we can make.

Wednesday 17 October

Meredith Community Centre, 4 Russell St Meredith

10.00 am - 2.00pm

Lunch provided

Cost: \$5

Bookings Pam Ph 5286 0700

To find out more, contact the event organisers.



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Contagious Fandom

It would be pretty safe to say that sport and the resulting fandom are a massive part of Australian culture. So much so that there has been many a university study conducted on the sociology, anthropology and psychology surrounding our love of sport and the resulting comradery. Whether it's at the game, at a BBQ or simply sitting around with the family on a Friday night, fandom is bred into us and can be as contagious as the common cold. Without getting too in-depth, fandom comprises of two parts: the personal (fascination/obsession) and the social (hysteria/contagion) and it is this social aspect that I found myself suffering from recently.

On an unseasonably warm winter's day, the sun was shining down upon the immaculately manicured green lawns of the football ground. I sat hunched on the stiff-backed plastic chairs that are synonymous with sports centres and school auditoriums. My knees were cramped up close to my chest and I could feel the body heat radiating off the person sitting next to me as their arm rubbed unavoidably against mine. My backpack was jammed between my shins and the back of the seat in front of me and contained the obligatory thermos of strong tea and snacks that had a half star health rating. As we waited for the AFL game to start, I pondered about how interesting the game would be seeing as though these weren't my teams. I had been given a free ticket and had decided to capitalise on it even if the lack of my team meant a limited interest in the game.

However, as the game wore on and I began acknowledging the irony of getting sunburnt in winter, I found that I had begun clapping along with the people around me. I would yell when they yelled, cheer when they cheered, and pretend I understood their pain when they swore with passion and outrage. I realised that I had been swept up in the atmosphere. Suddenly I cared whether this team won. I was angry when a free kick was awarded against them. I was vehement when the umpire's hypocrisy was obvious. I was elated when we got a goal. I had started saying 'we' as though I had been a lifelong fan and not a one-day-only band-wagoner.

When at half time AFL officials started filling the aisles holding bags of freebies for fans of this team, I found myself scrounging for a t-shirt and smiling with delight when I got my hands on one. I had been infected by the fandom. It was all over me like a rash and I felt as though I had betrayed my own team. I pushed the shirt into my bag and told myself I'd gotten it for my dad all along. I distanced myself from the fandom germs and succeeded in recovering....until the final siren went and we roared the theme song across the stadium.

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Stephen Murphy

Last month, the Meredith Police Paddocks Support Group hosted a visit from grasslands expert John Delpratt. After discussions over lunch, John joined a walk through the Paddocks to explore conditions and options for supporting the group in its efforts to foster the regeneration of native grasslands. In the group, was author and conservationist Stephen Murphy, who prepared an extensive report on the issues during the visit. This article is based on Stephen's report. - Ed.

John discussed a project in Western Victoria where a roadside section has been treated by removal of approximately 10 cm of the top layer of fertile soil. This process aims to remove all weed seeds as well as excess nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus that favour most weeds over native grasses, herbs and lilies.

Observing the heavily vegetated and rocky



“...the Meredith Police Paddocks is a wonderful site with important geological, cultural heritage (pre-European and post-European), faunal and floral values. He was enthusiastic about its future as a living example of effective environmental management, a local and regional recreation area and a destination for the burgeoning eco-tourism industry.”

John Delpratt was impressed with “the Paddocks” and its potential.

landscape, this was not considered as an ideal option for the Paddocks. He described a modified method suited to smaller areas that applied the same principles; involving removal of a few centimetres of nutrient and weed seed rich topsoil and replacing it with gravel, then planting native herbs directly into the gravel and over-sowing with native grass seed.

Other options such as cool burning were discussed. This requires annual burning at first to reduce soil nutrient levels and weaken the dominant perennial weeds. A relatively safe method suggested was to burn inside a cut down galvanised iron water tank. In conclusion, John suggested concentrated efforts on small patches to enable existing indigenous plants to spread and grow in numbers. This is referred to as species intensification rather than diversification in species, which is the usual goal of revegetation. For example, it is important to protect and expand populations of significant plants at the reserve like the rare *Geranium* sp. 1 (yet to be named) and reduce competition from aggressive exotic grasses growing

around it.

John agreed the Meredith Police Paddocks is a wonderful site with important geological, cultural heritage (pre-European and post-European), faunal and floral values. He was enthusiastic about its future as a living example of effective environmental management, a local and regional recreation area and a destination for the burgeoning eco-tourism industry.

Stephen has established and hosts an excellent website: “Recreating the Country” where you will find articles on a variety of topics. These include an excellent piece on saving grasslands, which explores the broad social and political

...and There's More:

Jim Elvey

Our winter working bees are done, and we have achieved quite a lot. Further landscaping has been carried out around the Campion Road entrance. This is already looking good with last year's plantings quite advanced but will be even more impressive in a few years time. Already this constructed and landscaped entrance is drawing compliments from visitors. And the great news is, we are seeing an increase in visitors to the site, which is not surprising given its accessibility and beauty. We also planted out many of the yam daisies grown on by Ballarat Environment Network from seed propagated by Wendy and Colin Cook. A lot of small trees and shrubs have been planted on the steep sections of the site, mostly by Bow Tasic from seed he has collected and propagated.

Alan Caddy and Paul Galea did a mighty job wrestling rocks and unfriendly winter weather to install our third trackside seat. It's the first on the eastern ridge and provides walkers with another splendid and very different view of the attractive valley.

If you would like to get involved with this enthusiastic support group or simply be kept informed of what's going on and what is planned at the Paddocks, contact Jim Elvey on 5286 1273 to be added to an email list for regular updates.



A visitor enjoys the valley views from the newly installed seat on the eastern ridge of the Meredith Police Paddocks.

The Things We Say

Gemma Hanan

"Let the Cat Out of the Bag"

We all know someone who does this habitually. Someone who cannot keep a secret to themselves and discloses it under the slightest pressure. To 'let the cat out of the bag' means to disclose a secret and its origins are not unlike most phrases in that they are murky. The most plausible is that once upon a time, people would try to trick customers at markets by trying to pass off a cat in a bag as a piglet. If the customer opened the bag to let the cat out, the trick was discovered and the transaction would cease.

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Andrew Howard's SLIDING DOORS

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The contrast of these two worlds is bordering on shameful when he considers the challenges that he has seen and known. The challenges that so many, he knows, continue to endure. From the day to day struggle to survive to this... where the only concern is the choice of fine wine to accompany the extravagant meal. Seafood tonight, white wine will be the obvious choice. What has his life become that he has no choices to make other than what his day to day indulgences will be?

How in God's good name has he found himself here? Surrounded by the very best of life while full of memories of the very worst of life. He can still recall, after so many years now, the journey that led him here. He can recall that very day, when at the depths of despair, he hit that send button. The email announcing his immediate resignation from what, in effect, was the only positive aspect of his life. A solid, meaningful job with a reliable pay cheque that kept him afloat. Kept him afloat while the rest of his life was drowning in a maelstrom of dysfunction. Alcohol, relationships, his physical and mental health, investments...his very soul was crumbling around him. Only kept afloat with a glimmer of hope that a steady job and some regular income provided.

2 emails and all that he knew, both the disaster and miracle of surviving is flipped. The first email was an offer in the "too good to be true" category but one he had long courted. He'd been around though, this wasn't his first rodeo. He knew the offer was tenuous at best. It was fanciful and well short of any certainty that would allow him to escape the reality of the hell that he had found himself in.

But ever the romantic his choice was clear enough. He quickly drafted and sent an email of his own. His resignation. Effective immediately.

Snapping back to his here and now he glances down to his toes slightly buried in that pure white sand. He wriggles his toes, burying them deeper into the sand, confirming it is real and not a dream. Looking up he stares across a perfect world to the horizon beyond an impossibly beautiful vista of the azure water and perfectly formed coral atolls.

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To push his dark past back where it belongs, to remind himself of his new life he repeated his daily internal mantra.

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MAN COOK EAT



Steve Duffy

Which came first: the Chicken or the Egg?

When I was a kid, chicken was an unusual treat. In fact only when a back yard chook failed to lay any longer did we have chicken as a family meal. The living chook was much more valuable as an egg producer. Any young males were usually eaten while they were still small, before the male hormones kicked in. I seem to remember both of these home grown chickens were most often boiled rather than roasted. Rabbit and lamb were much more common in those days.

I suppose that is why my first cooking attempts were cakes and puddings. There was no shortage of eggs. Dad always had lots of chickens on the go. The one recipe I really mastered was a sponge. The recipe is still there at the back of my mind. Between my brother and I there was an ongoing competition as to who could bake the lightest, tallest sponge cake. The three egg recipe could reach the height of 4 inches, meticulously measured and remeasured. Lucky I came from a large family, so there was always appreciative consumers. And there seemed to be a birthday or some other celebration every couple of weeks.

The other most common way we tucked into all these eggs was the simple boiled egg! Of course timing became the much sought after skill: getting the yolk to the "just right" consistency. Even attending the pot, gently stirring to get the yolk in the middle, such that when the top was sliced off, the runny yolk sat centrally. Already for soldiers (long fingers) of toast to be plunged in.

Over time the egg and chicken have lent themselves to hundreds of methods of preparation: from malay curried eggs to tandoori chicken drumsticks. From Bread and butter pudding to Chicken noodle soup. From clarifying stocks with an egg white island to the humble roast chicken.

But there is one thing for sure: the eggs and chicken that come from the back yard are by far the best flavoured!

NOTE: presuming that the first chicken was the result of natural cross breeding, the EGG came first. The rooster was not, strictly speaking, a chicken!



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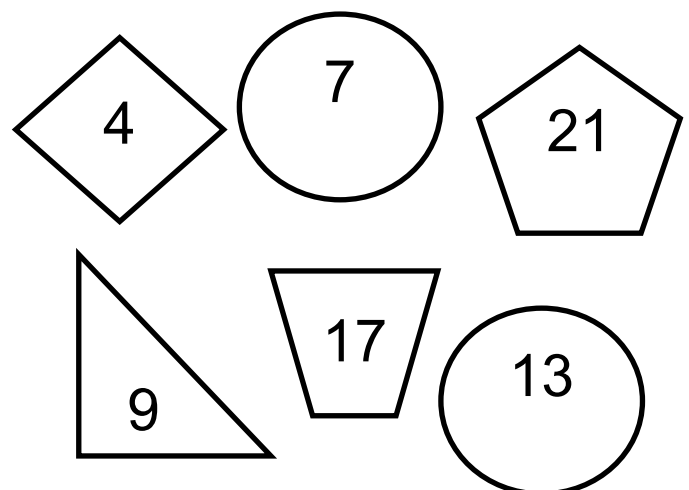
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- 1 brown onion, finely chopped
- 1 large carrot finely chopped
- 2 celery sticks, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed plus extra 2 cloves finely chopped
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 400g can diced tomatoes
- 3 fresh rosemary sprigs
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped flat leaf parsley
- 3 tps grated lemon rind

Method

Step 1 - Preheat oven to 160 C. Heat half the oil in a flameproof casserole dish over medium-high heat. Cook osso buco, turning, in two batches for 5 minutes or until browned. Transfer to a plate.

Step 2 - Heat remaining oil in the same dish over medium heat. Cook onion, carrot and celery, stirring for 5 minutes or until softened. Add crushed garlic and cook, stirring for 30 seconds.

Step 3 - Add wine, stock and tomatoes and stir well, scraping base of dish to remove any cooked-on bits. Return osso buco to dish and submerge in tomato mixture. Add rosemary, cover and bring to a simmer. Bake in oven, covered for 2 hours or until meat is tender.

Step 4 - Combine parsley, extra chopped garlic and rind in a small bowl. Sprinkle osso buco with parsley mixture (gremolata) to serve.

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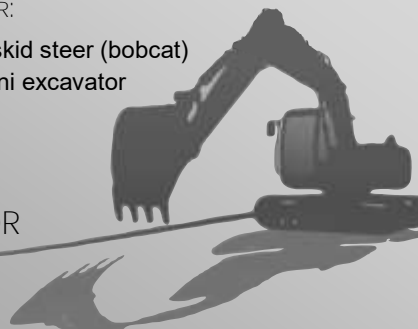
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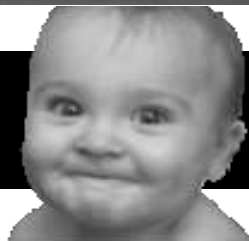
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Pete Goat - Not much of interest that I can recall (and better not to mention political culture - or lack of it) has come my way lately so this might be the opportunity to say what a privilege it is to be a part of the Meredith & district News and the whole group that makes it happen, thereby contributing in no small way to the culture of our community. The group includes all those in the editorial and production side of things, who do the real work, as well as the photographers, illustrators, writers, reporters, researchers and not least those who support it by advertising.

What an important part of the culture of what is really quite a small community is a publication like this which contains such a broad range of subjects and has such a good balance of information, knowledge, news, history, entertainment, stories and discussion. It seems to me a very high quality production and more essential reading than some of the publications we pay money for. And for me it's a real and rewarding challenge to try to be up to the very high standards of the team ---and the biggest challenge of all is to get it done by the deadline!

Steve Goat - This month I would like to bring to your attention two important Exhibitions.

Direct from New York, New York Museum of Modern art. Titled MoMA it runs at the National Gallery of Victoria, in St Kilda Rd. It runs until October the 7th.

The Collection is on loan from the States while they are renovating the gallery. This collection can only be seen here in Melbourne before it returns home.

Consisting of over 200 works from the end of the 19th century through to the early 21st century, including works from Van Gogh and Cezanne, Picasso, onto Sydney Pollock and Andy Warhol.

The show is accompanied by a NY, New York for kids participation space. Bookings available on line.

The second big show is the upcoming Archibald prize Exhibition at Geelong gallery from the 22nd of September to 18th November; this year the show is on for extra weeks, so don't miss the Exhibition of the biggest portrait Completion in Australia. We are lucky to have it just down the road

An Amateur Archaeologist

Marg Cooper

Over the past twelve months Laurie O'Brien has been cleaning up his land just east of the Elaine township. He has moved rocks, bricks and soil and he has re-fenced and during the process he has observed, researched and detected where the house and paths were between two huge old cypress trees. He found where the underground tank, the outside dunny, the cowshed, stables and bakery were. Also where the original fence line ran, where the quarry holes were and he has found an old road. He has collected a pile of relics. There are many pieces of rusty metal, many still recognizable as horseshoes both large and small, parts of an oven door, parts of harness, hinges etc.

"James Murdoch was a baker and storekeeper and his quite substantial premises was off the Morrisons Road adjacent to the highway today. The bakery was separate with the counter, scales and bakers' oven and the delivery carts were housed in the sheds out the back. He had decided to make his money by catering to the miners rather than trying his luck in the field. Peter Wells tells that the buildings sort of vanished over time."

James Murdoch was born in Scotland in 1828. He married Matilda Muir in 1853. Children were born to them at Campbells Creek, Simmons Reef and Buninyong before a son was born at Stoney Rises in 1860, a daughter in 1863 and another son in 1864. James Murdoch died in 1864 aged 37 years and is buried in the Meredith Cemetery.

Laurie O'Brien believes that the bakery oven may have been like a pizza oven of today as he found three metal arches with bolts on the ends that he believes were the frame, one longer that would have run from front to back and two shorter lengths that would have run across the oven. He is puzzled by what fuelled the oven as he has not found much evidence of a wood fire such as ash or charcoal.

An old map has solved the question of how the eight blocks fit into the land and who originally owned them. As one walks around the land with Laurie the picture emerges of a time long gone, of a home, a family, a business and a life.



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Landcare News



Bamganie-Meredith

FIRST AID COURSE: Do you need to update your first aid skills?

VIC First Aid will run a Level 2 first aid course (HLTAID003) on Saturday 27th October from 8:30am to 2:30pm at the Meredith Community Centre. Participants will need to complete an on-line theory component before attending on the 27 October, where the focus will be on more practical skills. More information about the course is available at: <https://vicfirstaid.com/uploads/HLTAID003%20COURSE%20OUTLINE%20AND%20LEARNING%20OBJECTIVES.pdf>.

The course is free for Landcare members, with catering provided. Places are limited to 10 people and bookings are essential. Contact Nick McKinley on 0455 147 398 or nick@leighcatchmentgroup.org to book a place.

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR INCORPORATION

A meeting will be held on at 7:30pm Thursday 11 October 2018 at the Meredith Community House for the purpose of incorporating the Meredith and District Landcare Association. As a majority of the members of the Association is required to pass the resolutions it is important that members either attend or provide a proxy. A form of proxy will soon be available on our Facebook page. The following resolutions will be proposed at the meeting:

1. *That an association be incorporated bearing the name Bamganie-Meredith and District Landcare Incorporated in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.*
2. *That the purpose of the association shall be to promote the aims and purposes of Landcare Victoria Inc. and to promote the principles of sound land and environmental management on private and public lands to members of the Association and the wider community.*
3. *That the model rules are adopted as the rules of the Association in accordance with section 49 of the Act.*
4. *The initial annual subscription shall be \$55 (GST included).*
5. *To appoint Madelaine McColl as the person responsible for doing all things necessary to arrange incorporation of the Association in accordance with the Act and to be the initial Secretary of the Association.*

The next general meeting of the Landcare Group will be held on Thursday 13 September at 7:30pm at the Meredith Community Centre.

Moorabool

Moorabool Catchment Landcare group would like to make landholders aware of some upcoming activities and funding opportunities in the Elaine, Morrisons and Meredith areas.

Jennifer Johnson took over from Elle Fox as Landcare coordinator over 12 months ago and is keen to try and connect to private landholders in the southern part of the Landcare area. The boundary of the Moorabool Catchment Landcare group is the midland Hwy and our west boundary is near settlement road Elaine and the east boundary is near She-Oaks.

The Landcare group are asking for expressions of interest for the following activities:

- Funding for revegetation, weed control and fencing work along the Moorabool River
- Revegetation activities – the Landcare group can provide free trees, guards and stakes (this is offered seasonally and grant related).
- Gorse Rebate Program – the Landcare group is intending on applying for a Victorian Gorse Taskforce grant in 2019. If you would be interested in getting financial assistance with Gorse to spray or mulch it, please contact Jennifer.
- Serrated Tussock control – we occasionally offer financial assistance with the cost of chemical for Serrated Tussock control.
- Fauna Camera monitoring – the Landcare group are asking for expressions of interest from private landholders to set up some fauna cameras over summer. We are trying to locate Brush-tailed phascogales or Tuans which are listed as vulnerable in this area.
- Endangered plant and animal surveys – do you think you have a vulnerable, rare or threatened plant or animal on your property and need assistance with identification or advice on how to look after it? We can assist you with that.
- General Land Management assistance and advice.
- Provide educational talks to local primary schools
- Bee Keeping / Nectar Workshop on Sunday 9th September (all day in Ballan) – \$40 for members / associate members to attend or \$85 for non-Landcare members.

If you are interested in any of the up above activities or grant opportunities, please contact Jennifer Johnson (Landcare coordinator) for more details pH: 0497 770 075 or moorabool.landcare@gmail.com



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Congratulations Cindy

We would like to congratulate Cindy on the safe arrival of her third son, Benjamin. Benjamin was born on Wednesday 21st August weighing in 7 pound 14 ounces. Both Cindy and Benjamin are doing well.

New Giftware in store!

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Franjo's Kitchen Lactation Cookies – now available

Breastfeeding is no walk in the park and so many mums have struggled with it at some stage or another, but knowing that there are little things you can do to ensure that you are able to feed your little one when they need it, that your milk is full of all the essential nutrients they need and you're not stressing wondering how things will go today is a godsend to mums everywhere. In walks Franjo's Kitchen, their nutritionist and naturopath created lactation products are baked to keep you and your little ones nourished and happy. Full of galactagogues oats, brewers yeast & flaxseeds. Along with superfood's chia seeds, coconut oil & buckwheat flour the cookies not only help you fill up your tank's whilst breastfeeding but also load you & your baby up with vitamins, minerals & good fats during this time. Available in 2 flavours, Choc chip and Fig & Almond.

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Franjo's Kinder Biscuits – now available!

write 4fun

Over the last few weeks many of our senior students have been working on writing pieces to enter in the Write4fun competition. It has been wonderful to see how engaged our kids have been in their writing this year. Here are a couple of the wonderful stories our kids created.



The Man in the Black Suit by Arabella Knight

My name is Isabella. I have a little brother named George. I live in an old cottage in Gumnut Valley. My father is at war in London, I am all alone with

Day after day the clouds pass the tall peaked tips of the mountains and the spiky pine trees sway from side to side in the wind. In a blink of an eye there stood a man with a very large black umbrella, an expensive black suit and white shirt. "Hello", said the man in a posh voice. "My name is Sir William Thomas, you shall call me Will." "Who are you, where did you come from?", asked Isabella. "I am from Princess Palace and I have come to get you". I stopped and thought for a second. "Well come on" spoke the man. "We don't have much time".

They travelled through the valleys and past the trees. Soon enough, they arrived at Princess Palace. I walked up the long set of stairs and looked around. I walked through the huge dark oak wood door and I saw Daddy! George and I were so pleased to see him. We ran towards him and hugged him with all our love.

The Witch by Jeremy Vorkauf

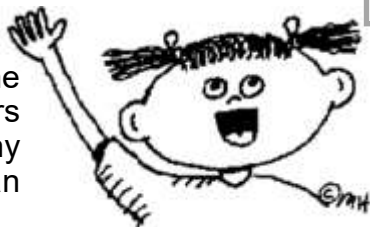
On a very hot and humid Saturday morning, I went to the movies in Geelong, to see Angry Birds. I was so happy and excited as I was on my way to the movies. I couldn't wait! I walked into the large bright picture theatre and there were people all around me laughing, talking and looking as excited as I was. I stood there in line, waiting excitedly to buy my ticket and popcorn to eat. I was just watching everybody around me and I heard a woman yell, "next please". I walked up and, got my ticket, snacks and drink. Now I was ready to go and sit down and watch.

About halfway through the movie, an old lady walked past me, she had no toes, a long nose, long gloves and black clothing. She was quite scary looking! My heart started to race as she sat down next to me. She offered me a potion, I didn't drink it, but she tried making me. I got up and ran as she tried to grab me.

As I ran, I noticed she was chasing me. I ran and I ran. I found a bucket, and quickly filled it up with really hot water.

As she came close to me, I splashed the bucket of water all over the old lady. All of sudden smoke started to appear. I looked everywhere, she was gone.

After studying the shapes and numbers on page 20, how many of these questions can you answer?



1. Which shape appears twice?
2. Which is the one shape with an even number in it?
3. What is the total of the two numbers in the first column?
4. Which shape has the number 13 in it?
5. How many sides has the shape with the number 17 in it?
6. How many straight sides do the shapes in the top row have?
7. And in the bottom row?
8. What is the biggest number within the shapes?

Now remember the questions you didn't answer, and go back to page 20 to answer them. Keep doing this until you either get them all, or it's bed time!

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Wind Farm Starts Construction

from media release

On Friday, Goldwind Australia was joined by key project partners at a Ground-Breaking Ceremony to mark the commencement of construction for the Moorabool Wind Farm project.

Goldwind Australia's Managing Director John Titchen said he was pleased to celebrate this significant milestone for the project. "This ceremony celebrates the official start of construction of one of the largest wind farms in Victoria. This investment is proceeding based on the Australian Renewable Energy Target and with strong support from the Victorian Government.

We were very pleased to host the Victorian Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio and many other key project partners and stakeholders, including representatives from local government and our host landowners.' Said John Titchen, Managing Director of Goldwind, Australia.

The Moorabool Wind Farm will comprise of Goldwind advanced technology turbines with a total capacity of up to 321 megawatts (MW). Goldwind Australia is performing the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) role during construction of the project and will then perform the ongoing Warranty, Operations and Maintenance (WOM) role once the project is operational. Goldwind Australia has appointed Zenviron as the Balance of Plant construction contractor for the project.

The project is expected to have up to 300 jobs on site during construction peaks and employ up to 20 permanent maintenance staff once the wind farm during operations.

Once operational the wind farm will power approximately 200,000 Victorian homes each year.

John Titchen, Managing Director, Goldwind Australia, addresses the construction launch ceremony.



Elaine CFA

Marg Cooper

On July 29, 2018 on a freezing cold, wet, windy day a crowd including Members of Parliament, Catherine King and Geoff Howard met at the Elaine Fire Shed for a presentation ceremony to honour over 50 CFA members for their service. This was the 4th award ceremony held by Elaine CFA, the others being in 1991, 2005 and 2011. Paul Ryan, the new Captain officiated on the 60th anniversary of Elaine CFA. Young members acted as parking attendants outside, the sheds were set up with chairs, a screen was used to show photos of deceased members and photos of equipment of bygone days and the tables in the kitchen/meeting room were laden with afternoon tea.

Jo Adcock who is Secretary/Treasurer of Elaine CFA acted as MC for the day.

District 15 Supervisor Brett Boatman congratulated Elaine CFA active management team on their passion and enthusiasm and also congratulated the families for their contribution. CFA had a bright future if Elaine was an example.

There were many boxed medals and framed certificates presented to 5 year members, 10 year members, 15 year members, 20 year members, 25 year members, 30 year members, 35 year members, 40 year members, 45 year members, 50 year members including Norm Lewis, Brian Lewis, Russell Ford, Jock LeMaitre, Reg Lewis, Kevin Ryan, Barry Wells, Brian Dunne, Tim Wells and Allan Parkinson.

Paul Ryan told that Elaine CFA was established in 1955, that many members joined the Elaine CFA after the 1967 fires, the first fire unit was built by Ian Sutherland and was mounted on a 1938 Ford, Allan Parkinson told that a good Captain would "look, listen and for God's sake, make a decision", that Archie Bowers often spoke on the CFA radios but never knew who "Roger" was, Brian Lewis is the only founding member to still live at Elaine and that he mowed grass for years for fire prevention usually at night after driving the school bus, that Kelvin Pitcher is the longest serving member who can go back 80 years when he attended fires with his father.

CFA Life Membership Medals were awarded to Russell Ford and Sam Lewis.

The new look National Medal also presented to Russell Ford feature an 8 pointed star for "tact, loyalty, dexterity, observation, sympathy, explicitness, gallantry and perseverance" and was presented on a red cushion.

There were 63 founding members. The remaining 4 are Kelvin Pitcher, Brian Lewis and John and Neil Cameron. Max Le Maitre, who died recently was a founding member. He built a bay onto his shearing shed which housed the fire truck until 1966.

After the presentations Geoff Howard explained how State and Federal Government Grants had allowed Elaine CFA to erect a kitchen/meeting room, that it was a community asset and could be warmed when needed. Jim Connell and Kelvin Pitcher cut the red ribbon to open the new facility and afternoon tea was served.



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Stronger Communities

from media release

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Vale Eric Alexander Miller

10/7/1934-23/7/2018

A Thanksgiving Service was held at Bendigo on Wednesday, August 1 and opened with a very suitable tune "True Blue" by John Williamson.

Eric was the only child of Clarrie and Barbara Miller of Morrison. He attended the very small Morrison Primary School and then the very large Geelong Grammar School. Although good at school he left as soon as he could as he missed the freedom of country life. He entered National Service in the 1950's making many friends at Puckapunyal.

He met the love of his life, local girl Wendy Stanley and they married on March 31, 1956. They had three children, Anne, Trevor and Glenn. They spent their entire working life of nearly 50 years on the farm at Morrison. Eric accepted advances in farming and adopted new methods always with Wendy at his side. The story is told of Wendy's Christmas present one year being a new wool table, the latest electronic model that also weighed fleeces. Eric was a shearer and shored around the district for many years with Kevin (Sticks) O'Brien.

Eric's time at Morrison was not all work. He was very involved in the local community. He played tennis for Morrison and played or was a team manager at Ballarat Country Week representing the Mooney Cup Association. He played football for Meredith Football Club, was a club official and was a Life Member. He played golf at Meredith Golf Club, represented the club locally, regionally and around the state and was a committee member and Secretary for many years and a Life Member. He was on the Morrison Hall Committee, Morrison Cemetery Trust and Morrison CFA where he was a Life Member. In all these activities Eric was supported by Wendy.

Social outings were always on his agenda including fishing trips, camping trips and caravanning trips. Early days saw regular water skiing at Twin Lakes and other waterways as a family with John Vanstan and Ken

Eberhart to name a few. Mystery flights with the Kleins and Wishy Slocombe were also a highlight. The kettle was always on the stove or beer in the fridge for any visitor to Morrison farm. Many discussions over the kitchen table were held with Mavis Spielvogel and any other welcome visitor!

The concluding music at the service was "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life" which Eric certainly did. He was always bright and loved to instigate a lively discussion.

Eric and Wendy retired from the farm at Morrison in January 2006 to start the next stage of their life together in Murray Parade, Koondrook. Unfortunately Wendy was diagnosed with cancer in March 2006 and passed away in September the same year. Eric played golf at Barham and became a member of Dad's Army who met regularly to do small jobs around the Barham Golf Course. His interest in fishing continued although he disliked eating fresh water fish. He planted many new roses and a new vegetable patch and developed an interest in orchids.

In 2017 he was diagnosed with a blood condition which resulted in Eric's passing on Monday, July 23.

Can this be Right?

Jim Elvey

We reported in the July issue the third extension to the expected launch of NBN wireless in Meredith. Then, the NBN website indicated "...planned availability is January to March 2019." At the time of going to print, the site now indicates it will be **October to December 2018**. Of course, it still has that * beside it to let you know that these dates are "... subject to change."



A 21 year old Eric receiving the traditional "key to the door" from his father, Clarrie.



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Dear Judith,

Every year during winter I struggle with life I find everything depressing and have no energy to deal with anything that's stressful.

Thank you for raising such a common mental health problem. Many people experience low mood and depression over the winter months. This condition is called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) or more commonly referred as the 'Winter Blues'.

Research confirms that SAD symptoms arise due to the reduction in sunlight hours causing a disruption to our 'body clock' during winter. Some of the symptoms include; low mood, withdrawal from usual activities, lack of sleep or over sleeping, reduced motivation, lethargy, craving carbohydrates or sugar, as well as, feeling distressed or anxious.

The following strategies can help you to beat the 'winter blues' in future;

Exposure to daylight, you may try getting up with the sun as the sunshine first thing in the morning is often the best through winter. Otherwise embrace any opportunity to get outdoors when weather permits.

Fish Oil and Vitamin D supplements can be very helpful during the winter months.

Exercise as regularly as possible as we know that it wards off depression

Socialise plan ahead and catch up with friends on a regular basis

Relaxation/Yoga and meditation engaging in any relaxation activity will help to maintain good mental health

Take a holiday, plan a trip away to a warmer climate each winter

Cognitive Behavioural Therapy / Light Therapy or anti depressants/melatonin medication. Please seek advice from your GP about these treatment options. Seeing a counsellor for Cognitive Behavioural Therapy can assist you to manage depressed mood and have a relapse prevention plan for next winter. Some people find that taking an antidepressant just for a few months during winter is enough to get them by. Your GP is the best person to discuss treatment with.

I certainly hope that as spring arrives your mood improves some what. Please seek help from your GP if your mood continues to be low and discuss with them a prevention plan for next winter.

For more information

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/personal-best/pillar/in-focus/feeling-sad>

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/seasonal-affective-disorder/symptoms-causes/syc-20364651>



Kinder News

The kindergarten children are having a wonderful time learning through play, they are busy challenging themselves in the outdoors, jumping off the high A frames and running UP the slide are new games for the older group. The pre kinder group have been enjoying winter picnics for lunchtime and getting busy in the mud patch. They also had a session of experiments and investigations for science week. This term we had the chicken hatching program and celebrated Book week with a dress up day and stories. Our staff attended training days, conferences and professional development days this term so it's been a busy learning month for teachers. We are using the deck area more with our new roller blinds fitted, it creates a lovely space for activities and block play. We are all looking forward to springtime and the sunny days ahead along with the school holidays! Kinder resumes for term 4 on Monday 8th October.

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In our Nature

Wendy Cook

I wake to the dawn chorus of kookaburras and magpies. Soon the kookaburras cease laughing at the world, but the magpies continue their conversations. Their voices are joined by others, Springtime voices. I hear the bell-like chimes of the spotted pardalote, the drawn-out high-pitched whistle of a Horsfield's bronze-cuckoo, the beautiful melody of the grey shrike-thrush, and in the distance the creaks and clicks of the frogs which have been calling from the creek all night. The pardalote feeding in the flowering gum tree is joined by honeyeaters, each species with its own call, using its voice to communicate, mark its territory and attract a mate. The superb fairy-wrens in the nearby bushes are wary of the cuckoo. The iridescent green feathers on its back shine in the sun, as it calls to its mate. Many cuckoos do not build a nest or care for their young. They lay an egg in an unguarded nest of a smaller bird species. The cuckoo chick will be the largest in the nest, and will be the only survivor, perhaps pushing the other baby birds from the nest or being the most demanding when food is delivered. Some parents will desert their nest if they notice an unfamiliar egg, rather than risk rearing a young cuckoo.

While most birds put a lot of energy into caring for their young, the frogs in the reed-lined pool have a different strategy. The males' calls advertise their presence. Each hopes to attract a female and fertilise her eggs as she lays them. Frothy masses of spawn will appear in the quiet water, each mass containing many eggs. A tiny black speck in each egg will gradually develop into a tadpole. It will hatch, wriggle free of the spawn and descend into the dark pool. With no further parental care only a few tadpoles will survive to maturity. The frogs ensure the survival of the next generation by creating many eggs.

For most mammals caring for their offspring is an important part of their lives. Above the pool, in a burrow in the steep creek bank, a platypus lays three eggs. She will incubate them for ten days, then care for her young in the nesting burrow until they are ready to emerge into the wide world in the middle of Summer.

Animals time their breeding to coincide with the best food supply. While some mammals such as ringtail possums and swamp wallabies already have maturing young, sugar gliders give birth in Spring. For them this is a time of increasing food, as insects and spiders respond to warming weather and emerge from their Winter hideouts or hatch from Autumn's eggs. Another food source, nectar, is also more plentiful. The warmth and longer days trigger plants to grow and flower. Their insect pollinators are stirring now and the bush becomes a busy and dangerous place. Small predators, such as praying mantises, wait below flowers. Spiders spin their delicate symmetrical webs between plant stems, ready to

catch flying pollinators. Lizards hunt for spiders and beetles, as do small carnivorous marsupials such as antechinus and phascogales. Daytime animals watch out for kookaburras, currawongs and birds of prey, while nocturnal animals are cautious of owls.

A Spring bushwalk is full of life and colour. There are yellow wattles, peas and daisies, pink and white heaths, purple peas and scented chocolate lilies, red grevilleas, delicate white flowered sundews with sticky insect-trapping leaves, pink pelargoniums, and perhaps the tall creamy spikes of grass tree flowers. Look carefully among all of these, and you may find tiny orchids, in many colours and shapes. Keep searching and you will find more, including spider webs, jewel beetles with shiny wing cases, a busy nest of ants, native bees visiting a tea tree flower or a lizard crunching on a fly before it disappears into the leaf litter. Listen to the songs of the birds in the trees as they hunt insects and feed from flowers. Perhaps frogs are calling from a swampy place. Above you, inside a tree hollow, a brushtail possum may be sleeping, or a sugar glider feeding its young. Everything is busy, making the most of moisture, greenness and warmth, before hot dry Summer arrives again.

Wendy

Litter is a Burning Issue

Media release

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) issued 12,000 litter fines in 2017-18 and the litter that annoyed Victorians most was the lit cigarette.

Cigarettes are the most common litter and the type most commonly reported by the public.

More than three quarters of litter reports to EPA involve cigarette butts tossed from vehicles, and more than half involved a cigarette that was still burning.

Other litter fines were for food packaging, drink containers and other small items. Litter contaminates the soil, chokes waterways and endangers wildlife, and a lit cigarette is a serious fire hazard.

EPA's litter reporting service gives the public a clear mechanism for reporting people who throw litter from a vehicle, by using the car's registration number to track down the alleged offender.

You can report littering at www.epa.vic.gov.au or by calling 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842). It's important to be willing to give evidence in court if the alleged offender challenges the fine, but if you get the details right, most of them just pay the fine.

Your report should identify the car, describe the person, describe the litter and how it was disposed of, and the time and place where it happened.



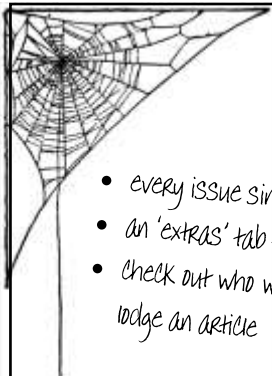
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A Way of Life

by KERRIE KRUGER



A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

Early Spring and to celebrate we have our first apple blossoms and new lambs.

We had much excitement when Nick's pet sheep become a Mumma for the first time -twin boys. We did have to draw the line at the three of them sleeping in the laundry at night but are bringing them into a small pen to keep them safe. No foxes on our watch Thanks! We are pleased to say babies, Mumma and Nick all doing well.

At last the chickens have decided to lay, not sure if it was the increase in daylight or the removal of the terrorising Guinea Fowl, but we have gone from famine to feast on the egg front. Time for poached eggs, quiches, custards, baking and a bit of bartering as well.

With the goal of being self-reliant on the berry front, we have planted black currents and relocated the blueberries and red current into a large patch, for ease of watering and harvesting. We also planted a few bramble berries and a youngberry to compliment the raspberries we already have growing. I finally relocated all our strawberries into 1 patch, once again for ease of watering, picking and netting for bird protection. It never ceases to amaze me how expensive these berries are and yet so prolific once established in your garden,

"Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can." Arthur Ashe

We have been ambling along our tread lightly, slow living path for 20 years or so and what have we learnt? That it's okay to go slowly, to be different, to let go caring about latest trends, that life is about living not just existing. It's been a journey about rethinking how we do things, about acknowledging needs not wants, it has been about accepting that it is a whole mindset change, it's about letting go of people, places and events when you need to and holding on to those that are important to your sense of self.

But I don't have the time, to live a slow life, life is so busy. Well Yes, it is! and yes you do, you are an adult and therefore time is yours to control. But you know what, it is not about time. It's about letting go. It's about defining what is important to you. It's about being grounded and free, organised and flexible. Life is complex but simple.

We made the decision years ago that daily life needed to be fulfilling, we did not want a life that we need to take a break from, to go on holidays to get away from. We figured out what inspired us, what we stood for, what we were passionate about and set out on the path. Granted it has been a bumpy path at times but always interesting and as long as we stay true to ourselves we will be okay.

What is important will be different for every single one of us, there is no blueprint to this slow living journey, it is about treading your own path and only you know what it is that makes your spirit sing.

Early Spring Planting

Are you like me, fingers itching to get growing, luckily now is the time to start planning for summer harvesting?

While many standard garden vegetables cannot be planted outside or started from seed until the soil is fully warmed and the threat of frost is past, a variety of other cool season spring crops can be started right now, giving you a jump start on the gardening season and putting food on your plate long before the summer vegetables come in.

Cool season vegetables can be planted either directly in the soil with no cover, directly in the soil underneath a row cover or low tunnel, or in pots and trays in a sunny window or porch.

Planting under row covers or a low tunnel will not only help to warm the soil quicker but will also protect seedlings from frosts (although a hard freeze, or a long stretch of really cold weather may still be able to kill plants under row covers).

Planting in pots and trays that can be moved outside into the sun on warm days, and brought inside at night, is one sure-fire way to beat the frost (as long as you remember to bring them inside) and can be a great way to start an early spring garden long before the soil outside is ready to plant.

These spring vegetables are usually foolproof enough to grow so that even the most beginning gardeners can reap a good harvest.

September: Very last chance to plant bare rooted fruit trees, berries, grapes, asparagus and rhubarb for this year.

Grow seedlings in trays: (under heat or warm window sill or cold frame) Broccoli, Beetroot, Cabbage-Early Ball Heads, Sugarloaf, Capsicums, Celery, Celeriac, Pak Choi, Eggplant, Endive, Leeks, Lettuce-Cos, Silver beet and Spring Onions.

To plant direct into prepared beds: Beetroot, Coriander, Spinach, Mesclun Salad Mix, Peas-Shelling, Snow & Sugar, Snap Peas, Potatoes and Radish.

Remember, ensure soil is warm and give frost protection as required.

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Are you or one of your family members interested in cricket or tennis, if so both Elaine Tennis and Cricket Clubs are holding an Open Day/Registration Day for the 2018/19 Season.

**NOTE
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DATE**

It is on Sunday 9th September at 12.00pm. It will take place at Elaine Recreation Reserve at 5213 Midland Highway Elaine.

There will be a free barbeque, with free coaching and prizes, a radar gun, and bowling and ball machines to test out your skills, all family members are encouraged to give the sports a go. Phone Shane on 0448 291 074 for any further information.

All tennis and cricket equipment will be supplied.

All Children aged 5 and over will be catered for.

Bring the whole family and have a free barbeque.

Bring the whole family and have a free barbeque for Dad on Father's Day.

ALL WELCOME





Marg's Book Review

“Cold Comfort Farm” by Stella Gibbons

“Sensible, sophisticated Flora Poste has been expensively educated to do everything but earn a living. When she is orphaned at twenty, she decides her only option is to descend on relatives – the doomed Starkadders of the aptly named Cold Comfort Farm.

There is Judith in a scarlet shawl, heaving with remorse for an unspoken wickedness, raving old Ada Doom, who once saw something nasty in the woodshed, lustful Seth and despairing Reuben, Judith’s two sons and there is Amos, preaching fire and damnation to one and all.”

Flora takes advantage of the fact that “no limits are set, either by society or one’s own conscience, to the amount one may impose on one’s relatives’ and settles on visiting her distant relatives at the isolated Cold Comfort Farm in the fictional village of Howling in Sussex. Each of the farm’s inhabitants has some long-festering emotional problem caused by ignorance, hatred or fear and the farm is badly run. Flora being a level-headed, urban woman determines that she must apply common sense to their problems and help them adapt to the 20th century- bringing metropolitan values into the sticks. She briskly goes about sweeping away the cobwebs and shining the light of clear and sensible thought into the miasma of gloom and despair that envelopes the inhabitants.

Cold Comfort Farm was first published in 1932 and was set in the “near future”. It was written in reaction to the rural romances popular in the 1930’s. Gibbon’s writing is fresh, precise and illuminating. Her descriptive passages, consciously exaggerated are evocative and often beautiful. “The desolate Atlantic pools that were his eyes were filmed with the ready tears of ninety years.” One could call the book a parody. Gibbon’s scorn is saved for the writers she “sends up”, seldom aimed at the characters whom she humanises and releases from their masks of literary hyperbole to reveal the ordinary people underneath with normal aspirations and dreams. Flora becomes fond of many of them.

In the end though she returns to her other life. Flora who has become involved with Cold Comfort Farm and its inhabitants has also changed herself and she is able to calmly let go of the mysteries she has not managed to solve.

The book for discussion in September is “Eucalyptus” by Murray Bail.



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Film Launch:

You are invited to the first showing of a documentary film about Lewis Lasseter on Sunday, September 23 at 1.30 pm at Meredith History Centre.

The film has been made by three brothers, who we happened to meet when they were on their first filming trip to Meredith. They have filmed all over Australia and overseas following the life of Lewis Lasseter who is famous for the gold reef he found and could not find again in Northern Territory.

You may not know that Lewis Lasseter grew up in a house east of Woodburn Creek at Bamganie. The McColl family own the land now. There are only the remnants of two chimneys left but the house appears to have been substantial, situated only 20 m from the creek on the flat and surrounded by bush. It is known locally as Lasseter's Gully.

William John Lasseter married Agnes Cruickshank in 1876 and they had four children at Meredith including Lewis who was born in 1880. Family tell that Agnes died of sunstroke in 1888 and was interred in the Meredith Cemetery. Johnny got another woman, maybe his sister to look after the house and children but Lilian and Lewis ran away. Lewis Lasseter then lived with relations in Colac.

He lived in America, New England district of NSW, Gippsland and when WW1 broke out, moved to Melbourne and then back to Meredith. Two of Lewis Lasseter's daughters attended Meredith State School in 1916. His story is well documented in books such as "Lasseter's Last Ride" by Ion Idriess and "Lasseter in Quest of Gold" by Billy Marshall-Stoneking.

It has now also been documented by Chris, and his two brothers and you are invited to the very first screening of their documentary film on September 23.

Honour Boards:

Geelong Heritage Centre is asking community members to tell them where Honour Boards are, in halls, in fire sheds, in schools or in homes, under the bed. Remember the Bamganie Honour Board that was in the vault at the Kindergarten for over 30 years and no one knew it was there! And we're still looking for the Woodburn Honour Roll!

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Bats in the Belfry

Marg Cooper

On Sunday, August 5 Deb Colvin, daughter of Mike and Jenny Colvin spoke about Bats in English Medieval Churches. The first fact she told us was that bats don't live in belfries because it is too cold for them there. Deb has been working for a year on a project that seeks to safeguard the future of protected bat roosts whilst reducing their negative impact on the historic buildings and the people who use them. There are 8 species of bats in England, they are all small bats and they are protected.

She told that Natural England, Cathedral and Church Buildings Division of the Church of England, Historic England, Bat Conservation Trust and Churches Conservation Trust have come together to form a ground breaking partnership to bring together communities, bats and historic churches. They had applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund for 5 million pounds to be used for a 5 year project to work with the most severely affected churches.

Deb has been out and about inspecting churches, talking with congregations, educating and collecting information for reports. She is well qualified for the job holding several University qualifications including a diploma in Theology, she is a Warden at St James, Piccadilly and has had a long standing interest in conservation.



Entry forms and the story of William Dunbar Johnston from Bev (0438 514176) or Marg
jeffandmargcooper@gmail.com

What Went On at the Top Pub?

The “Top Pub” started life in the 1860s as the Railway Hotel.

In 1867 there was a “rowdy meeting” regarding “the desirability of the post office being near the hotel” where men were “drinking, smoking, and swearing” and that this had a “demoralising tendency, inasmuch as the post-office was frequently closed, and it was found necessary, even on the part of women and children, to go to the bar of the public-house in order to get the post-master to perform his duties.”

Several deaths occurred at the hotel including licensee Catherine Healey, aged 38yrs in 1884, and her husband, Edward, 44yrs in 1885

In 1901 Mr H. Davison announced that visitors to the Meredith races on Boxing Day may secure “first classe” accommodation at the Railway Hotel.

In 1905 “a bull strayed into the dining room and, after some trouble, was got out without damage to the tables, which were all set ready for dinner.” Later in 1905 when tenders were advertised for the erection of the Mechanics' Institute plans could be seen at the Railway Hotel.

In 1914, Dan Gardiner provided first aid to the infant grandson of Mrs. W. Millar after he was overcome by the extreme heat of Friday, had collapsed, and its life despaired of. Dan became known for being the first resort with illness and injury.

Later in the year a smell of burning was noticed for several days. Finally a housemaid discovered the fire emanating from a crack in the bricks of the diningroom fireplace – it had been built over an old stump which was now burning under the floor and had spread to the flooring joists.

In 1917 the hotel's future was uncertain due to the Licensing Reduction Board's decision to close one of the three existing Meredith hotels. “The house was patronised by farmers, squatters and a large number of commercial travellers.” The Railway Hotel survived compulsory closure, and soon arrangements were being made for the erection of a substantial brick front.

In 1925 a new daily Motor service was opened by Mr Parsons, leaving the hotel at 7.45am for Geelong, returning from Geelong at 3pm.

In 1931 fire destroyed the hotel. Miss Wilson, the licensee, and two other persons were in bed when the fire was discovered, and they escaped in their own night clothes. The building was owned by the Volum Brewing Company, Geelong. Nine days later an application from the owners was received for a temporary licence for a bar-room at the hotel.

The company also applied for permission to change the name of the hotel from the

Railway Hotel to the Meredith Hotel. New plans provided for a single-story building of hardwood, cement and plaster. “The building will, it is estimated, be completed

by December 31. The cost will be £1,950.”

In 1938 licensee, Frederick William Mason-Cox, had a conviction quashed for having disposed of liquor after hours. The Chief Justice said that on the night there were about twenty men including many local shearers present, and though there was a strong probability that the glasses found were emptied by some of the men, and it was extremely likely that those glasses had contained alcoholic liquor, according to the strict laws of evidence, he could not say that they had, or that the men had drunk it.

In 1953 £9 was raised for the Sporting Globe Appeal at the hotel.

Jan McDonald, Meredith History Interest Group

Grants for Safer Communities

from media release

Federal Member for Corangamite, Sarah Henderson, has called on local councils and community organisations to apply for a share of up to \$1 million in funding through the Safer Communities Fund.

The Safer Communities Fund is aims to keep Australians safe and secure by enhancing the efforts of local councils and community organisations to address crime and antisocial behaviour.

Due to the program's success, an additional \$30 million has been allocated from assets confiscated by the Commonwealth as proceeds of crime.

Grant applications for round three of the Safer Communities Fund are now open and local councils and community organisations are invited to apply for funding for security enhancement projects, such as CCTV, bollards, lighting and crime prevention through environmental design initiatives.

Applications close on 25 September 2018. Information on how to apply for funding is available at business.gov.au/safer-communities-fund-early-intervention or by calling 13 28 46.





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