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# Meredith & district News

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2019



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# Meredith & district NEWS



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Subject to the conditions outlined below, contributions accompanied by the contributor's name (which will also be published) and contact details, are most welcome. Please email to

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- ✓ Investing in the Meredith **Community Learning Hub**
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*At the opening of the Meredith  
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## Community

### Meredith Seniors

*Jim Hynds*

The seniors held their annual Christmas Breakup Party on December 10th, 2018 at the Meredith Hall with a "top turn out" of members and guests ready to celebrate. When all were seated we were treated to a traditional roast dinner, Christmas style with turkey, lamb and ham with vegetables. Plum pudding with brandy sauce and home made pavlova were the delicious desserts.

The seniors decorated the tables with Chrissy decorations and they really set the scene. Following the dinner we were entertained by Mr John Watson who played and sang songs from some of the great performers. The piano man had us rocking along in no time! What a fantastic performer he is!

Throughout the day our traditional Christmas Hampers were raffled off with many happy winners. Many thanks to Diane, Carol and Heather for all their work preparing the beautifully presented hampers. Many thanks to Kylie and the ladies from our Meredith School who prepared our Christmas Dinner.

Many thanks to the clean up gang. So ended a great 2018 with a great Christmas Celebration!! The first get-together for 2019 is on Wednesday, February 11th for lunch at the pub and the first meeting will be on Monday, February 25th.



*Recipients of the 2019 Australia Day Awards including Marg Cooper, last years Citizens of the Year and this year representing the Meredith History Interest Group*

### Meredith Playgroup

**Meredith Playgroup meets every Thursday from 9.30am**

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**Enjoy new activities every week. All Welcome**

**Contact Community Centre for details 52 860 700**



### MEREDITH MEMORIAL HALL 2019 AGM

The community is invited to attend the  
**Annual General Meeting of the Memorial Hall.**

WHERE- Memorial Hall, 61 Staughton Street,

WHEN – Monday 1st April, 7.30pm,

WHY – To present the Annual Financial Report and to conduct the Annual Election of Committee Positions.

The proposed 2019 plans for the Hall will be announced.

CONTACT- Sandra Pearce-Secretary H: 52861545

### GOLDEN PLAINS FESTIVAL TICKET ALLOCATION FOR LOCALS

An allocation of tickets for Golden Plains Festival is available on a first-come first-served basis for locals living between Elaine and Lethbridge. Tickets can be purchased from Back Creek Cafe (1/27 Staughton Street) from 10am on Tuesday 12th February until sold out. Limit of 3 per person. Please bring proof of residential address. CASH sales only. For more information contact 0430 091 120 or [auntym@mmf.com.au](mailto:auntym@mmf.com.au). Information for locals is available at [www.aunty.goldenplains.com.au/locals](http://www.aunty.goldenplains.com.au/locals).

### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

*From Media Release*

Congratulations to this year's Golden Plains Shire 2019 Australia Day Awards recipients.

Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey presented the awards at a special ceremony on Tuesday 22 January at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre.

The Meredith History Interest Group received the Community Group of the Year award for its commitment to documenting the town's past and involvement in local events.

Teesdale's Malcolm Johns was named Senior Citizen of the Year for his 30 years of service to the Inverleigh RSL.

Anthony Walker, Officer in Charge at Linton Police Station, was named the Shire's Citizen of the Year for his extraordinary investment in the local community beyond his profession.

Young Citizen of the Year award was presented to Piggoreet teenager Luke Getsom, for his campaigning efforts against bullying and cyberbullying.

### Classifieds

First insertion of small ads are FREE to district residents



# Recreation



## Meredith Golf Club

A Christmas BBQ was held at the club on December 23rd it was great to see some old and some new faces around the club utilising the club BBQ facilities and having a great time. Based on the enthusiasm of the those who attended the club plan on having more functions during the year, special events tied in with a quick social round of golf followed by food and drinks are just some of the ideas.

As well as the BBQ area the Club rooms are available for hire for functions and meetings, there are bar and kitchen facilities, a large car park area and with the course as the backdrop, it is great for functions.

With some new faces around the club, some who have not played before we are looking for interest in running local golf clinics for beginners and intermediate players with support from Golf Victoria. The clinics cover the basics of grip, stance, alignment and swing and each lesson can be followed with a round of golf, with a cost of only \$20 for 4 weeks of lessons and playing, you can't find better value. Those who have attended the clinics in the past have had a great time and learned a few tips to get them started. If anyone is interested please contact us on the numbers below.



During summer and possible hot days we now tee off on Sunday mornings at 8:00am to beat the heat and finish early, with groups of 3 or 4 we can finish 9 holes by 11:00am or 1:00pm if we play 18 holes. If you have ever thought of playing in a fun and supporting group then join us at 8:00am for either 9 or 18 holes or join in on the back 9 at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome no matter what ability and if you don't own clubs we may be able to arrange a set for the day.

President -	Peter Nemtsas 0407 795 342
Secretary -	Scott Crighton 0430 480 156
Club Captain -	Paul Mitchell 0448 523 821

## PLAY SPORT?

Why not let us know how it is going?

We would be delighted to publish details of local sporting activities, games scores etc, along with your best photos.

See contact details on page 2.

## SPORT IN MEREDITH



CALLING ALL PARENTS & SPORTS MINDED PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP REVIVE JUNIOR SPORT IN MEREDITH. COME ALONG TO A MEETING AT MEREDITH RECREATION RESERVE ON WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH AT 7.30 PM TO HAVE A CHAT, SUPPER PROVIDED. MEREDITH HAS A LONG HISTORY OF WONDERFUL JUNIOR SPORTING TEAMS, LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN AGAIN!!



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Your care and kindness was amazing.

You are all very special people and John and I cannot thank you enough.

Communities are very lucky to have such wonderful people to come to their aid.

Thank you again Noellene and John Gleeson.

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**Bannockburn:** every Sunday at 9 am. Every first Sunday of the month Family Mass on at 4 pm

**Inverleigh** at 4.00 pm Sunday February 10th and Sunday March 31st .

**Anakie** at 11.00 am Sunday February 10th and 24th March 10th & 24th

**Meredith** at 11.00 am Sunday February 3rd & 17th March 3rd, 17th & 31st

ENROLMENT for all children wishing to make Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation on Monday 18th February at 6.30 pm at Bannockburn Mass Centre (old red brick school building in Milton Street)

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**Church Office,** Byron St. Bannockburn 5281 2553

**Service Times:** Holy Communion at Anglican Church, Meredith, 11.00am 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

#### **Church of Epiphany - Meredith.**

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#### **St James. - Morrisons:**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 5pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Council Grants

Applications for Golden Plains Shire Council's Community Grants Program 2019/20 will open on 1st April, 2019.

The Community Grants Program supports community groups to deliver valuable local programs, events and projects in partnership with Council.

Council is hosting free Grant Writing Workshops and Information Sessions: 6 to 8pm, Wednesday 13 March at The Well, 19 Heales St, Smythesdale; and 6 to 8pm, Thursday 14 March at Bannockburn Cultural Centre, 27 High St. Registration for the workshops closes on Friday 1 March.

To register or for more information, call Council's Community Partnerships Officer at 5220 7220 or email [communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au)

### Our Cover.

Cathie Boer took our cover photo of cows dealing with a hot summer day by taking a dip.



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**from the MAYOR**

**Cr Owen Sharkey**  
Mayor, Golden Plains Shire



With the holidays behind us, we're looking forward to a busy and rewarding 2019 at Council.

This year, we'll be taking the big Council marquee to markets, local events and footy games across the Shire to talk to locals, so if you see us, please stop by and share your thoughts and ideas.

With a new parliament settled in Spring Street and the next Federal election looming large, Council is passionate about sharing the story of Golden Plains. Our Shire is the fifth fastest growing regional council in Victoria and to deliver all the great projects and services our communities need and want, we will be working hard to secure future investment from State and Federal Government.

We'll be keeping our community updated on all our projects and news in 2019 and your ideas and feedback shape these decisions. Please make it a New Year's resolution to stay connected with Council – read the Gazette and your local community newsletter, visit Council's website, have your say on our projects and programs, and follow Council on social media.

Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey

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## New Colours for Meredith CERT

*Martin Peters*

December 2018 saw the delivery of a brand new CERT car to Meredith.

This is now the third car supplied by Ambulance Victoria to the Meredith CERT, and has the new red and blue livery, in line with the entire AV fleet. This replaces the previous one which had the old green colour scheme.

Meredith CERT - Officially the "Meredith & District Community Emergency Response Team" is a group of volunteers, who give their time to assist anyone in the local area who requests an ambulance by dialling 000.

The CERT volunteers always respond in pairs, and are always backed up by the nearest available ambulance paramedic crew. We typically average over 100 calls per year, ranging from road accidents and other trauma, to medical emergencies and other health related issues.

Currently there are 9 active members on the team, and there are 4 others slowly progressing through the AV recruitment process.

Initial training involves around 96 hours of course contact time, some of it hands on and some as online classes. Thereafter, responders are required to undertake 30 hours of clinical training per year, and commit to making themselves available for at least 20 hours per month.

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## Rare White Magpie

*Lynn Heard*

In last years hatching of a Magpie family near us they have produced a baby white magpie.

I have contacted a bird watching group in Geelong, Bellarine Birdlife and they said that there is another white magpie down on the Bellarine peninsular at a winery. They are rare occurrence and they said it is very special to have one near our property. The white bird lives very comfortably with his black and white family and friends with no discrimination or rejection. The colour can turn to a white with a light brown where the black should be.

Looking into the cause of the bird being white it is either caused by albinism or leucism (genetic). Our white magpie does not have pink eyes so looks like he has leucism. Googled this and this is what it is:

**Bird Leucism:** Is a genetic mutation that results in a total or partial reduction of colour in a bird's plumage. The reduction of colour in the bird's plumage is due to an inadequate deposition or fixation of pigments only in the bird's feathers. Other parts of the bird's body have normal colouration.

A leucistic bird has the pigments or normal amount of melanin, it is just that such pigments are inadequately fixated or fail to be deposited properly in the feathers. This means that leucistic birds have a normal colouration of the eyes, bill, legs, and bare parts.

So, by letting you know about our rare white magpie, if you are driving near 1655 Meredith-Shelford Road – PLEASE – slow down and be careful not to run over him! His family is living in a gum tree near the road and often can be seen feeding on the roads edge early morning and evening. I would love to see him grow up and see if we possibly get another rare bird.

YES I am a Magpie!!!!



## Vale to Theo Francis Ball

17/9/1941 – 28/11/2018.

*Marg Cooper*

Theo was born in Beaufort, moved to Creswick with his mother and step father after his father died at Ambon as a prisoner of WW11. He attended school in Creswick and Ballarat Technical School, played a Tenor Horn in the Creswick Brass Band. Theo was President of the Junior Hot Rod Club in Ballarat before he met Gwenda Shell of Meredith on the Ballarat Railway Station. She was 14 years old and Theo was 17 years old. They bought their first car together. It was a black "Graham Page" and it cost them £5 each. When the axle broke, they gave it to the tow truck driver to pay for towing it away! Then they bought a Prefect. One time they hid a huge snake that had been beheaded under gum tips in the boot. When Gwenda's mother scooped an armful of gum tips out to use for church floral arrangements, she got a "hell of a shock" and Gwenda's father berated them both, severely.



They became engaged in 1960 when Gwenda was 16 years old but circumstances interrupted their romance. They both married other people and had two children each before they met and "it was love at first sight again". They finally married each other in 1988.

When they were 30 years married on November 19, 2018 Theo's son came from Sydney to celebrate with them.

Theo was a butcher by trade but worked at Batty's Scrap Metal for about 27 years. In recent years Gwenda and Theo lived in Lara where Theo enjoyed gardening and always flew the Australian Flag in his front yard. A florist, whose sister lives next door to Theo and Gwenda in Lara created a beautiful arrangement for his coffin of flora from his garden including tomato plants, parsley and mint.

Gwenda and Theo regularly attended Meredith History Interest Group Events, often with other members of the Shell family. They both remembered events and characters of Meredith of their courting days, because "kids were free range" in those days and they knew everyone.

Theo was a nice man who found, lost and re-found love with his perfect match.

## Vale to Mary Payne nee Donohue

b 1947 d 8/1/2019.

Marg Cooper

The Donohue family came to Meredith in 1950. Mary was the daughter of Mary Veronica and Harold Donohue and had a brother Gordon. They lived behind the shop at 30 Staughton Street which is now "Dorothy's Kitchen". Mary did all her schooling at Meredith State School and she made her debut at Meredith in the 1960's partnered by James {Willie} Nolan.

Her father came to Meredith to cut wood and in 1951 he went as "hut keeper" in Chris Mooney's shearing team to NSW and Vic.

Her mother was sometimes called "the Mother of Meredith" because she remembered the birthdays of Meredith children rewarding them with lollies and a card.

Locals tell that Mary Donohue had the best birthday parties. Her mother was a good cook and she organized fun games for the children to play.

Mary married Bruce Payne and lived in Sebastopol in the house where her father had shifted to when he left Meredith. She had two children Leanne and Stephen. Her husband pre-deceased her. He died in 2000.

Mary was buried in the Meredith Cemetery after a Mass celebrating entry into Etemal Life at St Joseph's on Friday, January 18.

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## Meredith POLICE news



Welcome all readers of the Meredith and District Newsletter, Police Article for 2019.

Firstly I would like to report that in the months leading up to Christmas in 2018 our area saw virtually no crime of note and very few collisions.

Of interest however, I attended an address in Moore Street, Bannockburn on the 28th of December where a burglary occurred where an elderly male occupant was asleep in the house at the time. The offender stole the victim's wallet, cash and credit cards and shortly after went on a crime spree throughout Corio with the cards and cash.

I immediately commenced an investigation into the aggravated burglary, which as a result had me spending a number of days in Corio conducting the investigation following the incident. On Monday the 7th of January I arrested a 23 year old male from Chirnside Court, Corio. A search of the male's house was conducted on that date where suspected stolen property was recovered. The male has been charged with Aggravated Burglary, Theft and a series of deception related offences and he has been bailed to appear at the Geelong Magistrates Court on 9th of April 2019.

From my perspective this was a great result however, it really bought back to me the reality that this type of offending can also happen here in Meredith. I urge local residents to always be vigilant to unusual or suspicious behaviour and to be aware of home security.

For me, a totally devastating start to 2019 on our local roads. On Monday the 28th of January I attended the scene of a two car collision in De Motts Road, Anakie where a local resident tragically lost her life. A male involved in the collision from Corio was arrested at the scene following the accident and an investigation of the circumstances is currently underway to determine the exact cause. The Major Collision Investigation Unit are conducting the investigation. I would like to sincerely thank the Meredith CERT unit, and the Bannockburn SES especially for their efforts in assisting Police and Paramedics at the scene.

As always I ask people to be vigilant with suspicious vehicles or activity around the district and I continue to ask that residents with information contact me at the Meredith Police Station on 52 861222 or on Crime Stoppers on 1800 333000 or via e mail at gregory.kitchen@police.vic.gov.au.

Kindest Regards and best wishes to you all for 2019.

Greg KITCHEN

Officer in Charge – Meredith Police Station.

## Online Tool for Injured Wildlife

Injured wildlife will get the help they need, thanks to an online help tool. Help for Injured Wildlife connects the community with wildlife rehabilitators, rescue organisations and vets in local areas who can care for the type of animal in need of help, such as a kangaroo or koala.

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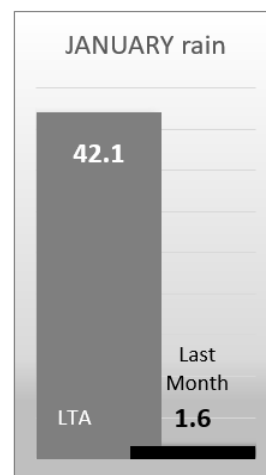
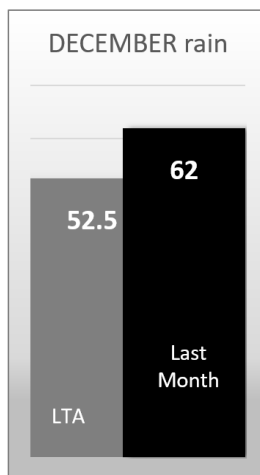
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### Media release

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Ordinary meetings start at 6pm, with these meetings to be held at the Bannockburn Shire Hall, 12 High St: 26 March, 28 May, 23 July, 24 September, and 26 November. Meetings on the alternative months will be held at the Linton Customer Service Centre, 68 Sussex St, Linton: 26 February, 23 April, 25 June, 27 August, 22 October, and 17 December. There is also a Special Budget Meeting on 11 June and the Mayoral Election on 6 November, both at Bannockburn Shire Hall.

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## The Trials of Tidying Up

I'm yet to see the television adaptation of a cleaning expert's tips on decluttering your life. Or read the book. And yet, the question 'does it spark joy?' has somehow wormed its way into my brain like the annoying chorus of an 80's song stuck on repeat. But that's pop culture for you. Just like when you have zero interest in a reality TV star's life but somehow they make it onto the news. Then before you know it you're in the gossip loop that means you can suddenly understand just a tiny bit more of what teenagers are talking about.

As I sat on the wooden floor of my bedroom, packing away a plethora of junk that I am still apparently attached to, thanks to sentimentality, I found myself muttering this question as I picked things out of drawers and put them into cardboard boxes.

Despite not knowing the wider context it belongs to, I placed items of little-to-no importance to me into the boxes because yes, yes they did bring me joy. Or rather the memories did. A particularly flattering university assignment feedback form, a porcelain alarm clock that woke me up faithfully for years before smartphones demanded that they make other innovations redundant. It all seemed important and joyful.

As the boxes piled up and I transported them into other, roomier parts of the house ready to move, I began to realise that I may be a hoarder. Perhaps not in the burn-your-house-down-thanks-to-piles-of-old-newspapers way, but at least in a way that means no matter how many boxes I obtain, there never seems to be enough.

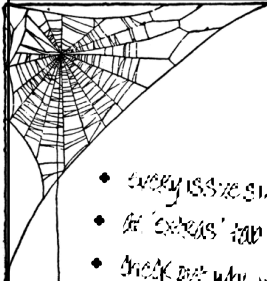
Yes, maybe the 22-strong beanie bear collection I kept in the roof for a decade and a half means that I no longer need them in my life, but those bad boys were the product of hard-earned pocket money so they're coming with me! The old hope that they may be worth something someday also played into it. Just like the way

my high school graduation dress with sequined bodice and puffy skirt may come back into fashion. But on second thought, that might be better off in the rather empty op-shop donation bag.

While the aforementioned cleaning expert apparently recommends having no more than 30 books, my 230 strong collection would certainly require some culling. But good luck getting anywhere near them with those recycling intentions!

As my partner sat back in disgust at all the boxes of Knick Knacks, clothes, and handbags that I have accumulated over the last 27 years, I found shame creeping in. Maybe this 'joy' thing isn't the right method for people like me. Maybe it takes a person with zero nostalgic traits to come in and clean-up your life. But make sure they're immune to your debating skills or you'll be surprised at how you can justify keeping those sparkly jelly sandals that were a brief fashion trend five years ago.






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STEVE and PETE GOAT



*Editor's Note: This column will be changing its title to "Uncultured Goats", as it has been pointed out to your correspondents that only Female goats produce the curds and whey that can be cultured. And these two old billies don't qualify in that department!*

## PETE GOAT

It is very hard to sit down to write with the recent news of the death of a new local resident (so I believe) on the road between Anakie and Steiglitz. This shocking event comes on top of the sadness of learning of the loss of their son by our friends Miles and Janine. As some of you may know they too were part-time locals.

And as it happens, the cultural experiences I had planned to describe also relate to death and loss and have led me to reflect a lot on what really matters.

First was a film which I just chanced on NITV: "Manganinnie" made in 1980 and based on a story by a non-indigenous writer Beth Roberts, directed by John Honey and starring Mawuyul Yanthalawuy, a Yolngu woman from Elcho island as Manganinnie and her performance is extraordinary. She appeared later in "Women of the Sun" and other films. The music is by Peter Sculthorpe and the film won AFI, AWGIE and Russian and French Festival awards.

The story is of the 1830 War against the Aborigines of Van Diemens Land by the government and colonists and is filmed on the spectacular west coast of Tasmania. The power of the film is in the elegance with which Manganinnie moves through and is at one, pragmatically and spiritually, with her country even as she is pursued and dies of her wounds—or is it that she dies of a broken soul because she believes her culture has been annihilated?

A feature of the production of the film is that Manganinnie speaks in language entirely, that is, not in English and I'm guessing that it is Yolngu. So cleverly is it done that I can't even recall whether there were subtitles.

The depiction of the brutality of colonisation in this film has had quite a profound effect on me and shortly after I saw a beautiful documentary on the women who are the descendants of the survivors of the massacres who keep their culture alive and strong and make exquisite traditional necklaces from tiny shells found only in Tasmania.

And then on 26th January Steve and I were privileged to attend a Welcome to Country and celebration of culture at Red Rock reserve just west of Colac but perhaps we'll write about that next time.

## STEVE GOAT

Happy new year to all of our readers, I hope it is a good one for you.

To celebrate New Year, I held a friends and relatives party at my place. As we organised the details, it occurred to me that it would be important to include a "Welcome To Country" to begin proceedings. A friend contacted the Wadawurrung Corporation in Ballarat, the legal traditional owners of this part of Victoria. So, on the day I was pleased to meet Barry Gilson, a local Indigenous man.

By the way, Barry's mother and Elder, Marlene Gilson has had several exhibitions of her painting; most recently at Ballarat Gallery from last year to February 3rd 2019. She has also been exhibited at Sydney Biennale of Art. Her distinctive naive style capture both pre- and post-colonial scenes.

He began by setting up a smoking fire and invited all present to wave the smoke around our heads and bodies, and to add a gum leaf to the smoking fire. Barry then related some creation stories with song and words. He invoked "Bunjil" the wedge tailed eagle, who was here in the beginning. The whole ceremony was quite moving. Barry has a great voice and the songs were haunting. Everyone there seemed to be engaged and touched. It was a uniquely Australian way to begin the celebrations.

In these times we are rediscovering a lot of our white and black heritage, overcoming some of the short falls in our education and history. Bruce Pascoe's rediscoveries of the writings of early settlers and explorers such as Major Mitchell are adding to our understanding. It was Mitchell who first described these golden plains in western Victoria. Pascoe's book "Dark Emu" is a must read for those interested in those "holes" that have existed in our history stories in the past. Likewise the work of Bill Gamage!

## The Things We Say

GEMMA HANAN

## Speak of the Devil

If you're familiar with the Harry Potter transmedia franchise, then this saying's origin may draw comparisons to avoiding saying 'Voldemort' in case his cronies appear to whisk you away to your death. It's often applied to situations where you've been caught mid-sentence by someone whilst talking about them to someone else. Mostly it's innocent enough, but sometimes you'll end up with some back-peddalling to do. Widely known by the mid-17th century as variations on 'talk of the devil, see his horns', this saying was triggered by the fear of the occult and the subsequent negative consequences of saying his name out loud.

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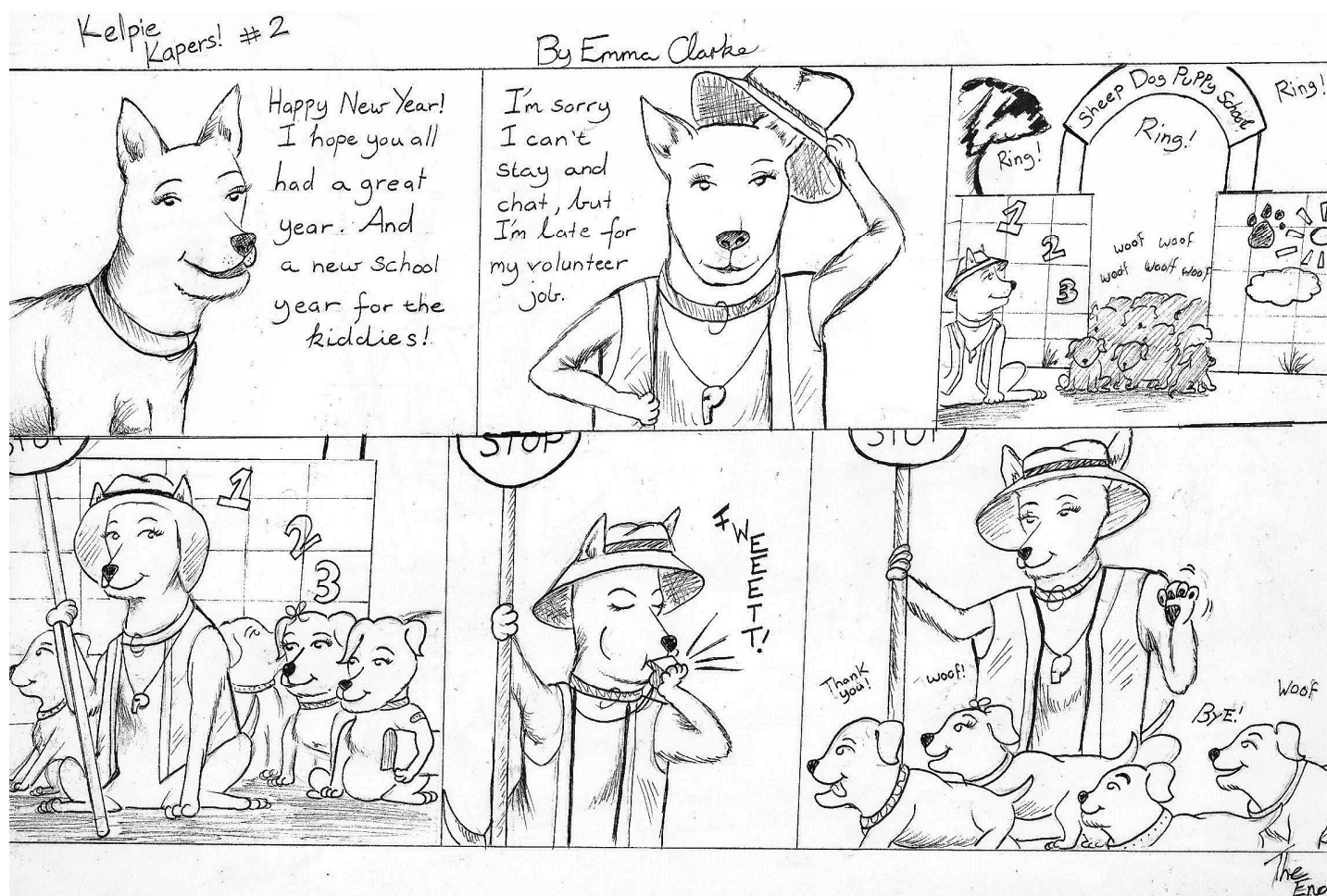
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## Golden Plains Festival 2019 information and contacts

We are writing with information for Golden Plains Festival scheduled to occur at the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre on Saturday 9 March - Monday 11 March, 2019.

The summary of the traffic management plan is outlined here.

- We implement a speed reduction on Mount Mercer Road and Cameron's Road from two days prior to the festival through to the day prior to the festival.

- We implement one-way traffic on Mount Mercer Road from Bamganie Road to Cameron's Road from approximately 4am the day prior to festival to approximately 7pm on the first day of the festival.

- Traffic within the one-way zone travelling to Meredith will be diverted down Cameron's Road

- We assign traffic controllers to the corner of Midland Highway and Staughton Street on the final day of the festival to assist vehicles turning left or right onto Midland Highway

- No-parking zones are installed along Mount Mercer Road and some surrounding roads

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

If you have any comments or ideas about any matter related to either Golden Plains Festival, including any concern or question about traffic or noise management, please get in contact by phone/text 0430 091 120 or by emailing via [auntym@mmf.com.au](mailto:auntym@mmf.com.au). These contacts are also operational 24 hours over the festival weekend.

The festival website is [www.goldenplains.com.au](http://www.goldenplains.com.au).

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## Landcare News



News from the Bamganie-Meredith Landcare Group

We are looking forward to an exciting 2019 with many activities planned.

First up is the Indigenous seed collection and propagation workshop on Saturday 9 February from 9am to 2pm. This workshop will be presented by Dan Frost from Seeding Victoria who will cover topics such as the best time to collect local native seeds, the best way to collect and extract the seeds, and how to prepare the seeds for propagation. The workshop is at the Meredith Community Centre and lunch will be provided. All welcome. This is a free workshop but RSVP is essential. Please contact Nick McKinley at [nick@leighcatchmentgroup.org](mailto:nick@leighcatchmentgroup.org) or phone 0455 147 398 to register.

Continuing in this theme is the Plant identification and revegetation techniques workshop on Saturday 6 April 2019. This workshop will be presented by Steven Murphy from Recreating Country. Steven has been a local Landcare nurseryman for over 30 years and has helped many landholders design plantations and choose plant species. For more information about Steve see his website: <https://recreatingcountry.com.au>. Steven is a very inspirational presenter; this workshop is also free and is not to be missed! Please contact Nick McKinley at [nick@leighcatchmentgroup.org](mailto:nick@leighcatchmentgroup.org) or phone 0455 147 398 for more information or to register for this workshop.

Other workshops planned for later in 2019 include a Carbon Farming workshop to look at opportunities for farmers and landowners to earn carbon credits by storing carbon or reducing greenhouse gas emissions on their land, and a workshop investigating opportunities for engaging in farm forestry. More details about these workshops will be available on our Facebook page or in later editions of the Newsletter. Better still, why not come along to our meetings to find out about what's going on first-hand!

Next meeting: Thursday 14 February, Meredith Community House at 7:30pm. All welcome!

### There's One Thing I Dearly Love to Eat...

Luckily for us, Bugs Bunny's Aussie descendants are still keen on their carrots.

Maude Landcare Group will be serving a late Christmas Dinner to the local bunnies in February, when we facilitate the annual Pindone rabbit poisoning campaign.

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*From Media Release*

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The project will seal an existing 3.5km section and a further 2.2km of narrow sealed road will be widened and replaced, improving safety and smooth flow of traffic along the busy road.

### New Life Checks Quiz

*From Media Release*

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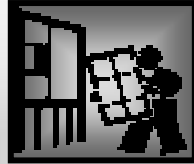
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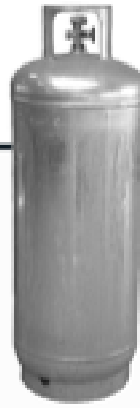
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# Andrew Howard's SLIDING DOORS

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## A moment of reflection

At 74 years old he could only conclude life was going along swimmingly, all things considered.

He was enjoying the fruits of a successful business in the construction industry that he had personally guided through 35 years of hard work and relentless commitment. Having sold the business to three of his most loyal managers he had self-funded his long standing dream to retire back to the coast. The coast and the surfing lifestyle he had known so well. Tick

Family? All good, pretty much. No longer with the mother of his children, they had at least maintained a respectful and dignified relationship allowing them to enjoy all of the usual family celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries and the various days of cultural and religious celebration shared by families across the country. The 4 children had navigated the bumpy journey to young adulthood, all of them, to varying degrees, good people dealing successfully with the challenges of now living their own life, while nurturing a new batch of floundering youngsters. And what a joy it always is to spend time with this fun-loving bunch, which was a pleasingly regular event.

Friends, yep. Lovely bunch of unique friends, can't complain.  
All good. Life is good.

But now this.

12 hours ago he would've added his excellent health and physical fitness to his long list of positives.

He didn't see this one coming and it's hit him like a ton of bricks. Shattered and taking stock. At best he's got 6 months. Yesterday he had the rest of his life. He attempts some mental diversion reminding himself nothing has changed, he still has the rest of his life. It's just that there's not much of that left. And there is no room for debate. It's medically confirmed. Definitely.

What to do? He's decided to turn back time. At this stage as fit and physical capable as he was yesterday, he'll turn to his old friend. The ocean and the waves. He loads up his old board and takes the coast road down to his favourite right hand surfbreak. His home ground. His sanctuary.

Paddling out using the rip as his express train commute to the back of the break he's back where he belongs and the smile return to his face. If this is it, then so be it. All is well in his world and he's at peace.

“Get off my wave old timer, you’re taking my space!” The flashy grommet cruised past waving the universal surfer “shaka” sign for “hang loose”. Old timer smiled...that was me once he thought.

Having peeled off the back of his wave the young grommet paddled back toward him. “Only joking you know, you’re out here having a crack. good on you at your age!”

Smiling within at the impunity of this up and comer, old timer replied quick as a flash “no worries champ, I’ll be off your wave and out of your space real soon...enjoy the ride...”



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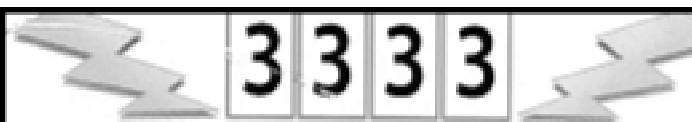


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# MAN COOK EAT



Steve Duffy

## ABUNDANCE

When I was a little boy, yes long ago, a BIG thing happened in our family; we got chooks. I was recruited along with brothers and sisters to help build the henhouse and look after them. We threw together a shed, some wire, hinges etc were scrounged. The chook shed was constructed right next to the struggling old Apricot tree. Not long after we were collecting "googs" each day, even making up bran and pollard to supplement the foods scraps from table. The ten or so hens gave us plenty of eggs. Fried egg sandwiches became a staple school lunch.

There had always been a few small weedy apricots which were mostly taken by birds before they were fully ripe. But as autumn rolled around, it was time to clean out the chook shed and spread new straw in their house. The scrapping from the floor were piled up outside around the base of the old tree.

The next Spring we were duly rewarded with a bumper crop of the biggest juiciest, brightest, orange apricots I had ever seen. They were delicious. Even though the birds could get some, there were boxfuls left for us. My parents made the big purchase of a Fowlers Vacola bottling kit and plenty of the large straight sided preserving jars. After the first batch floated to the top, leaving half the jars full of syrup and some fruit at the top, we perfected the packing process. Using a wooden spoon and just enough pressure to compress the halves, but not mush them together, we rolled into production. We must have processed over a hundred bottles. The pantry was full. What a great success this bottling caper was.

Inspired by this success, when Mum saw cases of bananas very cheap at the Victoria Market, late on Saturday morning in the bargain sell off, she could not resist buying a couple of boxes. We went into production again. Buying more sugar, bottles, rings, lids and clips. Many bottles were packed and boiled up as per the instructions in the Fowler's Vacola booklet. The only problem was that after a couple of weeks, unlike the brilliant apricots, the bananas began to first go slightly grey, but then began to brown off. They didn't look nearly as appetising as our other preserves.

I suppose the lesson here is about dealing with excess raw materials. A thing I now think about at planting time, to avoid the wastage. My rule of thumb is grow and harvest enough for your needs and some extra that can be shared with family and friends. You might have grown enough chilies to make bottles of fiery red rocket fuel, but are you going to use it all?

Abundance can be managed, but excess is a waste of resources, time and energy.

The eggs we used, the apricots were a beautiful dessert for ages, but the brown slimy looking things were like something from a Biology museum!

Good eating! Steve

## Council Representation Review

Golden Plains Shire residents are encouraged to take part in the Victorian Electoral Commission's representation review of Council.

The VEC reviews examine whether Council has the appropriate number of Councillors, whether Council should remain unsubdivided with Councillors elected from the whole Shire, or whether the Shire should be subdivided into wards.

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### Bannockburn

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- 500g large pasta shells
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- 1 small red onion, sliced thinly
- 1 cup roasted pecans
- ½ cup thinly sliced dill pickles
- 50g baby rocket leaves
- Creamy dressing*
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh tarragon

#### Method

Bring water to the boil in a medium saucepan and add chicken. Simmer covered about 10 minutes. Cool chicken in poaching liquid 10 minutes, drain and slice thinly.

Meanwhile, cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling water until tender, drain. Rinse under cold water and drain.

Make creamy tarragon dressing.

Combine pasta in a large bowl with chicken, dressing and remaining ingredients.

#### *Creamy tarragon dressing*

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*Recipe from – Women's Weekly family favourites*

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## The Camerons of Glenspean

*Marg Cooper*

Neil Cameron's book "The Camerons of Glenspean", was launched at Pioneer Park on Australia Day by Professor Anna Meredith, Head Melbourne Veterinary School, University of Melbourne.

In the book Neil Gordon Cameron recounts the story of Neil's family and the property Glenspean which have produced Meredith Dairy, a great intergenerational family edifice built on solid foundations.

Neil also tells his own story, that he was a sickly child, that he was lonely and crippling shy until university life gave him new freedom. He has also recorded himself in



the book, his ideas, his feelings, his interests, the way he thinks and his quirky sense of humour, eg he tells that he asked June to marry him three times. The third time she said I couldn't see why not'. Neil tells that she has been seeing why not ever since!

Neil has stressed initiative and innovation of five generations of Camerons. His father bought Glenspean on February 2, 1924 and Neil tells that he put the plough into the nearest sizeable area on

February 3 with the aim to improve the pasture. This practice was not common in 1924.

The book is a valuable resource. Neil has recorded his cattle experiment and the 1967 fires that, to my knowledge no-one has written an account of. It was fitting to have the launch at Pioneer Park on Australia Day as it was Neil's initiative to create the park and his persistence that saw the land transferred from Railway land to Recreation Reserve.

Neil says that he has two more books to produce: one an ironic view of climate change myths and another of "allowing the spirit of Jesus to reach all strata of world society promoting harmony from the personal to the international level".

*The book is for sale from Meredith History Interest Group for \$20.*

## Australia Day in Meredith 2019

*Marg Cooper*

Meredithians celebrated Australia Day at Pioneer Park in style. Meredith & District Lions Club members were on site bright and early, erecting marquees and setting up for bacon, eggs and sausages for breakfast, washed down with water, soft drink and tea or coffee.

A large crowd of adults and children enjoyed the beautiful weather. A great variety of games were on offer for everyone, including the Meredith Gift (won by Leanne Hammond nee Powells) and a fantastic Tug of War.

The singing of the National Anthem was followed by bush poetry and the announcing of the Meredith Christmas Lights Competition, won by Shane & Imelda Ross, second prize to 10 Lawler Street, Honorable mentions to Christmas Corner and St Joseph's Church. Next year the challenge is on. Come on Meredith residents...light up the town!!

At 10.00 am Marg and Di introduced Dr Anna Meredith OBE Head of Melbourne Vet School, University of Melbourne, who previous to her appointment to Melbourne was at Edinburgh University for nineteen years. Her OBE was awarded in January 2019 for services to Animal Welfare. Dr Meredith had only arrived from Scotland late on Monday, so we were thrilled to have her come to launch Neil Cameron's book "The Camerons of Glenspean".

A great morning was had by all – look forward to bigger and better things in 2020.



*Revellers at the Australia Day Ceremony*



*The Australia Day Tug-of-War in Meredith*





## In our Nature

Wendy Cook

There was nothing remarkable about the gum leaf. It was long, narrow and slightly curved, the widest part of the leaf close to its stalk, the remainder tapering to a pointed tip which was now dried up and brown. The rest of the leaf was dull green, with a hint of red on the main vein which ran down the middle of its length. A network of pale veins moved food and water around the leaf. Between veins were white dots. These were oil glands, tiny cavities in the leaf's surface in which it stored a range of chemicals to discourage insects, including the compounds which create the characteristic scents of eucalyptus, peppermint and, in lemon-scented gums, lemon. The leaf edges also had a tinge of red, but were no longer smooth. Some insects had adapted to its chemicals, and were able to feed on it. On the leaf's underside were red spherical galls, with matching small brown scars on its upper surface. These were the tree's response to a bug laying eggs. Other tiny brown scars surrounded by dark circles, were made by a fungus living on the leaf surface, but resulting in little harm.

There was more to the leaf than just its appearance. Its surface was covered in microscopic pores. Through the pores, the leaf took in carbon dioxide from the air around it. Water from the soil travelled along the tree's roots, up its trunk, along its branches and into its leaves. Sunlight on the leaf caused the carbon dioxide and water to react, in the process of photosynthesis. This reaction created sugars which gave the plant energy to repair itself and grow. Oxygen was also produced in the reaction, and was released through the pores into the atmosphere, along with some water. In a dry climate like Australia's, plants attempt to reduce the loss of water. The gum leaf had a waxy surface, which helped to keep water in. It also hung from its stalk vertically, so that less of the leaf surface was exposed to the hot, drying sun.

The leaves of some other plants have different adaptations to prevent water loss. They may be thick and tough, or succulent, or very small, or grow hairs to trap a layer of humidity close to the leaf surface. While these help the plant to survive, they also limit photosynthesis, so the plant will grow slowly. Some plants keep their pores closed during the day, only opening them in the cool of night to take in carbon dioxide, which is stored in the leaf. When the morning sun touches the leaf, photosynthesis begins.

In climates with plenty of moisture, plants grow leaves that are thinner and larger. The largest leaves are often found on tropical plants, which grow in places with lots of rain, and therefore lots of cloud cover. For these plants, water loss is not a problem, but insufficient sunlight can slow photosynthesis, so they make less food. Their leaves

are large and held in a horizontal position, allowing as much as possible of the leaf surface to be exposed to sunshine when it is available. As only the upper surface of the leaf can absorb sunlight, it is the only surface with pores. The underside of the leaf may look quite different and may be paler or hairy.

Leaves come in a great variety of shapes and textures. Some leaves, such as those of banksias, are naturally stiff. Others are held up by water pressure, and are inclined to wilt in hot weather. Long narrow leaves sway easily in the wind without damage. Other leaves are made up of a few or many leaflets which also helps them to withstand the wind. Sundews have specialised leaves with sticky hairs to trap insects, and can then fold around their prey and digest it.

Leaves are homes for many creatures. Lerp's hide beneath sugary white shells and eat the leaf. Leaf-curling spiders use silk to turn a leaf into a tubular home. A few species of moths camouflage themselves as leaves, being green or brown with a line looking like a vein across the middle of their wings. Leaves are important in so many ways, as creators of food for plants, insects and larger animals, as homes and places of safety for many tiny creatures, and as a source of shade which we can all appreciate in hot weather.



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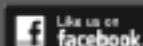
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## Summer Barbie and the Snag.....

It's Summer and therefore barbie time. Barbie as in "Barbecue" - a meal or gathering at which meat, fish, or other food is cooked out of doors on a rack over an open fire or on a special appliance. (BBQ)

And on that barbie in Australia you will find without a doubt a snag or two.

But what is a snag? That lead me to thinking why do we call the humble sausage a snag and just what is in one?

In Australia and elsewhere snag has several meanings, including 'a submerged tree stump' or 'an unexpected drawback'. But only in Australia is a snag a sausage.

In Britain they are called bangers, it is assumed that 'banger' relates to the noise made by a bursting sausage, and the nick-name dates to the first or second decade of the twentieth century. Yep the old bangers and mash!

As for the word 'snag', the first reference to its use for 'sausage' is given by the Oxford English Dictionary in 1941. But, there appears to be no theories for this usage of the word, except that maybe it comes from British dialect (although the dialect is not specified) word for "a morsel, a light meal" it may possibly be relevant, if you believe that sausages constitute a 'light' meal, but it makes no comment on how it came to be specifically applied to sausages only in Australia?

SNAG is also an acronym, and for most of the world, including Australia, SNAG means "Sensitive New Age Guy"

But in Australia maybe SNAG stands for Skin, Nuts And Guts! You know how we like to shorten words and use acronyms!

There is fact to back this because once a Sausage included a dizzying array of meat products. Generally, sausage was recognized as any tissue or organ that has been salted for preservation and stuffed into casings, traditionally made from the intestines of the animal.

Today the idea that cheap snags are full of snouts, hooves and other offally bits is the stuff of schoolyard stories. The Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code states that the presence of offal in food must be declared in the statement of ingredients. That would include brain, heart, kidney, liver, tongue and tripe but apparently offal can fetch a higher price overseas, so no one wants to waste it in the humble snag.

So, what's in a snag these days: meat, usually trimmings, the off-cuts of premium cuts of beef and/or lamb. The snag also contains, flour, water and filler known as sausage meal, usually made of wheat or rice flour. Water is then added and absorbed by the meal, which contributes to the weight of the raw snag. Well, that explains shrinkage on the barbie! Then there the preservatives, the water affects

the shelf life of a snag, so that is counteracted by adding preservatives. Mineral salts and preservative 223 are common in bulk-buy snags. Adding the water to a snag also lessens its natural taste, meaning flavour enhancers need to be added. Dextrose (a refined sweetener) and hydrolysed vegetable protein made from maize are commonly used enhancers that also act as fillers to make the meat go further. And of course, finally the casing, a snag might as well be a rissole without casing. Casings, usually artificial manufactured are made of cellulose, collagen or synthetic materials.

Not sure we have really moved forward with the contents of the humble snag!

Amazingly in Australia, we have made the snag the hero of every fundraising (schools, sports, church & scouts) barbie. Preferably wrapped in a slice of white bread with tomato sauce and onion. The most famous snag associations are The Bunning's Community Fundraising Sausage Sizzles every weekend, as long as you remember to put the onion first (to avoid injury to passer-by!) and the Lions Clubs who raise mega funds via the sales of the humble snag.

So, there you go, the Aussie Snag, a legend of the backyard barbie and champion of the fundraiser, due to, I suspect that we choose to ignore what makes up the humble snag and we like the fact we have no idea where its truly Aussie name came from.

Slow down and enjoy this day.

Kerrie

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Friday:	<b>8:30am - 6:30pm</b>
Saturday:	<b>8:30am - 1:00pm</b>
Sunday:	<b>CLOSED</b>

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## Pondering the Weather....

*Kerrie Kruger*

We check the tanks regularly for dropping water levels, vegie gardens need watering, dams are drying up and creeks stop flowing, and we watch as the whole country side turns brown as crops are harvested and grass dries out and I wondered, are we any different to the residents of the past in our thought about the summer weather?

According to the "Steiglitz Miner & Meredith Shire Advertiser", dated Saturday 5th February 1898, (120 yrs ago) "The weather this week has been unusually severe, the following is the reading of the thermometer taken at 3pm each day in the shade at the Miner Office in Staughton St, Sunday 102F ( 38.8 C), Monday, 100 (37.77) Tuesday 98 (36.6) Wednesday & Thursday 96 (35.5) Friday 102 (38.8)"

The following week Saturday 12th February, it was reported "The weather during the week has been very mild compared with previous. Though threatening at times, the long looked for rains did not come till yesterday when a steady downpour commenced. Most of the house holders' tanks are empty and many have to purchase water carted from the Moorabool River, while others are getting it from wherever they can get it. The following are thermometer reading for the week, Sunday 80F ( 26.6C), Monday 88 ( 31.1) Tuesday 100 ( 37.7) Wednesday 70 ( 21.1) Thursday 71 ( 21.6) Friday 70 ( 21.1)"

Sounds familiar to summer weather today! My thoughts travel to thinking of life in 1890s, how hot and unforgiving it would have been, and how easy we have it 120 yrs on. Grateful that at least we can wear cooler clothes especially as a woman, we don't have to rely on wood cooking for meals and we have fans, if not air conditioners to cool our homes, and tractors for harvesting, no longer having to walk behind a horse or harvest by hand.

So, what about that important Rain? Have local Rainfall figures changed much over past 140 years?

Research via the Bureau of Meteorology web page shows last year 2018 we had only 424mm rain – 5th driest year

on record! The lowest rainfall recorded in 1967 was 356.5mm & in 2006 - 393.20mm. The Highest rainfall was 1970 with 1108mm & 1978- 1021.2mm. (refer Chart) The Rainfall in 1898 was low for Jan 1.5, Feb 12.7, Mar 7.1 mm then rose to average to 50mm per month for rest of the year! So, fingers crossed for 2019.

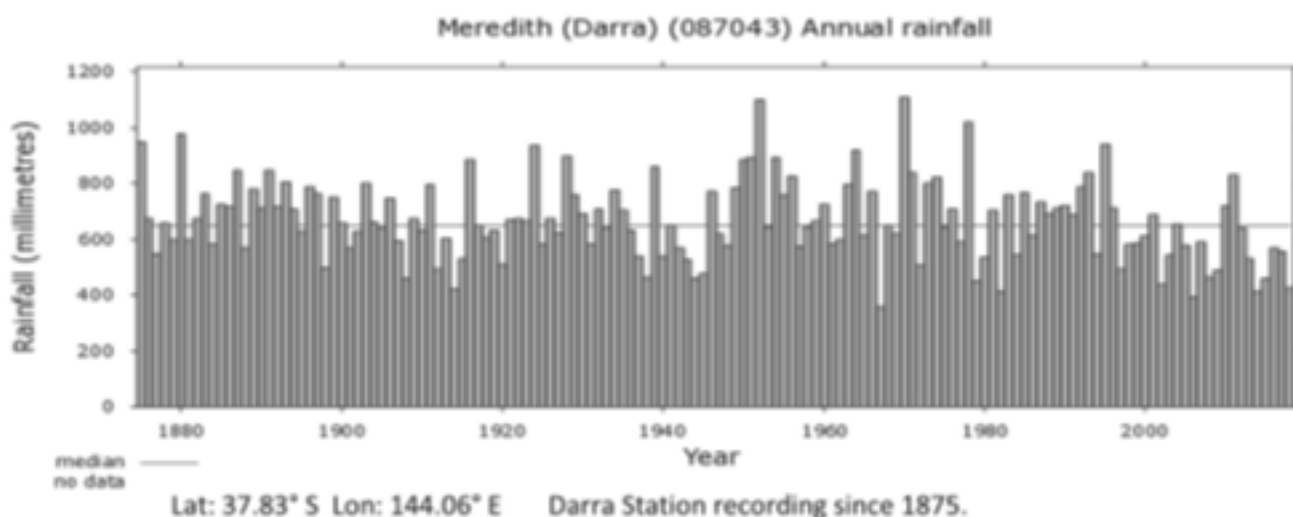
The mean average rainfall over past 140 years in Meredith is 667.7mm. Rainfall has declined in last 20 years, but is it a naturally occurring cyclic pattern or due to Climate change? Wonder what the temperatures and rainfall figures will look like in the next 120 years?

Did you know that the understanding of matters meteorological was so rudimentary in the early decades of the colonies that until at least 1855, people thought weather systems moved from east to the west? The spread of the telegram would confirm the opposite to be true, particularly when Adelaide and Perth were linked in 1877.

Without the benefits of weather forecasts via satellite the residents of Meredith in 1890s would have relied on local knowledge and old wife's tales to predict the weather. (see Predicting the Weather box)

Is it just me or are the scientific weather forecast becoming more complicated but less reliable? No offence BOM, but it just seems like the weather has a mind of its own and it will never be tamed with computer predictions and perhaps the ways of predicting the weather in the past were as accurate as what we have today.

I suspect that the residents of Meredith in 1898 chatted about the weather just as we do today, but I think they were more in tune, so another reason why we need to spend more time outside and, in the earth, watching and listening and nature will give us signs to read just like she did for the residents of Meredith 120 years ago .



<http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/data/index.shtml> for more information

## Men's Shed Opens

The Bannockburn & District Mens Shed is up & running. Situated behind the oval at 2 Moore St Bannockburn, our brand new shed sits immediately behind the Bannockburn Shire offices..

The shed is available for membership to men in the Bannockburn, Inverleigh, Teesdale, Shelford, Lethbridge, Meredith and Steiglitz areas.

We currently have 26 members & meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am till 4pm.

As our shed is brand new but not yet complete internally, we are currently busy fitting it out as well as sorting through equipment which has been generously donated.

We treat our ladies to a monthly partners dinner or luncheon at various eating places around the district.

Any interested men are welcome to attend & join us for a chat & cuppa.

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## it's History

Meredith History Interest Group

### Annual Meeting:

You are invited to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 3 at 1.30 pm at the History Centre. After the meeting the John Nolan seat and the new MHIG sign will be unveiled. These two items have been made by local tradesmen/artists and will enhance the entrance to the History Centre. New members are welcome.

### Golden Plains Group of the Year:

On Tuesday, January 22 at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre the Golden Plains Shire Council Australia Day awards were announced and MHIG was delighted to be awarded the "Group of the Year". In previous years the category was "Event of the Year" which we were awarded for one of the book launches we held. This year "Group of the Year" replaced that category. Marg Cooper relinquished her "Citizen of the Year" title to Tony Walker from Linton.

### Toilet Decorators:

Once again MHIG were invited to decorate a toilet at the Meredith Music Festival site. The theme that was requested by the Music Festival staff was "Sub Inspector William Dunbar Johnstone" whose story was the subject of our Art Competition in October 2018. We obliged by pasting copies of photos of him, advertising, art entries and moustaches over all the walls of No 41. For the December Music Festival a map of all the decorated toilets was going to be printed so festival goers could appreciate them!

### Collections:

Have you a collection that you would like to display? Would you like to assemble a collection that you would like to display? In the Secretary's room at the History Centre there are 30 open fronted cubicles that at the moment contain a mixture of small historic items. We need a new display. Maybe you could help!



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## Smart Building and Living Expo in Buninyong

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As always our 'festival' approach will showcase local sustainable building and lifestyle services and products for those planning to build or retrofit sustainable home solutions, and those interested in sustainable transport, lifestyle and food choices. This year we have even more of our best local professionals and producers including builders, designers, solar hot water and photovoltaic installers, building, garden, food and lifestyle products. We will have everything from Tiny houses to one of the largest displays of electric vehicles on display including the latest models brought to us by enthusiastic owners and distributors.

Our major sponsors, Grampian Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group will again lead the War on Waste. A highlight of this years' festival will be the 'Can Do Communities' hall where local groups and clever people will showcase how they have developed 21st century versions of the activities that past generations undertook, to ensure that they wasted as little as possible.

Expo Director, Andrea Mason said the response to this years' event has been fantastic and we are expecting a greater variety and number of exhibitors than in the past. There will be lots of new things to see plus food and activities for the whole family.

The Expo will be held at Royal Park Buninyong on Sunday, February 24, from 10.00am-3.30pm.

Business owners, tradespeople, product vendors, community groups and artists can register now for the event at [www.smartbuildingandlivingexpo.com.au](http://www.smartbuildingandlivingexpo.com.au).

For details, please contact Andrea Mason through [forp.buninyong@gmail.com](mailto:forp.buninyong@gmail.com) or 0427 338 482.



## Vale to Ronald Musgrove

*Marg Cooper*

Ronald Theodore Julius Musgrove's life began on March 27, 1933 when he was born to James Leslie and Maude Harriett Musgrove. Ron was the youngest of their nine children. He grew up on the Musgrove farm "Fairview" which was approximately 300 acres just north of the Bamganie State School. This school had closed about 1933 so he attended Woodburn State School and often gave Yvonne Grant a ride to school with him on his horse. He hated school but loved playtime. He only missed one day of school in his lifetime and that was when the dentist van pulled up. He took off from school on someone's bike and pedalled five miles home only to have his sister Elsie take him back.

On leaving school Ron worked at Elders Smith sorting wool. He reported for full time military training on May 1, 1952 and completed it on August 6, 1952. Ron then worked on a farm at Winchelsea where his brother and sister-in-law worked as caretakers. At a dance at Winchelsea in 1951 he met Nellie Collins and they married in April 1953, a marriage of sixty five years, devoted to each other.

They moved into the family farm with Jim and Maude for twelve months until they purchased their own farm "Clover Hill" where Harry Musgrove had previously lived. They ran merino sheep and often put their sheep in the school paddock for shelter after shearing.

Ron's brother Percy was a shearing contractor, and Ron and Nellie used to go away with his teams. Ron would shear and Nellie would cook. Ron's brother-in-law Mick Collins would come to Meredith yearly to shear at sheds including Bolte's, Colclough's and Narmbool. If Ron wasn't shearing he was a rouseabout. Ron also did a lot of farm work for Henry Bolte as did his brothers-in-law. The farm was a great place for their children, Daryl and Sheryl to grow up.

Ron loved playing cricket at Meredith until the 1980's and thought he was Don Bradman. Ron and Nellie played golf and both were great supporters of local football.

Ron and Nellie moved to Drysdale in 1984. He was nick-named Tony Barber as he got a record sale price for his property. They got involved at Curlewis Golf Club and Drysdale Bowling Club. Ron took up residence at Drysdale Aged Care in December 2015. The last years were not easy as he battled with dementia.

Ron was a man of few words, a true gentleman who loved a good laugh and was dedicated to Nellie and his family



### “Educated” by Tara Westover

In the first pages of “Educated” we are introduced to a mountain in rural Idaho, USA, where the Westover family lives. It is described as dark, beautiful and commanding. This just about describes the Mormon fundamentalist family as well. The father was the prophet of their family convinced the world was going to end at the stroke of the millennium. He didn’t believe in sending his children to school, dairy products are sinful and his children should work for him and obey him at all times. The mother largely deferred to her husband but found some independence in her roles as a kind of faith healer and unlicensed midwife. She was required to treat all the family injuries (and an amazing number of freak accidents befall the male Westovers - leg shreddings, burnings and head injuries) and ailments because the father wouldn’t let anyone go to the doctor.

The author was repeatedly beaten and abused by an elder brother and controlled by her father but she gradually made her way out of all of it. She had had no formal education but managed to home study her way to college. She struggled initially with the education, social situations and for money but succeeded in passing an exam to enter Brigham Young University. Her quest for knowledge transformed her; taking her over oceans and across continents to Harvard and to Cambridge University. And in the course of all that Westover wrote that she found herself – through what some might call a “transformation” and others a “betrayal”. As she puts it in the last line of the book: “I call it an education.”

“Educated” is an account of the struggle for self invention. Time and time again Tara returned to the family for holidays, because of her loyalty to them. Time and again she stepped back into their life and questioned if she should be “going against” their beliefs or outgrowing her roots. She found it increasingly difficult to reconcile her life on the mountain with her new life. The book portrays the grief that comes from severing one’s closest ties.

This is the first book written by Tara Westover who was born in 1986. It is a brilliant read and the reader becomes caught up in the struggle she goes through. Her background, her family and how they lived isolated by beliefs and by the mentality of her father is interesting as is the fact that in some cases her lack of conventional education was an asset in her studies.

Bookclub meets on the third Thursday each month. New members are welcome to come along on Thursday, February 21. At that meeting we are each going to tell what we read over the Christmas break

## Tour de Cure for Meredith

*Marg Cooper*

Heidi Bramberger is riding her bicycle from Sydney to Geelong from 3 – 11 May 2019 with the Tour de Cure to raise money for Cancer Research.

As the Tour team visit and stay in each of the country towns along the Tour route they will contribute \$10,000 into the local communities towards a local cancer research or prevention project. They will also visit local schools and share a prevention message to children that one in three cancers are preventable through lifestyle choices which they make – the key being “Be Fit, Be Healthy, Be Happy!”

2019 marks the 10th Anniversary of Mark Beretta’s (Sports Reporter from the Channel 7 Sunrise program) participation in the Signature Tour. Because Beretta is a local Geelong boy The Tour, naturally, must finish in Geelong. Channel 7 will have live crosses each morning from The Tour to the Sunrise Show so that the public can follow the riders along the way.

Heidi is supported by her partner Karl Hardy (son of Denise and Geoff Hardy of Meredith). Many things keep her coming back to do more rides, the most important being that the Tour raises money for the bold-est research, employing the most talented scientists undertaking ground breaking projects.

The Tour starts in Sydney on May 3, travels to Kiama, Goulburn, Canberra, Jindabyne, Corryong, Beechworth, Shepparton, Daylesford and arrives in Geelong on May 11. On the last day, May 11 the Tour will pass through Meredith!

Tour de Cure has, since its inception in 2007, raised over \$42M, funded more than 322 cancer projects which has lead to 24 world recognized cancer break throughs.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to this worthy cause simply go to the Tour de Cure Website and search Heidi Bramberger.

<https://www.tourdecure.com.au/get-involved/make-a-donation/>

In the next Newsletter we will have times when the three pelotons will arrive at Meredith. How could we, as a town, welcome them?





## Chris 'Mouse' Nolan 50 Book 1

*Mary Nolan*

Family and friends and others (for better or worse!) have always been part of the Nolan Gleeson clans. After their marriage in 1965, Mary/'Mims' and John/'Jack' lived that fully with their children Mary Louise 'Lou' and Christopher - embedded with a strong ethos of intergenerational hospitality, land, music, stories 'never let the truth get in the way of a good story', socialising, dancing, playing cards, fun and local and wider community involvement. Necessity meant making the most of what we had (Jack was a fix it man and his yard and sheds were a treasure trove of old parts and machinery which he loved to go and find for local events and early festivals). People used to say they met some 'funny' people at Nolan's 'Marajon'. The kitchen table was and remains at the centre of conversation, and friends tell stories of early visits when the conversation continued at kitchen table all day - through breakfast, lunch and dinner!

After the big change in the local district with the influx of soldiers settlers and families and the services they generated - our generation saw the need for preschool education, Brownies and Guides, Cubs, Scouts etc and worked together to make it happen, and Chris, born in 1968, with his parents and others involved. Often with little money but huge volunteer hours.

Chris was 50 on 21 May 2018.

We celebrated with lunch at the Royal Oak Hotel in Fitzroy, a hotel that has seen celebrations for Nolans since Chris went to live in a nearby Harold McCracken House Nursing Home 22 Dec 1996 aged 28.

In May 1996 while working in Hanoi as a lawyer, Chris suffered a multi organ collapse and, because his brain was starved of oxygen, a very severe hypoxic acquired brain injury (ABI). The medical retrieval that went in to get Chris had more equipment than Hanoi hospital - and transferred him to an ICU unit Singapore. Critically ill, and still on life support, three weeks later airlifted to St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne where he survived major medical emergencies and in coma for six months. We know now he was hearing and understanding in that six months, but officially 'woke up' 19 November 1996 laughing at a joke his cousin Podge made about a photo of his dad John/Jack and Chris at 1995 Meredith Music Festival (MMF) - imagine the shock! On 22 December he moved to Harold McCracken House nursing home in Fitzroy with funding under the then new ABI:Slow to Recover Program, very frail, but he just kept defying the odds.

Fast forward 21 years (and our beloved Jack's death on 23.2.17) and after Fitzroy NH closed, in 2006 Chris now lives in a Brunswick nursing home with his own carers for several hours daily. He gets out around the area in his specialised chair as well as weekends home to the farm and festivals. He is intellectually intact, hears and understands everything and communicates non verbally with a long blink for Yes. Can't do anything for himself

so totally dependent on people/carers who know him well to observe, and interpret and respond. He's a real character, great sense of humour and has an amazing capacity for people, and courage and will to live life fully as he is.

His diverse and numerous networks of friends and relatives (including locals) continue to visit and keep contact with him and us. For years, I've sent out email updates to friends far and wide.

Chris was and is a high achiever and still likes to 'do his bit' - Captain of St Patrick's College Ballarat 1985, and inducted as Legend of the College in 2017, Chris Nolan Academic semester Awards now in 12th year, lawyer, co-founder of (Monash) Mannix Old Collegians Association, Captain of the Meredith Cricket Club, Club champion Meredith Golf Club, co-founder Meredith Music festival 1995 - 2019, opens March Festival Golden Plains on stage with long blink for Yes! A passionate Tiger fan, won footy tipping at nursing home again in 2018 (did not do well at Royal Hotel!), loves cricket and footy. Attends conferences and advocates for younger people with ABI, music gigs, concerts, friends social events. Central in What Does Chris Want (WDCW) group 2004 - present. Participates in Movember, loves the comments on his facial hair, and raised over \$10,000 since 2012 for men's health. See: <https://au.movember.com/mospace/3663789>

About 50 people replied to the lunch for his 50th and 74 came! At such events, because Chris can't see, we have a custom of inviting everyone in turn to introduce him/her self and how each fits in to what his mate described as the 'Nolan juggernaut' and speak briefly and or tell a story! Chris loves to hear from everyone, and it's always great for us all - as we can all get to a party and wonder who others are.

With a lot of Nolan/Gleeson/Chris stories held by me and previously John, friends, Eileen and Janine decided to gather stories from anyone who wanted to contribute and compile in to a 'Chris 50 Book'. The response was amazing and their skill at putting it together exceptional! It now has stories/notes from over 70 people including overseas friends in France, USA, UK. - complete with photos. It's a great gift for Chris and new people coming into his life to come to know him and the richness of his life and networks - almost 22 years after such massive life change.



Contact Janine [hellardjanine@hotmail.com](mailto:hellardjanine@hotmail.com) if you want to send a story or note about how you have been part of Chris's life for Book 2. He loves the vignettes read to him! Book 1 costs about \$50 for anyone interested.

## Vale to Janet Cooke

*By Fiona Phillips (granddaughter)*

There were many qualities that I admired in my Grannie. She was strong willed, independent and as she told us a couple of days before she died she was made of 'tough stuff'. Grannie survived a ruptured appendix without antibiotics as child, living through the great depression, various wars and went on to not only survive, but thrive in life for the almost forty years after she was widowed young.

As many children of the great depression were, Grannie was frugal. She was a great role model for a sustainable lifestyle. She kept a marvellous vegie garden going even into her 90's. She would prefer a gift of a big bag of sheep poo from the farm rather than a bunch of flowers. She had a make do and mend attitude. I remember her craft group sometimes took this to the extreme, when in the 1980's they turned the pink and purple Sunicrust bread bags into crochet thread and crocheted them into padded coat hangers. Waste not, want not.

Grannie was also generous. When each of her grandchildren turned 21 she gave a significant sum of money as a present, which for me made a planned trip to Europe possible, creating memories I am forever grateful to Grannie for. Grannie was also a jack of all trades, and a master of many. She excelled at sports, crafting, cooking, darning, mending, gardening, playing the organ and much more.

When we were young she would sew clothes for us. I distinctly remember us three grandchildren all wearing matching two piece dark red velour tracksuits that she had made for us.

Grannie also taught classes on how to hand spin wool, and I remember her telling me how the ladies mastered the art so quickly they had to come with ideas for the rest of the lessons. Being resourceful she ended up teaching them how to dye their newly spun wool using onion skins, eucalyptus leaves and other natural products.

Grannie loved sharing and teaching me her crafting skills, which I continue to enjoy. Grannie went through many phases with her crafting from which she would create gifts for family and friends. These were made with love and included crochet knee rugs, cross stitch necklaces, embroidered brooches, various Christmas tree decorations, handmade cards, calligraphy messages and we all received a lifetime supply of knitted slippers. Whilst I loved to craft with

Granny, Joanne loved to cook with Grannie.

Joanne would help Grannie cook for the shearers, and enjoyed making scrambled eggs, marmalade or toffee. They both loved to cook. Grannie was a great baker and cook. She made the fluffiest sponges and the most perfect scones every time.

Grannie lived for almost 40 years after she lost her husband, and she just got on with it. She created a busy and full life for herself. She filled her life with golf, bowls, Probus, senior citizens, craft days with friends, travel and family. For 19 of these years, Grannie felt very blessed to have Joanne, Michael and her great grandchildren, Ben and Izzy, live next door as neighbours, friends and companions.

In 1996 Jo and Michael had purchased the house next door to Grannie after Grannie made a point of telling them it was on the market and what a great buy it would be with terrific neighbours!

A gate was built between the two properties and a special bond and 19 years of memories were created, from first 1st birthdays to 90th

birthdays, and many shared cups of black tea with one sugar.

Grannie loved entertaining hosting many dinner parties and craft groups and even a Christmas lunch at 86 years of age. Keith, Grannie's older brother, also lived in the same street and Joanne and Michael can regale you later with some of their many escapades.

Although Grannie was sensible with money, she also knew how to enjoy life. She loved clothes, handbags, jewellery and makeup and she had three bedroom cupboards full. And in true style, Grannie passed with her finger nails painted.

Grannie enjoyed lots of travel with her friends and with her brother Bob. Grannie loved sport both playing and spectating. She would come in weekly to Jo's house with bowling and golf prizes to admire. She loved watching Ben and Izzy play and was so proud of their sporting achievements. Grannie was also thrilled to live to see the Geelong Cats win three Premierships, especially watching live at the MCG with Jo and family in 2007 at the age of 85!

Grannies lamb roasts, rhubarb and apple crumble, chocolate pudding, scones, sponges and impressive vegie patch are remembered by all as was her happy, friendly smile and her easy-going nature.

Our family will always treasure the privilege of having Grannie in our lives, she was a bloody ripper!



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February 2019

### Moorabool North Wind Farm

- Approximately 17km of access tracks complete;
- 40 foundations are excavated;
- 24 Concrete pours completed;
- On-site concrete batching plant operational;
- Substation works are continuing, and the Main Transformer has arrived onsite and is being fit-out;
- Bulk earth works have commenced on the Western side of the wind farm including the excavations for foundations.
- Approximately 5kms of cable reticulation trenching has been completed.

Construction activity traffic is focused on **Ballan Meredith Road**, **Ballan Egerton Road** and **Manley's & Egan's Road**.

Planned works for March include:

- Continuation of access track construction, foundations & excavations;
- Continuation of substation works, the Main switch room arrival and O&M building ;
- Commencement of turbine component deliveries.

### Moorabool South Wind Farm

- Construction compound completed;
- Approximately 9kms of access tracks constructed;
- 29 foundations are excavated;
- 5 foundations poured;
- Batch plant is operational.

For Further Information about the project please visit  
[www.mooraboolwindfarm.com](http://www.mooraboolwindfarm.com),  
[www.mwftraffic.com](http://www.mwftraffic.com) or call 1800 019 660.

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**.

Planned works for March include:

- Continuation of access track construction and excavations;
- Continuation of foundation pours;
- Mobilisation of cable installation contractor;
- Continue road maintenance on South roads.

### Construction Hours

Normal construction hours are 7am to 6pm on weekdays, 7am to 4pm on weekends. However, there may be times when work may need to be conducted outside of these normal working hours to accommodate activities that cannot be stopped and for safety reasons. All works are in accordance with the Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites (480), EPA VIC.

Concrete pours are currently underway at Moorabool North and South. All endeavours are being made to complete the pours prior to 6pm, however on occasion works will be completed after that time.

### Transmission Line

BEON continue with the erection of transmission line poles and stringing of the conductor wires along the route of the line. Construction will be focused on **Ballan-Meredith Road**, north of Hamills Lane.





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## CLASSES

### **FERMENTATION 101 - With Narelle Hansen**

**Date:** Friday March 1  
**Time:** 10.00 am- 1.00 pm  
**Cost:** \$100

Learn the skill of Fermentation in this 3 hour class, making Sourdough Mother, Yoghurt Mother, Lacto Fermented Pickles and Kombucha Drink all of which you get to take home!  
Light lunch platter of home made goodies provided

### **CONVERGENCE QUILT**

**Date:** Wednesday March 20  
**Times:** 10 am - 3pm  
**Cost:** \$44.00

Learn this easy technique using 2, 3 or 4 colours, then turn it into a small quilt or wall hanging.

### **SELF DEFENCE With Fiona Skene**

**Date:** Saturday March 23  
**Time:** 9.30 am - 5.00pm  
**Cost:** \$120

**BYO Lunch & Drink - Sturdy Clothes & Shoes Required**  
An All day course run to empower people in proactive living, living safely, anti bullying strategies and self defence with a focus on self empowerment.

### **BASIC CHEESE MAKING - With Narelle Hansen**

**Date:** Friday March 29  
**Time:** 10am - 2.00pm  
**Cost:** \$130

Learn the art of Cheese-making in this 3-4 hour class which we see you make cheeses such as Labneh, Ricotta, Halloumi & Feta.  
Light lunch platter of home made goodies provided

### **TOWARDS ZERO WASTE LIVING**

**Date:** Friday March 29  
**Time:** 7pm - 9pm  
**Cost:** \$15

Join the ladies from Towards Zero Waste Geelong  
You will learn how to ditch the big 5 plastics, save money and work towards zero waste living!

## WEEKLY CLASSES

### TAI CHI

**Meredith - Tuesday 9.30-10.30**  
**Teesdale - Thursday 9.30 - 10.30**  
**Bannockburn - Tuesday 5.00-6.00**

### STEADY FEET

**Meredith - Wednesday 9.30-10.30**

## COMPUTERS

### **DROP IN FRIDAYS!**

Call And Book or Just Drop into the Centre!  
Learn about your Device, the internet, Online Shopping, Wifi, Data, Load Apps, Computers, Printing, Storage or anything you may need help with!

## KIDS CLASSES

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - With Donna & Matt**

**Starts:** Tuesday 5 February  
**Time:** 3.45 - 4.45 (Primary)  
5.00 - 6.00 (Secondary)

Snacks, Activities, Lego Minecraft & Wifi Available

### **STICKY FINGERS COOKING SCHOOL - With Erin**

**Date:** Thursday March 28  
**Time:** 4.30 - 6.00  
**Cost:** \$25

Your kids will learn to cook delicious Chocolate Mousse Cakes, whilst making new friends! Ages from 7+ - the best thing? They bring it home for you to sample!

### **SELF DEFENCE - 8-13 YEARS- With Fiona Skene**

**Date:** Monday February 25  
**Time:** 4.00 - 5.30  
**Cost:** \$10 per child

**BYO Drink & Snack - Sturdy Clothing & Shoes Required**  
Kids will learn the basics of Self Defence and gain vital life skills in this course, it will empower them, give them confidence and allow them to control their own surroundings.

Payment for all courses is required when booking to secure your spot.



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



# CALENDAR

## FEB/MARCH 2019



**FEB  
15**

### UNCLE & BLACKY

FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 8PM. LOCAL LEGENDS, DOUG CATIONS & PETER BLACKLOCK, PLAYING ALL THE FAVOURITES. FREE ENTRY.

**FEB  
17**

### YOUNGY FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY ARVO FROM 12 NOON.  
SEE OTHER PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

**FEB  
24**

### AC/DC DIRTY EYES

SUNDAY ARVO 2PM. BON SCOTT SHOW.  
TICKETS \$20 PHONE 5286 1100 TO BOOK.

**MAR  
3**

### MENTAL AS ANYTHING

SUNDAY ARVO FROM 2PM. PLAYING ALL THE HITS. COME & LIVE IT UP WITH THESE MUSIC LEGENDS. TIX \$40 PHONE 5286 1100

**MAR  
31**

### THE BLACK SORROWS

SUNDAY ARVO FROM 2PM. AUSSIE LEGEND JOE CAMILLERI WITH THE BAND TICKETS \$40.  
TELEPHONE 5286 1100