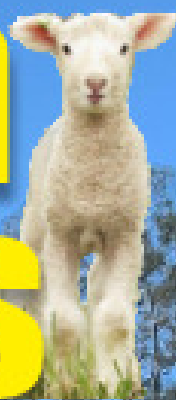




SEPTEMBER

# Meredith & district News

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# Meredith & district NEWS



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- William Shakespeare

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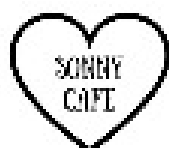
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## Community

### Meredith Senior Citizens

*Jim Hynds*

Meredith Seniors held their AGM on August 26, 2019 in Meredith Memorial Hall.

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The Treasurer Carol Broadhurst presented her report for the financial year until June 2019 which was accepted by all the members. The following Office Bearers were elected, President: Jim Hynds, Vice President: Margaret Hearn, Secretary: Robyn Blackman, Treasurer: Carol Broadhurst, Assistant Treasurer: Nan Ward, Lunch Officer: Diane Stephenson, Competitions: Heather Banks, Games: Linda Hynds.

After the elections, President Jim opened up the meeting for general business.

I must say that I was proud of our members for partaking in such robust and at times quite feisty debates over several topics. At this time I will only say, "Watch this space!"



### Lions Club of Meredith and District

Recently the lions Club of Meredith and District held their Club Management Change-over Dinner at the Meredith Golf Club. It was well attended and the food was exceptional. Special guest for the evening was our District Governor, Dennis Grant who inducted the new Committee of Management and two new members, Sandra Pearce and Yen Digal. Your new committee is;

**Jim Baker - President**

**Doris Robinson – Secretary**

**Linda Wong - Treasurer**

**Mary Foster – Membership**

Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at The Meredith Golf Club, Start time is 7:30 pm. Come along and see what it is all about.

For further details on Lions you can contact Jim Baker at [jbgm.meredith@bigpond.com](mailto:jbgm.meredith@bigpond.com)

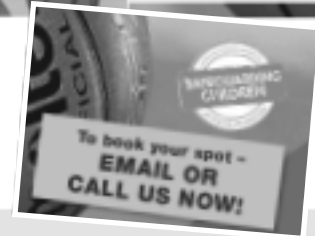
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There will be a free barbeque, with free coaching and prizes, a radar gun, and bowling and ball machines to test out your skills, all family members are encouraged to give the sports a go. Phone Shane on 0448 291 074 for any further information.

All tennis and cricket equipment will be supplied.

All Children aged 5 and over will be catered for.

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ALL WELCOME

## Elaine Tennis Club AGM Committee Positions 2019/20

President: Simon Colla

Vice President: Brady Dunne

Secretary: Shane Dunne

Assistant Secretary: Matilda Dunne & Eliza Baker

Treasurer: Russell Ford

Committee members: Jac Baker, Natasha Ford



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Meredith: at 11a.m Sunday September 1st, 15th, 29th.  
Inverleigh 4pm last Sunday of the month followed by dinner at the hotel or afternoon tea. Check on Inverleigh Catholic Community facebook page.  
All other news, bulletin etc Catholic Parish of Meredith facebook page.

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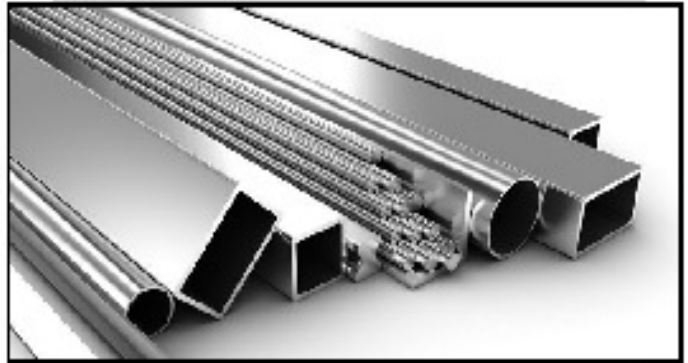
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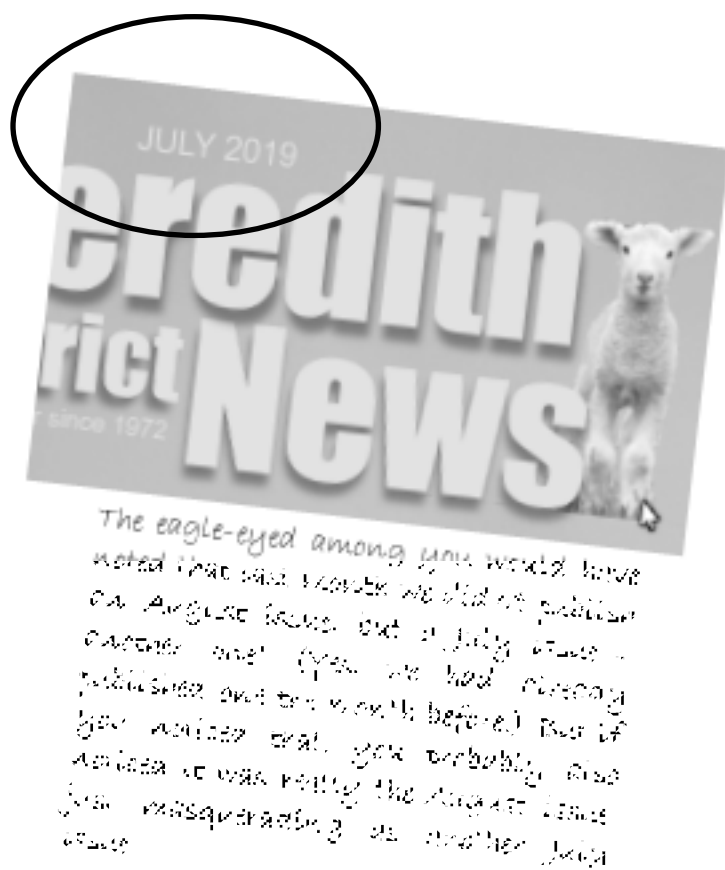
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## A Low Carbon Future

Led by the Grampians New Energy Taskforce (GNeT), government, business, industry and community leaders are together shaping the Grampians region's 'Roadmap to Zero Emissions'. A \$500,000 grant has been provided to GNeT from the Victorian Government to assist the region to plan its transition towards a low carbon future.

While the Grampians region is already a leader in renewable energy in Victoria, the roadmap intends to deliver more wide-ranging environmental and social benefits to the region from the \$3 billion of construction projects identified as either in planning or underway. By transitioning to a low carbon economy, we are protecting our environment, supporting new industries and creating local employment, education and training opportunities.

Once approved, the Renewable Energy (Jobs and Investment) Amendment Bill introduced into parliament in August will see the Victorian government increase its renewable energy target to 50 per cent by 2030 (as promised at last year's election). This will drive significant investment and local business growth in regional Victoria.

*(from DELWP Media Release)*

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## Adopt a Roadside

*Media Release*

Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) and Adopt a Roadside are calling for new volunteers as part of Keep Australia Beautiful Week celebrations.

RRV Chief Regional Roads Officer Paul Northey said the organisations want to hear from community members interested in enjoying the outdoors, improving the environment and meeting other locals.

"We're a proud sponsor of the Adopt a Roadside program and work closely with Keep Victoria Beautiful to improve road reserves across the state, but none of what we do is possible without our incredible volunteers," Mr Northey said.

"Last year, almost a thousand volunteers tidied up more than 720 kilometres of roadside across country Victoria, but there's always more to do and we're hoping to build on those achievements this year.

"Adopt a Roadside not only tidies up some of the state's longest native vegetation reserves but it also helps connect people with others in their communities," Mr Northey said.

Keep Victoria Beautiful CEO Sabina Wills said the contribution from volunteers is invaluable in preventing waterway and soil pollution across country Victoria, with volunteers collecting more than 80 tonnes of rubbish last year alone.

"We love working with all our volunteers and we're grateful to have support from organisations like RRV who provide safety training, signage and equipment for everyone," Ms Wills said.

"This year's Keep Australia Beautiful Week theme is 'Respect our Roadsides' because everyone plays a role in either protecting or polluting our environment.

"It really is simple. Don't throw litter from your car, tie down your trailer loads properly and if you'd like to help your local environment, consider volunteering."

*For more information visit [regionalroads.vic.gov.au](http://regionalroads.vic.gov.au)*

## Firewood Season Opens

The 2019 Spring Firewood Collection Season opens on Sunday 1 September, when firewood may once again be collected from designated firewood collection areas. Maps, rules and other information can be found at your local DELWP office or online at [www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood](http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood) from 1 September. Penalties for not following these rules include fines of up to \$8059 or up to one year's imprisonment. The season will end Saturday 30 November.

*(from DELWP Media Release)*



# MAN COOK EAT



Steve Duffy

## STILL THE WEATHER FOR SOUP!

Sitting here, looking out on the sun drenched landscape one could be fooled into thinking Spring has arrived. The pasture is starting to stand up, the dams are full and the lambs gamboling on the slopes. But I am inside by the combustion stove, and it's still single digit cold. The aroma of fresh baked bread fills the air. A fresh slice smothered in butter is very tempting. But my mind turns to something more substantial: a big pot of home made soup!

There are so many choices:

Pumpkin from the Autumn harvest, resurrected from the cellar, dusted with nutmeg and chilli, then lightly oiled and into the oven. On the stove top, sliced Spanish onion, garlic, cumin and olive oil, slowly caramelised. Eventually all in one pot, simmered then puréed.

Finished with sour cream or yoghurt, topped with parsley, coriander or chives.

Fresh celery, kale or other leafy greens chopped or even puréed. a few potatoes and an onion boiled together as a base for a hearty green soup. Try it with the wonderful earthy root vegetable: parsnip. Give it a good dose of seasonings like bay leaf, cloves, black pepper and of course a little salt at the very last.

For some real heat look to Laksa or Tom Yum styles. Start with sliced onion, garlic, ginger, chilli, fresh galangal, fresh turmeric stir fried together as a base. Fish sauce or Balachan or prawn paste boosts that flavour! Now you can add shredded vegetables: anything you have. Maybe some left over chicken or beef sliced finely. Now some noodle can be added. Finish the concoction with some coconut milk and fresh Asian greens. Not really authentic, but what a winter warmer!

Getting back to that fresh bread, try smothering it with cheese and grilling it. But not yet! You'll need to make some French onion soup to dunk it in. Fry up a load of sliced onions, till just falling apart. Top up the pot with some good stock, Chicken or veg, a little French Dijon mustard, finish with a lashing of fresh ground Black pepper and of course your floating islands of Cheesy goodness.

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## Larrawa Station

*Marg Cooper*

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We flew from Broome in a six seater Cessna. After a two hour trip, covering 500 kms, we landed on Larrawa's dirt airstrip in a cloud of red dust. The views from the plane were sensational and our young pilot, Noah, pointed out waterways, homesteads and Aboriginal settlements during the trip.

After we landed, our host Wendy arrived in her car to drive us to her home about one kilometre away. She warmly welcomed us, showed us to our rooms in the homestead and introduced us to her young helper Petra (a backpacker from the Netherlands). We were served freshly cooked cake with tea and coffee in the open kitchen and then Wendy started to tell us about station life.

Her husband Kevin Brockhurst bought the station lease in 1989 for 23 cents per acre. He had grown up on a dairy farm in Queensland, worked as a ringer in the Kimberley and had done contract mustering on various cattle stations before buying the lease.

He met Wendy in 1992. She grew up in England and had lived in London previous to coming to Australia. They have four children. There could hardly be a bigger contrast from her former to her current life but she is capable, unflappable and right at home in the Australian outback.

We walked through the caravan park area they call Nature Stay that supplies hot showers and toilets to travellers, only four km from the main road. We walked to Christmas Creek through a mob of bulls, looked at the pigs, chooks, a few sheep and poddy calves, checked out the stock yards nearest to the house and took a drink to the sunset viewing area before dinner was served. The outside table was set for over twenty people and just before 7 pm they arrived. Some caravaners had booked dinner. Wendy's husband, nicknamed "Brock", had come in from an out-camp as well as several ringers and Noah, our pilot, who also stayed the night.

You would think that Wendy would be forever driving to purchase supplies but luckily a courier who delivers to Aboriginal settlements also delivers orders to Larrawa several times a week. She does try to grow fruit and vegetables as there is plentiful underground water but some cute little bilbys have decimated her garden.

Being farmers and interested in agriculture we relished the opportunity to learn about this very different way of living and farming. The following morning Brock took us for a drive through only a small part of the huge property, to start a pump. He explained that they run 4000 breeding cows, mainly Brahmas, but they can have up to 8000 head on the property sometimes. They buy their bulls in Queensland, usually having about 170 on hand. They also endeavour to look after the health of native pastures of mainly Spinifex and regenerate pastures by a process called ponding and that maintaining and extending water points is vital.

We arrived with a handshake and left with a hug. Wendy and Brock gave us a first hand insight into life on the land in the outback. This is "stuff" we have only read about in books or seen in films. It was a marvellous experience and the highlight of our trip!

## "Spring in the Shire" is Back

*Media Release*

Golden Plains Shire Council's popular photography competition returns, with more prizes and an exciting new theme in 2019.

This year's competition theme is 'What I Love about Golden Plains', with creative residents encouraged to highlight what they love about the local area through a camera lens. Golden Plains Shire is home to stunning natural scenery, much-loved parks and historic townships; and this competition is a great way to showcase the Shire to residents and a wider audience.

This year's categories are:

- Major Prize (18 years and older)
- Young Adult Prize (13 to 17 years)
- Junior Prize (Up to 12 years)

The winner of each category will receive \$300. Council is proud to partner with Sonny Café in Inverleigh and Bannockburn Pharmacy to offer these great prizes.

Spring in the Shire is a competition for amateur photographers. Entries will be judged on impact, subject matter and storytelling. All images must be taken in Golden Plains Shire.

Entries open this Wednesday 28 August and close Tuesday 1 October. A public exhibition and awards ceremony will take place on Saturday 16 November at the Dereel Town Hall from 3 to 5pm, where the winners of each category will be announced. For more information and to enter this exciting competition, visit [www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/springshire2019](http://www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/springshire2019).

Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey says the competition is a fantastic way for Golden Plains Shire's amateur photographers to capture the beauty and spirit of Golden Plains Shire.

"This popular competition is a great opportunity for locals to capture what they love about Golden Plains through their camera lens.

"Golden Plains Shire has plenty to love and photograph – it could be your favourite walking track, one of the many beautiful landmarks around the Shire, the best spot for coffee or even your own backyard!

"It's fantastic to have the competition return for another year, thanks to our great sponsors Sonny Café in Inverleigh and Bannockburn Pharmacy for supporting this fun and creative competition."







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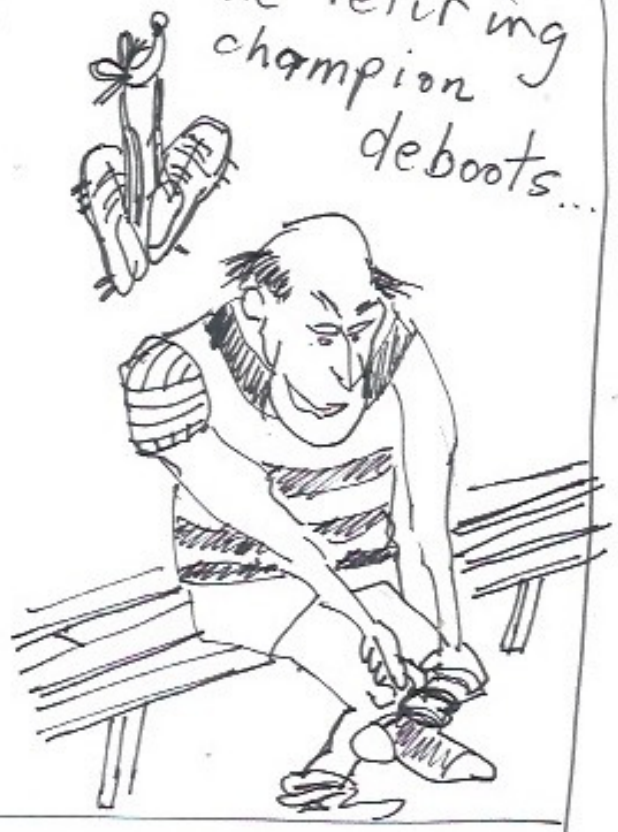
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# My Country All Gone

Barry Fitzgerald

A fair-haired bloke with an Irish heritage, whose forebears came to Buninyong in the 1850s, and who at one time owned the Buninyong Hotel, and also with a grandfather from Yendon who fought in World War I, is a most unlikely background mix for a national expert on Aboriginal history.

But that is just part of the story of Federation University's Associate Professor Fred Cahir who a few weeks ago launched his latest book – the 350 page *My Country All Gone – the White Men Have Stolen It* – during Ballarat's Heritage Week.

Now aged 56, he has worked with Aboriginal communities in Victoria and the Northern Territory in many settings and roles during more than thirty years. He has been nationally recognised and awarded for his research, teaching and publications in the area of Aboriginal history.

Dr Cahir's interest in this area had unusual beginnings. In 1983, a 20 year old Fred Cahir foolishly tried to ride back to Victoria from Perth to Victoria on a bicycle, and became stranded on the Nullabor Plains for several days with no food or water, and with no knowledge of survival skills in that environment.

He vowed then that should he survive he would learn all he could about bushcraft from Aboriginal people. His subsequent work, studies and teaching have focussed particularly on the Wadawurrung people in the Victorian goldfields region.

Cahir's compelling new book, heavily based on the white invaders' diaries, station records, and memos from the mid-1830s and 1840s period, includes significant sections on their interaction with the Wadawurrung people of Buninyong and nearby areas.

Most of these 'invaders' had arrived at Indented Heads by ship from Tasmania and then came overland with their flocks of sheep from Geelong to areas like Buninyong and district.

While Cahir's book reveals how the Wadawurrung actively resisted the white invaders coming onto their lands, it also points to surprising interaction between the two groups through the three waves of colonial invasion that took place in this district.

In this area, this relationship took many forms such as trade, work, various forms of cultural exchange and even in learning one another's languages.

For example there was trade of food such as flour and meat in return for work (most properties' workers were predominantly Wadawurrung) and possum skin cloaks, and for vital help with survival skills (such as looking for stray stock and permanent waterholes) in the harsh new countryside.

Living lonely lives, the white shepherds from Europe enjoyed the company of and interaction with the Wadawurrung. The relationship can also be seen in the names which were adopted for many of the local properties (Boninyong, Narnbool, Mooramong).

*The book is now available from Ballarat Books in Armstrong Street (\$55.95) or by contacting the author at [f.cahir@federation.edu.au](mailto:f.cahir@federation.edu.au).*

*Republished from "Buninyong & District Community News" Edition 461, July 2019.*



Fred Cahir displays his newly published Aboriginal history.

## Significant Trees' of Meredith & District Photo Exhibition

### Aim:

- To collect photos and information about significant trees in Meredith & District.
- To celebrate Royal Victorian History Society - 'History Week'



### Which Trees?

- Trees that tell a story.
- Trees near old ruins.
- Trees planted for a event.
- Trees planted to celebrate.
- Trees planted by a significant resident.

### How?

By taking Photos of tree (s) that you know of around Meredith & District.

### Then:

Print your photo(s) and submit by 12th October

### Exhibition:

Sunday 20th October 2019  
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### Organizers:

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## Sorry Ralph, but...

Ralph Holtz was very apologetic about the August issue hitting the streets a few days late. But really, Ralph does a fantastic job, spending several hours and his own petrol every month, getting the newsletters to various points around Meredith, Bannockburn, Lethbridge and, lately, Elaine. So no apology necessary Ralph.

The reason why Ralph has added Elaine to his travels, is because another of our volunteers, Paul Ryan, is laid up with a broken leg. We wish you a full and speedy recovery Paul.

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## Landcare News



### Bamganie-Meredith

*Nerida Anderson*

#### Successful grant applications: Connecting Landscapes Project

Some members of our group have been successful in obtaining grants under the Corangamite CMA's Connected Landscapes project. This was the inaugural project of the Bunanyung Landscape Alliance, an alliance of community members, Landcare and friends' groups, networks and associations to promote the health of biodiversity for the catchments of the Moorabool, Leigh and Woody Yaloak rivers. Successful applicants received grant funding for remnant vegetation protection (e.g. fencing), to enhance existing remnant vegetation (e.g. woody weed control and pest animal control), or for revegetation to buffer and protect remnant native vegetation and scattered trees, establishing wildlife corridors and revegetating waterways.

#### Why protecting remnant vegetation is so important

Patches of remnant native vegetation in agricultural landscapes provide habitat important for protecting biodiversity, the variety of all living things that inhabit our planet. Biodiversity is essential for providing the clean air, water, and food needed for the survival and well-being of humans and all living creatures. A loss of biodiversity reduces the ability of ecosystems to maintain these essential services and to adapt to changing conditions.

Often areas of remnant vegetation in agricultural landscapes are small or isolated and struggle to support the diversity of species that would once have been found there. If you have a patch of native vegetation on your property, fencing to control livestock grazing, controlling weeds and pest animals such as rabbits and foxes, leaving leaf litter and fallen branches on the ground, and planting native grasses, shrubs and trees to enhance and protect the existing vegetation, as well as revegetating habitat corridors to connect smaller remnant patches, is one way you can help restore natural values in agricultural landscapes and help protect our biodiversity.

#### Agroforestry, trees on farms for conservation and profit

Come along to the next Landcare meeting on Thursday 17 October at 7:30pm at the Royal Hotel in Meredith to find out about growing trees for extra income, to provide shade and shelter for livestock and pasture, to help control waterlogging and erosion, to enhance biodiversity and offset carbon emissions, or just to improve the amenity of your land. The guest speaker is Rowan Reid, a forest scientist, tree grower and author of "Heartwood - the art and science of growing trees for conservation and profit" who will talk about growing trees on farms for both conservation and profit. Rowan practices agroforestry on his own farm at Bamba, growing a wide range of trees for timber, fodder, food and seed production. Visit <http://www.agroforestry.net.au/> for more information about Rowan. This is a free event but RSVPs would be helpful:

Contact Nick McKinley [nick@leighcatchmentgroup.org](mailto:nick@leighcatchmentgroup.org) or phone 0455 147 398.

#### Equipment for loan – change of phone number

The Bamganie-Meredith Landcare Group has a range of equipment for use by members including a ripper-moulder, spray units, bait layer and tree planning equipment. Contact Rob McColl on 0413 343 128 if you would like to borrow any equipment.

Please note, there will be no Landcare meeting in September. The next meeting is 7:30pm Thursday 17 October at the Royal Hotel, Midland Hwy Meredith. All welcome!

### Maude and District

*Lex Stray*

The annual meeting of the Maude Landcare Group was held on Thursday, 15th August.

The annual report was presented by the outgoing president, Peter Stray, and listed a number of activities during a successful year.

The first area of land covered under the serrated tussock eradication plan has been mostly completed, and those landholders should have more awareness about this weed.

The annual rabbit poisoning campaign was carried out in February/March and involved a large number of landholders covering Maude and several adjoining Landcare Groups' areas. In addition, we were able to give relevant information to a number of landholders from further away, and link them to their more local groups.

Tree planting and maintenance of two areas has also been an important activity this year. Major tree planting has been carried out at the Maude Recreation Reserve in conjunction with the Reserve Committee of Management, and further planting and maintenance at the Spiller's Bridge site on Perdrisat Road is showing pleasing results. This work has been carried out with the financial support of Golden Plains Shire, and also Vicroads, involving mulch and rocks delivered to the site from their duplication works on the Midland Highway, and also the supply of plants.

The annual elections were held. The incoming president is Robert Lynch and the secretary is Laura Hollingsworth. Peter Stray and Gill Gartlan were thanked for their time as office bearers. They will now be able to devote more time to the Geelong Landcare Network, of which they are president and secretary. Robert can be contacted on 0488 480 209, and Laura on 0402 042 572. The Maude Landcare Group can be followed on Facebook at Maude & District Landcare group, and on Instagram at Maude Landcare.



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## In our Nature

Wendy Cook

I park my car at the end of Campion Road, and walk through the gap in the wooden fence to enter the Meredith Police Paddocks. I am visiting a special place, right on the edge of town, where anyone can come at any time. A place for walking, sitting, watching and enjoying nature, and learning about the town's history. Immediately in front of me are three attractive rusty-coloured metal panels showing the important features of this area of land. There is Bunjil the wedge-tailed eagle and a policeman from the gold rush era, to represent Aboriginal and European history, footprints to indicate the recreational use of the Paddocks, and a seed head from kangaroo grass to show its environmental values.

Around the car park and opposite the entrance are groups of young trees, some of the many planted by the Meredith Police Paddocks Support Group since its formation in 2007. Already these eucalypts, wattles, banksias, sheoaks and bursarias are providing food, nesting and hiding places for birds and insects that hop and fly among their branches. As I begin my walk, I look up and see a small white bird of prey with a black patch on each wing, a black-shouldered kite. It is hovering above the flat hilltop, possibly watching a mouse in the dense grass. Looking down, I become aware of a deep valley with the Coolebarghurk Creek flowing a surprising distance below me. Soon, I arrive at the first of the signs providing information about the Police Paddocks. Surrounding the sign is a patch of planted wildflowers. In spring, there will be yellow daisies, and long stalks of blue flax lily flowers. For now, the leaves of the plants display the variation in colour, shape and texture, that would make them attractive in any garden.

I reach a landmark, an old swamp gum, formerly solitary but now surrounded by young trees. Despite a large hollow in its base, through which I can see out the back of the trunk and up to the sky, the tree's roots reaching deep into the soil allow it to stand strong against cold winds and dry summers. The hollows higher up in its branches provide nesting places for galahs and other birds dependent on these spaces to raise their young. The rough bark on the base of the trunk, gives way to wavy strips flaking away from creamy branches. Clusters of buds hang among the shiny green leaves, preparing to cover the ends of branches in pale honey-scented blossoms, which will soon be buzzing with insects, and busy with honeyeaters and other birds, feeding on the flowers and on the visiting bees and beetles.

I continue along the path as it winds its way closer to the edge of the steep valley. I rest on a seat, to admire the view below me. The valley has widened into a bowl shape, with a tree-covered mound in its middle. Beside the seat are basalt rocks, formed from lava. When the weather warms, I know I will find purple-blue flowers of indigenous bluebells amongst them. I wonder, in the thousands of years before Europeans arrived, how many Wathaurong children played on these rocks, possibly looking down on the cooking mounds beside the creek,

where their mothers prepared a meal of swamp wallaby hunted nearby, roots from yam daisies, and berries collected on the hilltop.

I wander towards the other entrance to the Police Paddocks, at the end of Nuttall Street, passing among the first trees planted by the Support Group, now a small forest. Nearby, are the foundations of one of the police buildings from the 1850s gold rush era, when Meredith was busy with travellers between the port of Geelong and the goldfields of Ballarat.

I turn back towards the valley edge and soon see sprawling patches of tiny grey-green leaves. These plants, known as milky beauty-heads, are common here. On short upright stalks, they grow oval clusters of tiny white daisy flowers. A far rarer plant is found on the slope down to the creek. With leaves divided into finger shapes and pale pink flowers, this is the beautiful grassland crane's-bill. Further downhill, I enter a group of swamp gums, some with clumps of olive-green mistletoe leaves with dangling red flowers, hanging from their branches. A few have nest boxes on their trunks, made by children from Meredith Primary School several years ago. They are popular breeding sites for crimson rosellas.

Down a little further, I reach the creek. Upstream is a dense growth of woolly tea tree and tall reeds with feathery seed heads catching the sunshine. I listen to the gurgling of the narrow stream of clear water, as I step on rocks to cross it. A short steep walk takes me to a sign describing the layers of rock visible in the mound in the centre of the valley. The oldest of these rocks are yellow and white sandstone and slate formed 493 to 443 million years ago. Scattered across the top of the mound are basalt boulders created during volcanic eruptions in the last three million years.

As I explore along the top of the steep slope on this eastern side of the valley, I have continual views down to the creek below and across to the opposite hilltop. I find a dark brown fungus with a tall stalk and snowy white gills growing from a dead tree root, buried underground. As I approach the southern end of the Police Paddocks, I descend through a patch of chocolate lilies, that in Spring will cover this slope in purple flowers scented with chocolate or caramel. After another stony creek crossing, I am on a creek flat, that will soon be yellow with the blooms of bulbine lilies. I hear the whistling wingbeats of a pair of pigeons flying above, and find the diggings of an echidna searching for ants. At the foot of the slope, under another group of swamp gums, is a picnic table in a peaceful place, ideal for eating lunch and watching wrens in tree branches, rosellas and honeyeaters among the gum flowers, and perhaps an owlet nightjar peeking from a nestbox. From here, it is a short walk up a grassy slope, past rocks and young trees, to the hilltop close to where I entered the Paddocks, but for now I will stay here and soak up the solitude and the quiet music of the birds.





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**from the MAYOR**

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



As the Mayor and a Councillor, I've had the pleasure of attending many local events in Golden Plains Shire, however a very special community celebration on 5 August was a personal highlight.

Joined by Deputy Mayor Cr Joanne Gilbert, Cr Helena Kirby and Cr David Evans, it was an honour to meet with some of our most dedicated and passionate community members from across the Shire to officially award this year's Golden Plains Shire Council Community Grants. We congratulate all the recipients of the grants on their success and we thank them for donating their time and energy so generously to give back to our local communities in Golden Plains.

This year, 32 grants totalling \$110,873 were distributed, supporting these community groups to complete projects worth more than \$267,012. Since Council's Community Grants Program began in 1996, it has supported more than 950 projects worth \$6.8 million. It's a remarkable achievement for a small Shire and reflects the wonderful community spirit in Golden Plains - Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey

## Five Grant's for Local Projects

The following were among the 32 announced in the Golden Plains Shire's latest round of community grants.

- Meredith Golf club- Revitalisation Project
- Meredith Kindergarten Inc.- Program Enhancement.
- Meredith Angling Club- Disability Ramps
- Meredith & District Memorial Hall Inc. - Facility Upgrade
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*from media release*

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Now celebrating its 60th anniversary, the Society continues to help farmers across three states to create better soils and pastures.

During its recent annual conference in Creswick, Mr Gallienne, from Warragul, said the society brought together scientists and farmers. "The society is a place where everyone can exchange information and hear ideas in a practical way that draws together the science and farming communities so both groups benefit," he said.

Mr de Fegely, who runs a pasture-based livestock property near Ararat, said the Society had been the basis of his production. "Over the many years I've been involved, it has enabled us to get access to technology and link us to people that have helped to lift our production and profitability, and we've built up a lot of friendships and relationships along the way," he said.

The society has embraced technology through on-farm trials and demonstrations, including the Grassland Productivity Program from 1992 to 2004 which helped to re-establish the role of improved soil fertility as a driver of productivity. It has also been involved in several on-farm research projects.

The GSSA now has about 580 members, about two-thirds are farmers and they are joined by agribusiness consultants and scientists.

*For further information or to join the GSSA, visit the website [www.grasslands.org.au](http://www.grasslands.org.au)*

## GP Shire's Unsealed Road Commitment

*Media Release*

Council commits to maintaining every unsealed road in the Shire to a specific level and we have a new roads inspector who will be monitoring the condition of roads. Council is currently in the process of hiring the roads inspector.

Once the new inspector is on board, when a resident contacts Council with concerns about their road, the inspector will respond and assess the road within 5 business days.

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We thought we might take this opportunity to thank our editor Jim for his support of the way we try to present ideas on the broad subject of “culture”. We seek to discuss subjects and events not for controversy’s sake, but rather to raise questions and provoke thought about the culture we live in.

Going back briefly to the Adam Goodes story we thought that the AFL football crowd is a fair cross section of our community. Because the booing could not be stopped it reflected on us all, that is, our culture. It will be interesting to see Stan Grant’s new documentary “The Australian Dream” which is another look at these events.

What a contrast are the great tributes to “Polly” Farmer this week. Lethbridge legend Billy Goggin who roved to him in the 1963 premiership was of course one of his warmest admirers.

A local cultural event coming up will be the “Significant Trees of Meredith and District” Photography Exhibition on Sunday 20th October. We look forward to this creative idea following on from the wonderful “William Dunbar Johnstone” competition and exhibition last year.

This idea reflects the great significance of trees in all cultures and no more so than the birthing trees being defended by the Djabwurrung people. These 800 year old trees are threatened if the Western Highway duplication is not realigned.

In the UK, the motorway passing close to Stonehenge is being put underground to ensure the preservation of this ancient heritage site. Very few people in the UK today could trace ancestry back to the builders of Stonehenge, but still the cultural heritage is regarded as of huge significance not just to the local population but to the whole world.

Our offering this month is short because Steve Goat is on three legs at the moment. He hopes the plaster will be off his right fore leg by the next edition and he can be back at the keyboard.

Lastly we’d like to say that we invite anyone who wishes to respond to anything we have written at any time by emailing [news@meredithnews.com.au](mailto:news@meredithnews.com.au). This will be passed to us confidentially or published as you wish.

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## Vale to Allan (George) Shell

26/10/1935 - /8/2019

*Marg Cooper*

George was the son of John Henry and Sarah Elizabeth Shell of Lawler Street, Meredith. His siblings were Jack (Cracker), Rita (Stalker), Edna (Stratton), Bill, Alma (Miller), Roy d. 13 years, Jean (Tucker), George and Lorna (Verhah). The town knew his parents as Pop and Granny Shell.

George went to Meredith State School until Grade 8. He had lots of friends and their hobbies were fishing and rabbiting. When he left school he worked with his father and brother Bill, cutting and carting wood. He left home when he was 27 or 28 years old, boarded with his sister Lorna and her husband and started work at Herd's Meat Works where he worked for over 40 years.

George married Barbara Mead from Lethbridge in 1964. One of their first residences in Geelong was in the house at Northfields Wood Yard in Geelong West. George worked in the wood yard in his spare time. Barbara recalls that there was no hot water, the toilet and laundry were out the back and the gas stove was the first one ever invented. Washing nappies for son Andrew was quite a task! They built their own home in Neil Street, Bell Post Hill in 1970-71. Their daughters Leonie and Janine were born in 1968 and 1973.

George was in his element when in the bush. Nearly every weekend George and his family, later his son and nephew "Yobby", went shooting and fishing. He knew the Bamganie Bush like the back of his hand. Barbara recalls that they bought lots of tents, guns, etc and enjoyed a seafood feast every Christmas with the proceeds from selling fox and rabbit skins.

George was a hard and honest footballer. His beloved sisters were Meredith's Number 1 supporters and very vocal in their support of George. Barbara recalls that his prominent nose was the result of his illustrious football career. He played in the Meredith Premiership sides in 1959 and 1961 and in the 1960

Runner up side. He also played cricket and batted with Henry Bolte and in his later life played golf at Meredith and Bannockburn.

George enjoyed his retirement saying, "Every day I don't have to go to work is a great day"! He always enjoyed watching horse racing on television but when daughter Leonie bought her parents an interest in a race horse syndicate it opened up a whole new world. They went to many race meetings, enjoyed days and meals out, met people with similar interests and bet small amounts. Several horses they had interests in won races!

George was a bit of a prankster and story teller. He used to tell his children that he once got his nose stuck in the tram track and they had to push him along by his feet like a wheelbarrow until they came to a wider section to get his nose out!

George was a dedicated Geelong Football Club supporter, he enjoyed a can of beer and a cardboard cabernet. He retained his connection with Meredith by driving to Granny's at Meredith for hot scones and sausage rolls and in later years to Meredith History Interest Group events and by reading the Meredith Newsletter.






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Most of us like to pretend that marketing doesn't work on us. We like to think that we can see right through the evil mind games of profit-driven corporations. That ad for a nice cold beverage and popcorn before a movie at the cinemas? No way, man! The bag of Maltesers I snuck in in my oversized handbag will do the trick (because it's not like product-placement played a role in that choice at all).

You might think that you chose to buy your new phone because of its functionality, not because of its popularity and advertising that saturated your daily life from newspapers to radio announcements. And certainly not because you mentioned the model to a friend and now social media has 'coincidentally' started promoting it in your app's feed.

The truth is, no matter how hard we try, it's everywhere. Some like to call it marketing; others, brainwashing. Whatever you call it and however hard you try to fight it, we're all susceptible to it in some form or another.

Catching us unawares at any stage of the day or night, it's almost unbelievable that we would voluntarily and literally sign up for it. Despite our complaints about long TV ad breaks and wishing for a bit more music with our radio announcements, we still let our inboxes flood with what we affectionately call 'junk mail'. Emphasis on the junk.

But there is a reason it infects our environments and follows us around like an annoying ringing in the ears: because it works.

I know it works because a certain music app has been at me for years. Sending me emails, sending notifications every time I open the app and interrupting my music to tell me how great it would be if they didn't interrupt my music. I refused to cave. They would not get my money!

And effectively they still haven't. But they broke me. Eventually the offer was too good to refuse, and they got me. The allure was too strong. It had got my friends, it had got my family, and now it had got me. Because as with all free trials, you never leave. You sign up thinking you'll be the winner in the end. You put a reminder on a sticky note to cancel in three months' time, telling yourself you'll come out on top and get a few months of free music or TV.

But you don't leave. You forget or it's just too much trouble to cancel (or they make it near impossible to cancel) and before you know it, you've abandoned the metaphorical Maltesers because the smell of the savoury popcorn was too alluring. You crave the salty goodness. Before you know it, your mouth dries out like you've traversed the Sahara Desert and that's where they really get you – the drink. Or, rather, the end-of-trial subscription renewal.

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## Vale to Billie Elder

24/11/1934 – 5/8/2019

*Marg Cooper*

A huge crowd gathered at St Joseph's Church, Meredith on Monday, August 12 to celebrate the life of Billie Elder. The celebrant for Requiem Mass was Fr Charles Balnaves, Co-celebrant was Fr John O'Reilly, Deacon was Rev Michael Buck and the music was supplied by Ms Rebecca Hay.

The family were very involved in the service with grandchildren lighting the Paschal candle, placing the pall, placing symbols on the coffin and reading Bible texts. The eulogy was delivered by son Stephen Elder and his son Matthew whilst the gifts for Mass were brought forward by daughters-in-law and sons and grandsons acted as pallbearers.

Following the Mass the crowd enjoyed refreshments in the Meredith Memorial Hall.

Billie was the only child of William and Ruby Wood from the working class suburb of Fitzroy North. Her father was a shoemaker and she started work in the shoe factory the day she turned 16 years of age. Billie thrived on the freedom of the time. She played netball nearly every night of the week, (then played for Victoria) and she had lots of friends. The teenagers would often walk home in the dark after netball. Knowing the back streets and alleys very well, they had short cuts everywhere. They looked after each other.

At a dance in the room under the grandstand at the Fitzroy Football Club, Billie met a handsome Wycheproof boy called Toby Elder, who had come to the city to play football for Fitzroy. They married at St Brigid's, Fitzroy when she was 21 years old. Stephen said that 95 % of the guests at the posh reception, (at a hotel where the Rialto is now) came from the Elder side of the family. The following week Billie's family had their own reception for the couple. They had three sons and lived in various places, Wycheproof, Jakarna at Glenroy and Redesdale before they came to Bamganie in the early 1980's to look after Toby's Uncle Henry and to run the farm "Kialla".

Billie was remembered as being larger than life and not to be messed with. "I'm rough and tough and hard to bluff!" She had a huge capacity for fun and hospitality. She loved to dress elegantly and accompany Henry Bolte to many official functions and to the races. She was Madge and Toby was Maverick on the CB radio that connected the house to the farm ute. And Billie loved shoes and always had the right shoes for every occasion.

Billie lived on at "Kialla" after Toby died. In her later years she helped at St Joseph's on Fridays and enjoyed all the social activities associated with the church, and the town. When her dementia accelerated, she became a resident at a nursing home near Torquay. Her family made sure she was not alone as she completed the circle of life on August 5.



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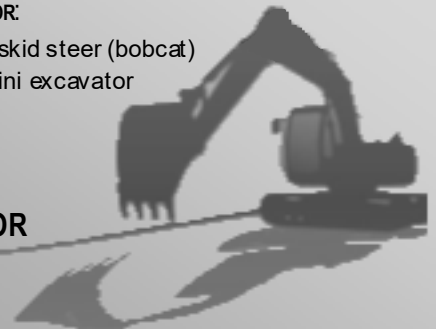
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## The Original LSD\*

Jim Elvey

*This is footnote from a novel, explaining the term "shilling".*

NOTE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND AMERICANS: One shilling = Five Pee.

It helps to understand the antique finances of the Witchfinder Army if you know the original British monetary system:

Two Farthings = One Ha'penny.

Two Ha'pennies = One Penny.

Three Pennies = A Thruppenny Bit.

Two Thruppences = A Sixpence.

Two Sixpences = One Shilling, or Bob.

Two Bob = A Florin.

One Florin and One Sixpence = Half a Crown.

Four Half Crowns = Ten Bob Note.

Two Ten Bob Notes = One Pound (or 240 pennies).

One Pound and One Shilling = One Guinea.

The British resisted decimalized currency for a long time because they thought it was too complicated."

*(from "Good Omens" by Neil Gaiman, Terry Pratchett)*

*\*Young people and Americans will need this explained too. Pounds, shillings and pence were sometimes abbreviated to LSD. . Why? Well, the pound sign - £ - looked a bit like an L; "s" stood for "shilling" and "d" for pence. \*\**

*\*\*Young people and Americans, as well as pretty much everyone else will need this explained too. "L" is sort of ok, and "S" seems logical enough, while "d" for pence is just a nonsense. But, it transpires that: "The symbols 's' for shilling and 'd' for pence derive from the Latin solidus and denarius used in the Middle Ages." (Thanks Wikipedia.)*

## Bannockburn Plaza Approved

Media Release

The Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) has upheld Golden Plains Shire Council's decision to approve a planning permit for the Bannockburn Plaza Redevelopment.

On 15 August, VCAT issued an order confirming that a permit be granted for the redevelopment of the existing shopping centre complex, Bannockburn Country Plaza, at High Street. The order follows a three-day hearing to consider the merits of the development proposal, which received a small number of objections.

The order details a number of variations to those conditions outlined with the Council-issued planning permit. The variations were supported by an expert urban design consultant appointed by Golden Plains Shire Council during the VCAT appeal process.

The VCAT decision is the latest event in the timeline of the plaza redevelopment. In 2011, a planning permit was previously issued for the shopping centre, however the owner did not act upon the permit. Another planning permit application was then lodged in October 2017, and following extensive consultation, Council approved the planning permit at its Ordinary Meeting on 23 October 2018. Following the permit approval, objectors filed an appeal with VCAT.

Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey says Council welcomes VCAT's decision to confirm the planning permit and hopes the developer progresses the project to construction soon.

"Last year, Council carefully considered the planning permit for the Bannockburn Plaza redevelopment including verbal submissions from the applicant, owner and objectors; and we are pleased that VCAT has confirmed this decision. Now it's over to the developers to progress the next stages of the redevelopment and we look forward to construction starting soon.

"With an 8.5 percent population increase every year, Bannockburn is growing as a town and there are several exciting projects underway to support a great quality of life for new and existing residents, including the Bannockburn Heart play and community space, new lights at Victoria Park, a new soccer pitch at the Recreation Reserve, and the new Golden Plains Shire Civic and Community Centre.

"Golden Plains is a wonderful place to do business and this multi-million dollar shopping centre redevelopment will lead the revitalisation of the retail and commercial hub in Bannockburn, creating jobs and making it more attractive for residents to shop locally and drawing shoppers from surrounding townships including Inverleigh, Teesdale, Shelford, Lethbridge, Batesford, and Meredith.

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- 3 green shallots, finely chopped
- ¼ cup finely chopped continental parsley
- 1 lemon, zested
- 1/3 cup plain flour
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 small avocado, smashed
- 60g baby spinach and rocket leaves, to serve

### **Method**

Place cauliflower into a medium saucepan and fill with water to cover. Bring to the boil over high heat and cook for 10 minutes. Mash.

Add 150g cheese, shallots, parsley, flour, zest and egg. Season with salt and pepper and stir until combined. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Form 12 fritters, using ¼ cup cauliflower mixture per fritter and place onto the tray.

Heat oil in a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Cook fritters in three batches for 3 minutes on each side or until golden and cooked through. Cut zested lemon into wedges. Top fritters with avocado and remaining cheese, and serve with salad and lemon wedges.

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## **Shake a Leg**

### **The Things We Say**

**Gemma Hanan**

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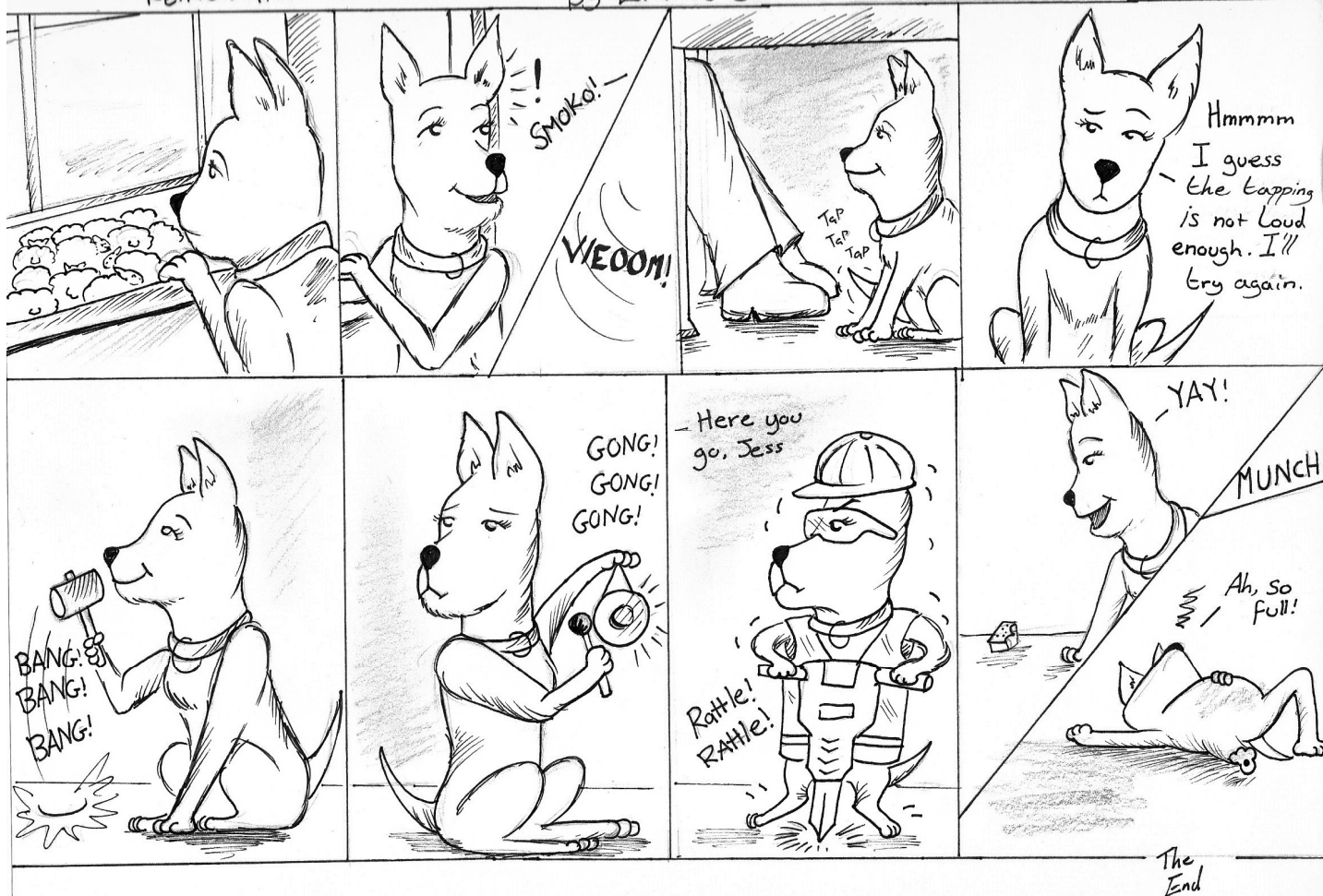
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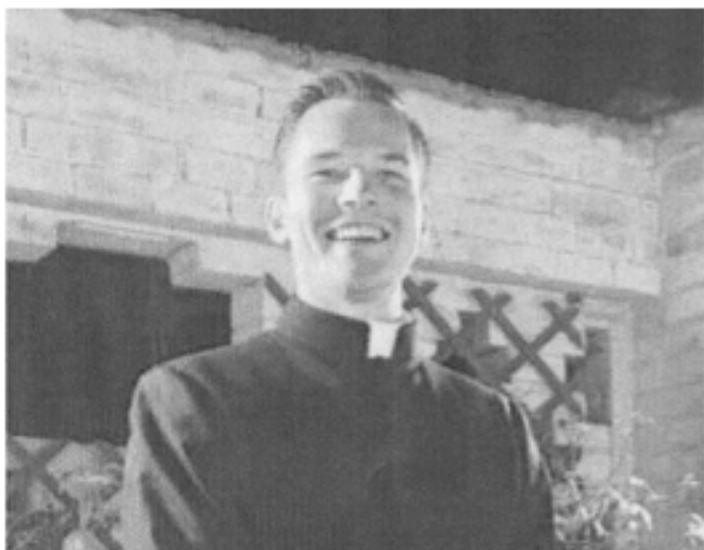




## From Rome to Meredith

*Marg Cooper*

A bright, clean cut, young man has been in Meredith for the past six weeks to experience the country. This young man is Deacon Michael Buck who has come home to Melbourne for his ordination into the Catholic Priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral on September 7. He has spent the last four years studying in Rome for his second Bachelor of Theology. His Archbishop wanted him to finish his studies in Rome so he has attended an American College which is on a hill overlooking the Vatican and Rome and is actually in Vatican Territory. He is one of only seven Australians at the college. He previously attended Corpus Christi College in Melbourne for three years and obtained his first Bachelor of Theology.



Michael grew up in Cheltenham. He attended Our Lady of Assumption Primary School and St Bede's College, Mentone where he was Dux in his final year. His family was culturally Catholic but was a non Mass going family. He had lots of ideas for a career including law, teaching and the defence forces but when he attended World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008 he became "alive" and from then on he focused on "wanting to make a difference by living a more Catholic life" which led to him joining the seminary after Year 12.

Michael admits to being a "nerd". He likes to study. For his Roman Bachelor of Theology or his Licence of Theology he is studying the Fathers of the Church of the first four centuries. He says that these men were there at the beginnings of the church and laid the foundations. They were extraordinary leaders. They are Michael's "pin up boys". His classes in Rome are in Italian and he has had to learn Latin and Greek to read the old documents. Michael is excited to be at Meredith. He describes it as charming, very different to suburban Melton where he spent five months before he went to Rome. It is peaceful, conducive to prayer, he loves the stars and the silence and the beautiful St Josephs Church. Father Charles has been showing him that although the parishioners are widespread, the church community is strong but also that the community is in transition.

His tasks have included assisting at Billie Elder's funeral,

to visiting the Nursing Home parishioners, to selecting carpet for the new church at Bannockburn.

Michael is heading back to Rome for more study after his ordination. He then expects to be appointed part time to a parish and part time to teaching.

Fr Michael Buck will be back at St Joseph's on Friday, September 13 at 2.30 pm to celebrate Mass.

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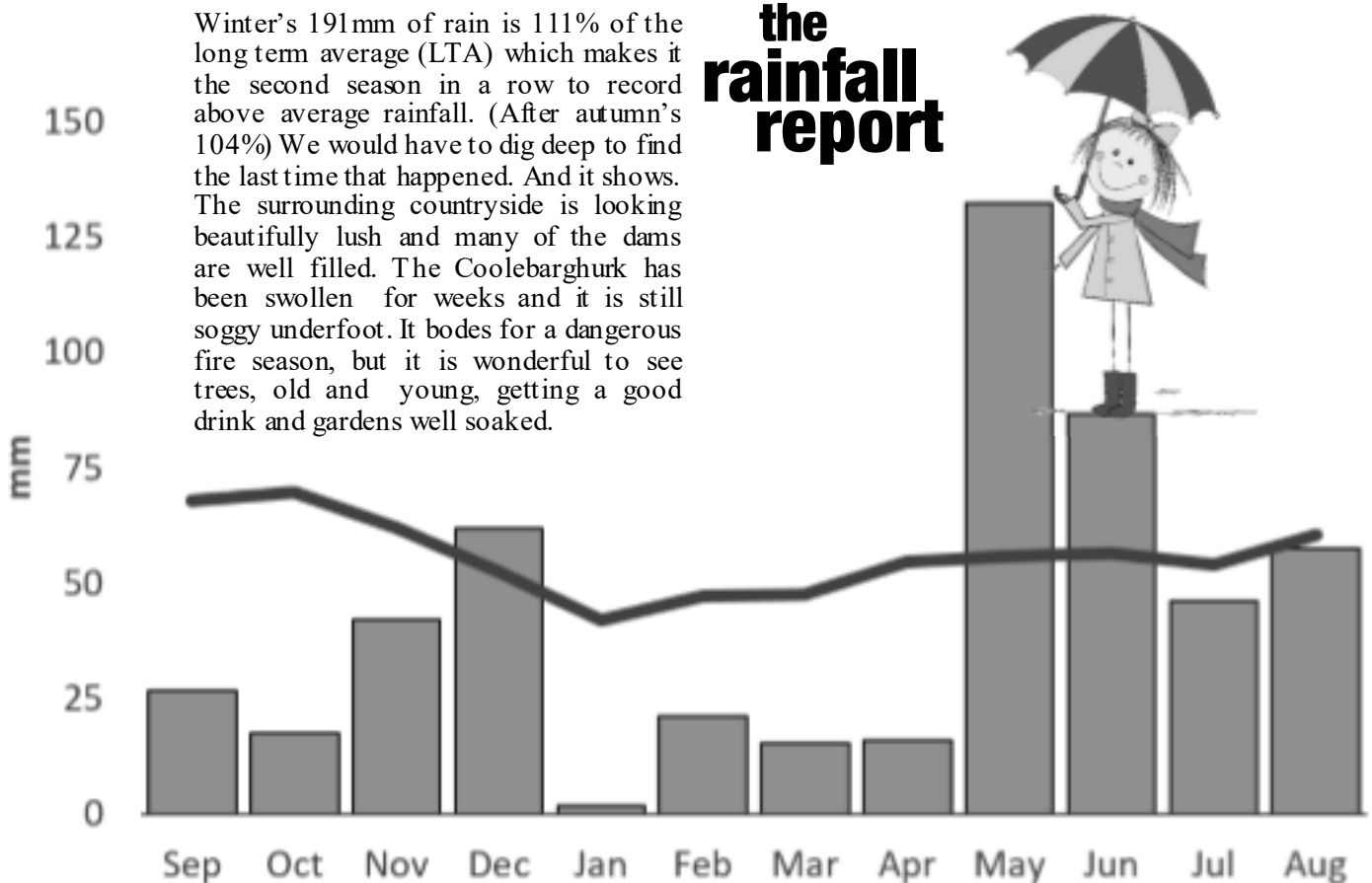
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## the rainfall report



## A Reason to Run!

*Marg Cooper*

Although Jo unsuccessfully tried running to get fit and to lose weight she had always wanted to be a runner. For years she believed that she was the wrong shape but when she decided to run for cancer her thinking changed. Having given herself a purpose and challenged herself, at the age of 42, Jo started running and now she completes marathons.

Jo Vermeend is running in the Melbourne Marathon on Sunday, October 13. Along the way she is raising money for "Love Your Sister Foundation" a legacy that Connie Johnson forged with her actor brother Samuel Johnson before she died in 2017. Jo is wearing a "Warrior" T shirt. For a gold coin donation you can write your name on the shirt and Jo will take you with her on the run.

Jo believes that more needs to be done so people don't have to suffer and die from cancer. She lost her best friend to cancer aged 18, her father died of cancer and then her dear friend and colleague Trudy Mitchell passed away after a battle with the disease. As well, she has watched family members and friends battle cancer in one form or another.

Jo runs at least three days a week. With music in her ears she runs on the treadmill at home, she runs fast and slow and she runs around Morrisons where she lives. Jo chooses scenic places to run like around Lake Wendouree,

along the Barwon River and through the bush at Mt Doran. Under the guidance of a physiotherapist, she runs and does strength training whilst her husband often accompanies her on his bike.

Jo has run several half marathons including the Geelong event where her Uncle ran with her in memory of her father. Another event that has become a regular for Jo has been the "Wings of Life World Run" where someone from her family has accompanied her over the last four years.

Jo is aiming for a sub five hours for the Melbourne Marathon (7 minutes a km). She carries jelly beans and energy strips and alternately drinks water and electrolyte drinks to keep her body in good shape on the run. She occasionally suffers from blisters on her feet and chaffing where you wouldn't want to know!

Please support Jo by calling at the Community House where she has worked as the Occasional Carer for almost ten years. Buy a ticket for the Trivia night on Saturday, September 14 or make a donation and sign the T shirt.

Jo has also issued an invitation for Meredithites to run with her or walk and meet her at the Finish Line.



## A Way of Life

by KERRIE KRUGER



### A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

The other day I met a man, who, with his partner, had recently moved into our district. They had both grown up in Melbourne and had lived most of their married life living in inner Melbourne, in an apartment.

Firstly, they were just going to stay on weekends and mini breaks, but very quickly became enamoured with country living and moved out full time.

He was almost evangelistic about his new home. Not the house but the countryside, the views, the sounds, the smells...and it was all free to look at and enjoy. He wasn't even deterred when I pointed out that he was talking to the converted! But it did get me thinking about country living. Having lived and worked in the Golden Plains Shire for 25 years, with our smallest home being on ½ acre and now 700, do I take living in the country for granted?

I certainly still have the deepest appreciation for our environment. Mother Earth certainly makes sure of that with each season! Seeing flash floods stream down the road and paddocks under water, windstorms that raise the dust, the shimmering summer sun, also magnificent sunrises and sunsets that can take your breath away.

The lack of traffic lights, dodging a flock of sheep or sitting behind a slow-moving tractor, trees not high-rise buildings, paddocks not industrial warehouses all remind us we live in the country.

But despite the lifestyle being simple and peaceful, there are trade-offs that need to be made:

Whether they catch the bus or get taken in by car, country school-age kids are faced with longer journeys to school.

Wi-Fi and television can be limited. Especially if on mobile data service only. Shopping can become inconvenient and needs planning – but that can also be a good thing. The roads may not be in the best condition and let's be honest they are not as well looked after as urban roads!!

Entertainment and places to eat out are limited to the two pubs and couple of cafés unless prepared to travel further – but having said that who can afford to go out so regularly that this is an issue?

They say that anxiety and depression can be linked to lack of social connectedness. Therefore, how nice is it to walk into the café or pub and to be greeted by name and be able to catch up on town news with others over a cuppa or a beer.

You most definitely need a car or two as there is not a local taxi and a once-a-day in /out bus service.

On the upside, and I am probably biased here, living in a country town or on land surrounding it is a very rewarding way of living.

You will have a larger garden, so able to become self-reliant by growing your own food or have more space to own animals you may have always wanted, such as horses, chickens, sheep, goats & ducks

The air is cleaner in the country except at paddock fertilising time!

You have the opportunity to become part of a community, and I would highly recommend that you do. Isn't that part of why we live in a country town?

Yes, we are all busy (read previous column for my thoughts on that!) Yes, simple country living is busy but shouldn't some of that busyness benefit our small community?

Get involved. The town needs you. There are many groups crying out for new members. Yes, you will have to deal with some of "that's how we have always done it" but shouldn't old and new members work together to benefit the greater good – a strong resilient community.

Joining a group or committee is the best way to become part of the community, the CFA, Hall committee, school, church, history group, sports groups, newsletter, Advance Meredith, Lions club, Police Paddocks, local produce swap to name a few. A great way to make a connection, is to come along to the town's Showcasing Meredith event on 15th November where local business and community groups will be there ready to chat and share a cuppa with you.

And yes we walk the talk...Between us we are members of: Meredith History Interest Group . Advance Meredith Association. a Community Coordinator. Writer for the Meredith Newsletter. Meredith CFA – Lieutenant. Junior CFA Member-Elaine.

All in all, you will feel better being part of a small community. Look at going to meetings as not something else to be done – an obligation - but as a way to have a chat and a laugh, to get involved in the bigger picture of something that makes your heart sing .

Take it from me, your sense of self can't help but be more positive, when being mindful of the weather, listening to country sounds, enjoying each season and of course being active in the community. These all remind us of why we live in a country town....where everyone you drive past waves, even if you don't know them.

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## Wind Farm Approval

*from media Release*

Golden Plains Shire Council has welcomed the announcement that the Federal Government has approved the Golden Plains Wind Farm following its sign off of the Environmental Effects Statement and the State Government in January 2019

The Golden Plains Wind Farm is set to be one of the largest wind farms in the southern hemisphere with developer WestWind Energy confirming plans for up to 228 wind turbines in the area around Rokewood.

It will be the largest development ever undertaken in Golden Plains, delivering significant economic outcomes to the community and the region, particularly in terms of job creation and infrastructure development.

The Wind Farm is also the most significant renewable energy project in Victoria and will help deliver on the state's renewable energy plan. Golden Plains is an attractive location for investment in wind generation given its suitable land, proximity to the power grid, ready access to workforce and the Port of Geelong, and ideal climatic conditions.

The project will be the third wind farm in Golden Plains, following the Mount Mercer Wind Farm, a 64 turbine project which became operational in 2014; and was also developed by WestWind Energy and later sold to Meridian Energy. The Berrybank Wind Farm by Global Power Generation Australia is currently under construction and when fully developed, will see 79 turbines built in Golden Plains and Corangamite Shires.

WestWind Energy has engaged extensively with Council and local Rokewood residents throughout the development of the project. The company reports that the Wind Farm will create more than 700 jobs during construction and a further 70 ongoing jobs when the wind farm is operational. The farm's Rokewood neighbours will also benefit from free electricity, financial payments and a community fund; with townships across Golden Plains Shire set to receive funding for local projects and infrastructure through community contributions."

## Golden Plains Little Athletics Club

### FREE Come and Try

Friday September 27th (public holiday), Corio Little Athletics centre, Goldsworthy reserve, Corio. Drop in anytime between 10am - 12pm

What better way for kids to get out and be active than by joining Golden Plains Little Athletics Club?

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

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

If you have any questions or would like any further information please contact Heather Parkinson (President - GPLAC) on 0403 195 283.

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### Meredith

### State

### School:

You are invited to Meredith State School on Sunday, September 15 to meet the Headmaster, see the old and new school buildings, learn about the history and listen to the bell toll. On the day a small book about the bell will be launched. For those who haven't been to the school for a long time it will be an opportunity to see the modern facilities and to see the bluestone building that was the only school building for 100 years, from 1874 until 1974. It was built to cater for 100 students.

### Significant Trees of Meredith & District:

To celebrate RHSV History Week 2019 you are invited to take a photo or photos of a tree or trees in Meredith & District that is/are significant to the area or to you and tell us why. The opening of the exhibition will be on Sunday, October 20 at Meredith History Centre. Flyers containing all the information needed are available from MHIG, local shops, Face book, MHIG Web site or contact Marg on 0408 109 389.

### Bannockburn Library:

On Thursday, August 8 Kerrie and Marg presented a talk about Meredith History at the Bannockburn Library. We called it "Meredith is more than Cheese and Festivals". From the squatters to hotels to gold to police to local government to transport, to businesses, to amusements and to the arrival of the soldier settlers. In one hour we tried to educate, entertain and enthuse the crowd about Meredith History. A power point presentation certainly enhanced the spoken words and created a lot of interest.

### Masonic

### Chairs:

Because we have purchased some new, light, easy stackable plastic chairs we are selling the wooden Masonic chairs. They can be bought plain, or bought painted decoratively and featuring a selection of plants growing in the seat for \$20. Get in early for Christmas!

### Have

### You

### Got?

For a presentation we need old tins of sardines, ham and chicken paste, cream cheese, kippered herrings and mustard. (They can be empty). We also need boxes of boracic acid, sulphur, cocoa and chocolate. We need an indelible pencil and a small puzzle of 1915 vintage.

*Catalogue: Thursdays from 9 am*

## TOWN TALK.

The Chinaman, Sow Back, living at Dolley's Creek, near Morrisons, who alleges that he was assaulted on Saturday night by two youths, was brought to Geelong yesterday morning by Mounted-constable Desmond, of Meredith, and placed in the hospital. The Celestial, who is a miner and very old, states that the young fellows went to his hut upon the evening in question, and after having been there a short time, upset some of his household utensils. In order to

compel them to desist, and to frighten them away, he pointed his gun at them, whereupon one of the intruders, who had a similar weapon, discharged it at him, striking him on the legs. The youths, who are named respectively James Gane and Benjamin Tucker, and reside in the vicinity, deny the charge of attempting to injure Sow Back. The former states that he was not near the Chinaman's house at all, and the latter, whilst admitting having been there, re-pudiates any intention to injure the old man, and states that his gun went off accidentally.

Proceedings have been taken against both youths.

*Geelong Advertiser Friday 4 Feb 1887*

*Jan McDonald, Meredith History Interest Group*

## Bad Seeds but Fruitful

*Jim Elvey*

I hope I am not treading on any hooves here, but I recently had a cultural experience worth sharing. I attended a Melbourne Symphony Orchestra performance that featured Nick Cave and Warren Ellis ("Bad Seeds" members) performing film music written by Cave and Ellis. I happen to be a fan of both orchestral music and Nick Cave, so I was always going to like this, but it still took me by surprise. It was quite stunning; with occasional clips of the featured films playing as a backdrop, the music was typically stark, moody and at times disturbing. It was a great example of the emotional power of music.

This encouraged us to watch one of the movies, an Australian production starring Guy Pearce, called "The Proposition". This is a bleakly beautiful realisation of the 19th century outback, when English authorities were brutally asserting their rule of law.

It is often said that Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds are more revered in Europe and America than they are in Australia. It is especially interesting then, to note that Cave was born in Warracknabeal and Warren Ellis in Ballarat. The MSO conductor for this performance, Benjamin Northey, was also born in Ballarat, so quite a world-class performance lead by three country Victorians. And there's another local link. Ellis was also a member of "Dirty Three" which played one of the most memorable sets at the Meredith Music Festival when, in 2004, they performed against the background of an electrical storm.

*There is a good chance one of the MSO performances was filmed, so you might still get to see why these two contemporary composers are in such demand for film and television scores.*





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## Marg's BOOK REVIEW

### **The Catalpa Rescue** by Peter Fitzsimons.

*Marg Cooper*

At Fremantle recently I was in a bookshop looking out at the bleak, white prison on the hill when Peter Fitzsimons' new book jumped into my hands. What a gripping tale he has told of six Irish political prisoners, known as military Fenians, being rescued from the world's most remote and toughest prison, Fremantle gaol in 1876. It is described as the most daring and most successful prison break in Australian history.

It was an international rescue effort that took years to organize. Two men were sent to Fremantle a year before to liaise with the prisoners, organize transport, meeting points and so on. Under the guise of a whale hunt Captain Anthony (who had no connection with the Irish cause) put his crew, family, financiers and his own life in danger to sail from New Bedford in America to Perth in Western Australia. No one on his boat knew his real destination and aim. They became cross with him because they weren't catching enough whales.

On Easter Monday in Fremantle 1876, the six prisoners broke away from their work gangs at the appointed time, met up with a trap and horses and were taken to Rockingham beach where they were rowed out to the Catalpa which was waiting in International waters. It was a race for survival as the water police and steamer, Georgette, gave chase. A huge storm blew up and they couldn't immediately find the Catalpa. It took twenty-eight hours for the prisoners, the rowers and Captain Anthony to make it to the Catalpa and to hoist the American flag.

The idea was that if the boat was in International waters and flew the American flag then an attack by the British would be a declaration of war. The British held fire but the lack of wind meant that the ship was drifting back into Australian waters. After years of organization and lives on the line the success of the escape effort all came down to a puff of wind!

Peter Fitzsimons describes how, for Ireland who had suffered English occupation for 700 years, the escape was an inspirational call to arms.

Peter Fitzsimons is a prolific creator of "novelised" Australian History. He brings long forgotten or unknown stories to life. His books are highly readable. He writes in the present tense so the reader feels as if they are part of the story.

*The book discussed at Bookclub was "The Woman in White" by Wilkie Collins.*

*The book for discussion in September is "The Year Everything Changed 2001" by Phillipa McGuinness.*

## **The Dirt on Fertiliser Proposal**

*from media release*

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) has received a works approval application from The Good Dirt Company for an upgrade to their Lethbridge organic waste processing facility.

The proposal would see the Tall Tree Road site accept up to 22,000 tonnes a year of broiler litter and chicken manure – almost double their previous council planning permit allowance.

The upgraded plant could produce up to 18,700 tonnes of finished compost product every year, which is used as fertiliser by farmers across south west Victoria.

The Good Dirt Company has also applied to Golden Plains Shire Council for an amendment of its planning permit.

A public information session was held last month and the application was open for public comment until 14 August.

A Works Approval is required for larger scale industrial and business activities that have the potential for significant environmental impact. EPA ensures any matters raised in public submissions are fully considered before making a determination.

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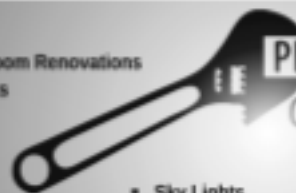


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# Turbine Component deliveries

## Moorabool South Wind Farm

Oversize deliveries of wind turbine components are expected to begin in September 2019 and continue at Moorabool South until February 2020.

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

- Western Highway travelling south along Geelong Ballan Rd to site
- Travelling north along the Geelong Ballan Road to site.

Loads will then travel along Ballan Meredith Road, Bungeeltap South Road, Mt Wallace Ballark Road or Egerton Ballark Road to access site.

LOADED OVERALL TRAILER SPECS				
Component	Length (m)	Width (m)	Height (m)	Weight (tonnes)
Tower components	26 - 40	4.3 - 4.6	5.2 - 5.35	Up to 160 tonnes
Blades	78	4.4	5.2	62.5 tonne
Generator	27	5.4	4.6	120 tonne
Nacelle	26	4.5	5.2	73 tonne
Hub	26	5.1	5.2	73 tonne

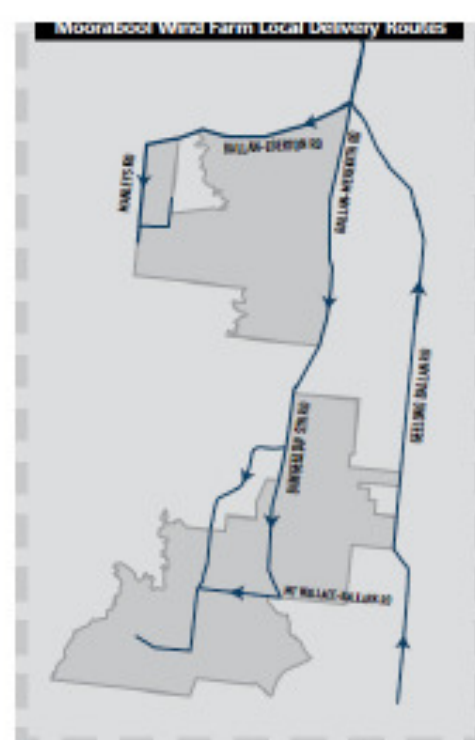
## Turbine transport routes

Route 1: Geelong Port to Moorabool Wind Farm (Blades, Mid Upper and Top tower Sections, Hub and Nacelle)



Loads are scheduled to travel from the Geelong Port to Moorabool South Wind Farm between 12am - 6am

Route 2: Geelong Port to Moorabool Wind Farm (Base, Mid Lower and Mid tower sections, Generator)



TOTAL LENGTH  
78 metres

TOTAL HEIGHT  
5.2 metres

TOTAL WEIGHT  
62.5 tonnes

BLADE LENGTH  
66.9m

BLADE WEIGHT  
23 tonnes



## Goldwind Blade transport at Waurn Ponds



## Key delivery facts:

**11**

oversize loads  
per turbine

**33**

oversize loads  
p/week (approx)

**594**

oversize loads  
in total

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

Information can also be found at:

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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

September 2019



Figure 1: MNWF Rotor lift

### Moorabool North Wind Farm

#### Progress to date

- Construction has been completed on all access tracks, hardstands and foundations
- Substation works complete, awaiting energisation
- Cable reticulation installation complete
- 380 turbine components delivered to site
- Installation of 10 turbines complete
- Partial installation of a further 6 turbines

#### Look ahead

- Energisation of substation
- Continued road maintenance
- Continued electrical and mechanical fit-out of each turbine
- Completion of all turbine component deliveries
- Continued turbine erection and commencement of commissioning

### Moorabool South Wind Farm

#### Progress to date

- All access tracks complete to base level
- 54 foundation concrete pours completed - 100% complete
- Substation civil works complete
- 42 Kiosks (turbine transformer) set in place

#### Look ahead

- Continuation of backfilling and hardstand construction works
- Energisation of Substation
- Continuation of cable laying
- Continue Kiosk (turbine transformer) deliveries
- Continued road maintenance
- Turbine deliveries and installation expected to start mid-late September



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

- Τη Σπεεδ λμιτ ον σεχτιονσ οφ τη Βαλλαν Μερεδιτη Ροαδ ανδ Βαλλαν Εγερτον Ροαδ ηασε βεεν ρεδυχεδ το 80κμ/η υντιλ φυρτηερ νοτιχε.
- Τη σπεεδ λμιτ ον Μουντ Ωαλλαχε Βαλλαρκ ροαδ ηασ βεεν ρεδυχεδ το 80κμ/η.

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 be complete at **Moorabool North** wind farm during September 2019. Deliveries will then begin at **Moorabool South** wind farm until late February 2020.

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 local Roads. For further information please see the factsheets available at [www.mooraboolwindfarm.com](http://www.mooraboolwindfarm.com) and also [www.mwfttraffic.com](http://www.mwfttraffic.com)



Figure 3: Component Delivery at Port of Geelong

## 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.



# What's On!

TELEPHONE: 5286 1100



**SUNDAY 8TH SEPT. FROM 10AM  
FUNDRAISER KIDS WITH CANCER**



**SUNDAY 6TH OCT 2PM  
TIX \$40**



**SUNDAY 20TH OCT 2PM  
BON SCOTT AC/DC SHOW**



**THURSDAY 26TH SEPT 7PM RETRO FOOTY NIGHT  
MARK JACKO JACKSON & PETER BUZZ BOSUSTOW  
FREE ENTRY**

**FRIDAY 27TH SEPT. 8PM  
ZANE CARROLL FREE ENTRY**

