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Meredith & district NEWS



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

July 2019



Moorabool North Wind Farm

Progress to date

- Construction has been completed on all access tracks, hardstands and foundations
- Substation works complete, awaiting energisation
- Approximately 90km of cable reticulation installed
- 288 turbine components delivered to site
- Installation of 6 turbines complete

Look ahead

- Energisation of substation
- Continued road maintenance
- Continued electrical and mechanical fit-out of each turbine
- Continued turbine component deliveries including to the western section of the project
- Continued turbine erection and commencement of commissioning

Moorabool South Wind Farm

Progress to date

- All access tracks complete to base level – 28km
- 54 foundation concrete pours completed - 100% complete
- Substation civil works complete
- 42 Kiosks set in place

Look ahead

- Continuation of backfilling and hardstand construction works
- Continuation of Substation works – SCADA interface
- Continuation of cable laying
- Continue Kiosk deliveries
- Continued road maintenance

Construction activity traffic is focused on **Mt Wallace Ballark Road** and **Ballan Meredith Road**, **Bungeeltap South Road** and at the wind farm entrance on the **Geelong Ballan Road**.



Figure 2: MNWF wind turbine

The Moorabool Wind Farm team aims to keep local disruption to a minimum and apologises if construction activities cause any inconvenience.

Speed Limit Reduction

- The Speed limit on sections of the Ballan Meredith Road and Ballan Egerton Road have been reduced to **80km/h** until further notice.
- The speed limit on Mount Wallace Ballark road has been reduced to **80km/h**.

These changes have been implemented with Moorabool Shire Council to ensure the safety of all road users during construction. These speed limits are now in operation and being enforced.

Turbine Component Deliveries

Oversize deliveries of wind turbine components will continue at Moorabool North wind farm until mid-August 2019.

Oversize loads include, Blades, Nacelle, Hub, Generators and Tower sections. Deliveries will be utilising different routes to site. These include:

- From the Western Highway and travelling south along Geelong Ballan Road,
- Travelling north from Geelong on the Geelong Ballan Road through Anakie.

The components will then travel to the relevant access points via the Ballan Meredith Road and Ballan Egerton Road.

Road Safety

Goldwind places a high importance on road safety for all road users and acknowledges the inconvenience that encountering oversize deliveries may cause. All loads will travel in accordance with the relevant permit conditions and be accompanied by pilot vehicles and in some cases, police escorts.

For up to date information on deliveries please register to receive weekly SMS notifications by texting your name to **0418 975 014**.

Ongoing road maintenance is taking place in the vicinity of the wind farm. Regular inspections are conducted on public roads being used by wind farm delivery traffic. Areas which may present a safety concern are flagged and temporary reduced speed limits put into operation. Temporary or permanent repairs are being undertaken as soon as practicable.

Transmission Line

The transmission line construction is now complete.

The Elaine terminal station has now been energised. Energisation of the transmission line is currently taking place.

Crane Lighting

The main installation crane at Moorabool North wind farm is fitted with an aviation warning light. This is operational at all times.



Figure 3: Elaine Terminal Station

For Further Information about the project please visit
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Community

Meredith Seniors

Jim Hynds

On June 17, 2019 the seniors journeyed to the Gateway in Geelong. We car pooled and about twenty members attended.

The Gateway Hotel offers a massive smorgasbord of meals of every description plus every conceivable dessert at a very good price for seniors. After the meal most members settled down to socialise and catch up and yes, some ventured into the gaming room.

In all, a great day was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately, we had some members on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery.



Kinder News

Meredith Kindergarten News

Jodie Trevaskis

Despite the cold, nothing stops the children getting outdoors to play in the Winter rain and sunshine, and noticing the little changes in nature such as the frosty grass, the bare trees, the icy A frames, the birds chirping and the lovely rainbows. The 3 year old group have been learning how to do things for themselves to foster some independence, with their self help skills, doing their zips & buttons up, and being in charge of their belongings.

Next term this group's session will run for 5 hours, finishing at 2 pm. Both groups had their kinder photo day with orders being taken now, the kinder group have had parent teacher interviews and next term, we will hold a general school readiness evening with the Meredith Primary School. We encourage our pre kinder families to go along to this also, as it's relevant and valuable information to assist in making the important decision on when to send your child to Kindergarten, and then be ready for school.

In our last week we had a lovely incursion with The Roo Keepers, Michael brought in a range of Australian animals like Winnie the Koala, Peter the Python, Honey the Squirrel Glider and Alba the Dingo. The children enjoyed the up close & hands on learning experience, with all these animals. Next term we will start Bush Kinder, hold a cosy PJ day, do Science week experiments, celebrate Book week and learn about Brave Hearts.

It's Happy School Holiday time now, Kinder will be closed until Monday 15th July, so stay warm.

From the Meredith Team

Meredith Playgroup

Meredith Playgroup meets every
Thursday from 9.30am

During the School Term

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Our Cover

Cathie Boer's picture of a winter rainbow is our cover this month. Thanks Cathie.

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The editorial deadline for the next issue is
9.00 am Thursday 25th July



Community

Meredith - You've Done it Again!

This year marks we think, the 20th anniversary of the very first Biggest Morning Tea in Meredith run by Pip Hucker and Jessie Osborne. Since that time we have raised thousands of dollars for the Cancer Council at the Anglican Hall and St Joseph's Parish Hall. Our move from St Joseph's Hall this year to the Meredith Memorial hall for the first time proved to be a great success.

On Thursday 6th June our community came together once again to support and raise funds for the Cancer Council with our Biggest Morning Tea. Approximately 80 people attended the Memorial Hall to share memories of loved ones and donate to this worthy cause. The crew at St Joseph's worked very hard to create an atmosphere of welcome, and a delicious array of treats was offered. There were many items on display for the silent auctions, together with raffles and a door prize.

This year our Morning Tea was held in special memory of

our own wonderful Trudy Mitchell, a dedicated volunteer at the Community Centre and a great friend to many in our town. There was a display of her artwork and her family generously donated two pictures for our raffle.

Thanks to the Lions Club of Meredith & District who very generously donated the cost of the hire of the hall and to Jessie Osborne and Myrtle Wiseman for their generous donations, and to all who provided soup, savouries, cakes and prizes for our silent auctions. A big thank you to the many people who attended and to all those who worked so hard to once again make our Biggest Morning Tea a huge success. This year we raised the grand total of \$3,750 to donate to the Cancer Council for their ongoing research.

Well done Meredith!!

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August 11th/25th

Meredith: at 11a.m Sunday July 7th /21st,
August 4th/17th .

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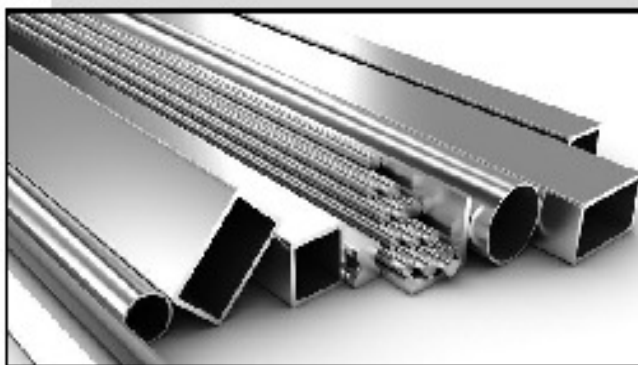
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Vale Gaye Baddeley

25/5/1953 – 20/5/2019

Gaye was the eldest of Arnold and Norma Wallace's four children. She went to the local Kindergarten in Hyde Street, Footscray, then the Primary School in Hyde Street. She completed Form 1 and 2 at Footscray Central and then finished up to 5th Form at Williamstown High. She played a lot of sport and was good at it. Netball was a favourite and she was a Victorian Champion in shot put.

With an absolute love of music, Gaye was a gifted pianist and completed music school to Grade 8. Allan's Music Place in the city was one of her favourite shops to buy records and sheet music to suit her eclectic taste of music ranging from pop to classical. Gaye left school to work at the Reserve Bank. She met Brent at her sister Wendy's wedding. 'Mr Romanic' Brent had saved a bit of money and said to Gaye, "I need four new tyres for my car or we can buy an engagement ring". How could she say 'No' to that proposal? Brent and Gaye married at the Methodist Church in Hyde Street, Footscray on February 19, 1977 followed by a reception at Brent's parent's house. After 12 months in Footscray they found a home in Werribee. Two children came along, Leah and Russell, and many good times were had here and lifelong friends were made.

In 1990 they moved to Meredith buying the local general store which Gaye ran for a few years before they bought a house in Nuttall Street. Gaye and Brent loved living in Meredith. If someone called at their home Gaye was most likely doing her crossword puzzles or reading the newspaper. She was heavily involved in all the kids' activities and on sporting committees. Leah and Russell remember her being at every netball, football and cricket game when they were growing up.

A fanatical Bulldogs fan Gaye thought nothing of travelling hundreds of kms to get to a game. She finally got to see her beloved dogs win a flag in 2016! She loved going to the pub for a beer and a bet, even if it was by herself to have a chat to the locals. She often had what Brent called "one woomy parties". She would sit in a chair in the middle of the kitchen with her ciggies and her can of Melbourne Bitter listening to her favourite records and some CD's with her headphones on, in a smoke filled haze, her foot tapping to the beat while loudly whispering the words of the song.

Gaye worked night shift at Godfrey Hirst for many years and then moved to day shift before giving that up after her first bout of breast cancer. After that Gaye worked at Elaine General Store for a few years before being diagnosed again so Gaye and Brent sold up and moved to Geelong though they were often back to the Meredith pub for a bet, a beer and a chat with some of her 'faves'.

Gaye fought hard in those last years though she was never one to complain. Brent was her strength, her carer for the last three years and did an amazing job of looking after her and being by her side until the end.

Her grandchildren Heidi, Nate and Millie completed her life.

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Steve Duffy

Winter Comforts

Winter is with us. It's time for warming comfort food, in front of the open fire or glowing fire box. Hearty condiments come into their own. Let's look at Chillies and Horseradish.

In the last month I have harvested the horseradish. When you grow this spicy root vegetable one must be careful not to let it escape into the rest of your garden. It can be quite a pest and very difficult to get rid of, once it has escaped. Consequently I have taken the precaution of growing horseradish in an old vegetable box, you know the type: about a half a cubic metre. Planted in early spring, the tops die back by late autumn. The hair roots must be dried for a week or so, once pulled. Then comes the hard part: firstly they are scrubbed clean, then carefully scraped clean of the skin. The creamy white fingers are then grated finely: this can be done in a food processor as long as the blade is nice and sharp. I won't pretend this isn't a time consuming and tedious job, BUT it is worth it.

The bland little jars of vinegar masked creamed horseradish do not compare to this Zinging fresh taste. Traditionally preserved with vinegar or even citrus juice, a much better approach is to place it in jars in olive oil! Keeps well in the fridge. Now you can smear it on hot rare roast beef or cool smoked salmon. You'll never use the commercial kind again.

The other late harvest in the hothouse has been the Jalapeño Chillies, but the ideas that follow are just as applicable for any other type. They can be picked when green, as the Mexicans do or let them mature to fire engine red. Grown in a rich organic medium, these little blighters will produce profusely.

Once harvested they can be air dried, dried in a hydrator or even pickled. One can even grind the dried chillies to make your own chilli powder. Each method of preparation results in a different taste and heat.

To pickle simply prepare an easy vinegar, salt and sugar preserving liquid. Some other flavours could be added, like Mustard seed, black peppercorns, star anise and /or bay leaves. These pickled beauties are great for Nachos or with BBQ meats.

Good Cooking! - Steve



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Landcare News



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Upcoming Events

The complex world of the ant. Guest speaker: Peter Muller. Peter Muller will be joining us at the next meeting, 7:30pm on Thursday 18th July 2019 at the Royal Hotel. Peter will give us an insight into ants, one of the most successful and ecologically important groups of insects. Peter will talk about ant species, their behaviour, what they eat, and how they communicate, and the very important role they play in the regeneration of our local plants. Come and join us to find out more about the humble ant, all welcome.

The 9th National Carbon Farming Conference & Expo, 5-8 August 2019 in Albury NSW

Are you interested in receiving benefits from carbon farming but don't know where to start? Well, this is the conference for you! Hosted by Carbon Farmers of Australia (CFA) the National Carbon Farming Conference aims to give farmers the knowledge and understanding to enter the carbon market. Topics to be covered include: farmer experiences in carbon farming, what carbon farming methods are working, who buys Carbon Farming Credits and why, is there a market outside of the Australian Emissions Reduction Fund, what is the future of the market and how to take part in it. Special rates are available at half price for all Australian farmers to attend the educational events. For more information go to <https://carbonfarmingconference.com.au/>

A bit closer to home: From the Ground Up: Regenerative Agriculture Conference 18 – 20 September 2019, Colac

Regenerative agriculture is the term given to farm practices that use natural processes to reduce farm inputs and restore soil health and fertility. The Otway Coast Regenerative Farmers, a Landcare Group within the Southern Otway Landcare Network, is bringing a three day regenerative agriculture conference to the Corangamite Region. The conference will be hosted by Charlie Arnott, a biodynamic farmer, grazier and 2018 Bob Hawke Landcare Award Winner. Participants will have the opportunity to visit local properties and hear presentations and discussions about regenerative agriculture from a wide range of speakers. The conference venue is the Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre. For more information visit

<https://otwaycoastregenerativefarmers.com.au/events/>

Membership

Landcare membership (\$55) is now due. We will send out renewal notices in the next few weeks. Being a financial member of the Bamganie-Meredith Landcare group means you can borrow group equipment such as the ripper-moulder, spray unit, bait layer and tree planting equipment, as well as take part in Landcare activities and hear about grant opportunities. As part of your membership you will also receive the quarterly Victorian Landcare and Catchment Management Magazine. Membership dues can be paid by cheque posted to PO Box 25 Meredith 3333. If you prefer you can pay by cash at the next meeting or contact us for bank details to pay by direct deposit – email meredithlandcare@gmail.com, or call Nerida (0409335693). New members are very welcome!

Next meeting: 7:30pm Thursday 18 July at the Royal Hotel, Midland Highway Meredith. All welcome!

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IN our Nature

Wendy Cook

Follow the Sugar

The small black ant climbed the silver banksia tree. It followed the path of other ants up a shallow red-brown crack low on the tree's grey trunk. Leaving the crack, the trail continued straight upwards, over circles of lichen, and small creases and scars forming patterns encircling the trunk. The ant followed other ants onto a small branch, passing cones and inflorescences (a stalk with many flowers, that we think of as a banksia flower) in various stages of development. First were old cones, then a new slightly fluffy inflorescence covered with tightly packed orange-brown buds. Next was a taller spike, appearing prickly with the beginnings of tiny yellow flowers, neatly arranged in vertical rows. The ant followed its companions to a junction of two small branches where they reached their goal, a mature inflorescence carrying many yellow flowers.

The ant walked up the central woody stalk of the inflorescence, and soon found the nectar it was seeking among the older flowers near the base of the stalk. The flowers grew in pairs, each with four slender stalks with an anther at the end. Pollen had developed on each anther, but before the flower opened, the pollen was transferred to the end of a longer stalk, known as a pollen presenter, which now reached out further, giving the banksia flower its hairy appearance. Towards the top of the inflorescence, the flowers had not yet opened. The anthers and the tip of the pollen presenter of these flowers were joined, with the longer stalk of the pollen presenter creating a loop.

In the sky above the tree, the raucous call of a red wattlebird was heard. The branch shook as it landed beside the mature inflorescence. With its slightly curved beak, it dipped into the flowers, seeking nectar, and eating a few of the ant's companions. As it fed, its head and breast were covered with pollen from the outstretched pollen presenters. It hopped onto a neighbouring branch, and fed from another inflorescence, gathering more pollen on its body, and leaving behind pollen from the first inflorescence.

The previous night, sugar gliders had visited the tree, and also drunk its nectar and spread its pollen, beginning the process of creating banksia cones and seeds. Over the next few months, the banksia's flowers will fade from yellow to brown to grey. The inflorescence will become a woody cone, still hairy with old anthers and pollen presenters. Each fertilised flower will develop into a narrow raised capsule. When the seeds are mature, it will open like a small mouth on the side of the cone, releasing two seeds, each with a thin membrane attached, so that it can be borne by the wind, a short distance from its parent tree.

Back at the inflorescence, the ant was ready to return to its

nest. It followed the trail back down the branch and the trunk. Its path beyond the base of the tree followed a leafy stick snapped from the tree by a cockatoo. The leaves were long, narrow and tough with a tip that appeared to have been cut off. They were dark green on the upper surface, but underneath they were white with fine green lines of veins. The ants' trail continued over and under the scattering of leaves and cones around the banksia tree, left by five yellow-tailed black cockatoos who were seeking seeds to eat. The ant entered the nest, delivered its load of food, then turned to begin its next journey up the tree.

Ants, cockatoos, wattlebirds and sugar gliders are just some of the animals that benefit from banksia trees. Many others also find them to be a source of food and shelter. Aborigines soaked their inflorescences in water to make a sweet drink, sometimes mixed with wattle gum. The early European settlers were not so fond of the trees, as they were considered untidy, especially if they dropped branches. They used them for firewood, their sheep ate the seedlings, and now few old silver banksia trees remain, although small silver banksias, about one metre high, are common in the Brisbane Ranges National Park. Silver banksias are the only species of banksia indigenous to our area, and in recent years efforts have been made to collect seed from those old trees still living, so that in the future, we may have more of these magnificent trees.



The THINGS We Say

GEMMA HANAN

"Back to Square One"

Back to square one has murky origins but is most commonly attributed to varying types of games. Hopscotch and Snakes and Ladders involve players returning to square one after some degree of failure, which occasionally results in family warfare. Another link is with BBC rugby commentators who used to divide the field into squares to better describe over radio where the play was taking place. Whatever the true origin, going back to square one isn't exactly desirable. Although it will result in right answers or create a fresh slate, it usually means more work. Or – in its board game context – fresh accusations of cheating and foul play.

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Passionate locals braved a few cold, grey days to celebrate the recent opening of four new projects in Linton, Smythesdale and Bannockburn.

On 25 May, two new competition netball courts were officially opened at Victoria Park in Bannockburn. Funded by \$400,000 from Council and \$100,000 from the State Government, the project also includes a multi-sport court with futsal goals, basketball and netball rings; lighting, fencing, and undercover benches for players and officials.

The redeveloped Smythesdale Skate Park featuring a half pipe, new ramps and skate elements, sheltered seats and basketball ring was opened on 31 May. It's a wonderful recreation facility for young people and families in the north of the Shire, delivered with \$150,000 from Council and \$100,000 from the State Government.

On 1 June, the players and supporters of the Linton Carngham Football Club came out in force to celebrate the unveiling of two great projects at Linton Recreation Reserve. The upgrade of oval lighting to AFL local football standard, funded by a \$255,000 grant from the State Government, has received very positive feedback from the club's football and netball team who are enjoying night training and looking forward to playing under the big lights. Council also opened the female friendly change rooms for the club's netball teams, after relocating Haddon House and funding an impressive transformation including painting the change rooms in the distinctive colours of the local club.

With oval lighting projects planned for Rokewood, Bannockburn and Lethbridge; an exciting upgrade of Teesdale Turtle Bend Reserve; and Federal Election promises for female friendly change rooms at the Bannockburn Soccer Facility and a club room upgrade at Inverleigh Sporting Complex, we look forward to more exciting openings across the Shire over the coming years.

Environmental Volunteer Grants

The State government's commitment for Landcare Grants in 2019-20 is \$1.76 million. Project grants of up to \$20,000 are available for on-ground works, capacity building activities, community education and engagement projects to protect, enhance and restore Victoria's land and natural environment. Support grants of \$500 are also available for new and existing groups. Grants are open to all Landcare and other environmental volunteer groups and networks including Landcare groups and networks, "Friends of..." groups, conservation management networks, and Committees of Management. Applications close 5pm Wednesday 12 June 2019. For more information on the grants, contact your local CMA, regional Landcare coordinator, or go to environment.vic.gov.au/grants.

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Steve Goat

Last month I wrote about The Special MSO concert that had amateur guest Musicians and Choristers performing Beethoven's 9th Symphony "Ode to Joy". Although they only performed the third movement on the night, the 88 musicians and 100 singers lifted the roof off Hamer Hall. The audience were in raptures as the crescendo came, the standing ovation lasted for what seemed like 15 minutes! Sure, the auditorium was filled with family and friends, but it was a great rendition. A very special night for all involved. A night that many will never forget. My nephews wife, Ms Emily Swanson impressed as the Lead Soprano, an amazing voice over the top of the orchestra and the choir. Wow! Interestingly, another local featured in the choir, a local Veterinarian, Ms Sally Adams.

We Goats are caught up in the Classics this month, so I thought I'd mention some upcoming classic events:

The MSO are coming to Geelong on the 19th of July. The programme includes three Suites:

Ravel's Mother Goose Suite
Stravinsky's The Right of Spring Suite
Stravinsky's Firebird Suite

The simplicity of the Ravel work contrasts with the Power and magic of both the Stravinsky pieces which were originally written for Ballet.

The other upcoming event is a rare one: The Australian World Orchestra is performing in Melbourne at Hamer Hall on the 26th of July. This Orchestra represents the best Australian musicians from around the world. Like the Matildas and the Socceroos, they may play for other clubs during the year, but come together as the cream of their profession for the World Team. The best of the best of Australian Classical Musicians. The Programme includes Sibelius's Symphony No. 2, considered by many as one of the greatest classical pieces of music.

Pete Goat

Just by chance Steve and I are both writing about orchestral concerts we've been to recently [in my case two] and all were choral works. And in my case both were Requiems, again by chance, because some friends had some tickets which they couldn't use, to the Mozart Requiem.

The other was the first performance with full orchestra and massed choirs of Deborah Cheetham's "Eumeralla, a War Requiem For Peace".

I don't remember having attended a full orchestral Requiem Mass before so to go to two in a week was quite an experience and very interesting comparison.

Many if not most cultures have funeral ceremonies in which song plays a very important part and Mozart's Requiem is one of the more famous of the two thousand or

more compositions set to the Catholic and other liturgies including secular.

Deborah Cheetham AO is a Yorta Yorta soprano, composer and educator and says she felt compelled to write her Requiem after visiting the site of the Eumeralla Wars in Gunditjmara country near Lake Condah in SW Victoria where the Gunditjmara people fought a war of resistance against the occupation of their lands by squatters from 1840 to 1863.

She titled it a "War Requiem for Peace" because she saw a need to acknowledge the brutality of the war while recognising that both sides of her heritage, indigenous and non-indigenous, might have taken part and lost their lives. She devised it to be sung in Gunditjmara (this is the United Nations year of Indigenous languages) based on the Latin Mass and performed by indigenous and non-indigenous orchestra and choir in an act of reconciliation.

So there we were in Hamer Hall in Melbourne with performers including the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and the Dhungala Childrens' Choir, some of whom are from Geelong and Deborah Cheetham herself, soprano, with two other soloists from her own Short Black Opera Company.

Whatever I can try to write here will not do justice to the work itself and the performance we witnessed. It received a spontaneous standing ovation. Reviewers I have read since have given it five stars, described it as "A landmark", "Momentous" "A work of major significance" and "A significant step on Australia's road to reconciliation". Deborah Cheetham not only composed the score and wrote a whole new liturgy in language: she performed the major vocal part!

I feel very fortunate to have been there for that performance because it can never really be repeated exactly as it was that night.

But it is vital that it be performed regularly or recorded somehow because it can make a powerful contribution to our culture and our coming to terms with our colonial past. The problem though, with productions on this scale is that live performances are so costly and much less accessible.

The Mozart was of course magnificent and moving but to have been there at that landmark performance of "Eumeralla" is something I will never forget.



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Breaking Bells

Before I started planning a wedding, I had no idea how difficult it was to break up with someone.

I was blissfully unaware of how to navigate the awkward world of deconstructing a partnership into pros and cons before deciding that things had to end. While other relationships had come naturally, I knew that something here was amiss. I'd developed a wandering eye. Social media dragged me into a vortex of what could be. It was when I began dodging messages that I realised this person wasn't The One. I had to nip it in the bud before the point of no return. I couldn't keep stringing them along until the Big Day.

I contemplated long and hard and discussed with numerous loved ones how I should go about ending it. I took advice, I mulled it over, and decided that no one quite understood my situation. So, I turned to the internet.

As another message pinged into my inbox, I brought up a search engine on my browser. I mulled over how to phrase the question, knowing that it would bring back hundreds of thousands of sites offering different, yet similar, advice. I needed the right phrasing. I needed to bite the bullet. It was time to rip the Band-Aid off.

With the email 'ping' still echoing in my ears, I typed.

As expected, 'How do I break up with a vendor?' returned about 113 million hits. Lists of what to do, what not to do, templates and motivational prose jumped out at every turn.

I scanned the first few sites and took the best bits from them. Gingerly, I drafted an email that would be sympathetic but not apologetic. Appreciative but also stem.

Crafting a way to tell someone their livelihood just doesn't suit your needs is no easy feat.

After reading my email a few dozen times to ensure that it was tactful, I clicked send. An ominous silence followed me around for the rest of the day as I waited for the reaction. This florist had been my first point of contact into the wild world of floral arrangements, as well as my introduction to terminology that didn't involve describing centre pieces as 'table things'.

But a reply did come. It was a clean, polite break. And I was content as I began constructing mood boards to better display to The One what I wanted (without stumbling over complicated terminology such as 'boutonnieres').

Letting go – it seemed – was easy. That is until I reached for the ballooning guest list with red pen in hand. Hopefully the internet has an answer for this one.

Gemma

Rehearsal

Marg Cooper

A great day was had by 50 family and friends of Alison Erwin on Sunday, June 16 at the Moriac Hotel for lunch. The occasion was a joint celebration of Alison turning 99 years old and her great granddaughter Ada's baptism which was held earlier at St Bernard's Catholic Church in Belmont.

Alison who is now in her 100th year is still sharp as a tack. After a speech by her niece's husband Ron, who told us that this get-together was only a rehearsal for the 100th birthday, Alison cut the cake, made a speech and thanked all who attended.

Among the guests were Alison's long time Meredith friends Marg and Jeff Cooper and Joan and Roy Taylor.

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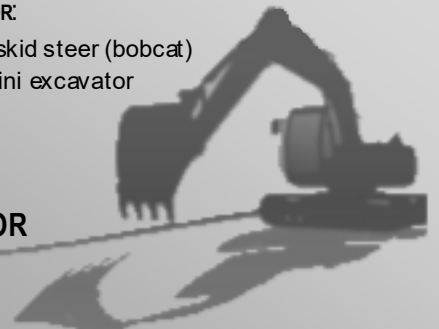
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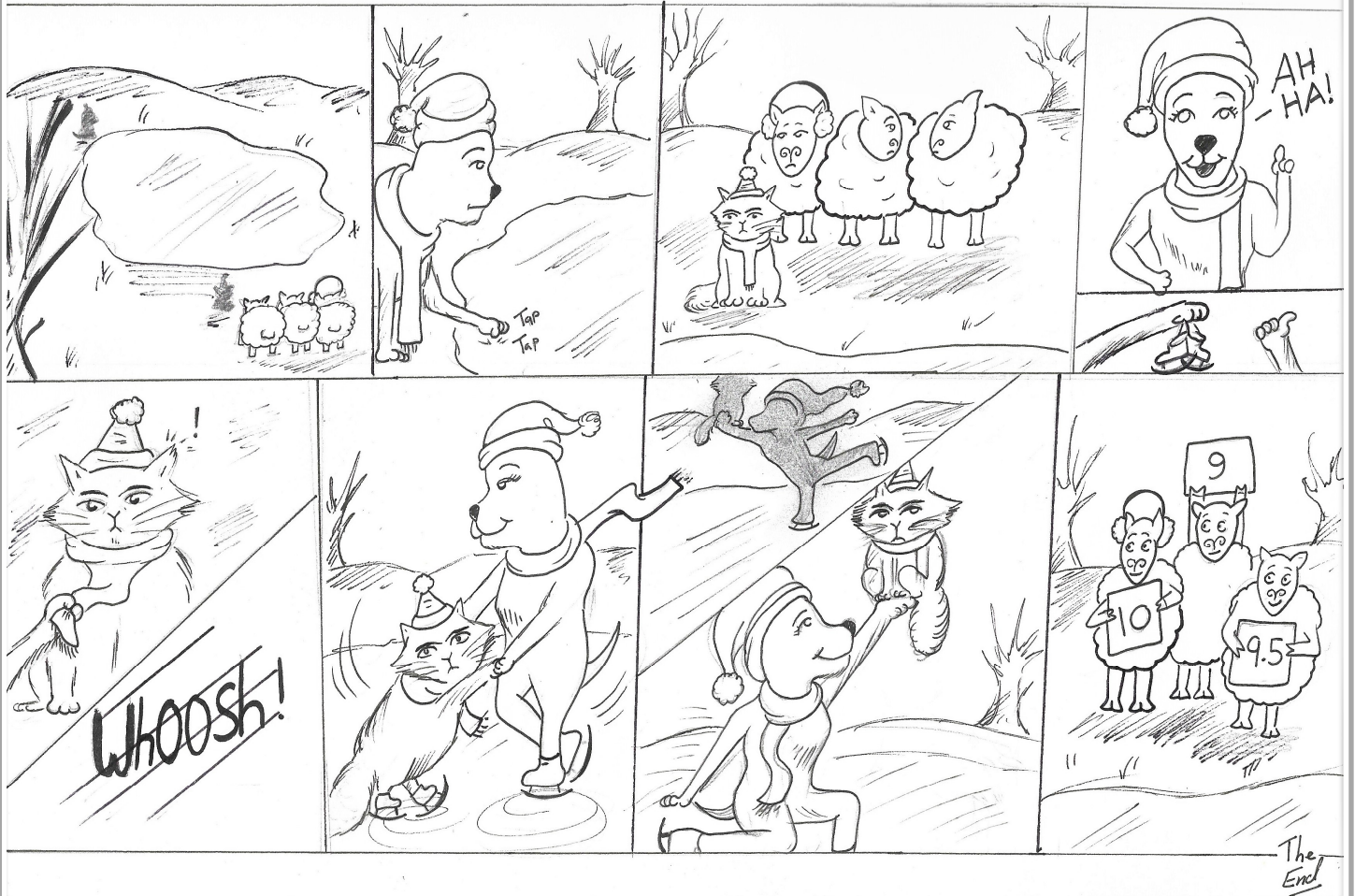
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Chicken & Pasta Bake

Serves 6

Prep time 15 minutes. Cooking time 25 minutes

Ingredients

- 300g wholegrain penne
- 500g broccoli, cut into florets
- 1 leek, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 tbs cornflour
- 2 cups milk
- 350g cooked skinless chicken breast, shredded (BBQ chicken works well)
- 100g semi-dried tomatoes, chopped
- 1 tbs wholegrain mustard
- ½ cup grated parmesan
- 120g baby spinach leaves

Method

Preheat oven to 180 C. Cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling salted water following packet instructions or until tender, adding broccoli for the last 3 minutes of cooking. Drain. Return pasta and broccoli to pan and cover to keep warm.

Lightly spray a large saucepan with oil and heat over medium heat. Cook leek and garlic stirring for 5-6 minutes or until softened. Place cornflour in a jug. Gradually whisk in milk and ½ cup (125ml) water until smooth. Stir into leek mixture until combined. Bring to the boil and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat. Add chicken, tomato, mustard and half the parmesan. Stir to combine.

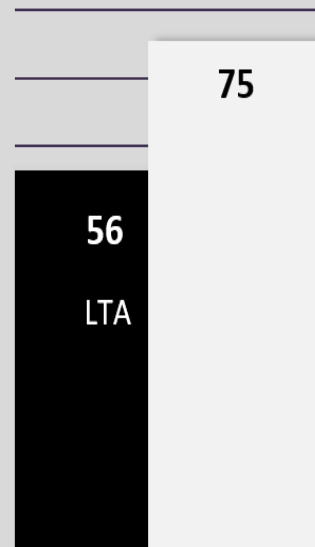
Spoon pasta mixture into a 30 x 20cm, 2.5L (10 cup) capacity ovenproof dish. Sprinkle with remaining parmesan. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until cheese is golden. Serve with baby spinach leaves.

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Media Release

E– Waste Ban Starts

Golden Plains Shire Council is preparing for the State Government's upcoming ban on e-waste in landfill, which commences on 1 July 2019.

The State Government is introducing a ban on electronic items (e-waste). From 1 July, it is Victorian Government law that e-waste cannot go to landfill.

E-waste refers to any item with a plug, battery or cord that is no longer working or wanted. It covers a whole range of items from work, home and the garden shed, including small and large appliances, IT telecommunications and TV equipment, lighting equipment, electrical tools, as well as toys, leisure and some sports equipment.

While e-waste material will no longer be accepted in kerbside collection bins, there are a number of participating transfer stations, recycling businesses and electrical stores that households can take it. Golden Plains Shire residents are encouraged to take their household e-waste to the following transfer stations:

Geelong Transfer Station – 100 Douro Street, North Geelong

Rokewood Transfer Station – 141 Meadows Road, Rokewood

Ballarat Transfer Station – 119 Gillies Street South, Alfredton

Snake Valley Transfer Station – 298 Snake Valley-Mortchup Road, Snake Valley

Fees and a limit of 20 items per visit may apply. Please refer to the relevant Council's website for opening hours and fees.

Council secured a \$100,000 grant from Sustainability Victoria to build the new e-waste storage facility at the Shire's transfer station in Rokewood.

The Grampians Central Waste and Resource Recovery Group will have a stall with information on e-waste at the Golden Plains Farmers' Market in Bannockburn on 6 July and the Smythesdale Community Market on 20 July 2019.

For more information on the change, including where businesses can dispose of e-waste, the negative impact of e-waste on our environment, and how to safely dispose of batteries, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/ewaste.



New Ward Structure for Golden Plains Shire

From media release

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has released the final report of its representation review of Golden Plains Shire, recommending that in the future the Shire be represented by seven councillors – two councillors from a north-west ward, two from a central ward and three from a south-east ward. The VEC will submit its recommendation to the Minister for Local Government, as required by the Local Government Act 1989.

If approved by the Minister, the electoral structure will apply at the October 2020 general election. The selected structure, known through the review process as Option B, consists of seven councillors elected in the following ward structure: • A two-councillor ward (Goldfields Ward) in the northwest of the local council including Haddon, Napoleons, Scarsdale and Smythesdale; • A two-councillor ward (Central Plains Ward) in the less populated central area of the local council including Cape Clear/Illabarook/Rokewood Junction, Dereel, Inverleigh, Linton, Rokewood, Corindhap, Shelford and Teesdale; and • A three-councillor ward (Eastern Plains Ward) in the south-east growth area of the local council including Bannockburn, Batesford, Lethbridge, Maude/Steiglitz/She Oaks and Meredith.

The VEC conducts a representation review of each municipality in the state every 12 years. The review process was conducted over four months with public information sessions in Bannockburn and Smythesdale, written submissions, and a public hearing in Rokewood. The final report is available at the VEC's website: vec.vic.gov.au. Copies of the final report are also available for public inspection at Council's Customer Service Offices in Bannockburn, Smythesdale and Linton.

Coopers Bridge Replacement

From media release

The existing single-lane, load-limited bridge will be replaced by a new structure with two travel lanes, better alignment and gradients, and improved road safety. The works complement \$300,000 spent last year on the approach road to the bridge, funded under the Federal Government's Black Spot Program. The Funding Commitment: The \$300,000 grant from the State Government's Fixing Country Roads program will offset the cost of the new \$1.6 million bridge on Meredith Steiglitz Road. Council will fund the remainder of this much-needed project with money allocated in the Draft Budget 2019/20 and funds rolled over from last year's Budget.



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A Way of Life

by KERRIE KRUGER



A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

Healthy and Wealthy and Happy!

Someone asked me Why? Why do you live the way you do?

It is a lifestyle choice; it is what we feel is important. Being our own bosses, being free to juggle our days our way, not to be controlled by 9 to 5, with 4 weeks holidays at the boss's convenience. It about being free and feeling wealthy in all the ways that matter to us.

So, what is wealth?

- Is it an abundance of valuable possessions or money? Or is it having at least one person to share life's important moments?
- Is it having someone who accepts you completely?
- Is it living somewhere near nature to walk and gather edible weeds?
- Is it having somewhere to grow fruit & vegies and hang out with a few chooks?
- Is it having an abundance that you can give away or barter with?
- Is it having time and skills to preserve, knit, sew and create?
- Is it being with people who get you, who also have skills to share?
- Is it having a group of people to share a chat and cuppa with?
- Is it about creating memories?
- Is it having a home that people comment on – "your house is peaceful, calm and lived in... it's a home!"

Are these indicators of wealth? Well, they are for us.

More cash in the bank would be good, who are we kidding, but not at the expense of our lifestyle.

So how do you create a peaceful home, a lived-in home, a wealthy life? Firstly, live in it! Be grateful and content with what you have and not what consumerist society tell you have to have!

How does this sort of wealth happen? It happened organically and slowly over time. Our house is not modern. It is not a showcase house. There is no state-of-the-art oven, dishwasher, central heating or air conditioning and only one TV. It is old, slightly run down, full of old second-hand but beautiful furniture. The kitchen has my joy Mabel, the wood cook stove, messy benches, old wood table filled with flowers, candles, fruit bowl, plants and projects. The sitting room has wood heater, old comfy couches, books, guitars, candles and flowers and the cat always on a chair. Our wealth is about being conscious about our choices, of how we want to spend our days, what things can be left out and it won't even matter. It's about experiences and community not gadgets and stuff.

Of course, we fall off the wagon. Life does get stressful, busy and complicated; who are we kidding! But we control it mostly from our choices, from our motto...our life our way.

If financial Wealth equals happiness and therefore is determined by owning things and more things, shouldn't having the wealth to buy things make us happy?

But if Wealth equates to being less wasteful, being more mindful of what you have, choosing quality over quantity and having freedom to choose how you live, maybe just maybe, if you want to feel wealthy just count the things you have that money can't buy. and remember that maybe the goal of life isn't more financial wealth, but living life that makes you feel wealthy.

Now although I am a haphazard housekeeper, I try to be an organised one, I don't like chaos. So, chores are incorporated into the daily life rhythm. Go about the cleaning tasks with a sense of purpose not in a grudging resentful way, it needs to be done so I choose to do it with a smile – mostly.

We clean without harsh chemicals, we mainly make most of our cleaning products and use natural ingredients that smell wonderful. Bunches of flowers, drying herbs, scented candles, open windows whenever it is warm enough, even if just for an hour helps make the air fresh and alive again. Smells can help make a home a joy to be in.

Chemical Free Cleaning:

Scented All-Purpose Cleaner

One-part white vinegar

One-part water

Lemon rind

Rosemary sprigs

Combine the above ingredients together, pour into a spray bottle, shake, and then let infuse for a week before using.

Glass Cleaner

2 cups water

1/2 cup white or cider vinegar

1 to 2 drops of orange essential oil for smell (optional)

The next time you need to wash your windows and mirrors, combine these ingredients and pour them in a spray bottle. Hint: Don't clean windows on a hot, sunny day, because the solution will dry too quickly and leave lots of streaks. For mirrors, spray the solution on a paper towel or soft cloth first before wiping

Tough All-Purpose Bathroom Cleaner

1 tsp Borax.

1 tsp washing soda.

1 tsp liquid castile soap.

1/2 cup white vinegar.

2 cups hot water.

25 to 30 drops tea tree, grapefruit, lemon or eucalyptus essential oils

spray bottle

Combine the Borax, washing soda, castile soap, and white vinegar in a large bowl or measuring cup. Slowly add water and stir. Allow the mixture to cool and then add the essential oil. Using a funnel pour it into the spray bottle.

Simple Furniture Polish

1/4 cup olive oil

5 drops lemon essential oil

glass lotion pump

Mix together in bottle and shake to combine. To use, squirt several pumps on microfibre cloth and wipe wood surface clean. Furniture polishing only needs to be done every 1-2 months. Keep clean between times by wiping

down with a microfibre cloth with Dusting spray

Dusting Spray

1 teaspoon olive oil
3 tablespoons white vinegar
10 drops lemon essential oil
3/4 cups distilled water
spray bottle

Combine all ingredients except water in a spray bottle. Swirl to combine. Fill the rest of the bottle with water. Screw on top and shake to combine. To use, shake and lightly mist onto microfibre cloth. Wipe down desired area.

Tea Tree Toilet Cleaner

Spray Bottle

1 cup white vinegar
1 cup baking soda
1/4 cup salt
10 drops melaleuca essential oil (tea tree oil)
Container with shaker lid (large, recycled spice shaker works great)

Add vinegar to spray bottle, set aside. Add baking soda, salt and tea tree oil together in shaker container and mix together. Spray vinegar in toilet bowl, then sprinkle in the powder mix. Let fizz reaction occur, add more vinegar if needed. Let sit for 15 minutes. Scrub with toilet brush. Flush when done.

Mould & Mildew Cleaner

5 drops tea tree oil
5 drops lavender essential oil
5 drops orange essential oil
5 drops of eucalyptus essential oil
1 teaspoon borax
2/3 cup white vinegar
1/4 cup distilled water

Sprayer Bottle

Combine all ingredients in glass bottle and shake to blend. Shake well before use. Spray on problem area and let sit for 15 minutes. Wipe clean with damp microfibre cloth.

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Significant Trees:

To celebrate RHSV History Week 2019, you are invited to take a photo or photos of a tree or photos of trees in Meredith & District that is/are significant to the area or significant to you and tell us why.

The opening of the photo exhibition is planned for Sunday, October 20 at Meredith History Centre. Details will be publicised shortly.

For example, in Regent Street, Steiglitz opposite the Anglican Church is a pear tree believed to be planted many years ago when the historic town of Steiglitz was a well populated mining town. Three original town residents [aged 85-95] remembered this tree as mature when they were school children. It is believed to be over 90 years old. This tree is on the Significant Tree Register of the National Trust of Australia.

Another example is a large pear tree standing in a paddock on Coopers Road marking where Leidwells used to live.

Bannockburn Library:

MHIG have been invited to present a history of Meredith at the library on August 8 at 2.30 pm. We have chosen to call it "More than Cheese and Festivals". Details are in the Library Booklet, "What's on at the Library" winter edition.

Parliamentary Speech:

Michaela Settle, Member for Buninyong, recently mentioned Meredith and MHIG in a parliamentary speech and sent us a copy to assure us that the work we are doing is not only important but also greatly appreciated. "But there is more to Meredith than just the music festival and the dairy. It is a small community with less than 1000 residents, but it is a proud and vibrant community. I had a chance to drop into the Meredith History Interest Group. This is an active and innovative historical society."

Extract from Parliamentary Hansard

Catalogue: Thursdays from 9 am.

Meals

In the 18th Century, meals were served in wealthy families at breakfast then dinner was at 4 pm followed by supper in the evening. Gradually these times changed as the century progressed, with breakfast starting at 10 am and dinner moved back later to take the place of supper. As this happened, a new meal was introduced, called lunch. As dinner became later in the evening, and the gap between dinner and lunch grew, people started to get hungry in the afternoon. So afternoon tea was invented!

*From: The Pen Cyclopaedia by Dr Keith Souter;
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Neglected Schools

The manner in which repairs to the Cargarie State school have been hung up manifests gross neglect on the part of the Education department. About four months ago the school was closed for much needed repairs, and the teacher transferred temporarily. But no work was done. The school committee is in ignorance as to the delay, and even during the holidays no attempt was made by the department to rectify matters. The children in the meantime are missing their education, and residents and parents are strongly complaining.

The Evening Echo (Ballarat, Vic. : 1914 - 1918) Thursday 15 January 1914

DEPARTMENTAL BUNGLING.

As an instance of bungling, (writes the "Argus"), a case referred to in the Legislative Council on Tuesday stands supreme. Mr. Austin gave notice that he would, on Wednesday ask Mr. Baillieu if it were not true that a school building at Cargarie, near Elaine, had been rendered temporarily useless by the bad workmanship and mistakes of certain workmen. It was found that the teacher's residence near the school had been built so near the ground that the ventilation was insufficient, and it was resolved to raise the house upon the foundation blocks. During the month of September last, the workmen arrived, but they set to work on the main school building instead of upon the residence. To make matters worse, they did such damage to the structure that it has since been unfit for use.

Hamilton Spectator (Vic. : 1870 - 1918) Thursday 29 January 1914

DELAY IN OPENING SCHOOL.

Although the Cargarie State school has been painted and repaired, it is not yet available for school purposes. It appears that no appointment of a teacher can be made until the Public Works department has passed the building. Parents are expressing indignation at the delay.

The Age Monday 23 March 1914

Jan McDonald, Meredith History Interest Group

A Lake in Staughton St....

To set the picture in 1908, Mr Kennedy, was the town's wheelwright, coachbuilder & undertaker. He lived and worked in the block now known as 55 Staughton Street., just up from the Mechanics Institute, now the Memorial Hall.

To the Editor, June 25th

Sir, There is a lake situated in Staughton St and in front of Mr S Kennedy's front gate in which a man fell in and nearly drowned. The Meredith Shire Council has been asked repeatedly to drain it without avail. Perhaps when some more serious incident takes place, they might stir themselves & wake up to their responsibilities in this matter. I may also state that only for the timely assistance tendered by Mr Kennedy who dragged him out of the water, he would undoubtedly been drowned.

Yours respectfully – An Onlooker

To the Editor, July 3rd

Sir, Onlooker, a letter in your last issue has evidently aroused officers of the Meredith Shire council to some sense of their duty in the lake referred to in front of Mr

Kennedy's house.

But, Sir, lo & behold what is being done to impose it is sludge taken out of the contaminated and rotten side drains of the main street and deposited in the above mentioned pond and converted into a quagmire and consequently a breeding ground for vermin and euphoria to accumulate in the pond as the warm dry weather of spring & summer sets in!

I wonder if the rate payers on the north side of Staughton St, who I think pays their rates, should put up with such filth thrown at their doors.

Yours etc Rate Payer

TOWN TALK Column July 10th

In answer to the 'Inquirer' we inform him that Lake Kennedy has subsided two or three inches during the past week. Shooting & fishing has been prohibited owing to its shores being surrounded by business places.

We believe there is a movement on foot to nominate Mr Kennedy for the medal of the Royal Humane Society. We doubt whether the lake will be stocked with fish – it depends whether the Geelong Society's agent will visit the lake and report upon it.

We are informed that the council does not intend to erect a fence at present.

MEREDITH SHIRE COUNCIL – *Monthly Meeting Report July*

The Lake – Mr Kennedy wrote drawing attention to the unornamental sheet of water opposite his premises. Cr Gargan moved that the matter be looked into.

An inspection was made during the lunch adjournment, when it was decided to drain it and fill it with gravel.

TOWN TALK Column - Aug 7th

Tenders are invited for several works by shire Council and one of which is filling up Lake Kennedy.

TOWN TALK Column - Aug 28th

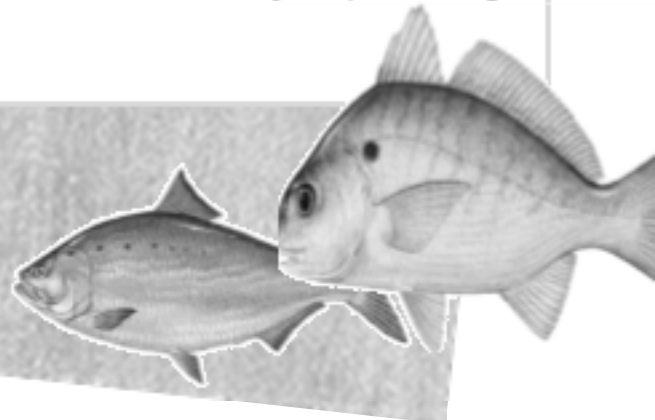
The only 'ornamental' sheet of water in the Meredith Township – Lake Kennedy is a thing of the past. During the week Mr Croft has drained it & is now filling in with gravel. As the lake is now a thing of the past, The Mechanics Institute is disposing of the yacht. For particulars write Mr Deans, hon sec.

TOWN TALK Column - Sep 4th

We are pleased to announce that another lake has sprung into existence in the main street of the township since Lake Kennedy has been drained. The name of this piece of water is Lake Sentinel and is owned by the shire council. Owing to the spot having been a cow camp previously, fish cannot live in it, but it's a beauty.

A tale or a tall tale... you decided!

*From The Meredith Sentinel & Steiglitz Miner 1908
Compiled by Kerrie Kruger*



Vale to George Colclough

31/7/1922 – 22/5/2019

Marg Cooper

George was the third son of Richard and Jessie Catherine (McNaughton) following Graham and Murray. They had a property at Longwood called "Airlie". George attended Longwood State School riding his horse, Bessie to and fro at only one pace – Flat Out.

School holidays were the best when he stayed in Toorak with a cousin and his well-to-do parents. Riding Nigel's bike up and down Toorak and Glenferrie Roads was particularly enjoyed as well as visiting Phillip Island with their household of maids and contractors. After finishing school George went jackerooing at Tallarook. He taught his dog to jump onto the hindquarters of his trusted horse and have a ride.

War then broke out and George enlisted when he was 19. At first he was accepted by the Army but was determined to be in the Air Force. He met Ron Lowne from Meredith in Papua New Guinea where their job was to maintain aircraft in top fighting condition. After the war he and his brother Murray began a transport business.

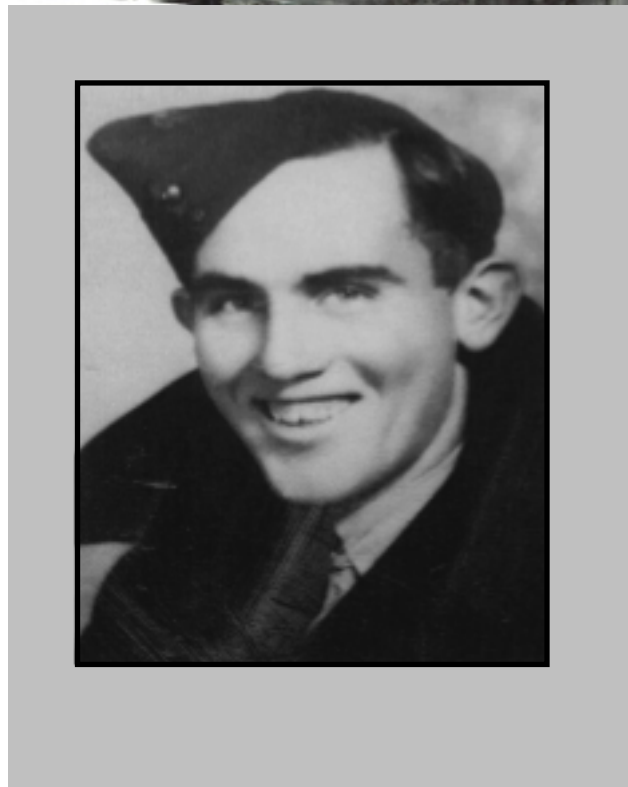
At a 'Welcome Home' dance for the troops he met Daisy Wikman and they married on February 11, 1950. Their daughter, Elizabeth, was born in 1951 and they were just about to build a house in Ruffy when Uncle Geoff passed away. He had left some land to George so the family packed everything up, including new daughter, Heather, who was born in March 1954, and moved to Meredith in May 1954.

The family lived with Aunt Madge Elliott until their new house was ready. Things were tough, the land was over-run with rabbits, bull rushes, tussocks and crab holes but over time with much hard work it eventually became a viable farm. George had one of the best merino flocks in the district. During dry times he religiously carted water from the bore to his dams in his truck called "Sonya", sometimes 15 loads a day. His dog always sat on the seat of the tractor and George sat on the mudguard. He was a strong minded man. For example he crutched sheep in the paddock, in the open in all sorts of weather conditions.

In 1967 disaster struck when a bushfire burnt the farm. In 1977 Daisy died from cancer and in 1980 Elizabeth passed away unexpectedly.

George loved sport. He played cricket with Meredith until he was 63. He also loved golf and his highlight for many years was "going up the river" with his mates. His lowest handicap was 18 and best round was 77 off the stick. He played golf on Sundays with Heather until he was 93. On the golf trips George would go from golf to the pokies to the card game.

At 83 he sold the farm and he and Betty, who he married 40 years ago, retired to Belmont, Geelong. George watched sport on television to all hours of the night. He had a deep dislike of umpires of any persuasion and, as a batsman at cricket, he was never out! A community man, George was always willing to help. George was a legend.



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In grade 2/3 we have made Dioramas about mini beasts. We researched facts on Mini Beasts using computers. We typed our information and printed it out. We then used old boxes to make our dioramas and collected sticks, stones, grass and dirt to create a habitat. We assembled and stuck our information onto the box. Mine looked fantastic.

Bridget

We made Dioramas and we decided on a mini beast that we wanted to learn more about. We researched on a computer all about our Mini Beast. We got our cardboard boxes and we went outside and collected sticks and stones and then we made our dioramas. They were to look like our mini beast's habitat. It was fun.

William





Marg's BOOK REVIEW

The Great Zoo of China by Matthew Reilly

What an Adventure! What a thrilling read if you can cope with the impossible, if you can cope with big and bold, if you can cope with action packed good guys, bad guys, death, destruction, whiz bang tech stuff, monsters and crazy action: buildings destroyed, buses and cars crushed, cable cars flung around and numerous humans devoured.

The author details how China is leading in manufacturing, have an intimidating military force and are on their way to becoming a modern superpower. But, in an effort to become a dominant cultural power, the Chinese Government has worked on a highly secretive project for the past forty years – the greatest zoo ever constructed, a zoo to rival Disneyland, a zoo that houses a species of animal believed only to exist in myth, a zoo of dragons.

A small group of American VIPs and journalists are brought to the secret zoo deep within China to see its fabulous creatures for the first time. Dr C.J. Cameron is an alligator expert working as a freelance journalist for National Geographic when she is contacted to preview the zoo. She

enlists her brother as photographer. Despite being shown around and reassured nothing can go wrong, it does – and on a drastically huge and life threatening scale.

It soon became apparent to C.J. and her brother that the captive dragons were far more intelligent than the Chinese authorities believed and that they had found a way to break free of their control. C.J. and her brother must find a way to stop the dragons from escaping into the wider world, all the while pursued by the park's military grade security team who believed that they could get the dragons under control and that all witnesses to the park's failure had to be eliminated.

Reilly has always been one to write big adventure novels with larger than life characters and over exaggerated scenarios. This is his first novel to feature a female adult lead. It has been described as "Jurassic Park" on steroids with dragons, instead of dinosaurs. The book is easy flowing, very readable and in no way credible. Don't read Matthew Reilly's books for reality! Read them for light entertainment and fun!

The book for discussion in July is "The High Mountains of Portugal" by Yann Martel, the author of "Life of Pi".



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At the Paddocks

Jim Elvey

On rare sunny day last month, members of the Meredith Police Paddocks Support Group spent a delightful morning planting over 100 trees, shrubs and grasses in small group copses around the main track. These copses add to existing plantings and, when mature, will provide improved small bird habitat as well as an enhanced bush walk experience for visitors. Like all our plantings, the species planted are all indigenous to the area.

Losing a Work Horse

One of the Groups many roles is the maintenance of the extensive network of walking tracks, which relies heavily on the use of the "town mower" a heavy duty self-propelled mower, gifted to the town by Council between 25 and 30 years ago. During that time it has seen service maintaining church properties, the cemetery and other public lands. Unfortunately, it now requires extensive repair. The Support Group, which will need a solution before next spring, is seeking funds to replace it. Any replacement mower would still be available for appropriate community use.

Can You Mow Grass?

We are delighted to report a couple of community members have indicated a willingness to help out with mowing over spring and summer. If you would feel comfortable using a self-propelled mower and/or a brushcutter, why not join the roster? (Just a few 2 or 3 hour sessions each year is all that is required.) We will, of course, brief you on the use of the equipment and the work to be done. Call Jim on 5286 1273.



What's a marsupial's favourite cocktail?
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a committee member

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a co-editor

As co-editor, you would alternate with the existing editor to chair an editorial meeting for each issue, and take charge of the copy, with most of the content embedded – both advertising and editorial. You would check content for compliance with our publication guidelines, reorder and resize material, deal with too much or too little content and generally make sure the final copy meets a high standards of presentation. Then you send it to the printer.

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