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# Meredith & district News

Our FREE Community Newsletter since 1972



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BIG  
measure up  
FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
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- Golf Girls plan a reunion

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# COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS ROUND ONE 2021



## Is your community group looking for funding for a project or program?

Applications open on 1 April for the first round of Golden Plains Shire Council's Community Strengthening Grants Program 2021.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available in four categories:

- Healthy Active Living – to support recreation, sport, health and wellbeing projects
- Creative Community – to support arts and culture projects
- Environment and Sustainability – to support projects that improve the environment
- Community Safety – to support projects that equip communities to be safe and resilient

Groups must match the amount of funding sought, either in cash or through in-kind contributions, such as volunteer work on the project. Applications are open until 5pm, Friday 30 April, 2021.

For more information and to apply for a Community Strengthening Grant, visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/grants](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/grants) or contact Council's Community Partnerships Officer at 5220 7220 or email [communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au).

# The VIRUS and US

## Breathe Easy!



Victoria has further relaxed its COVIDSafe settings

From 6:00pm on Friday 26 March 2021, Victoria has further relaxed its COVIDSafe settings.

These changes are designed to balance getting Victorians back to doing the things they love while keeping in place measures to protect all that Victorians have worked so hard for.

These include relaxing the requirements for face masks, increasing limits for social gatherings at home outside and in entertainment and food venues, hospitals and care facilities and workplaces. You can also attend the gym and take part in other physical activities, or visit Community venues all subject to density limits. Tracking and record keeping are mandated at many locations and recommended for others. For more accurate detailed information visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-live>



## Get the Jab

Free, safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines will help protect our community from COVID-19. Approved vaccines will be rolled out in phases across Australia. It is important that the first vaccines go to the people who need them most.

The vaccine is free and you can choose if you want to get vaccinated. However, by getting it, you will help protect yourself from getting really sick. Encourage your family, and community to get vaccinated so that they are protected from serious illness from COVID-19.

Learn more at the Department of Health's COVID-19 vaccines hub



- ☺ Excitement builds for the big pumpkin weigh in.
- ☺ Gemma's gallery visit raises some thoughts about etiquette
- ☺ After the postponement last year, the Meredith art group enjoys a much-awaited visit to South Australia.

## Are we there yet?



Is there a light at the end of the tunnel of the pandemic?

It is starting to feel that way and we are learning to co-exist with the virus. As I write this column Victoria is celebrating our latest lifting of restrictions. Football is back with crowds in attendance, people are out on the streets going to entertainment and food venues taking trips away and planning for the Easter break. And yet there is news of another case in Queensland.

So let's enjoy our hard won freedoms with caution. While still being aware of the precautions we have been taking and taking the opportunity to protect ourselves and our loved ones by getting vaccinated. Then we can move into the rest of the year free to go about our lives as we did before.

Enjoy your Easter break from all of the volunteers at the newsletter.



## What you need to keep doing

Practice good hygiene and regularly and thoroughly wash your hands.

Maintain physical distancing, keep at least 1.5 metres away from others.

Carry a face mask when you leave home unless you have a lawful reason not to. It is strongly recommended you wear one whenever you cannot keep 1.5 metres distance from others.

Wear a face mask when required, unless a lawful exception applies.

If you feel unwell do not go to work.

Get tested at a nearby testing location. Return home immediately.

If you are worried you will lose pay while you wait for test result or you have tested positive and need to self-isolate you may be eligible for a worker support payment.

If your condition worsens contact your GP or a health professional. If you become very unwell and are having trouble breathing contact triple zero, you may need to be admitted to hospital.





# Meredith & district NEWS



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May We raise them

A salute to International Women's

Day & the March for Justice.



# Community



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working for our community

## What's On



### TERM 2

#### Cheese-Making with Narelle

TBC \$120

#### Make a Vase Arrangement

Thursday 29 April - 10.00 - 12.00 - \$75

#### Young Artist Class - Ages 7-12

10 Weeks - Starting 29 April  
4.00-5.30pm - \$150 per person

#### ALSO COMING IN TERM 2 - Register Your Interest NOW

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Art Workshops with Marita Reynolds



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4 Russell St. Meredith Vic. 3333 Ph. 5286 0700

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 9am to 3pm - Friday Closed

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Tai Chi - \$15 per session

Tuesdays @ Meredith with Sandra - 9.30 - 10.30 am

Tuesdays @ Bannockburn with Desma - 9.30 - 10.30 am

Thursdays @ Teesdale with Desma - 9.30-10.30 am

#### Steady Feet - \$10 per session

Wednesdays with Ane - 9.30 - 10.30 am

#### Active Exercise - FREE

Wednesdays with Ane - 10.30 - 11.30 am

#### Yoga - \$15 per session

Mondays with Ane - 5:30 - FULL

Thursdays with Ane - 12:00 - Still Spaces Available

#### Memberships are Now Available - \$5

Pop into the centre to become a member today!



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### OCCASIONAL CARE

SESSION TIMES

MONDAY - 9:15 - 2:15

WEDNESDAY - 9:15 - 2:15

FRIDAY - 9:15 - 2:15



We are operating on a WAITLIST - Register your interest today!

## Meredith Seniors

*Written by Jim Hynds*

Since our last report the Seniors have had an outing to the Fyansford Hotel for lunch. Some twenty Seniors enjoyed a great lunch and a social meeting. Sadly, we have to report that some members are moving out of the district and some have gone into care so our numbers are a little down. We wish them well in their new adventures and hope they keep in contact with us.

Two meetings at the Meredith Hall have occurred but with Covid rules constantly changing and venues open and shut it is extremely hard to organize events. But we will keep trying! If anyone would like to join Meredith Seniors please contact Jim Hynds on 52 868 232.

## Meredith Golf Club

- Annual memberships are now due
- Join this amazing club for only \$140 per year (play 18 holes every day for less than 40 cents per day).
- Regular competitions held on Tuesdays and Sundays.
- All levels catered for, and we can even provide lessons.

Please contact Peter on 0407 795 342 to join or for more information.



Bring your pumpkins to the front of the Meredith Primary School  
(Wallace Street) around 1.30 pm

(or earlier by prior arrangement) on

**FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

Pumpkins will be measured and prizes awarded.

Yes... **Prizes!**

CALL 0407 045010 FOR MORE INFO.

Many thanks go to Steve and Rosemary for their organisation  
and the Meredith Community News for sponsoring this event.

## Church News



### Meredith Uniting Church

Services have recommenced. 11.00 am 2nd Sunday each month. Enquiries: Rev. Carlynne Nunn 0409 285182

### Catholic Archdiocese of Australia

Elaine - 5341 5544

Serbian Orthodox - 5341 5568

### St. Joseph's Catholic Parish of Meredith

Contact Details:

Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves (Mob: 0417 319 556)

Office Phone: 5296 1230

Office open Wednesday & Friday 9.30am to 4.30 pm

### Mass Times

Bookings not required for Mass. Proper Hand/Cough hygiene, Masks and 1.5 m distancing required.

Masses at St. Joseph's Live Streamed

Tue. 9am St. Mary MacKillop Church, Bannockburn

Wed. 11am St. Joseph's, Meredith

Thu. 9am St. Mary MacKillop Church, Bannockburn with School

Fri. 11am St. Joseph's, Meredith

Sat. 6pm St. John the Baptist, Winchelsea

Sun. 9am St. Mary MacKillop, Bannockburn

Sun. 4/4 and 18/4, 11am St. Brigid's, Annakie

Sun. 11/4 and 25/4, 11am St. Joseph's, Meredith

### Easter Ceremonies:

Thu. 1/4 Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper, Winchelsea 7pm

Fri. 2/4 Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, Meredith 10am

Good Friday Celebration of the Passion, Bannockburn 3pm

Sat. 3/4 Easter Vigil, Saturday, Meredith 8pm

Sun. 4/4 Easter Sunday

Winchelsea 8am, Bannockburn 9.30am, Anakie 11am

### Other Sacraments:

Reconciliation, Anointing, Baptisms, Matrimony, Funerals call: 5286 1230 for details.

Sacramental program (Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation) will be operating. Call the office for details/ timing/ enrolment.

### A Ritual of Life

At the end of Lent, preparation for Easter, we enter Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday, sometimes called Sunday of the Passion, marking Jesus entering Jerusalem knowing that later in the week, we call Good Friday, he will suffer; be crucified, and die. We would wonder why anyone would knowingly choose to endure suffering rather than run away from it.

Actually we see it in many aspects of public and private life today. Those who publicly protest sometimes perpetrating what we fondly call civil disobedience and the potential of arrest. In private life we may suffer medical treatment in order to survive a life threatening illness. Some say moving house is one of the most stressful things we can do, but we will endure it believing things will be better for us in another house or place.

A celebration in Holy Week is Maundy Thursday, sometimes called Holy Thursday. On the night before he was crucified, during a meal with his friends, Jesus took bread and wine and set them apart as his body and his blood. He told them it was a reminder of his suffering and death on the cross but also the beneficial outcome through his being restored to life.

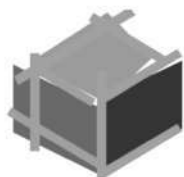
Jesus told those who would follow him that they are to eat these things as a reminder of his death and resurrection. In some Christian traditions this ritual, variously called Holy Communion, Last Supper, Communion, Eucharist, Mass, Holy Liturgy, and Lord's Supper, is re-enacted whenever they meet. Sometimes it can be just thought of as a ritual of Christian worship but is also a ritual reminding us of our own life.

However we recognise the person of Jesus, may the story of Easter be more than chocolate and eggs and be a celebration that we, too, need to choose to suffer in order to achieve a better life for ourselves, for others, and for all. I invite you to join with your church and share in this ritual of Holy Communion at this pertinent time.

Maundy Thursday	7.00 pm	St John's,
Bannockburn		
Good Friday	9.00 am	St Paul's,
Inverleigh		
Easter Day	9.00 am	St Paul's,
Inverleigh		
Bannockburn	11.00 am	St John's,
Meredith	5.00 pm	Epiphany,

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## **Bannockburn Pharmacy Newsletter**

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### **Be prepared this flu season (Vaccination Clinic)**

We now have the 202 influenza (flu) vaccines available.

Our pharmacists, Scott, Priji & Tracey are accredited to provide and administer **flu vaccinations** (10 years & older) & **whooping cough** vaccinations in the pharmacy. Our vaccination clinic is open during the following times:

Monday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

**'AFTER HOURS' flu clinics will be available too. Follow us on Facebook to see when these will be happening.**

Everything is done from start to finish within the pharmacy. It is requirement for your safety that you need to rest in the pharmacy for 15 minutes after your vaccination has been administered so please allow extra time for this.

#### **\* Flu vaccination cost**

- **No prescription is required** from your Doctor

- \$25 (\$15 for the flu vaccination + \$10 for the administration of the vaccine by one of our accredited pharmacists)

- FREE flu vaccine + \$10 for the administration by one of our accredited pharmacists if you fall into one of the following categories:

(i) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children aged 6 months to <5 years.

(ii) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons aged ≥ 15 years

(iii) All persons ≥ 65 years

(iv) All persons ≥ 6 months who have certain medical conditions which increase the risk of influenza disease complications; for example, severe asthma, lung or heart disease, low immunity or diabetes

(v) Pregnant women

#### **\* Whooping Cough vaccination cost**

- **No prescription is required** from your Doctor

- \$50 (\$40 for the whooping cough vaccine + \$10 for the administration of the vaccine by one of our accredited pharmacists).

- FREE whooping cough vaccine + \$10 for the administration by one of our accredited pharmacists, if you fall into one of the following categories:

(i) pregnant women from 28 weeks gestation during every pregnancy

(ii) partners of women who are at least 28 weeks pregnant if the partner has not received a pertussis booster in the past 10 years

(iii) parents/guardians of babies born on or after 1st June 2015, if their baby is under 6 months of age and they have not received a pertussis booster in the past 10 years.

To secure a time that best suits you we recommend that you make an appointment through the pharmacy. You can either phone the pharmacy on 5281 1519 or you can book online through our FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/bannockburnpharmacy/>

You can also just walk in but there may be a wait if someone else is already having a vaccination done.

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### **Trading Hours**

Monday:	8:30am - 6:30pm
Tuesday:	8:30am - 6:30pm
Wednesday:	8:30am - 6:30pm
Thursday:	8:30am - 6:30pm
Friday:	8:30am - 6:30pm
Saturday:	8:30am - 1:00pm
Sunday:	CLOSED

**Vaccination Clinic – flu & whooping cough vaccinations**

## Episode 3: At Yancannia.

Marg Cooper

*Following on from last month's issue, is the story of how William James Reid bought Yancannia Station.*

In 1872 the Reids lost no time in moving from Woodbourne to Yancannia. Mr and Mrs Reid and their second son and some younger children, travelled to Echuca by rail and on by coach, leaving their eldest and third sons to bring up the buggy and pair whilst also leading their father's favourite hack.

### An arduous journey

The boys took nearly five weeks to cover the 700 miles from Woodbourne to Yancannia arriving there on Will's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, September 1, 1872. One pictures the tired boys driving up the track that winds past the woolshed with shearing already in progress. They would have been engulfed by dust and din, dogs barking, men shouting and whistling and horses stamping and whinnying. Perhaps sounds from the cookhouse and clattering from the workshop, as well as sheep bleating and baaing and every tone from bass to treble, in a perpetual complaining chorus would have been heard over the muted percussion of small hooves on the hard dirt.

Crossing Mt Murchison Station, they had passed through the most northern fence between there and the Gulf of Carpentaria, but on Yancannia there were still no fences (other than those of sheep yards and stockyards). All the sheep were shepherded by white or black shepherds and each brought in his flock of 2,000 as required for shearing. It always took careful planning to bring the slow moving flocks in from distant pastures, and get them washed and shorn and away again, with no more than 2 or 3 days without feed. The sheep were spout-washed after being put through a hot-water dip. This was a considerable advance on the simple "run through the waterhole" of five years earlier.

### A profitable clip

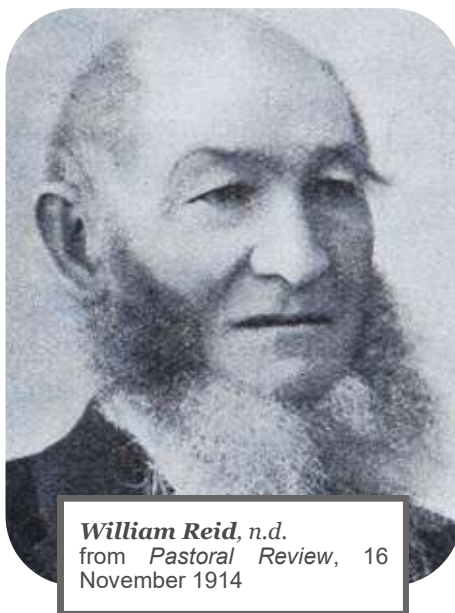
Will Reid said the first year's clip, spout washed, sold in London at up to 2/3 per lb. A mob of 3,000 wethers was travelled to Adelaide by a shepherd on foot, and sold at an average of 16/9 in the wool. For six days the shepherd was alone with only the dogs to help him as the drover went off to Menindee to get a signature from the stock inspector, a formality needed to take sheep across the border into South Australia. The result of the first year's working was a profit of £7,000. It was his father's wide experience, great ability and energy which soon turned Yancannia into a very profitable investment.

By tradition the Reid men were tall and good-looking. The eldest John Illistorn (Jack) was then 18 and, by all

accounts, the leader of the family after his father. Under his father's tutelage he was soon equipped to take over management of Yancannia and when, after nine years there, he moved to fresh fields in Queensland. It was the next brother, James Armstrong (Jim), who took his place only to be succeeded in a year or two by the third son, William Hatrick (Will).

### Collecting the mail

In his young teens Will was sometimes sent off on a 60 mile ride to Momba's nearest outstation (Wanca) for the fortnightly mail. He would stay there overnight and return the following day. He also remembered being sent with a black boy to bring 100 rams from Albemarle Station, 180 miles away down the Darling.



*William Reid, n.d.  
from Pastoral Review, 16  
November 1914*

In a very few years washing the sheep was given up in favour of washing the shorn wool. This was first soaked in warm soapy water and well stirred, then put in large perforated crate which was partially immersed in the waterhole. From this the wool was lifted out on a long straight stick, propped to drain for some hours and then spread to dry on large sheets of canvas. It was then ready for the wool press. The bales were carted to Wilcannia by bullock or horse teams: a journey variously described as 110 or 120 miles and taking several weeks. There the bales were loaded onto the river boats, their destination dependent upon the available boats and the vagaries of the river: either Echuca for rail to

Melbourne or Goolwa for Adelaide and thence to Melbourne by sea.

### Drought Strikes

The Reids were fortunate in having three good seasons to begin with. They found the sheep on the property were all healthy and sound. The first drought happened when Jack Reid, not yet 21 years, was left in charge of Yancannia with his brother Jim to keep him company. Mrs Reid and the children had left at the right time, as 1875 was a dry one and 1876 even worse. In January 1877 the drought broke.

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little  
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down the car radio to try and see street signs better, silence at a gallery must make for better viewing – it's just good etiquette. But then again, some rules are made to be broken. One squeaky sole at a time

Gemma



### Exhibition Etiquette

Conforming to the social norm; when you say it, it sounds like you're committing a crime, going against nature. As if by forcing yourself to behave in a way that complies with society's expectation, it limits your freedom of expression. Norms may be normal, but how often do we really agree with them?

It was while I was tiptoeing around an exhibition in a rustic, barn-like room examining the images of talented photographers from around the globe, that I came to feel like I was a naughty school kid. You see, the shoes I had worn were squeaking on the floorboards as I walked – the rubber soles combined with my tendency to drag my feet left much to be desired in the room full of hushed voices discussing important artistic techniques.

Additionally, I found that my friend and I were consistently breaking the silence with our oohs and aahs, and proclamations that no, *this* picture was in fact our favourite – admittedly louder than a whisper, but lower than your average inside voice. Neither of us are particularly gifted in the photography department – although one of us does dabble and likes to think they secretly are – and so our insights weren't all that insightful and every picture was, in our opinion, worthy of the winning title.

Side eyes and subtle smirks greeted us at different intervals as we examined the artworks adorning the walls, and while ordinarily this would have bothered me, that day I was so enraptured by the talent around me that I did not care. Nay, I barely even noticed. We were having fun and we weren't pretending to be more than what we were to fit into the crowd. As far as I know, we weren't affecting anyone else's experience beyond the people directly within our government mandated 1.5 metre radius. And, quite frankly, if we were it was probably a good sign that they needed to socially distance a little bit better.

But who decided that one needs to be quiet when perusing a gallery? Perhaps it's for the same reason that I appreciate the social norm that you have to be quiet in a library – for concentration.

While some of these behaviours don't quite make sense to everyone, human nature generally means we can't help but to follow these norms most of the time. There are the simple ones that mandate that we hold doors open, we use our manners and we generally don't cut lines. Easy. But then there are the strange rules that influence our decisions, such as choosing the busier of two neighbouring restaurants on the assumption it must be better.

Whatever the reasoning behind certain societal expectations, norms are normal. Perhaps like turning

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## From the Mayor's Desk



Cr Helena Kirby



### **From ANZAC Day to our community consultation on the Spring Public Holiday, there's a lot on in April, including the next round of Council's Community Strengthening Grants Program.**

Golden Plains Shire is home to many terrific groups and organisations run by passionate locals, and every year we open two rounds of funding to help support these groups do what they do best. Applications are open until 30 April, with grants of up to \$10,000 available in four categories: Healthy Active Living, Creative Community, Environment and Sustainability, and Community Safety.

All information about the grants and how to apply is available on Council's website, and if you or your community group have any questions or need any assistance, please contact our Community Partnership Officer at 5220 7220 or email [communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@gplains.vic.gov.au).

In late February, our Councillor Group enjoyed our first Coffee with your Councillors day meeting residents and talking about their issues and concerns in a number of towns throughout the Shire. On 1 May, Councillors will hold a Conversation Post at the Golden Plains Farmers' Market in Bannockburn, and on 8 May, we will visit another nine towns for the second round of Coffee with your Councillors. You'll find all the details in our April Gazette or on our website.

To everyone celebrating or just making the most of the long weekend, I hope you have a safe and happy Easter. Please note that Council offices will be close on Thursday 1 April at 5pm and reopen on Tuesday 6 April at 8.30am, following the holiday break.



## ANZAC Day 2021

**After a very different ANZAC Day in 2020, in-person services will return to Golden Plains Shire this year.**

There will be services in all corners of the Shire on Sunday 25 April:

**6am:** Corindhap Memorial Park - Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast

**6am:** Bannockburn Monuments - Small Parade with Memorial Service and laying of floral tributes

**7am:** Teesdale Monument - Memorial Service and laying of floral tributes

**7.45am:** Shelford Monument - Memorial Service and laying of floral tributes

**9.15am:** Inverleigh RSL Sub-branch Building - March to the Inverleigh monuments for Memorial Service and laying of floral tributes.

**10.45am:** Rokewood RSL - March followed by Service at Rokewood Memorial

**11am:** Memorial Park Cenotaph - Haddon Service and reading

This list was correct as of 15 March 2021. To stay up-to-date with these events, and others that are confirmed following this date, visit [goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events](https://goldenplains.vic.gov.au/events).

## Anzac Day at Meredith

Due to Covid 19 restrictions this years service will be held at 10:30 am.

Services will be held outdoors and the march will be followed by a short dedication at the cenotaph.

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## Art Group Trip

*Marg Cooper*

A large house with six bedrooms, three bathrooms, a theatre room and a view of the beach from the upper deck was booked at Carrickalinga for a March 2020 holiday but Covid 19 came along. The booking was deferred for twelve months so we could enjoy the Fleurieu Peninsula, just south of Adelaide, after restrictions eased.

It is an area of hills and seascapes. It has a temperate climate, amazing and varied scenery, fine foods, wines, culture and a wide range of recreational activities. Being a group of women of mixed ages and interests we tried to entertain everyone by visiting many places including Hahndorf, Victor Harbour for a trip on the Cockle Train, Goolwa for a cruise on the Coorong, Cape Jervis for a trip to Kangaroo Island, Normanville for breakfast every morning, Yankalilla for shopping and Deep Creek Conservation Park for walking.

We learnt about Ligurian bees, eucalyptus production, the barrages at the mouth of the Murray River, gin and whisky distilling, Matthew Flinders finding fresh water on Kangaroo island in 1802, and how volunteers are building a replica of the ship *Independence* (the original being built by whalers on Kangaroo Island in 1803).

The trip was all wonderful. The food, the company and the movie every night were great but the highlight for me was the d'Arenberg Cube. It is a five-storey building situated within the d'Arenberg vineyards in the McLaren Vale locality. In 2003 Chester Osborn, who is fourth generation of the Osborn family who established the vineyards in 1912, came up with an idea to create a cube-shaped building inspired by the puzzles and complexities of winemaking. Construction was completed in 2017 at a cost of \$15 million. The various levels feature a wine tasting room, a restaurant, art installations, a 360-degree video room and more. We ate at Polly's on level 4 which was filled with quirky art and had spectacular views of the vineyard through windows of unusual shapes. It felt like being inside a Rubik's Cube!



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# Golf Girls

*Marg Cooper*

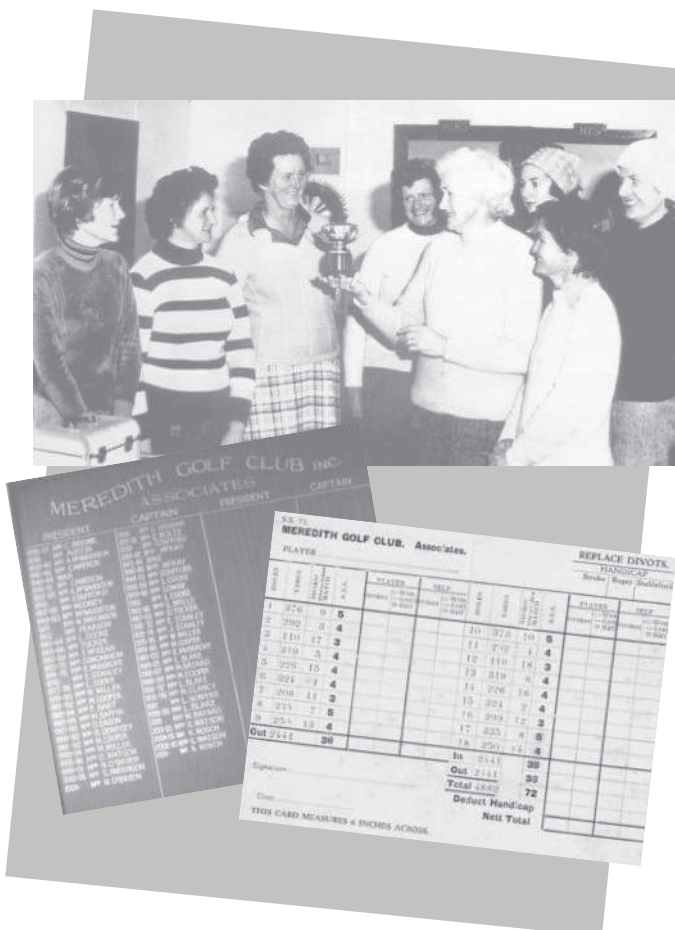
Ladies or girls who played golf were called *Associates*, and the men were Members.

Meredith Golf Club was established about 1936 on the site that had been gazetted as a Reserve for Racing and General Recreation and some of the Associates were Mesdames Bolte, Cameron, McNaughton, Austin and Wells.

The Golf Club reformed after WW11 about 1946-1947 and some of the Associates were Mesdames L.Austin, H Bolte, A McNaughton, Lorna Wells, Gladys McKay and Jean Stafford. [Note that Associates were known by their husband's initial.] In most clubs Associates had no voting rights but at Meredith women, although called Associates, were full members.

In the 1980's and 1990's usually between 20 and 30 women played golf on a Tuesday which was Ladies Day, women visited other clubs representing Meredith Golf Club at Tournaments, Guest Days and so on. They fielded two or three Pennant Teams in the Ballarat District and raised funds for the club by catering for Senior Citizen Lunches for over four decades, weddings, parties and golf events. Annually, a group travelled to compete at the Sand Scape Championships of Victoria including to Dunkeld, St Arnaud and Kialla, near Bendigo and also hosted this championship at Meredith.

A Get-Together of Meredith Golf Girls or, as they were formally known, *Associates*, is being held at Red Dog Café in Bannockburn on April 13 at 12 o'clock. For more information please ring 52 812038.





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## Landcare News



### Bamganie-Meredith Group

#### **RABBIT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP SATURDAY 10 APRIL 9AM - 1PM MEREDITH MEMORIAL HALL**

Do you have rabbits on your property but don't know where to start to control them? Or perhaps you have tried controlling them before but they keep coming back? The Bamganie-Meredith Landcare Group is holding a Rabbit Management Workshop on Saturday 10 April to help you develop an effective approach to controlling rabbits.

Guest speakers will be Geoff McFarlane and Tim Bloomfield from the Victorian Rabbit Action Network. Topics covered include:

- Rabbit biology and the importance of a combined and coordinated approach to manage rabbit populations
- Assessing the rabbit problem - techniques for identifying and monitoring numbers, including using the RabbitScan app
- Timing and methods of control including fumigation and baiting
- Habitat modification and warren destruction.

The workshop will be held on Saturday 10 April at the Meredith Memorial Hall, from 9am to 1pm. This is a free event, morning tea and lunch at the Royal Hotel are included, but please register for catering purposes. To register email [meredithlandcare@gmail.com](mailto:meredithlandcare@gmail.com) or phone Maddy 0424754179 or Nerida 0409335693. All welcome!

#### **MORE ABOUT RABBITS – WARREN DESTRUCTION DEMONSTRATION 17 APRIL 2021**

As a follow-up to the rabbit workshop, on Saturday 17 April 2021 the Moorabool Catchment Landcare Group will give a practical demonstration of using an excavator for deep-

ripping and cross-ripping rabbit warrens. Roger MacRaild from Moorabool Landcare Network will also demonstrate burrow fumigation techniques. The demonstration sites are on the Ballan-Mt Egerton Road approximately 5 minutes from Ballan, and include rabbit warrens located on a dam bank and on hilly grazing land. Snacks and a light lunch will be provided. For more information or to register for this event contact Jackson Cass at [moorabool.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:moorabool.landcare@gmail.com).

The rabbit workshop and demonstration day are both initiatives of the Victorian Rabbit Action Network (VRAN) with funding from the Australian Government Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper in collaboration with Agriculture Victoria.

#### **BAMBRA AGROFORESTRY FARM AND YAN YAN GURT WEST FARM TOUR: 10AM – 4PM SATURDAY 8 MAY 2021**

Places are still available for the guided tour of the Bamba Agroforestry Farm and Yan Yan Gurt West Farm on Saturday in 8 May 2021. If you are interested in improving biodiversity, increasing productivity by providing shade and shelter for livestock, controlling soil and water erosion, earning income from trees and native flowers, or just generally improving the aesthetics of your property, then these tours are for you! Both tours are very inspiring and highly recommended. More information about the Bamba Agroforestry farm and Yan Yan Gurt West can be found on the website <http://www.agroforestry.net.au/>

Cost: Bamganie Meredith Landcare Group members \$45; non-members \$70 (Why not become a BMLG member? Annual membership is \$55/family, and includes use of all Landcare equipment).

Bookings are essential. For more information or to make a booking please email [meredithlandcare@gmail.com](mailto:meredithlandcare@gmail.com) or phone Nerida 0409 335 693.

For more information about the Bamganie Meredith Landcare Group including meeting dates please see our Facebook page or contact us at [meredithlandcare@gmail.com](mailto:meredithlandcare@gmail.com)

## Bamganie-Meredith Landcare Group Rabbit Management Workshop

### Have rabbits and want to know the best way to control them?

Rabbits are one of the most destructive environmental and agricultural animal pests in Australia.

This half day workshop will cover all aspects of Best Practice Rabbit Management including assessing the problem, baiting, warren modification, monitoring, follow up and maintenance.

When: Saturday 10 April 2021

Time: 9am – 1pm

Where: Meredith Memorial Hall

This is a free event, morning tea and lunch included – all welcome!

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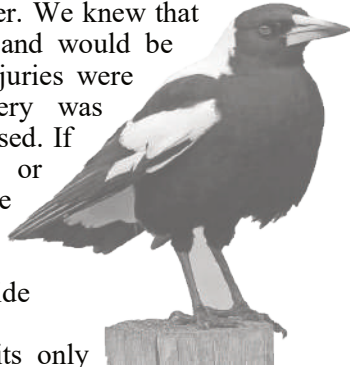
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## In our Nature

Wendy Cook

The magpie stood on the edge of the bitumen road. It didn't move as we drove around it. My daughter looked back, and noticed that it was still standing motionless. We pulled over in a safe place and she walked back to it. It didn't move or protest as she gently picked it up, and holding it securely, carried it to the car. It had blood on its beak. We wrapped it in an old towel, loosely covering its head, to help keep it calm, but still allowing it to breathe with ease. We rang a wildlife carer, and after completing our brief errand in Meredith, we drove to her house. She removed the bird from the towel, and while holding it, could feel that it was undernourished and see that it was dehydrated. The blood might be from a cut in its mouth, but it was likely to have been hit by a car, so it could be bleeding due to internal injuries. The carer thanked us for bringing the magpie to her. We knew that it would be well cared for and would be seen by a vet soon. If its injuries were severe enough that recovery was unlikely, it would be euthanised. If it required surgery or medication, these would be provided, free of charge. After medical attention, the carer would feed it and provide a safe place for it to recover. She would do the same if its only problems were lack of food and water and a cut mouth. When it was well enough to care for itself, it would be released in a safer place than where we had found it.



Wildlife carers are trained in the care of sick and injured wildlife. They are incredibly dedicated and may care for numerous injured birds and animals in their home and garden, bottle-feed young orphan animals day and night, rescue hurt animals, release those that recover and provide advice to people who find a sick or injured animal. This work is voluntary. Each carer provides shelter and food for their charges, and pays for this themselves. They may also have a job and care for a family. Wildlife carers may be assisted by other volunteers and donations.

It was not the first time we had taken an injured bird or animal to this carer. Not all survive. Some birds we have found beside a road have been too badly hurt after being hit by a car. Once, I found a duck sitting on the ground in a patch of bush near home. I wasn't sure it was alive until I touched it gently. The only injury I could see was a small hole in one webbed foot. I carried it home and put it in a cardboard box with holes in the lid. This provided it with a quiet dark place to recover. If it became lively, I planned to carry it back to the area where I had found it, and let it go. It didn't improve, so we took it to the wildlife carer. When we rang her later, we learnt that the duck had shotgun pellets inside it and didn't survive.

Other animals we have taken to the wildlife carer have fared better. A magpie that had been attacked by other magpies recovered and was released. On a day when the temperature was well above 40°C, I found a young ringtail possum lying on the ground under a tree. It was heat stressed. Wearing thick gloves, I picked it up in an old towel and put it in a pet carrier to be transported. A carer reared it with two other young ringtails. When all were strong enough, the three were released together.

Most injured birds and small animals are fairly easy to handle, but some are best left to the experts, because they are potentially dangerous or because the stress of being handled can harm them. These include kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, snakes, bats and birds of prey. If you find one of these in need of help, it is best to call a wildlife rescue service. Newly fledged birds are also best left alone. Although they may be on the ground, their parents will be nearby, and will look after them while they learn to fly competently.

There are ways in which most people can help indigenous animals, particularly near roads. The simplest is to drive slower, particularly at dawn and dusk, and in places where you regularly see wildlife. Dead animals on the road attract animals and birds that clean up bodies. While feeding, these animals will be at risk of being hit as well. If you find a dead animal on the road, pull over somewhere safe, wear gloves if you wish, and move the animal onto the roadside. If it is a marsupial, you can check if it has a pouch with a joey. If there is no joey, squeeze along the length of the teat. Even a drop of milk indicates that there is a joey, hiding or injured, nearby. It is likely to be within 200m. If you cannot find it, leave a marker, such as a piece of hay band tied to a fence or a tree, to mark the spot for others to search. If you are not comfortable checking the pouch, or if you find a joey or believe one is nearby, please call a wildlife rescue service. If you see a dead marsupial with a cross painted on it, it indicates that its pouch has already been checked.

One of the pleasures of taking an animal to a wildlife carer is hearing of its recovery. Ten days after we took the magpie to the carer, I rang her to learn how it was faring. It had been hit by a car and had broken ribs and a punctured lung. It had been on pain relief medicine, but she expected it to make a full recovery. It is living in an aviary behind her house and can now feed itself. When it is well enough, she will open the aviary door, so it can move into the bush around her house. There it will be away from busy roads, and she will be able to watch it and check that it is well.

If you find an injured animal, day or night, you can call BADGAR, a wildlife rescue service based in Ballarat, on 1300 223 427, or Wildlife Rescue Australia on 1300 596 457. Wildlife Victoria has wildlife fact sheets on their website <https://www.wildlifevictoria.org.au/wildlife-information/wildlife-fact-sheets>. You can also take injured wildlife to a vet. Vets do not charge for the treatment of native wildlife.





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## Charles Pratt

Don Atherton

Charles Pratt was born in Wellington New Zealand in 1892. At the outbreak of WW1 in 1914 Charles volunteered for service and quickly found himself in action in Gallipoli.

In 1917 the Royal Flying Corps was formed in order to explore the potential of the newly developed flying machines in warfare. Charles volunteered to join the RFC and was quickly accepted due to his exceptional mechanical, communication and cognitive skills, and before long became a flying instructor, training young pilots for the war effort.

At the end of the war, Charles purchased four surplus aircraft in England, with the intention of shipping them home to Wellington, and setting up an aviation business there. The ship carrying Charles and his aircraft to New Zealand called into Victoria Dock in Melbourne, and became stranded there due to a protracted industrial dispute with ships engineers. After weeks of idle waiting, Charles convinced the ships Captain to unload the crate containing one of his De Havilland DH6 aircraft, reassembled it and using the wharf as a runway, took to the sky and landed at an aerodrome at Port Melbourne. He found great demand for joy flights from Port Melbourne, Williamstown and Belmont Common in Geelong. Charles then decided to set up his aviation and aerial photography business at Belmont Common.

On July 15 1920, Charles Pratt's De Havilland aircraft, set out on a series of promotional tours to country Victoria and, en route to Clunes, had experienced strong headwinds and running low on fuel, landed in a paddock behind the Cemetery at Meredith. The pilot and passenger walked to the township to organise fuel and had lunch at Mooneys hotel. On returning to the aircraft, they found that a group of excited children had enthusiastically carved their names into the wooden frame of the aircraft! Later on, the pilot made a forced landing due to low cloud and heavy rain in a paddock near Dunnstown. A young man working in the paddock had the fright of his life when, after hearing an unfamiliar mechanical clatter and roar, an apparition of a bug eyed being clad in fur lined leather from head to foot, appeared out of the gloom and called out to him! Not having seen such a sight before, the man ran away in terror!

The aircraft was later completely wrecked at Kaniva when a severe storm during the night caused the plane to break its moorings and was blown across paddocks, through scrub, stumps and into a fence. The plane was completely rebuilt at Gordon College in Geelong.

Charles Pratt had a very successful life in the aviation industry, moving his training business to Essendon in 1938, training RAAF pilots for WW2, and then as a Captain for Australian National Airlines until his retirement in 1947. He died in 1968.

*In 2017, Kevin O'Reilly published a book (Charles Pratt of Belmont Common), chronicling Charles life and his*

*aviation business, based on the detailed diaries that Charles had kept throughout his life, and newspaper clippings of the time.*

*Our thanks to Kevin O'Reilly for his permission to publish this article.*

### Fit as a fiddle

To be fit as a fiddle means to be fit and healthy. But in its earliest forms of expression, the phrase used 'fit' in the sense of something being suitable for purpose, and originally appeared as 'fine as a fiddle' in the late 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. Why a fiddle was chosen as the epitome of being in good form, who knows? Some sources hypothesise it was because it was made with skilled craftsmanship and one needed to be considerably talented to play it. While not originally relating to physical health, like all good sayings, this one has been bent to find new meaning over time.

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## Meredith Rams Cricket Club – a wrap on season 2020/21

*Cam Boer, club secretary.*

2020 was a year that provided challenges for all of us, and the cricketing world was not unaffected by that. However, through a series of false starts and various restrictions, a season was able to commence, somewhat later than previous years. For the Rams, it was a period of growth and development; while we did not expect this season to be a shining light in the club's history, we were able to overcome many hurdles and register results that might have surprised outside observers.

The First XI started the season severely undermanned, having lost the previous season's top bowler and batsman for the league. However, under the command of first-season captain Aaron Hart, the team was able to maintain a competitive edge throughout the season, even when results didn't go our way. We look forward to further growth of the side in coming seasons, and we are confident that we will be able to compete with the higher teams in future.

The Second XI was similarly competitive without being able to record favourable results in crucial matches. While a solid core group of players emerged, an ever-changing list meant that the side struggled for consistency. With the influx of top end players to the First XI for season 21/22, hopefully results will start to fall our way in future.

The season was capped off at the presentation night on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. Individual efforts for the season were recognised, the highs and lows of the season immortalised. The award winners were as follows:

**First XI batting:** Troy Bott, 448 runs at an average of 37.42.

**First XI bowling:** Aaron Hart, 23 wickets at an average of 17.04.

**First XI captain's award:** Will Young.

**First XI fielding award:** Kane Hart.

**First XI all-rounder (Rod Rayner Perpetual Trophy):** Aaron Hart.

**Second XI batting:** Tristan Kollegger, 322 runs at an average of 46.0. Tristan also won the league's batting award with his performance this season.

**Second XI bowling:** Damian Brunt, 19 wickets at an average of 15.32.

**Second XI captain's award:** Lochlan Curtis.

**Second XI fielding award:** Dylan Kollegger.

**Second XI all-rounder:** Tristan Kollegger.

**The Duck award:** Aaron Hart and Luke Young.

**Rod Armstrong Junior Cricketer of the Year:** Zac Larkins.

**Mrs Phyllis Hart Best Clubperson:** Chris Hart.

**Terry Hart Club Champion:** Aaron Hart.

Congratulations to all of the award winners. A further honour was bestowed upon this year's Second XI captain, Damian Brunt, who was awarded life membership to the club. Damian is the 18<sup>th</sup> person to be inducted as a life member, and the accolade recognises his dedication to helping the club out wherever was needed; from stocking the bar to mowing and watering the ground, Damian took every role he could and performed each task to perfection. We all applaud his contribution to the club.

Finally, the club has announced the signing of a new coach for season 2021/22. Eugene Stanciu has signed with the club in a coaching capacity, and we are all excited to see what he can help the club achieve for the next season.

Details for the AGM will be published in a later edition of the newsletter, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. Until then, please enjoy the winter period and we hope to see you safe and well for season 2021/22.

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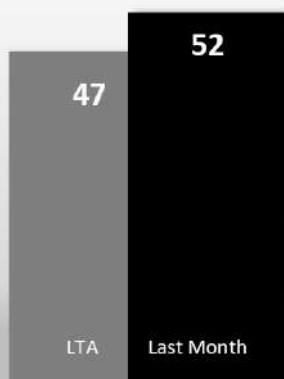
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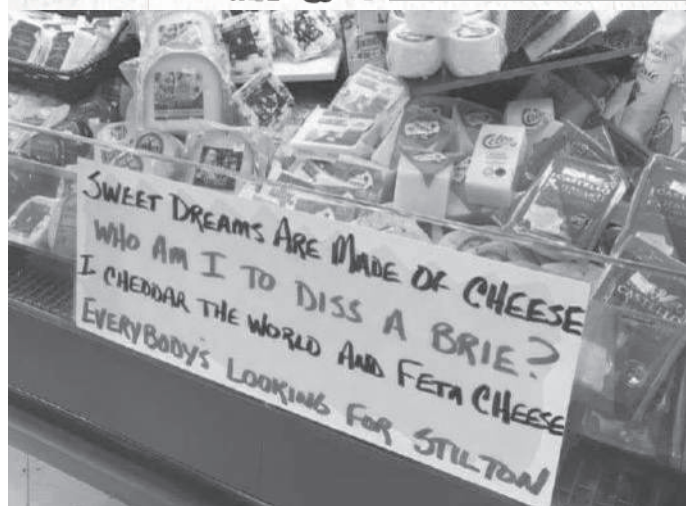


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More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cemetery-trust-appointments/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments>

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## Oops!

*We apologise to both Steve and readers for accidentally omitting the last few lines from Steve's March column. We know our writers take care to craft their submissions and it is frustrating when errors like this happen. So here is that last paragraph in full. (Steve was concluding a commentary on the recent phenomena, in the western world, whereby "...opinion has been used as a counter argument to fact.") - Ed.*

But there is a new partner to fake news. If the facts don't suit the statements made by, for example a Government Minister, one can simply dismiss any questions as "just the Canberra/Spring Street bubble" or "commercial in confidence". Or even refusing to answer!

The idea that ministers should follow advice of independent committees has been quashed by rorting the system to the benefit of friends of the government. Government Auditors are ignored or dismissed, and in the case of the Commonwealth Auditor, a reduction of funding to make the job even harder. These are governance issues and in the 21st century we must demand better accountability from those in power. How can we hope to control financial and corporate misbehaviour and corruption when our law makers are behaving in like fashion?

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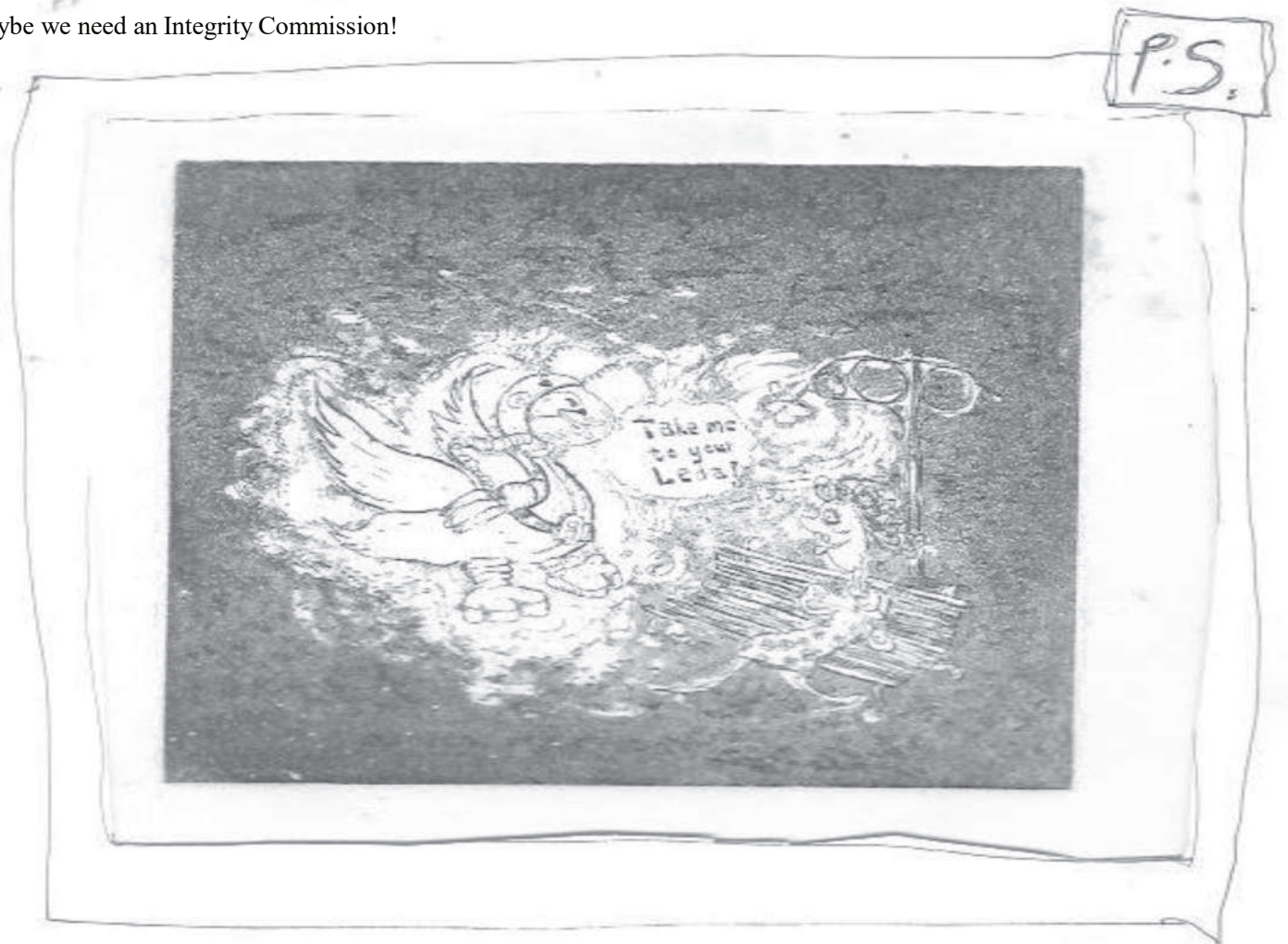
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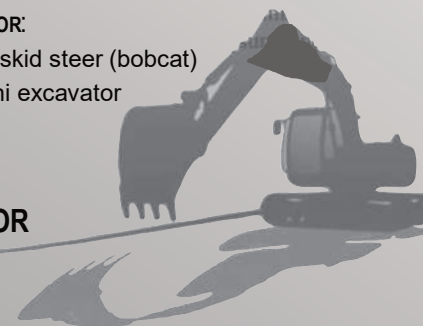
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## Marg's Book Review

### THE DICTIONARY OF LOST WORDS *By Pip Williams*

**NOTE:** *This month's Book Review written by Jenny Colvin*

Esme is born into a world of words. Left motherless she goes to 'The Scriptorium' in Oxford every day, where her father and a team of lexicographers collect words for the very first Oxford English Dictionary. As a little girl her place is under the table, where she collects lost and discarded slips of paper with words on them. They help her to read and to make sense of her world. She keeps them in her 'treasure chest' under the bed of her friend Lizzie, who came to them as a young girl from the Work House to become a family servant, but also friend and confidante to Esme. Over time some words become more important than others, she finds that men and women use words differently, this leads her to compiling her own 'Dictionary of Lost Words'.

Set in the time frame of the 1890s to World War One, including the time of the Women's Suffrage Movement, the book is a delightful, thought provoking celebration of words, and the power of language to shape the world and our own experience of it. After schooling she becomes a full time member of the lexicographers at the Scriptorium and spends many hours at the University researching.

Running parallel to the academic story is a tale of a young girl growing from childhood to adolescence to womanhood,

she becomes interested in the movement for women's suffrage, enjoys the friendship with an actress and her brother, with whom she has a short lived affair which helps shape her future.

The advent of World War One results in half the staff in the Scriptorium enlisting, and the work slows down. Esme's love affair and marriage sees her change direction; when her husband is posted to France she spends her days at a country Rehabilitation Hospital for injured service men, where she works as a volunteer.

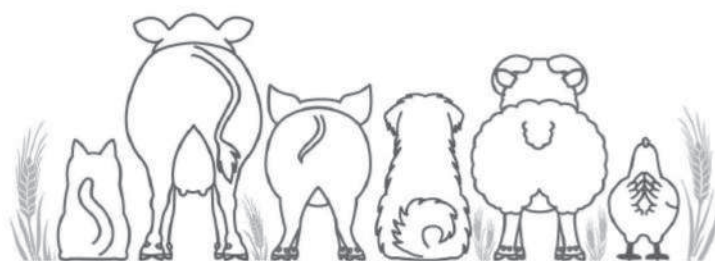
The 'rounding out' of the story, and the surprise ending, see the story moving from Oxford to Adelaide.

A great read for anyone who loves words and the English language, and a sense of history and place.

About the author. Pip Williams was born in London, grew up in Sydney, and now lives in the Adelaide Hills. This novel combines her talent for historical research with beautiful story telling. She has delved into the archives of Oxford University and found a tale of 'missing words' and the lives of the women who helped collect them. This is fiction cleverly woven into a factual background.

*Inspired by a wisp of fact - a single word accidentally omitted from the Oxford English Dictionary - Pip Williams has spun a marvellous fiction about the power of language to elevate or repress. This is a novel that brings to light not only lost words, but the lost stories of women's lives. It is at once timely and timeless.* **Geraldine Brooks**

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## Here I am now.

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Chris says that there is a lot of competition out there but they have created some points of difference: a family friendly environment, a venue for all economies, a venue with a big variety of top shelf drinks and a menu consisting of food all made in the refurbished kitchen, that Chris describes as a chef's dream. There is no point being a chef if you only heat and serve. The kitchen could cater for 300 meals with a new char grill, a combi oven etc.

Chris grew up in Teesdale and always had a passion for cooking, as has his father. It was his favourite subject at school. He began his apprenticeship at Sailors Rest in Geelong in 2002. Apparently, chef's move around a bit and he has worked at several venues including Barwon Heads Golf Club, Kirks on the Esplanade at Mornington, Inverleigh Hotel, Oakdene Vineyard, Zebra Bar and Clarendon Hotel. Amid this busy life he joined the Defence Force in 2009 and used his ticket as a chef to be a personal chef for Officers and a select team, but when

the Defence Force changed their policy and brought in outsiders on contract to cook, Chris returned to civvy street.

Jasmine grew up in Geelong and has worked many jobs in hospitality, administration and the beauty industry. She is determined that their employees will be treated as she would like to be treated. Too often the jobs she has had involved "all give and no take". When interviewing for barmen and waitresses Jasmine asked them what hours they wanted to work and tried to structure the roster to suit them.

The talents of Chris and Jasmine complement each other. Chris in the kitchen with another chef, who he has worked with for over five years, and a young apprentice chef making delicious food with ingredients from local producers, if possible. Jasmine is front of house being assisted by barmen and waitresses and attending to the business side of running a hotel.

When you next visit the Meredith Hotel for a drink or a meal or both please admire the tablecloths that were made by Chris's Auntie and Nan. Jasmine washes them every night after they close the hotel. They wish to create an experience, a pleasant experience and the tablecloths certainly help.



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## In the School Garden

There was much excitement in the Prep/Grade 1 room recently as the children embarked on their first school garden adventure. Mrs Edmiston read a beautiful story about a little girl who plants a broad bean seed and keeps a record of its growth. Each child took their own seed and nestled it into some damp paper towelling in a glass. Within a few days the beans started to send down their first roots and they will eventually send up a shoot. With careful tending from the children, we will have **broad bean plants** after the school holidays to put out in our garden. Our helpful, and strong, older students have started to dig over the bed in preparation. We'll keep you updated on their progress in the next newsletter.

The Prep/Ones also had a tour around the school garden and were delighted to see the different plants, smell the scents of the parsley and basil, and observe the bees in the flowers.

Some of the Grade 5 students have planted **broccoli seedlings**. It is a constant job to keep an eye on brassicas when they are planted this early in the season. You may have seen the **white cabbage butterflies** out in your garden. While they are a pretty sight, they are searching for places to lay their eggs and the tiny caterpillars will ravage the plants' leaves when they hatch. Our broccoli seedlings were chewed overnight and when we looked on the underside of the leaves, we found the tiny eggs and caterpillars. We are looking for donations of **white ice cream containers** so we can make decoy butterflies to put in our garden beds so that the real butterflies will search elsewhere for less populated egg laying spots. If you have any spare, we would appreciate you dropping them off at the school office.

The District Newsletter's **Giant Pumpkin Challenge** is drawing to a close. There will be a final measure and weigh-in at the school on **Friday 23rd April**. Bring your pumpkins along to show off about **1.30pm** and it will be fun to have a look at what other gardeners have managed to produce. The senior students will weigh, measure and display them and present the **prizes and certificates**. It could be a good time to pick up some gardening tips as well.

April, May and June are **garlic** planting months. This is such an easy crop to grow and much better to have your own rather than buying the imported varieties in the shops. Garlic adapts to its environment so, at school, we save some heads of garlic each year to plant out the following year. Break off the larger outer bulbs, plant them about twice as deep as the size of the bulb and you will see shoots above the ground in no time. Leave them to grow quietly and in December they will be ready to harvest. It's always amazing to find one small clove has turned into a large family of cloves ready for delicious garlic bread.

Another easy to grow bulb, and one ready for planting over Easter is the **daffodil**. You can tuck these into any little pockets of your garden and by August and September you will have a lovely bright and sunny display as the chilly winter weather begins to fade.

Other vegetables to plant out now are **cabbage, cauliflower, kale and lettuce** seedlings but watch out for those caterpillars.

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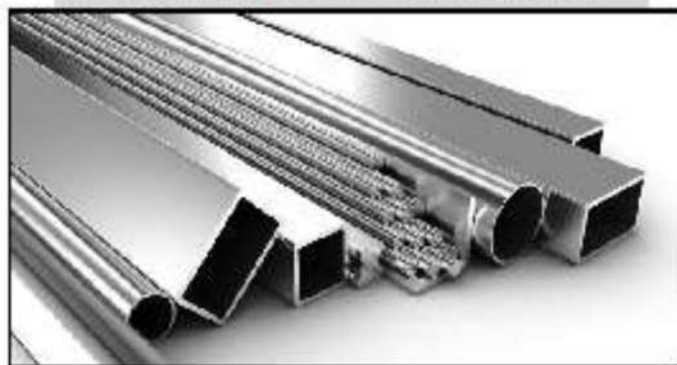
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- 2 teaspoons water
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 300g frozen mixed berries
- 4 sheets filo pastry
- 30g butter, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon, extra
- 2 tablespoons flaked almonds

### Method

Preheat oven to 220 C. Grease 1 litre (4 cup) pie dish.

Combine apple and sugar in a large saucepan. Bring to the boil; simmer, covered, about 8 minutes or until tender.

Blend cornflour with the water in a small jug, stir into apple mixture with extract and cinnamon; stir gently over heat until mixture boils and thickens slightly. Stir in berries, spoon into dish.

Brush each sheet of pastry with butter, scrunch and place over filling. Sprinkle with extra cinnamon and nuts. Bake pie about 20 minutes until browned.

*Recipe from The Australian Women's Weekly Pies Sweet & Savoury*

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*Guest speaker will be Cameron Steele who will give a presentation on the history and ecology of the Moorabool River, and also talk about the Indigenous people of the district.*

Owing to the partial relaxation of the Victorian Government COVID-safe restrictions for conducting meetings, the AGM will be held in the Memorial Hall to permit us to comply COVID-safe restrictions. Tea and coffee will be available, and you may bring their own food if they wish, however it is not to be shared. Please note: the usual practice of bringing plates of food for communal consumption is NOT allowable under current government regulations.

**To ensure attendees at the meeting will not exceed the permissible number, we must ask you to pre-register your intention by one of the following methods:**

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We trust you understand the need for these arrangements, and very much hope to see you at the meeting.

MHIG Committee



Kerrie Kruger

## Easter Trees, Chooks and Autumn Gardening...

Over 30 years ago I enjoyed my first ostereierbaum. A small tree with bare branches decorated with hanging Easter egg ornaments. An ostereierbaum can be kept inside, all you need is a branch which can either be found in nature, or these days bought at many craft stores and stand it in a pot or vase. You can decorate with your own decorated chook eggs or buy colourful wooden eggs. Besides eggs, other popular decorations include bunnies, carrots, flowers, birds, and little nests with baby chicks. This German tradition is centuries old, but its origins have been lost. The act of painting eggs originates from a Ukrainian tradition. For countless generations, Ukrainians have been decorating eggs as an offering to the Gods and Goddesses of health and fertility. This traditional act of pysanka ("pih-sahn-kah") is made by using wax and dyes. The egg is an ancient symbol of life all over the world.

Easter Sunday (also known as Resurrection Sunday) is one of the most important days of the year for Christians, as it is the celebration of Jesus being resurrected from the dead. But the naming of the celebration as "Easter" according to scholars, was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess, Eostre, who was depicted as a Fertility Goddess and a Goddess of Dawn and Light. She was honoured at Pagan festivals celebrating the arrival of spring.

But why does Easter Sunday change dates every year? The reason for this variation is that Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring/autumn equinox. Generally, Easter occurs somewhere between late March and late April. So, Easter in fact falls on the first Sunday after the full moon that takes place on or after March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Many of the symbols of Easter –egg, the chicken, and the hare, (which has transformed into the rabbit) are ancient symbols of spring, of the coming of new life after the hard winter.

Really the tradition of rabbits bringing eggs doesn't make a lot of logical sense, so there must be a reason as to why every year children rush to see what treats that this mythical creature has left for them. The origin of the Easter Bunny dates back hundreds of years, beginning in pre-Christian Germany. The earliest evidence of a more modern Easter Bunny dates back to the 1600s, when it's first mentioned in German writings. This rabbit, called "Oschter Haws" or Easter hare, was believed to lay a nest of colourful eggs for children who were good. But why a Easter bunny and not a chicken? It seems that the rabbit and the egg became intertwined because of their pagan roots representing fertility and rebirth. It seems possible that these two images merged into the egg-laying rabbit of

German lore, instead of a (practical) chicken! As Christianity spread across Europe, Pagan traditions were blended with Christian holidays, which saw the Easter Bunny lay a nest of colourful (today, chocolate) eggs.

*If you see a rabbit laying little brown eggs, don't eat them. It's not chocolate!"*

-Unknown

As spring arrived, the pagans would celebrate a month-long festival of the transitioning time from winter entering into spring. This festival saw the Saxons making buns marked with a cross, which represented the four phases of the moon, or the four seasons to offer to the goddess. The modern hot cross buns are an Irish and English Easter tradition. Soft, spiced and fruited yeast rolls, they are marked with a cross to symbolize the crucifix and are baked and served on Good Friday.

In the southern hemisphere, Easter is in Autumn, a very different time when the chooks may even stop laying eggs! Nevertheless, we can observe a renewal of life in nature. With the first autumn rains, the earth really sings, the plants and the insect world come alive after the summer heat. The plants have their autumn flush as they grow in the gentler autumn sun, before the cold of winter takes hold; the grasses begin to shoot; the autumn wheat is planted, along with the bulbs and seedlings which will flower in the spring.

Planting something for the future over Easter is a wonderful thing to do, bulbs for spring flowering, trees for the good of the earth, flowering plants for the native birds to feed in. Easter can be a reminder of life and hope in a world which can be depressing at times as we listen daily to stories of covid 19 pandemic, violence, poverty, war, and environmental degradation.

Easter is an ideal time to plant herbs like chervil, chicory, coriander, fennel, garlic bulbs, lavender, marjoram, oregano, parsley, rocket, sage, sorrel, rosemary, thyme, winter tarragon and yarrow in the veggie garden. Also consider planting broad beans, broccoli, cabbage, celery, cauliflower lettuce, leek, onion, peas, radish, shallots, spinach, spring onion and turnip, and not to forget, the carrots! It is also good idea to plant extra leafy green seedlings of spinach, kale and silver beet for the chooks, but hopefully not the rabbits.

Add some colour to the veggie patch, and pop in some, dianthus, cornflower, pansy, viola, echinacea, stock, verbena, and lupins. Sweet peas, which folklore says plant out on or around St Patrick's Day (17th March), but there is no steadfast rule, so much in gardening is weather dependant, so plant a few seeds over Easter for a beautiful display in spring. Having these around your vegies will give some interest to the patch, and act as beneficial insect attractors!

Some of the easiest bulbs to grow include freesias, ixias and spiraxis. Over Easter I particularly like to plant Daffodils as they look a bit like easter eggs! Find a sunny well-drained spot and dig over the soil incorporating some compost. They can also be planted straight into pots.



Other Easter Garden Jobs- Top up mulch on your veggie patches, herb gardens and ornamental beds, especially important for weed suppression at this time of year. A tip is to mulch after watering or after good rains, to a depth of about 7cm. Keep mulch clear of plant stems... especially young seedlings. Choose a low environmental impact mulch, one that will enrich your soil as it breaks down, I like broken down horse poop and hay or well composted chook manure with wood shavings/straw.

Green manure crops, including oats, wheat, fava beans and field peas are good to go now... improve that dormant vegie patch, and get ready for next seasons heavy feeding plants!

Chooks also get into the Easter spirit ... plan now for next years, coloured eggs, for the breakfast table- *Blue, Green, and Pink Layers* - Easter Egger, Araucana. *White Egg Layers* - Leghorns, Silkies, Hamburgs, Sebrights, Polish, Minorcas, Andalusians. *Cream Egg Layers*- Dorking, Faveroll. *Brown Egg Layers* - Rhode Island Reds, New Hampshire Reds, Cochins, Brahmas, Plymouth Rocks. *Light Tan Egg Layers* - Buff Orpington. *Dark Brown or Chocolate Coloured Egg Layers* - Marans, Barnevelders. *Speckled Egg Layers*- Welsummer.

Chook Trivia. A hen's earlobe colour may be a clue as to the colour of egg that she will lay. Hens with white earlobes typically lay white eggs, while hens with red earlobes usually lay tinted or brown, blue, green, and pink eggs!

Chicken Easter Health - Moulting occurs naturally as a response to the decrease in daylight hours that occurs

leading up to the shortest day (winter solstice). It is the time to renew their feathers. Losing feathers and re-growing them is called moulting and occurs every year when the days get shorter. During moult, chickens typically stop laying eggs and use this time to build up their nutrient reserve. If you notice your chooks looking a bit bare and loose feathers (can look like a feather pillow exploded or a fox attack) in the chicken house and run, it is important to make sure your chooks are getting enough protein and calcium in their diet. They use these two essential nutrients more in Autumn to help them grow their new plumage.

Supplement their diet with some or all of the following: • Extra legumes (peas, beans, lentils etc.) • Sunflower seeds • Fish oil or cod liver oil • Daily feed of high nutritional greens such as spinach, silver beet, kale, cabbage etc.

I also like to feed them warm mash high protein grains soaked overnight in water or milk, and warmed up before giving to your chickens each morning, and I like to include a couple of cloves of garlic and a teaspoon of turmeric in the mix to maintain health.

So, whether it's, rabbits or hens, egg trees or bulbs, green or blue eggs, this Easter remember – *Chocolate is the answer, who cares what the question is!*

Remember to watch the stars, breathe deep and sing out loud in the shower.



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Meredith History Interest Group

### Annual Meeting:

You are invited to the Annual Meeting of MHIG on Sunday, April 18 at 1.30 pm. Our guest speaker Cameron Steele has been campaigning for improved environmental flows in the Moorabool River for many years with PALM – *People for a Living Moorabool*. In that time he has learnt a fair bit about the history of the river and also something of the local indigenous people.

### Festivities:

“Residents of the Meredith District were on Saturday night very interested in the display of searchlights from the visiting warships.

One light shone across the township showing up objects quite plainly.

The numerous shafts flashing across the sky were all plainly visible and made a fine spectacle.”

Mounted Constable Young who was on special duty in Melbourne during the fleet festivities has returned to his home in Meredith.”

### From: Geelong Advertiser, July 29, 1925.

The American Fleet sailed into Melbourne in July 1925. The great fleet of the United States Navy was reported to be an imposing spectacle and quietly symbolised the might and power of the great Republic. They came bearing a message of peace and goodwill.

### Open Days:

We plan to organise and advertise some Saturday *Open Days* in the near future when people can call in to discover what we do with Meredith history and what we have collected of Meredith history. You are also welcome to visit on Thursdays from 9 am and we always welcome anyone who would like to help.



### An Inquest of very little information!

The Meredith characters in this story are William Harper, James Moran, blacksmith, Michael Cahir, victualler, Archibald Campbell, sheep farmer, George Croft, contractor, Walter Ward, grazier and Patrick Brady, labourer.

On the evening of February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1902 William Harper was seen on a buggy driving towards Woodburn Creek with Archibald Campbell and Walter Ward.

James Moran rode beside the buggy for 500 yards, William Harper was singing, they were all drunk but not quarrelsome and Archibald Campbell was driving, but sitting on the wrong side

Michael Cahir told the inquest that William Harper had been drinking in his Royal Hotel since 10 am, got two beers for the trip and said he'd drive.

Archibald Campbell had several drinks at the different hotels and with William Harper in the Royal, after which he did not remember anything about driving home or seeing anyone else in his buggy.

George Croft told the inquest he was driving to the Wellington Mine and that he found a parcel containing salt herrings and a pair of spectacles and a hat on the road about 1½ miles from the Railway Gates. Soon after finding the articles Mrs Brady informed George that the body of a man named Harper was lying on the road about ½ mile away.

Walter Ward told the inquest he had several drinks, got into Mr Campbell's buggy to go to his home and that William Harper and Mr Campbell were sitting in the front seat and he got into the back. He admits being under the influence of drink and cannot remember any other circumstances, except that he got out about 2 miles out of Meredith and walked to Mr Waterford's house and slept there. He didn't notice if William Harper was in the buggy when he got out. Patrick Brady told the inquest he saw a man lying on the middle of the road near his home and on examination found he was dead. He at once went to Meredith to inform the police.

A registered medical practitioner from Geelong pronounced after the inquest of very little information and an autopsy that William Harper died of concussion of the brain and suffocation from vomiting while unconscious aided by a degenerative condition of the heart.

He was 54 years old. The inquest report does not state what was William Harper's occupation but it seems he enjoyed a drink as his kidneys and liver were enlarged and congested, his heart was distended with fluid and the stomach contained some frothy fluid.





## FROM THE ARCHIVES



### FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR MAUDE.

A magisterial enquiry was held by Mr Heron, P.M., yesterday at Maude into the cause of death of Robert Musty, a farmer, who was found dead on Monday morning in that neighbourhood. The following evidence was taken:—

Mary Ann Musty deposed—I am the widow of the deceased. On the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant at half past six o'clock my late husband left home for Leigh Road in a wagonette drawn by a very quiet horse. He said he would be home by 10 o'clock. He was quite sober when he left. About three o'clock in the afternoon Harry Walshe brought the horse home with the harness on him and the shafts of the wagonette still attached to it. I went along the track with Walshe, and about a quarter of a mile from home I saw the body of my late husband. I lifted his head, and said, "Oh Musty! if you have a breath left in you, speak to me!" I got no

reply, and I then found that he was quite dead. Blood was pouring from his body, and both his legs were broken, and so were his fingers. He was a hard drinker for 20 years, and was 65 years of age, and an Englishman by birth.

Eleanor Biles deposed—I am the wife of Thomas Biles and am the post mistress at Maude. On Monday last, about two o'clock p.m., the deceased called at the post office for letters. He was driving a horse attached to a wagonette and was very much the worse of drink. There were no letters for him and he drove away in the direction of his home. About three quarters of an hour afterwards I saw his dead body lying in a paddock about half a mile from his house.

Elizabeth Johnson, licensee of the Plough Inn, Darriwell, deposed—About two o'clock last Monday afternoon the deceased called at my house, but did not get out of his vehicle. He asked for a drink, and I gave him some whisky in a nobbler glass. I filled up the glass with water. He was the worse of drink, but I had often seen him much more drunk, and then I would not supply him. After he had his drink he drove away. He talked to me for some time, and seemed able to take care of himself.

Robert Pincott, medical practitioner, deposed—I have made a post mortem examination of the remains of the deceased, which are a mass of contusions and fractures, the most important being a fracture of the cervical portion of the spine (or neck), a severe contusion of the right side of the chest, a deep lacerated wound of each groin extending into the cavity of the abdomen. The lower groin was extensively fractured, a lacerated wound over the sacrum (which was fractured) permitting two fingers to be passed into the cavity. Both legs were extensively fractured and the bones comminuted and shattered. The cause of death was shock produced by the extensive injuries described above.

Mr Heron returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

*Geelong Advertiser (Vic. : 1859 - 1929) Thursday 29 January 1885*

*The Plough Inn was in the acute angle at the intersection of Steiglitz rd & Russells Bridge rd.*

*The Maude Post Office was on the west side of Steiglitz rd, not far north of the intersection with Thompson rd.*

*Jan McDonald, Meredith History Interest Group*

## OUR COVER

Our April cover features Meredith PS students Ryan, Jacob and Owen standing underneath an abundant apple tree in the school grounds.

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*Why not share your favourite pics with us? You could make front page news!*



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## Security Alert

Lindy Allinson alerted us to recent thefts in Steiglitz.

Lindy had an email from a friend, and also spoke with a neighbour who alerted her to some information you all should be aware of and asked to PLEASE spread the word on this.

Thieves hit Seal Road (Steiglitz) about 1 month ago...and South Steiglitz Road about the same time.

Signs to look out for - on both your own and your neighbour's properties. Somebody has put your bin (or another item you have to move) across your driveway.





Your gate's open, though you know, when you left, you closed it. Why these two things? The thieves do this because if you remove the bin, or close the gate, then they know somebody is at the property, and they give it a miss. Whereas, if the item isn't moved, they know nobody's been down the drive, the property's probably vacant, and they can steal whatever they want. As a community we CAN put a stop to these thefts. We CAN look after our neighbours. And we CAN catch these thieves.

The police from Bannockburn who attended the recent thefts asked everyone to report anything suspicious asap especially if you get a glimpse of a vehicle. So to all with cameras - keep an eye out, and check your footage. If you've captured somebody pulling the 'open gate or rubbish bin placement trick' then ring them immediately

Stay safe everyone. Stay alert. Lock up whenever you leave.

## Wacky Word puzzles

See how many you can solve.

1 Get it Get it Get it Get it	2 Jack	3 Somewhere 	4 DOOR
5 READ	6 Blood Water	7 Beeeee	8 CANCELED
9 once 	10 Egg Egg HAM	11 Try $\frac{\text{Stand}}{2}$	12 TOWN
13 NI bumpGHT	14 Aid ← Aid Aid	15 Mill1on	16  3.14
17 ice <sup>3</sup>	18 R G O N A C I K	19 Think 	20 GROUND feet feet feet feet feet feet
21 1 KNOWS	22 Big Big ignore ignore	23 RAKEN	24 KNEE light light

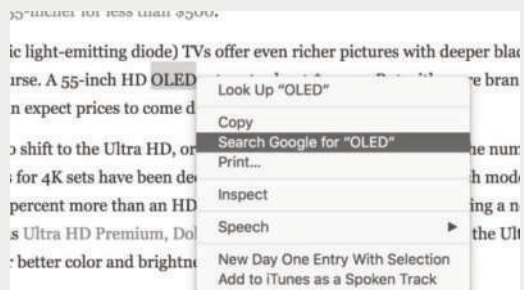
Answers for the Wacky word puzzles can be found on our website. [www.meredithnews.com.au](http://www.meredithnews.com.au)



## TECH TIPS

### Search Google with A Right-Click

Are you ever reading something online, see a term or person you're interested in, and want to learn more? To do it quickly in most browsers, right-click on the term in your browser and choose the "Search Google" option in the menu. Your browser will open a new tab and show you search results on the topic. The feature works in Chrome, Firefox, and Safari. But you won't yet find it in Microsoft Edge.



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## In the School Garden

Our wonderful old apple tree at school has not had a crop for a while but it does give us shade in the hot weather. However, this year, with all the wonderful drenching summer rains we have had, there are apples galore. We don't know the history of this tree but it's been there for many, many years. If your apple tree (or your neighbour's) has generously gifted you fruit this year, try these **Apple Oat Muffins**.

### Ingredients

**2 apples, peeled and finely chopped**

**3/4 cup wholemeal flour**

**1/3 cup olive oil**

**3/4 cup plain flour**

**1/3 cup maple syrup**

**2 teaspoons baking powder**

**2 eggs**

**3/4 cup rolled oats and some extra**

### Method

**Place chopped apples in a large bowl.**

**Add flours, baking powder and oats.**

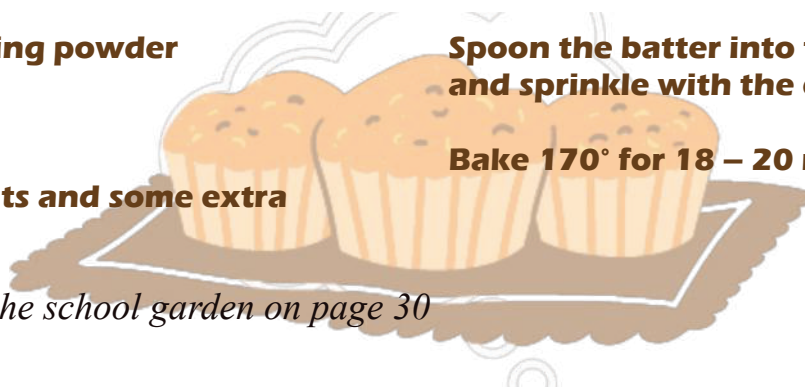
**Mix together oil, maple syrup and eggs.**

**Pour into the large bowl and mix gently.**

**Line a muffin tin with papers.**

**Spoon the batter into the patty pans  
and sprinkle with the extra oats.**

**Bake 170° for 18 – 20 minutes.**



*Find more about the school garden on page 30*

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

April 2021

### Moorabool North Wind Farm

#### Progress to date

Installation of all fifty (50) turbines complete  
 Energisation of substation complete  
 Commissioning of fifty (50) turbines complete  
 Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) Registration complete  
 AEMO Compliance (Hold Point testing) commenced (30MW)

#### Look ahead

AEMO Compliance (Hold Point testing) to continue – increased operations

### Moorabool South Wind Farm

#### Progress to date

Installation of all Fifty-Four (54) turbines complete  
 All access tracks, hardstands and substation complete  
 Energisation of substation complete  
 Pre-Commissioning of 13 turbines complete

#### Look ahead

Road maintenance and repairs will continue as we monitor regularly  
 Ongoing commissioning of turbines

## Information Centre Open



Moorabool wind farm Information Centre at 120 Inglis Street, Ballan is now open weekdays from 10am to 12pm. Please note that the Information Centre will be operating under Covid19 health and safety regulations:

- only 2 people are permitted to be inside the premises at a time, masks are mandatory (unless visitors have a lawful reason not to wear one), and
- visitors must sign in using the QKR code on entry.

Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to welcoming you.

## Community Fund Update

**Moorabool North wind farm community fund - Round Two** will open on the 1st of May 2021.

For all the details on Guidelines, How to Apply, Important Dates and Drop in Help Sessions, please visit [www.mooraboolwindfarm.com](http://www.mooraboolwindfarm.com) community fund page or email [info@mooraboolwindfarm.com](mailto:info@mooraboolwindfarm.com)

## Public Road Resurfacing at Moorabool South Wind Farm

Sections of Mount Wallace Ballark Road and Bungeeltap South Road are expected to be resurfaced in the coming weeks. This may involve road closures and speed reductions along sections of the roads for a period of time.

Further information will be provided on the project website, [www.mooraboolwindfarm.com](http://www.mooraboolwindfarm.com), via email to the online distribution list and to those registered for SMS notifications, closer to the time.

To register, please email [info@mooraboolwindfarm.com](mailto:info@mooraboolwindfarm.com) with your email and mobile details and advise if you wish to receive an email or SMS notification.

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