

June 2021

Meredith & district News



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IT'S ABOUT TIME WE
ROLLED OUR SLEEVES UP.



Here we are again. At the time of writing this column we are about to go into a 7 day lockdown with a disturbing return of the virus.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will be through the worst and returning to normal or what we now call Covid normal. It has been a reminder that we need to remain vigilant and that the systems in place to protect us sometimes fail but on the whole are working, with the contact tracing system vastly improved from last year but vulnerable when there is a large outbreak. Imagine how hard it is to trace and track more than 10,000 people.

It is also a timely reminder to **GET TESTED** if you have symptoms as one of the cases ignored his symptoms for quite a few days and was circulating in the community.

GET VACCINATED

The eligibility requirement have changed significantly particularly in Victoria. There are a number of locations as well as many GP clinics now administering the vaccines. For detailed accurate information it is best to go to the DHHS website.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine>



THIS MONTH...

Heaps to read this month. Go to the inside back cover to discover how the initiative of 2 local boys has achieved an amazing result. Find out about a film screening coming up about the Moorabool River. Our regular contributors, the History Group, Landcare, In Our Nature and many others provide you with information and fascinating insights into our past.



Community

Meredith Senior Citizens

Jim Hynds.

The seniors sat down for their fortnightly lunch on Monday, May 24. We thoroughly enjoyed a two-course meal provided by Kylie Miller and her school group. We had invited Mr Dale McIntyre from Meredith Transit [Meredith Bus Lines] to speak to our group about the tours that his company offers. He is a very humorous gentleman and throughout his presentation he inserted some very funny jokes that had the Seniors laughing vigorously. The information Dale supplied was greatly appreciated and I am sure the Seniors will sit down and organize a bus trip with Meredith Bus Lines. Many thanks to Dale for his great talk.

MEREDITH CRICKET CLUB AGM

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Meredith Cricket Club was held on the 24th of May at the Meredith Recreation Reserve. A good turnout of past and current players reviewed the previous season and voted in the committee for season 2021/22. Outgoing president, Andrew Campbell, spoke of the disappointment faced by the First XI in not winning as many games as they were capable of winning; however the development of the younger players coming through the ranks of the Second XI, plus the addition of fresh blood to the club for next season, will make all sides stronger in future.

The meeting was also attended by newly appointed coach, Eugene Stanciu. He expressed his excitement for the upcoming season, the desire to take the club to the highest level of cricket possible, and the potential in the junior players at the club. It was an opportunity for several club members to meet Eugene for the first time, as well as meeting a star recruit for 2021/22, Chesney Milne.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED

PRESIDENT: Shane Grinter

VICE PRESIDENTS: Craig Young and Damien Brunt

SECRETARY: Kane Hart

TREASURER: Jimmy Hay

MUSIC FESTIVAL DELEGATE: Terry Hart

JUNIOR COORDINATOR: Shane Grinter

PUBLIC OFFICER: Terry Hart

GCA DELEGATES: Shane Grinter and Brendan Wild

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Brendan Wild, Brad Neville, Peter Larkins, Terry Birch.

Congratulations to the incoming committee, and we all hope that the year runs smoothly for you. Thank you to the outgoing committee, particularly those who have stepped down from roles for next season.

Further updates regarding the commencement of training and the season in general will be posted in future newsletters. We look forward to welcoming old faces back to the club next season, and welcoming new faces into the fold.

Cam Boer, outgoing secretary.

Meredith & district NEWS



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Police non emergency	131 444
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Mental Health Advice	1300 280 737
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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, B'burn with School

Fri. 11am St. Joseph's, Meredith

Sat. 6pm St. John the Baptist, Winchelsea

Sun. 6/6 11am St. Mary MacKillop,

Bannockburn

Sun 13/6, 20/6, 27/6 9am St Mary MacKillop, Bannockburn

Sun. 13/6 and 27/6, 11am St. Brigid's, Anakie

Sun 27/6 4pm Sacred Heart, Inverleigh

Sun. 6/6 9am and 20/6 11am St. Joseph's, Meredith

Other Sacraments:

Reconciliation, Anointing, Baptisms, Matrimony, Funerals call: 5286 1230 for details. Sacramental program(Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation): Call for details/ timing/ enrolment.

Worship on Sundays in the Anglican Parish of Inverleigh+Bannockburn+Meredith:

9.00 am Holy Communion St Paul's, Inverleigh

11.00 am Family Communion. St John's,

Bannockburn

5.00 pm Prayer and Praise Epiphany, Meredith

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The Revd Dr Timothy Smith

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What's On



COMING UP

Baby Massage with Tanya

Wednesday June 2 - 10:30 - \$40

Pilates Taster!

Thursday June 10 - 1.15 - 2.15 - 4 Weeks - FREE

Art Class with Marita

Saturday June 12 - 9.30 - 12.30 - \$60 - FULL

WestVic Staffing Solutions

Wednesday June 2 - 9.00 - 12.00 - FREE

Wednesday June 16 - 9.00 - 12.00 - FREE

Pottery with Mel

Friday July 16, 9.30 - 12 - 4 Weeks - \$300

Fermentation with Narelle

Monday July 26 - 10am - \$120

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

Yoga - \$15 per session

Mondays with Ane -5:15

Thursdays with Ane - 12:00

PLAYGROUP IS BACK!

Thursdays - 9.30 - 11.30

\$2 per Family



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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!

The Hub Happenings....

.....From the desk of Leah

With so much going on at the Centre, I thought it a great opportunity to let everyone know what they can look forward to as we head into the latter half of the year – I am really not sure where the first half went!

We welcome warmly, Catherine Frith to the Centre as a Volunteer. You will find Cath in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays! Come in and say hi!

Our Cheese Making Class was an absolute hit. Our participants all left here with smiles and a lot of Cheese! So excited with their wares and Narelle's tuition on Cheese making, they have also booked into her Fermentation course! This one is on July 26 and is filling fast!

What's on in June – There's a lot going on, so pop these dates in your diary!

POWER SAVING BONUS – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE? The Meredith Community Centre is assisting our Community Members in claiming the Power Saving Bonus – this is a \$250 rebate for those people on an eligible payment. All you need to do is pop into the Centre with your Power Bill (either original PDF or hard copy) and your Centrelink CRN or DVA number and we can apply. Give me a call to confirm your eligibility!

WESTVIC STAFFING IS COMING! Jenny from WestVic Staffing Solutions will be in the Centre on June 2 & June 16 from 9-12 to assist with Training in Employability skills, Employment and Training providers, Financial solutions, Health and Wellbeing services and Community Service providers, just wander in, or feel free to give us a call to book.

MICHAELA SETTLE TO VISIT - Michaela Settle and her team are visiting the Meredith Community Centre on Thursday June 7th to help our Community with the Power Saving Bonus as well as listening to our Community members. Drop in from 1.15pm.

FREE PILATES TASTER! – Book into the FREE PILATES taster which starts on Thursday June 10 and concludes on July 1. We are excited to be partnering with Sports Central and the Golden Plains Shire who are funding a 4 week Pilates Class. This 4 week Pilates program will be perfect for beginners to intermediate levels and aims to strengthen muscles, improve core strength, increase flexibility and stability, and improve overall health. Running on Thursdays at 1:15 – 2:15, it also includes afternoon tea – Places are limited!

YOGA is on Mondays and Thursdays – if you are interested in joining Ane, jump onto Facebook and join the Meredith Yoga group. Or give me a call and book a place! It is a BYO Mat and Water group and is just \$15 payable on the day to Ane.

Steady Feet is on Wednesday Mornings at the Community Centre. This wonderful group of ladies will welcome you into their group of exercise with open arms and fabulous balance. Just \$10 per session.

Tai Chi – run here in Meredith on Tuesdays, Bannockburn on Wednesdays and Teesdale on Thursdays, there is a class to suit everyone – you can even buy a 10 pass card to save yourself some money! \$15 a class or \$134 for a 10 week super pass.

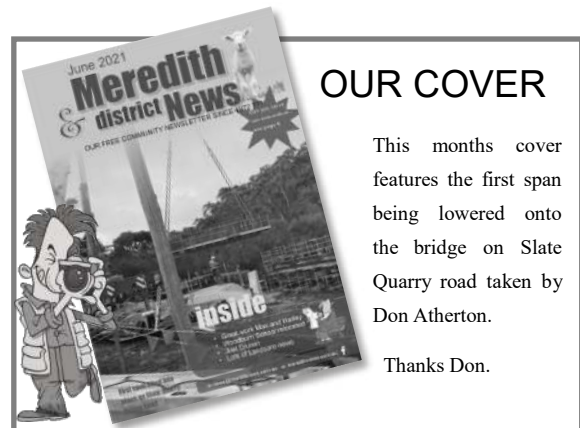
PLAYGROUP – it's BACK!! After a year of Covid fuelled hiatus, it was great to see families coming back to play. We welcome Janina Sharer into the position of Playgroup Coordinator and her little darling Penelope. No need to book, just come on down to the Community Centre at 9.30 on a Thursday and join the fun

IPADS – we still have a few iPads for Loan if you are interested! They come with Data so you can really explore what these devices can do. And I am always here for help! If you are over 65 you are immediately eligible!!

COMING UP – look out for our notices because in July we have coming up Pottery Classes, training for the Defib Machine and CPR, a Pop Up Youth Space, Fermentation and heaps more!

Seniors, get out your diaries because Jane Clifton is coming to Meredith on October 11! More details will follow, but this will be a day not to miss!

So that's it from me for June! Just remember that if you need any help with Centrelink, your device, to book a vaccination online, or just want to chat, come on in! Or, if there is anything you would like to see happening, give me a call or drop in, I would love to meet you!



OUR COVER

This month's cover features the first span being lowered onto the bridge on Slate Quarry road taken by Don Atherton.

Thanks Don.

When?

Jim Elvey

For a long time now, we have been under the impression the Newsletter first saw the light of day in 1972, initially as a school newsletter but soon distributed to the community at large. Indeed, for a long time now, we have proudly announced our longevity on our front page banner.

That would make next year a significant birthday for us, and we met up with representatives of the Meredith History Interest Group to discuss how we may celebrate.

But they put a pin in our birthday balloon with the news that, on evidence, we didn't come into being until sometime later. While it is not yet certain, the consensus is that the school newsletter was the initiative of Laurie Manning, now deceased, who was headmaster between 1976 and 1979.

If you have any information that may help us pin down our beginnings, please let us know.

healthSAVE pharmacy

Bannockburn Pharmacy Newsletter

Proprietors: Scott Wilkes & Damian Bennett

6 High Street
Bannockburn, VIC 3331
Phone: 5281 1519

Be prepared this flu season (Vaccination Clinic)

We now have the 2021 influenza (flu) vaccines available.

Our pharmacists, Scott, Prjit & 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

- \$47 (\$37 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 bookonline 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

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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

Woodburn School

Marg Cooper

In 1934 the residents of the district discussed the need for a school in the immediate area. After a meeting at Fern Hill a request was sent to the Education Department for the Bamganie School building to be moved to Mr A.G. McNaughton's land some five miles away, as the Bamganie school had been closed for some time. The request was refused but the Department offered to provide a teacher if the residents provided a school building and this was agreed to. Mr McNaughton had a one room building erected on two acres of his land, the site approximately one mile west of the original Woodburn Creek School which had closed in 1906 and been removed in 1915.



Mr John Bowman of Meredith built the school and it was opened by Mr Charles Holden M.P. in 1935.

Owing to falling enrolments the school closed in 1946 and the building was used as a hay and store shed until it re-opened in 1953.

A new school portable building shifted from Shelford West replaced the building provided by Mr McNaughton in the early 1970's. Russell Coad remembers that the truck, with the school aboard, came to their farm on the Shelford/Cressy Road to transport a bulldozer for them. The driver asked them if he could unload the school building at their place. They agreed so it was unloaded in their farm yard and used for accommodation for shearers and for storage for over 50 years.

Russell has just donated the building to South Western Restoration Group at Cobden who removed the building last week. They intend to make it into a small chapel. [If you look at their facebook page you will see it being positioned on site at Cobden.]



Breaking News....Coming to Meredith

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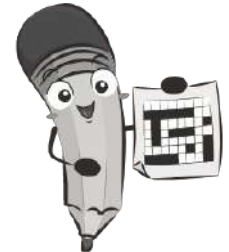
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Another wacky word puzzle for you. Find the answers on our website.



1 Priority	2 <u>WEAR</u> <u>LONG</u>	3 O O P U E T N
4 Rain, Sleet, Snow, Hail, Fog, Sunshine, Humid, Breezy, Cloudy <i>feeling</i>	5 COW	6 HAY HAY Needle HAY HAY HAY
7 GRAVE	8 SLAP WRIST	9 A W A K E
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Just cruisin'

Roy Hay

My wife has had a hankering after tracing the mighty Murray River from source to sea. We have already done a little bit—the mouth and the Koorong—and last year we planned to explore from the source south of Corryong as far as Yarrawonga. But bush fires and COVID-19 put the kibosh on that. We have these Scottish friends from way back, who visit Australia very regularly. They have a daughter and her family on the Gold Coast and when they are 'grand-parented out' they come south to recuperate with us in Bannockburn. So they were included in the plan, but of course their visit fell through as well.

When the restrictions in Victoria were finally lifted, we spotted an advertisement for a four-night cruise on the river downstream from Echuca. The paddle steamer *EmmyLou* was refurbished a year or so before the disease struck, so this was just after they had restarted for business in February this year. There are eight cabins on board. They are small, but fitted with en-suites and comfortable beds and air-conditioned. All meals are provided by an on-board chef. We had two because a new one was learning the ropes, literally as well as figuratively. The crew were superb—friendly and could not do enough to make our trip pleasant and memorable. Everyone pitched in when embarking and disembarking, while the engineer caught Murray cod when he was not engaged in servicing his immaculate single-cylinder steam engine. They tell me some of the fish have been tagged and if you catch one of them you are rewarded richly since there is a research project under way to trace their movements. The story is that one or two cod get so big they have gravel rash on their bellies and sunburn on their backs!

Our trip included a visit to Restdown winery just over the border near Barmah. The young couple who run it have gone completely organic. No pesticides, no artificial fertilisers and they are restoring the productivity of the land by methods that owe something to modern agricultural science and Aboriginal practices. All this was explained and demonstrated to us, followed by a meal and wine

tasting of their own vintages. En-route to and from the winery we encountered the Cadell Incline. I had never heard of this and it has nothing to do with our star cyclist. Rather it was a geological uplift which changed the course of the River Murray some 65–45,000 years ago.

The last night of the trip we had a barbeque on shore, which included a presentation by another local enterprise, started by a couple of backpackers who could not find traditional English pork pies of sufficient quality, when they travelled around Australia. So now they make them and haggis as well, which suited this Scot admirably. It was interesting and encouraging to see the ways in which local businesses interacted and supported each other as they struggled to cope with COVID and its aftermath.

The barbeque was followed by folk singing and a poetry competition with the subject as the Murray in which most people participated with entries ranging from doggerel to some quite good and ingenious efforts. Just to get them started I told them Matt McGinn, the Dundee Ghost's Ballad of the big Effen bee, which seemed to go down well.

Our fellow travellers were all of our vintage, good company, interesting careers and backgrounds. Meals were served on the afterdeck, which made complete sense since we did not travel as fast as our smoke, which blew ahead of the boat. We visited the weir at Torrumbarry, where the pelicans were sitting at the base of the fish ladder waiting for their lunch, and berthed overnight at Perricoota station. We had a trip on the Kingfisher, a flat-bottomed boat, through the narrows near Barmah, seeing lots of wildlife—swimming snakes, a wide variety of birds and several animals.

On the Friday morning when we disembarked in Echuca and retrieved the car from where it had been stored by the boat company, I had to do a quick return to the Shamrock Hotel to take part in an episode of the Australian edition of *Who do you think you are?* I only had small bit part to hand over some historical documents to the star of the show. It was good fun working with a group of real professionals in front of and behind the cameras. I can't tell you who the star was having signed a contract to that effect. Mind you, if you happen to watch the show and blink you may well miss my contribution completely.





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The Jack Powles Memorial Trotters Handicap.

Marg Cooper

There were emotional scenes at Geelong Harness Racing Club on Wednesday night, April 28 as Bob Kuchenmeister, won a race struck in honour of his late great mate.

Kuchenmeister prepared square gaiting mare Leanne Leeann to claim her sixth career success with a tough front-running display in the Jack Powles Memorial Trotters Handicap.

Peter Blacklock of Meredith and Michael Cole formerly of Meredith, both great friends of Jack Powles sponsored the race in Jack's memory. Peter said that the horse was named after Jack's daughter Leanne and his daughter-in-law Leeann and that it was a fairy tale finish.

Leanne Leeann is by Danny Bouchea out of another mare Powles bred by the name of Possum Point, who Kuchnemeister trained for the final ten starts of her career.

The horse had recently been sold to Brooke Sadler but is still trained by Bob Kuchenmeister.

Friends and family of Jack Powles, a passionate harness racing man and successful breeder, were on track to witness the result of the Jack Powles Memorial Trotters Handicap Race of 2570 metres, which was made even more special by the fact that he bred the five year old winner, Leanne Leeann before his passing.

The 81 year old trainer and driver said it was special to win a race in Powles Honour and he paid credit to the mare for her performance. He said that they raced from the front and she did a good job. There were lovely scenes on the track post-race with family and friends posing for photos with the horse who carried the winning rug.

All the Powles girls [his daughters] were there and a couple of their husbands. Jack's wife Carmen came out on the track with tears in her eyes and was smiling.

Some of this report from thetrotts.com.au.

French Apple Quince Tarts

Prep & cook time 40 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 sheet butter puff pastry
- 50g quince paste
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 small apples, peeled

Method

Preheat oven to 200 C. Line a large oven tray with baking paper.

Cut four 11cm rounds from pastry; place on the tray about 3cm apart. Heat paste with the water in a small saucepan until smooth. Brush pastry with some of the quince mixture.

Quarter and core apples, slice thinly. Overlap slices on pastry. Brush apples with a little more quince mixture. Bake about 20 minutes or until pastry is crisp and apple is tender.

Serve with vanilla ice cream.

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

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From the Mayor



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Cr Helena Kirby

At Council, we recognise that local people are the experts when it comes to their own communities.

It's important for residents to have their say on the things that impact them, and I am pleased that so many community members have shared their feedback and thoughts through our numerous engagement opportunities so far this year; from the recently closed engagements on the Draft Council Plan and Draft Budget, to the Three Trails Project and the name of the new Inverleigh play space.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the various surveys and feedback forms.

Of course, engagement is not a one-way street, and it's so important that you know what happens to your feedback once a consultation closes. That's why we've recently launched Engage, our monthly engagement e-newsletter, featuring updates on previous projects as well as information on our current surveys, workshops, conversation posts and community reference groups.

I encourage all community members who want to stay in the loop on consultation projects and opportunities to sign-up to our Community Engagement Register to receive this new email publication. To sign-up, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/community-engagement-register or email communityengagement@gplains.vic.gov.au.

Let's keep our conversations going on how we can all help to make Golden Plains Shire a better place to live, work and visit.

Contribute to Council's Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy.

The Golden Plains Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy 2022-2026 will build on Council's current commitment to developing, strengthening and celebrating local arts, culture and heritage in our communities. There are several valuable ways to get involved with creating the Strategy:

Complete the survey by 16 June: online at Council's website or collect a paper copy from a Customer Service Centre

Attend a workshop:

Wednesday 16 June 10am to 12pm: Meredith History Centre, 31 Staughton Street, Meredith. Theme: History

Friday 18 June Online Zoom Workshop. Theme: Creative Communities

Space in the workshops is limited and registration is essential. To register workshop attendance, please call 5220 7109 or email

communityservicesadmin@gplains.vic.gov.au.

"the River Moorabool"

World Premiere

Ian Penna

A film promoting more water flows for the Moorabool River will have its world premiere in Ballarat at the end of June. There will be another launch in Geelong during early July.

"the River Moorabool" was made by People for A Living Moorabool (PALM) and Sheoaks Films. It features local landowners, scientists, and healthy river advocates, as well as a spectacular and wide-ranging views of the Moorabool river valley and catchment.

Cameron Steele, the coordinator of PALM, says that the health of the Moorabool River and its wildlife are being damaged because so much of the river's water is taken for human use or not allowed to get into the river.

"By the time, the Moorabool reaches the Barwon at Geelong, about 90% of its original natural flow has been trapped in water authority reservoirs and farm dams, and taken from groundwater."

"the River Moorabool" explores the consequences of this dramatic demand for the catchment's water, especially in the face of climate change. Interviewees call for alternative water supplies for Ballarat and Geelong to reduce the pressure on the Moorabool so more water can flow down the river. Cameron Steele wants investigation of: the recycling and reuse of urban run-off and waste water; and, desalination.

The film encourages citizens to 'get stropky' and tell their politicians that ruining the Moorabool is not acceptable.

You can watch the official trailer for "the River Moorabool" on the internet @

<https://vimeo.com/349830144>

The PALM website is @ <http://mooraboolriver.org>

"the River Moorabool" will be shown in:

Ballarat on Saturday 26 June from 7pm

at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute, 117-119 Sturt St, and

Geelong on Saturday 3 July from 7pm

at the Peter Thwaites Lecture Theatre,

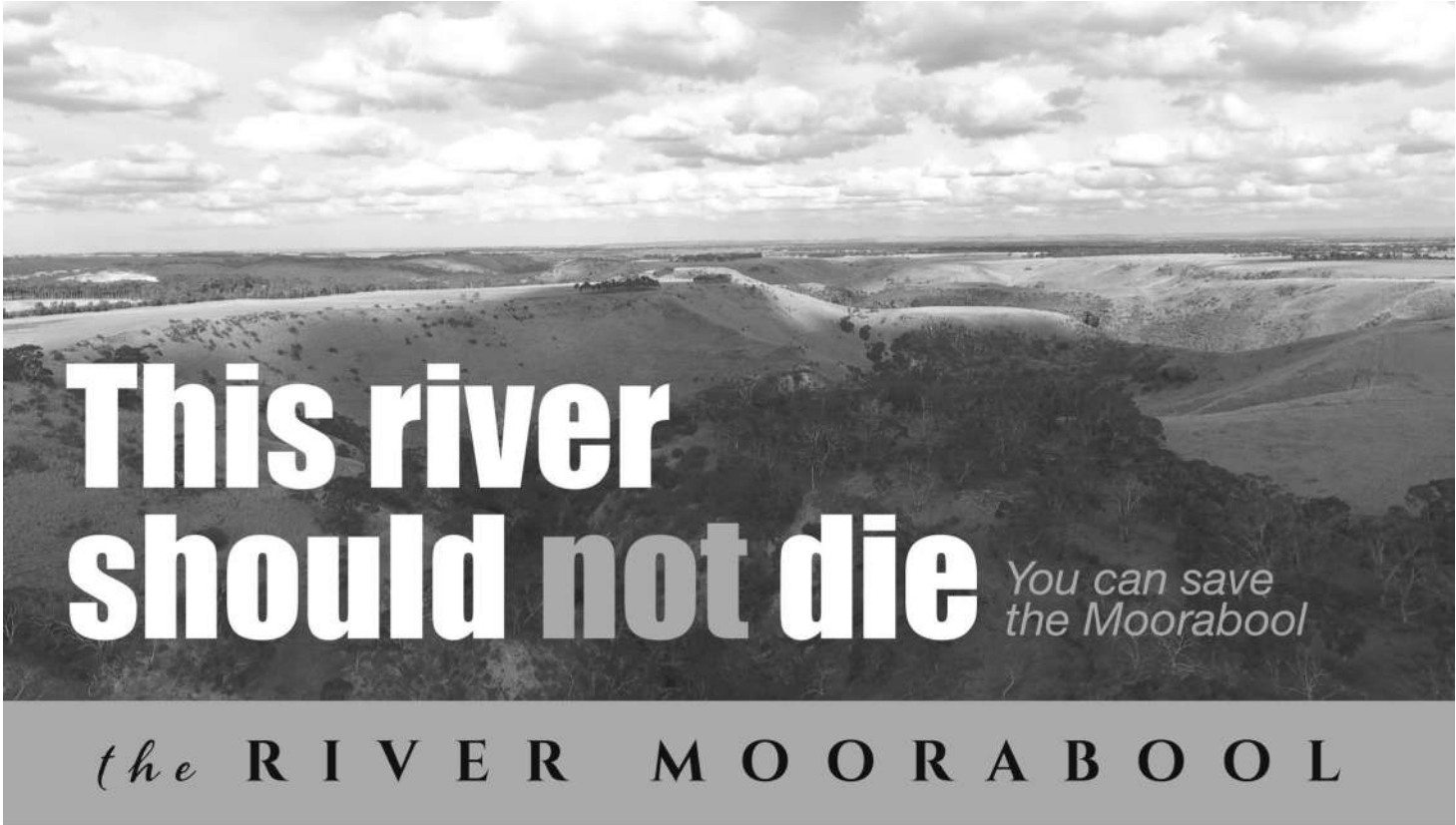
Deakin University, Waurn Ponds Campus.

Tickets (\$16.50 each) are available from Eventbrite – see eventbrite.com.au or scan the Ballarat or Geelong flow code using your mobile phone:

Each screening of "the River Moorabool" will be followed by a panel discussion. Screenings are planned for Bannockburn and Ballan.

Geelong launch





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Come to the launch of

The River Moorabool

and panel discussion to find out why.



Ballarat Launch:

7pm, Saturday 26 June 2021
 Ballarat Mechanics' Institute,
 117-119 Sturt Street, Ballarat

Scan for ticket sales
 or visit eventbrite.com.au



Landcare News

Bamganie-Meredith



Bambra Agroforestry Farm And Yan Yan Gurt West Farm Tour

The clouds parted and the sun shone for the Bamganie-Meredith Landcare Group visit to the Bambra Agroforestry Farm on Saturday 8 May. Participants from the Landcare group were treated to a very engaging and informative tour of the agroforestry farm by Rowan Reid, a nationally recognised forest scientist as well as a farmer and tree grower. Those on the tour learnt about options for integrating specialty timber species within the farm landscape as a way to improve biodiversity, provide shelter for stock, reduce fire risk, while at the same time creating a beautiful landscape. Rowan demonstrated the use of a portable bandsaw to mill timber grown on the property. The timber Rowan is currently milling will be used in an extension to his home. After a sumptuous lunch provided by Maddy McColl, the tour continued to the Stewart's farm Yan Yan Gurt West, to see how trees, shrubs and flowering plants can be integrated into a working farm to diversify income, increase farm productivity, stabilise stream banks, and generally improve the amenity of the farm.

Victorian Landcare Grants Are Now Open

Do you have a project you would like to do to help manage pest plant and animals on either private or public land in our region? Perhaps you have an interest in developing and implementing new or innovative land management practices that will help improve soil health, such as by controlling water movement or increasing soil carbon. Or then again, your interest may be in revegetation on public or private land, with the benefits of increasing biodiversity, providing habitat for birds and beneficial insects, to help with integrated pest management, provide shade and shelter, or just to improve the amenity in the region.

If there is a project you are interested in the Victorian Government now has funding available to support Landcare and environmental volunteering groups and networks. Grants of up to \$30,000 are available for on-ground works, education, and capacity building projects that protect, enhance, and restore our land and natural environment such as native vegetation, native fauna, waterways, wetlands, and soils. While private individuals and companies are not eligible to apply for a Landcare Grant our Landcare group can apply for funding on your behalf. So, if you have a project in mind speak to Nick from the Leigh Catchment Group (04555147398) or Mat (0409862326), or send an email to meredithlandcare@gmail.com. Applications for grants close on Wednesday 16 June 2021.

Landcare Equipment Available

A reminder that the Bamganie Meredith Landcare Group has equipment available for members to help with revegetation projects and weed control. This includes:

Ripper-moulder – to prepare the ground for tree planting

Two 1100 litre spray units with 30m hose for weed control and site preparation.

Poti-puki tree planters

Hamilton tree planter

Long-handled loppers for collecting seed

Contact Rob McColl on 0413 343 128 for more information or if you would like to arrange to borrow any of the equipment.

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



Farming For Our Future

Future Proofing Your Land

Media Release

The Geelong Landcare Network is planning a series of events to introduce land managers to a more ecological way of farming. The series is focused on various aspects of "Farming For Our Future."

The first of these is an online webinar on Tuesday the 22nd of June at 7pm. entitled "Future Proofing Your Land". This is a free forum that can be attended in person or online.

The webinar will explore principles that can be put in place to improve ecological functions on your farm. This forum will feature Dr. Wendy Seabrook, founder and CEO of Learning From Nature, an organisation dedicated to developing better ways of growing food.

Wendy says "I am passionate about learning from and working with nature. It's crazy to ignore millions of years of innovation, especially as nature has carried out the research and development in every climate and soil type on the planet! We need all the help we can get to solve the climate and ecological emergency."

This event is being held at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre 7.00 pm on June 22nd. Supper is provided after the forum where you will be able to chat with a variety of like-minded people. The event can also be attended online as a webinar for those unable to attend in person. All attendees will go in to the draw to win a door prize of a licensed copy of one of Dr. Wendy Seabrook's wonderful publications "Eco-logical Farming Handbook" or "The Eco-logical Gardening Handbook".

This webinar suits large scale farmers as well as those managing lifestyle properties, or if you are simply interested in learning how utilising nature can take us toward a better future.

For further information, please contact Geelong Landcare Network Facilitator, Tim Trottier on 0438 525 502, or by email geelonglandcarenetwork@gmail.com.

Webinar

Future Proofing Your Land

A free online forum on practices that improve ecological functions on your farm.

Commodity prices and seasonal conditions have been as good as they will ever get, but we know this won't last. Now is the time to make changes that will take us into a brighter future.

By improving the ecological functions of our farms, we can:

- Sustainably manage our land in an increasingly variable climate
- Reduce our input costs without losing production.

In this forum keynote speaker Dr Wendy Seabrook (author of the 'Ecological Farming Handbook') will guide us through a review of our farming operations to include our ecological bottom line. Essential information for your future, whether you manage your land for primary production or lifestyle.

Tuesday 22nd June @7pm

either with others at

Bannockburn Cultural Centre

High Street Bannockburn (Next to Fire Station)

Supper provided

or online at home

In both instances please register with Tim Trottier 0438 525 502 or

geelonglandcarenetwork@gmail.com

Dr Wendy Seabrook farms outside Cooktown Qld. and has worked with farmers for over 20 years, supporting the adoption of ecological approaches to regenerative agriculture. Seeing the value of this approach in helping farmers achieve the dual outcome of reducing their costs and caring for country, Wendy featured on ABC Country Hour and Radio National Nights in New Zealand. She was also a finalist in the 2016 Australian Future Agro Challenge.

A free event proudly brought to you by the Geelong Landcare Network



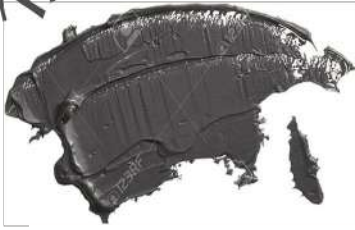
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INGRID BRIODY

Ingrid moved to She Oaks in 2018 after falling in love with the area, its wildlife, birds and wonderful Yellow Gums. Though born in Geelong, Ingrid has travelled the world, living and working in many places both in Australia and overseas. Throughout these experiences three constants have driven her: a love of learning, a passion for art (in particular, sculpture and ceramics) and a desire to engage with and help people. There has also been a connection with the natural world which permeates her work/life and is reflected in the many sculptures, pots and ornamental pieces incorporated into her extensive rejuvenated/renovated garden.

Born in Geelong, Ingrid grew up in a family who owned a wholesale plant nursery which helped shape her love for the outdoors (both for formal gardens and natural environments). From a very young age she was always drawing, sewing, embroidering, colouring and illustrating, renovating furniture and baking - anything that involved design, imagination, being creative and working with her hands.

At school Ingrid always loved and excelled at art. In year 9/10 she had the wonderful experience of living with a family friend for a year in Alaska where she also had the thrill of attending a fine arts camp which had an enduring impact. However, back in Geelong her Careers Teacher advised against pursuing art studies since "It's not a career you'll make money from." Being young and impressionable she listened and chose nursing studies instead. After a couple of years Ingrid realised that the health care industry was not her true calling so, for two years, she travelled abroad to 'find herself' - though her nursing skills were handy in helping to find work and fund her travel! During these two years she absorbed the history and culture of Europe 'because you are enveloped in it and it's everywhere which is quite different to Australia'.

On returning to Australia Ingrid's art journey began in earnest when she began studying a Diploma of Art - Ceramics at the Ballarat School of Mines under Neville French and Mary Rasmussen. Her second year was completed at Chisholm TAFE in Dandenong under Colin Clark, Glenn England and Michael Rigby.

When the course finished Ingrid moved to far north Queensland but the ceramics scene was changing with mass-produced Chinese imports. To support herself Ingrid did a diving course and worked on Great Barrier Reef tourist dive boats. After a year she returned to Geelong (mid 1990s) at a time when it was hard to get work. She wanted to combine art with something else as, at this time, she had been fighting with herself and needed to reincorporate art into her life.

Ingrid completed Certificate IV in Community Services and combined this with her other skills began teaching art to adults with disabilities. She worked at 'Art Unlimited' at the Old Geelong Gaol and became an instructor alongside Cinnamon Francis for the Geelong Waterfront Mosaic Project in 1997 (a circular, eagle eye view of The Bay).

However, and despite enjoying working at 'Art Unlimited', ceramics kept calling so she returned to Melbourne as the Ceramics Technician and Sessional Mosaics teacher at Holmesglen and Chisholm TAFEs. At the same time Ingrid was a sales consultant for Clayworks Australia in Dandenong and co-wrote a series of ceramic classes for Art Teachers in schools. Andrew Cope, the resident ceramic artist at Clayworks, inspired her to return to University in her early 30s. She thrived at Bendigo Campus of La Trobe Uni in her Bachelor Degree in Visual Arts/Ceramics under the tutelage of David Stutchberry, Julia McCormack and Tony Conway. She absolutely loved it, often spending 13 hours a day 'blissfully designing and creating sculpture using hand-building techniques' and getting kicked out by the security guards! She learned how to be organised (as you had to 'fight for the kilns') and learned lots about the processes involved.

Graduating with new confidence and skills, Ingrid moved to Perth for a year to work with world-renowned sculptural ceramic artist, Fleur Schell who encouraged her to take on the lead instructor role in a community mosaic project celebrating 100 years of Goomalling P.S. (in wheat country about three hours north of Perth). It was a wonderful design made with hand-built tiles, 3m high x 8m long, taking many weeks to complete. From here Ingrid returned to Perth working with other inspirational master of techniques, Sandra Black and Jenny Dawson. By now Ingrid had developed a strong reputation of her own as she became art technician at Christ Church Grammar and ran pottery activities and workshops with Scotch College primary students.

Changing family circumstances drew Ingrid back to Geelong where she completed a Diploma of Art Therapy at Chisholm TAFE in Frankston. With this new set of skills Ingrid began working with adults with disabilities using art in a more subtle way through colour as a means of expressing emotions. Whilst it is a counselling tool she couldn't be a counsellor all day every day.

Ingrid believes she always needs to keep learning. Art is not an easy career when you are fighting the norm all the time and you are fighting yourself if you don't. You need to follow your own path. Creativity is

extremely beneficial for one’s mind and soul and despite being told Art would be a fruitless career she has spent many years combining her wide range of skills with art to create a fulfilling career indeed and proved that Careers Teacher’s beliefs were wrong!

Redeveloping her She Oaks garden has been challenging, enjoyable and fulfilling but is nearing completion. Many of her artworks have been carefully incorporated into it but she is now ready for the next part of her creative journey. Ingrid looks forward to the day when she will be able to resume producing hand-built pieces fired in her own kiln and being able to run ceramics classes from there.




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Have You Been to the MCG?

What is the MCG? Our MCG isn't the Melbourne Cricket Ground, it's something much more plantastic. It's our name for the Meredith Community Garden. You might have noticed something happening across the road from the Meredith Primary School. You've probably seen the big gates at the front near the school crossing. They were designed and made by Jake and Brodie's dad, Daniel, from Steel Art.

At the beginning of 2020, Linda and Chris from "Hands of Change" asked the question: How do we make our community a better place to live? One idea was to use this space for a community garden and the grade 5/6 students were very happy to be involved and learn about the business skills that would be required. The project is called "Nurturing Young Minds for the Future".

Teams were created to start planning, budgeting, designing and building the garden and then covid-19 arrived and the school moved to home learning. We couldn't attend the program in person so nothing really happened until we came back to school in term 4.

We were fortunate to get grants from the Geelong Community Foundation and the Golden Plains Shire so the garden could, at last, begin. Some garden beds were made, filled with soil and planted with flowers and vegetables.

This year's grade 5/6 students have formed four teams to make ongoing plans for building, planting and managing events so stay tuned for the first team's report in next month's Meredith News.

Is there anything you'd like to know about this project? Call the school with your question and we'll answer it in our next column.

Written by Alex, Ella, Jake, Megan, Shaylah and Violet



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Pushing up through the soil, a white sphere-shaped fungus begins to emerge from the ground. It is made of mycelia, which are the threads of fungus that spread through soil or wood or any other material in which a fungus grows. Over a few days, it continues its journey upwards, lifting a patch of soil and grass, and pushing it aside, until the whole sphere is visible above ground. It is covered in tiny white warts and has a diameter of about two centimetres. Others appear nearby, forming a partial fairy ring. Over the next few days, the sphere enlarges to five centimetres and the warts fall off, leaving a smooth creamy skin, which gradually turns brown. Inside the sphere is white mushroom-scented flesh, which changes to a brown powder as the fungus matures. A hole develops in the top of the sphere, out of which powder puffs when a raindrop lands on it or a passing animal knocks it, giving this group of fungi their name - puffballs. The powder is the spores of the fungus, which drift on the wind to a new location. Only a few will settle in a good spot, where a new fungus can grow. They will send threads into the earth to obtain energy from dead organic matter. When all the spores have left the puffball, a dry skin remains, which will gradually break down. This is all we usually see of the fungus, but underground, the threads of mycelia continue their work of turning organic matter into soil.

Every year, I find these small white puffballs growing among the grass in my garden. Elsewhere, beside the driveway, on the creek bank, under trees, and on gravel road edges are larger puffballs. Some of these are white, but more often they are yellowish-brown, sometimes with a mottled black pattern. The mottled puffballs resemble horse droppings, and are known as horse dung fungi. These larger puffballs have tough skin, which wears away, or cracks and splits open as lobes, revealing the mass of spores inside. In most species, the spore mass is brown, but in some it is dull purple. The spores stick together, so it may take a week or more for rain and wind to disperse them, leaving behind a ragged piece of skin, still held in place by the underground mycelia.

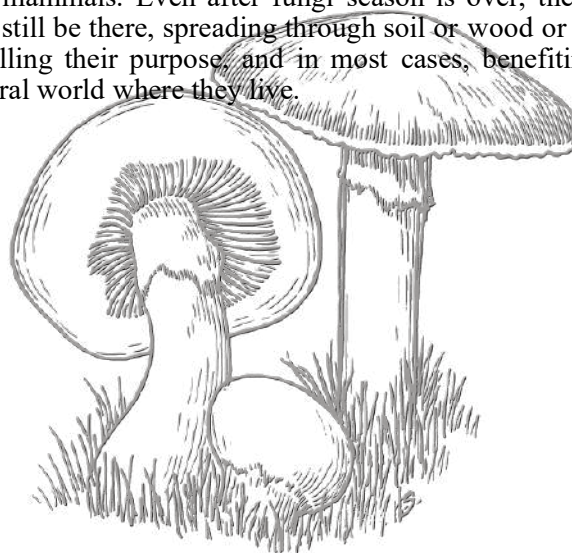
While many mature puffballs are little more than a bag of spores, some have a more interesting appearance. Earthstars have two layers of skin. When they first emerge above the soil, they look like any other puffball. Then the outer layer of skin splits and peels back. This leaves the inner bag of spores, with a small hole at the top, surrounded by the star-shaped outer skin. In some earthstars, the points of the star curl down and push the bag of spores upwards, well above the ground.

Some puffballs grow on stalks. I saw one of the more attractive ones in the Otways, growing horizontally out of an earth bank beside a walking track. Its stalk was several centimetres long and appeared to be made of tough brown strands woven together. On the end of the stalk was the small brown puffball with a raised red asterisk shape around the hole, which releases the white spores.

This was originally covered by a rough brown cap which had fallen off.

Another unusual type of puffball was very common in the Brisbane Ranges after the 2006 bushfire. I found areas of scattered hard brittle white shells. It took a while for me to discover that these were the outer skins of small puffballs, which grow in clusters, and are commonly seen in eucalypt forests after burning. While the underground mycelia are probably present all the time, they only send up puffballs after fires. Their grey spores germinate into threads of fungi, but instead of breaking down organic matter, they join with the roots of recovering plants, and help them to reach food and water.

Over the next few wetter months, fungi will commonly be seen above ground. It is easy to find puffballs and mushroom-type fungi. Of those shaped like mushrooms, most have gills underneath, while others have sponge or pores. Large bracket fungi can be seen on trees all year round, but smaller fungi require more careful searching. If you look, you will find tiny mushrooms, and fungi shaped like clubs, discs, cups, corals, rubbery jelly and maybe even cages or starfish. Like flowering plants, different fungi appear at different times throughout the season. Each has a role to play in the environment. Some break down organic matter, such as wood, leaf litter, dead insects and dung. Many fungi form relationships with plants and help them to grow. A few are parasitic, and live on trees and other plants, or caterpillars, beetles or other insects, feeding upon them and bringing no benefit to their host, often killing them. Many fungi provide food for insects, lizards and mammals. Even after fungi season is over, the fungi will still be there, spreading through soil or wood or insect, fulfilling their purpose, and in most cases, benefiting the natural world where they live.



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Monday, 21 June – Winter Solstice.

May the candlelight always remind us of the sun that is soon going to return.

The winter solstice has been seen as a significant time of year in many cultures and marks the symbolic death and rebirth of the Sun. So, the winter solstice, or the shortest day of the year, happens when the Earth's North Pole is tilted farthest from the Sun.

"Solstice" comes from two Latin words: sol meaning "sun" and sistere meaning "to stand still" because it appeared as though the sun and moon had stopped moving across the sky.

In this way, celebrating the solstice can be a beautiful remembrance that our lives are part of a larger order, always changing, always renewing.

"Winter is a season of recovery and preparation." — Paul Theroux

Probably the most important spiritual meaning of the winter solstice is that this is a time meant to reflect and recreate yourself, and this year I feel I truly need to

celebrate the solstice, to create a space for reflection, a space to regain some balance in our changing spinning world.

So, on Dec. 21. I will honour the solstice by watching the sun set from our little patch of the world and then during an hour of silence, I will keep the lights off, light a candle and embrace the darkness and the silence. Silence is another beautiful way to celebrate the shortest day of midwinter. Reflect the stillness of the day by cultivating stillness in yourself.


A few days prior I like to collect objects in nature, symbols of the changing seasons and then on the solstice build a small shrine of these objects (you can do this as a family each person adding pieces or each person can create their own) by the candlelight as a reminder to my thoughts and reflections made at this time, to help me travel my path in the coming months.

Sharing food afterwards is an important part of any celebration, and is particularly meaningful during the solstice, as it represents faith in the return of the sun and the harvest.

So, I like to prepare a simple meal from autumn vegetables to share with friends or family or cook a dinner to enjoy in the welcome solitude of your own company.

So, if you are feeling disconnected and spinning all around please on the solstice take an hour and sit quietly, by candle light and reflect.

My eager heart aspires, To be a torch, To bear the Spirit's light, Into the dark night, Of a wintry world blessing and blest." ~Rudolf Steiner



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In the School Garden

We are all feeling that winter is on its way. Out in the garden, the mornings are chilly with the occasional frost, and the sunny days close in by mid afternoon. Getting seeds and seedlings into the ground in late autumn means there is still some warmth in the soil to give them a good start.

Nevertheless, growth of winter crops is slower than the summer ones. Garlic planted now will not be harvested till December - a good six to seven months away. Ms Pritchard's Grade 3/4 have put their garlic cloves in one of our wicking beds. Beforehand we had an interesting discussion about tiny cloves turning into large heads of garlic containing many cloves. We also worked out which way to plant them. The Prep/Ones had no such bother with their broad bean seeds, any way will do but, with garlic, the flat end goes down and will develop roots and the little pointy end faces up and will soon develop a green shoot. Lily asked what would happen if a clove was planted upside down. No one knew the answer to that so how could we find out? We tried planting some cloves upside down and will wait to see. We'll let you know how our experiment turns out in a future edition. The children wanted to keep track of their garlic (is there a little bit of competition going on here?) so a named icy pole stick was put in beside each clove. Gardening can be an excellent lesson in patience and observation of the passing of the seasons. The children all know that it will be just before the Christmas holidays before they can munch into their garlic bread.

Meanwhile, Savannah and Lila have been doing some careful weeding around the broad bean plants. Some weeds are dug into the beds. As long as they are not seeding, they are a source of nutrition and are good for the soil. Some must be given to our school chooks who eagerly await these treats and produce excellent eggs

with wonderfully golden yolks.

More garden beds can be found at the front of the school around our flag pole. This was planted by the students some years ago with Gallipoli roses and rosemary. With all the rain we have had, the deep red roses have bloomed magnificently and the rosemary grew so much it was time for quite a big chop. Out came the hedging shears and there was much effort put into getting an artistic shape into the bushes. The roses await their own winter pruning. The four beds here are edged with bluestone to match our beautiful, old, bluestone building.

Gardening can be a wonderful opportunity for sharing. Not only an abundance of crops, but seeds and seedlings as well. One of our school families gifted us some rainbow chard seedlings and a friend of the school gave us some giant garlic cloves which we planted alongside our usual smaller ones. One young child asked if they could take a marigold bloom home for her mum for Mother's Day, and the trees and bushes around the school provided vases of blooms for the special activity morning celebrating the women of Meredith Primary School. Gardens provide much happiness at school and we love spreading this joy around.

In case you have a few green tomatoes hanging onto your bushes and don't have enough for pickle making, have you tried fried green tomatoes? This is a very easy and tasty dish: slice the green tomatoes thickly, dip in flour then beaten egg and finally breadcrumbs. Shallow fry in oil. These have a very slight bitter taste and pair well with something sweet like mango chutney, tomato relish or even a daub of tomato sauce.

Have fun in your winter garden rugged up in coats, beanies, gloves and gumboots.



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Non-voters urged to act.

If you have received a Penalty Reminder Notice you risk further action

Media Release

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is urging Victorians who have outstanding non-voting fines to take action before the matter is referred to Fines Victoria. Only a small number of Victorians who failed to vote in the 2020 local council elections will be receiving a Penalty Reminder Notice from this week, which carries an additional fee of \$25.80.

Electoral Commissioner, Warwick Gately, advised recipients of a Penalty Reminder Notice to act as soon as possible.

'If you receive a Penalty Reminder Notice in the mail you need to take action,' Mr Gately said. 'Do not ignore the notice, or your details will be provided to the Director of Fines Victoria for further enforcement action.'

Non-voters have 28 days to respond to the Penalty Reminder Notice. The VEC encourages people who are unsure what to do, to call 1300 551 575 or visit vec.vic.gov.au/voting/fines-and-reviews.



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We should introduce you.

TECH TIPS



Top keyboard shortcuts everyone should know

Using keyboard shortcuts can greatly increase your productivity, reduce repetitive strain, and help keep you focused. For example, to copy text, you can highlight text and press the Ctrl+C shortcut. The shortcut is faster than moving your hands from the keyboard, highlighting with the mouse, right-clicking, selecting copy, and returning to the keyboard.

Below are the top keyboard shortcuts we recommend everyone memorize and use.

Ctrl +C and Ctrl+Insert will copy highlighted text or a selected item.

Ctrl+X. If you want to cut an item instead of copying it, press This action removes the text or item and stores it in the clipboard, rather than copying it to the clipboard.

Apple computer users substitute the Ctrl key for the Command on their computers.

Ctrl+V and Shift+Insert will paste the text or object that's stored in the clipboard.

Ctrl+Z will undo any change. For example, if you cut text, pressing this key combination will undo the cut. These shortcuts can also be pressed multiple times to undo or redo multiple changes.

Ctrl+Y would redo the undo.

Ctrl+F opens the Find field, which allows you to search the text currently displayed in any program that supports it. For example, Ctrl+F can be used in your Internet browser to find text on the current page. On Apple computers, use Command+F to find.

Ctrl+G may be used to repeat a search (from using Ctrl+F) in a document or on a web page.

Alt+Tab switches between open programs moving forward. For example, if you have your browser window open and other programs running in the background, press and hold Alt, then press the Tab key to cycle through each open program.

Note

The following shortcuts are for PC users only and do not work on Apple computers.

Ctrl+Backspace deletes a full word at a time instead of a single character.

Holding down the Ctrl while pressing the left or right arrow moves the cursor one word at a time instead of one character at a time.

Ctrl+S

While working on a document or another file in almost every program, pressing Ctrl+S saves that file. Use this shortcut key frequently when working on anything important in case of an error, lost power, or any other issues causing you to lose work since the last save.



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Marg's BOOK REVIEW

The Great Escape from Woodlands Nursing Home by Joanna Nell.

This light but serious book is very insightful. Suggesting that aging is inevitable if you are lucky, it shows that we do age in body but stay young in our mind. It explores how, even at a late age, we can discover things about the world and ourselves and it is possible to find new love and hope.

Many older people eventually enter aged care facilities or are coerced into them by children or the health care system. Life in such facilities can be institutional and mundane. Aged care facilities can be boring and extremely monotonous places to live with a regimented schedule, tight budgets, endless cups of cold tea and don't mention the food. But in this book the characters lobby for more flexibility to accommodate individuality and they are helped along by Sister Bronwyn, the night nurse who founded 'The Night Owls'.

Two of the residents of Woodland Nursing Home, Hattie Bloom and Walter Clements, seem to have only one thing in common, neither of them wants to be there. Hattie lived alone and was independent until she fell from a ladder and broke her hip after which she was admitted for rehabilitation. Walter is just waiting until he can take charge of his new mobility scooter and then he is heading home. Walter who sees himself as a comedian is too brash and too loud for the very reserved Hattie.

Hattie and Walter officially meet at 'The Night Owls', a clandestine club run by Sister Bronwyn and her dog, Queenie (The residents meet at night because most of the old people don't sleep long during the night and Sister Bronwyn organizes activities related to their interests - for example, a former banker counts money.) They are at odds. But when Sister Bronwyn is dismissed over her unconventional approach to aged care they must join forces and very slowly an unlikely, unexpected friendship begins to grow. They are spirited and socially sprightly and generate some shenanigans including stealing the Nursing home bus to take dying Murray home to see his garden for the last time and using Walter's grandson's phone to film Sister Bronwyn's replacement stealing drugs.

Joanna Nell throws light on some serious themes in a thoroughly enjoyable and emphatic manner. She has done a good job of combining humour and warmth with compassion for the reality, that no matter who or what we were in life, we inevitably become more invisible and less important to the world.

The author studied medicine at Cambridge and Oxford Universities and is currently works as a GP. She has written several character driven books, creating young at heart characters who are not afraid to break the rules and defy society's expectations of aging. We like those sort of characters!

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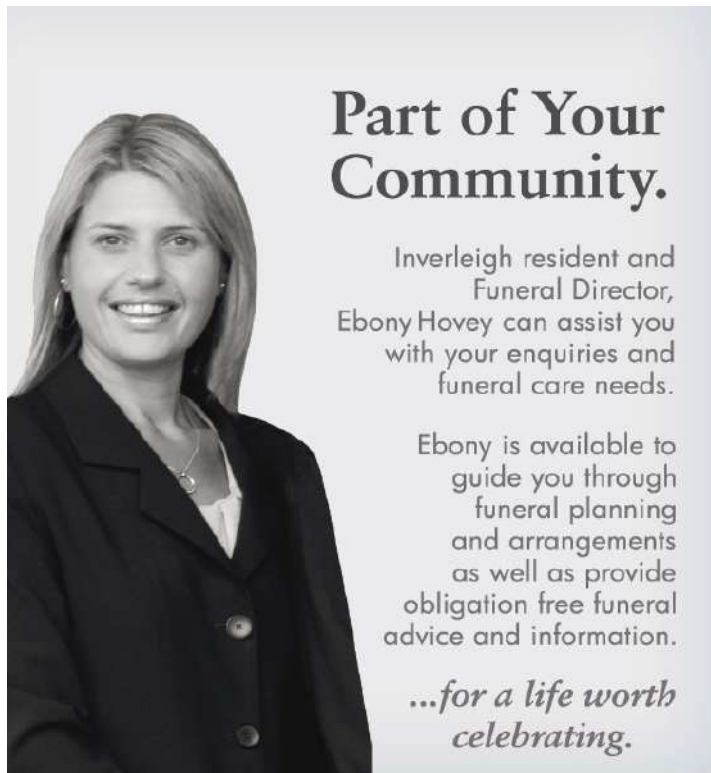
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Constituting a Road Board to be a Shire.

Marg Cooper

The Government Gazette 27, Page 658

“Whereas by The Shires Statute Amendment Act 1870 it is amongst other things enacted that if at any time in any road district, whether single or united, and whether the area be one hundred square miles or less, the total net annual value of the rateable property as appearing by the general rate then last made shall have amounted to or exceeded Twelve thousand pounds, it shall be lawful for the Governor, if it shall seem fit, to constitute such district a shire within the meaning of the Shire Statute etc.

The Meredith Road District, which was created by a Proclamation bearing date the second day of June 1863 and was divided into electoral subdivisions by an Order of the eighth day of May 1865, shall be and is hereby constituted and shall be named Shire of Meredith etc.” [The quote has been shortened, thus ‘etc’.]

At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne on the twentieth day of April 1871 in the presence of His Excellency the Governor Sir J. McCulloch and the Honorable William Wilson, Her Majesty’s Commissioner of Railways and Roads for Victoria gave the necessary directions. The Clerk of the Executive Council, J.H. McKay signed the document.

On April 29, 1871 the Argus Newspaper reported that the Road Districts of Caulfield and Meredith had been proclaimed Shire.

According to the Victorian Municipal Directories Meredith was proclaimed a District on 30th June, 1863 and proclaimed a Shire on 28th April, 1871. The area was 220 square miles and the net annual value was £12,708 and there were 317 Ratepayers on the Roll.

Cecil Lyndhurst Nugent was the first President of the Shire. He had been elected to the Lands Board on August 9, 1866, again in 1867 and on November 16, 1870. The Councillors were Patrick O’Keefe, William Behan, William Murphy, Thomas Carroll and W.T. Aspinall. Council met at Meredith on the last Wednesday of the month at 10 o’clock. Cecil Lyndhurst Nugent was President in 1872 but William Behan took over the position in 1873 although Cecil Lyndhurst Nugent continued as a Councillor until 1873.

So Meredith was proclaimed a Shire 150 years ago, last month.

In 1915 it was amalgamated with the Shire of Bannockburn.

The Past Presidents and Officers of the Meredith Shire are listed on the Meredith Shire Honour Roll now hanging proudly in the History Centre.

Editors Note

Please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter regarding Cecil Lyndhurst Nugent.

Gorse Management Grants

Media Release

The Victorian Gorse Taskforce (VGT) is calling for project submissions for their 2021/22 community small grants program.

Property managers, their neighbours or local Landcare groups can attract up to \$5,000 in grants to help combat gorse in your local area.

The VGT will support groups, starting from just two landholders, who are genuinely willing to control gorse and keep it under control.

VGT Chair Ron Cosgrave said if infestations of gorse are not controlled, they will continue to get worse. The time to start control is now.

“The VGT grant funding is about helping those who haven’t received past incentives, have old stands of gorse and need more support,” Mr Cosgrave said.

“In a way it’s like seed funding, a way to help landholders get the ball rolling in managing gorse.”

The longevity of gorse seeds can be decades, meaning one year of seeding generates decades of weeding or a lifetime of hard work.

Mr Cosgrave said gorse will also harbour invasive animals such as foxes, cats and rabbits costing you money and impacting on native species.

“Gorse infestations can also reduce land value dramatically and can promote a significant fire risk to your property.”

Interested landholders not part of a Landcare group can come together to deliver a project on their own.

All landholders who receive VGT grant funding must sign up to a three-year voluntary agreement to maintain their control.

The VGT 2021/22 community small grants program will close on 28 May 2021. For more information on how to apply visit <https://www.vicgorsetaskforce.com.au/>.



Erratum

In recent editions of the Newsletter we have had a series of articles about Gorse management. The link in the final article in the March Edition was incorrect and has now been rectified with both an online version and a downloadable pdf of the full four articles. <https://www.meredithnews.com.au/2021/04/28/gorse-control>

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Cecil Lyndhurst Nugent

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Hello Dear Town's folk,

Let me introduce myself, I am Cecil Lyndhurst Nugent, and I was born in 1835. My parents were Walter and Georgiana Nugent (Jenkinson) and my mother was Walter's second wife. I was baptised in Paris and a scholar at Charterhouse Middlesex (a private boarding school which was one of the original great nine founded in 1611). My father, Walter was a Barrister based in Dublin but had worked as a diplomat with my siblings being born in many countries in Europe. Later he received the title Baron of Austria.

So, you may be wondering how, I ended up here in Meredith in 1862. Well, a gentleman does not kiss and tell, and I prefer to keep my past just there in the past! Suffice to say I was tired of living an idle life and with my funds decided to invest in the township of Meredith. I purchased land section 9 the entire block between Read, Lawler and McLeod streets, 1 acre 1 section 8 lot 1 and 10, and 2 blocks in section 7 lots 1 and 10.

As a householder in November 1862, I was one of 10 inhabitants who petitioned to form the Meredith Road Board. At this time, I was also involved in the Hunt and the Racecourse and I was the secretary of the Meredith Races.

In 1865, I married Martha Gosling in Buninyong and went into business with her brother Joseph Gosling, as landlord of the Royal Hotel. Some may have been looked upon as a somewhat a strange decision for me, but I thrived in my new position and made our hotel the resort of gentlemen from Melbourne, Geelong, and Ballarat. I prided myself on providing a good day's shooting especially during the snipe and quail seasons.

I continued with council activities and was heavily involved in local issues and committees.

In 1865 I purchased the Meredith Road Board building from Mr Conley and leased it to the Meredith Road Board and 1866, I was elected to the Cemetery Trust and to the Meredith District Road Board.

From 1867 to 1870, I was the towns Postmaster (wages £ 70 per year) and was thanked for my uniform urbanity and attention to my job, in 1867 I inadvertently became involved in a town pub vs post office scandal, by a townsman who held a personal animosity towards me.

In 1868 we purchased the Royal Hotel after leasing it for the past 4 years and then in April 1871, I was proud and honoured to be elected the first Shire of Meredith President. I tried to always have a kind word for all, and I became a sort of legal adviser and helper to many Meredith residents.

Although Martha and I unfortunately were not blessed with any children, I still sat on the early school committees.

One of my other great passions was coursing/racing and importing of greyhounds including Wellington, Wallace and other varieties sent out to by Lady Southampton – my sister.

I remained as a Councillor till 1874 when Martha, Joseph and myself decided to sell up in Meredith and head to the seaside climate of Queenscliff to run the Royal Hotel there.

The townsmen held a going away banquet for us and I was touched by the good wishes especially from those who travelled from Ballarat and Geelong.

I certainly look upon my time in Meredith as one of great achievement and hope that my time and services benefits the township of Meredith in the future.

What Cecil did not let on in leaving Meredith was that he was unwell and six months later, during which time he had been slowly ailing, Cecil L Nugent died aged just 40. His death occurred on July 18, 1875 and his funeral was held at Queenscliff and was later buried at East Geelong cemetery. He left an estate of 820 pounds to Martha Nugent as administrator. However, debts exceeded assets by some 300 pounds. His Death Notice was sent to The London Times.

If you have enjoyed reading about Cecil and would like to hear the stories of other publicans,

(William Watson, Martha Gosling Nugent, Edward Healy , R H O'Neil) and to learn about history of the Pubs of Meredith, then come along to the 'Pubs & Publicans of Meredith 1840-1960 ' book launch on Sunday 27th June 1.30 pm at the Memorial Hall.

All welcome.

Kerrie Kruger

Back Copies Wanted

- Has anyone got any copies of the Meredith Newsletter pre-1980?

A discussion was held last week about the history of the Newsletter and several participants believed that the Newsletter was started by Laurie Manning when he was Head Teacher at Meredith State School. He started at Meredith in 1976 and was Head Teacher until 1979. It is believed that the Newsletter was started to inform children's parents about activities at the school but became popular and developed into a community Newsletter.

If anyone has early copies, even if it is one page reporting on a cricket match you took part in or a daffodil you won a prize with, we would love to see it. If anyone can tell us about the early days or has proof of when it began, we would love to listen and see.

The Meredith History Interest group has most copies from 1980. Some of these issues do contain information about collecting articles, typing copy, printing, editors, contributors and so on but the absolute beginning is somewhat of a blur, recalled only in hazy memories.

Please help with copies of early issues, contacts with anyone who may know or share your clear or hazy memories!

the autumn rain report

Thanks to May or, more specifically, thanks to the 4th May when over 50mm fell, this last autumn has put on a good show, with 9% more rain than the long term average for the season. This even pushed us above average for the last 12 months, albeit by a mere 2%. That's something of a rarity in recent years.



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Meredith History Interest Group

Meredith:

Recently Mr and Mrs Meredith visited the History Centre. He originally came from Manchester in England and she came from Sri Lanka. They told us that Meredith is a Welsh surname and a common name in Wales.

Who Do You Think I Am?

Keep looking in the new cupboard in front of the History Centre because the images will be changed often. We invite you to Open the Doors to Unlock the Past. You will meet someone from the history of Meredith & District.

Tree Crash:

We had discussed what should be done about the big, dead deciduous tree in the yard behind the History Centre building but the discussion usually ended when cost was mentioned. On a Tuesday morning in late April after some overnight rain, the tree crashed to the ground just missing the bluestone building but damaging the veranda on the outside shed. Thanks to all who helped to cut the tree up and clean up the debris on Saturday, May 15. Some firewood, some kindling, some blocks and some slabs resulted, all put to valuable use.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Teeth Frozen in Ice

Jan McDonald, Meredith History Interest Group

Several letters have been received from Meredith residents who are in NSW for the shearing season. A well-known footballer writing to a Meredith friend states that the frosts down here are nothing to be compared to those of the northern district. He had an exciting experience one night. When going to bed he left his artificial teeth in a cup of water and in the morning when he went to get them was surprised to find the water in the cup was frozen and his teeth were in the middle of a piece of ice.

From: Horsham Times, Friday, August 21, 1925.

Another contingent of men bound for the shearing sheds leaves Meredith this week. Among the men are Mr C. Mooney and _____, prominent members of the Meredith Football Club.

From: Newspaper, August 12, 1925.

THE COMMITTEE OF MEREDITH HISTORY INTEREST GROUP INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

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'Bringing History Alive' Project
Meredith History Interest Group

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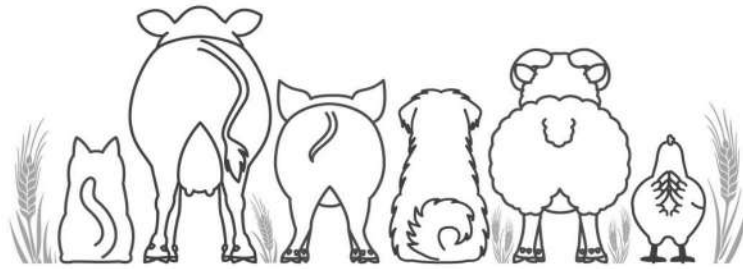
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New bmx Track And Skate Park Upgrade For Meredith

Media Release

Young people in Meredith will benefit thanks to the Victorian Budget 2021/22 providing \$420,000 for Golden Plains Council to construct a new BMX track and upgrade the skate park and playground.

Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle today announced \$420,000 will be invested to upgrade the existing skate facility in Meredith, the creation of a new BMX track and upgrade the play space.

The project will activate the Meredith Recreation Reserve with safe and compliant active recreation and play facilities, and improve recreation opportunities for residents and surrounding areas, particularly young people.

The current skate park is made of old metal elements and there is currently no BMX track provision in Meredith. The existing play space at Pioneer Park is underutilised and recommended to be moved to a more prominent and visible location, co-located with other facilities.

The push to upgrade the skate park and construct a new BMX track started with Harley Murfitt, a local former Meredith primary school student, who last year worked with other students, Meredith Primary School Principal Trotter and local police officer Craig Malthouse to design the facility.

Golden Plains Shire supported the initiative with the Andrews Labor Government fully funding the project. This builds on the more than \$1.05 billion that the Victorian Government has invested in community sport and recreation infrastructure since 2014.

Quotes attributable to Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle

“It’s fantastic to see that a project initiated by Meredith primary school students will be brought to life thanks to \$420,000 from the Victorian Budget.”

“Skate Parks and BMX tracks are a great outlet for young people, they encourage both physical activity and strong social connections which will bring great benefit to the whole community.”

“I want to thank Harley, Meredith school principal, local police officer and Golden Plains Shire for backing in the idea to update recreational facilities for young people in Meredith.”

Quotes attributed to Mayor Cr Helena Kirby

“Golden Plains Shire Council is proud to have supported and encouraged local young people to bring their idea to life. We thank the Victorian Government for its commitment to build a new BMX track and upgrade the play space and skate park in Meredith.”

“For a number of reasons, young people from rural areas can experience increased rates of isolation and loneliness. Community assets like those we will build here in Meredith provide valuable opportunities for young people to be socially and physically active which we know contributes to healthier, happier and better-connected young people.”

William Reid at Woodbourne

Marg Cooper

Continuing the story of William James Reid at Yancannia Station, NSW.

Reid joined in a partnership with Thomas Shaw which ran for 18 years before July 1895 when the property was sold to Thomas Shaw. It is believed that Yancannia included about 1,000,000 acres.

By the year 1900, 190 of the 300 stations in the Western Division were officially in the hands of creditors (due mainly to prolonged drought). The registered leaseholder of Yancannia was the Union Bank of Australia. In most cases the owners or managers were left in the homesteads to carry on.

In 1902 Thomas Shaw was named as mortgagor. The rent which had been £1/6/8 per square mile was reduced to 17/6. The carrying capacity in 1895 was deemed to be one sheep to seven or eight acres was now set at one per 9.5 acres.

In 1916 the Shaw Bros agreed to sell Yancannia Station to Sidney Kidman and Augustin Fearon for £80,000.

The advent of Sidney Kidman marked the end of an established order. Yancannia was among the last of the great West Darling properties left in private hands. [Several books have been written about Sidney Kidman including Kings in Grass Castles.]

The leases which Kidman held were due to expire in 1946 but continued to be held under permissive occupancy for two years while arrangements were made to subdivide.

In May 1948 the Minister of Lands invited applications for the tenancy of sixteen blocks ranging in area from 80,000 acres to 180,000 acres. Seven of them covered Yancannia and many of them were essentially the original paddocks, adopting their names and often utilising existing fences as boundaries. The name Yancannia was retained in the homestead block of 116,000 acres. The improvements were simply listed as Homestead, woolshed, hut, scour, two tanks, dam, yards and fencing.

Each block contained one or more tanks/dams or bores and already had on it if not a home at least a hut and usually yards as well.

Lachie Day described how his grandfather, S.F. Day, balloted for Calindary in the 1940’s. Kidman told him to take a dray, fill it with as much furniture and other goods as he could fit on the dray and take it. The station today, of about 120,000 acres, is run by Lachie and Hayley Day and their two sons Max and Oscar. Lachie’s sister and her husband are next door on Alandry Station, which was also a paddock of Yancannia.

In the summer of 2018 Eliza Emmlin registered an interest on Facebook to work as a governess. Hayley Day contacted her and as a result Eliza set off, at the end of January with her father and brother tracking behind, to the great outback. She loved it all, the job, the family, the outback and the social life despite the huge distances that had to be travelled. After three years on Calindary when Max went to Secondary School she started another adventure, working for the Flying Doctors out of Broken Hill.



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New BMX Track & Skate Park.

It was a sunny day for exciting news at the Meredith Skate Park today and Mayor Cr Helena Kirby joined Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle MP for the announcement: \$420,000 from the Victorian Government to fund new BMX trails, and upgrade of the skate park and play space.

Last year two of Meredith Primary School students Harley Murfitt and Max Love keen local 12-year-old BMXers, wanted to see improvements at their local skate park. They stormed into School Principal Mr. Trotter's office and said "We need a meeting to get a new skate park." So along with the local police officer Leading Senior Constable Craig Malthouse and after some dedicated and selfless planning from the students their upgraded skate park design was presented to Council, Council awarded Harley and Max Mayoral Youth Awards last year, and advocated to the Victorian Government to make a commitment to the project. The announcement was the exciting next step for making their dream a reality. It was announced that Meredith will receive \$420,000 in funding to build a new BMX track and Skate Park.

Meredith PS community are so proud of their students and can't wait to be a part of the planning and development over the coming months!

The project will activate the Meredith Recreation Reserve with safe and compliant active recreation and play facilities, improving recreational opportunities for young people and their families in Meredith.

Pictured: Mayor Cr Helena Kirby, Meredith Primary School Principal Stephen Trotter and Michaela Settle MP, Leading Senior Constable Craig Malthouse, with local Meredith children including Harley Murfitt (right, front with bike).



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

June 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) completed (75MW).

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 Thirty Six (36) turbines complete.

Look ahead

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

Community Fund Update

Moorabool North wind farm community fund - Round Two is open for applications from the 1st of May 2021 until the 15th of June at 3pm.



For all the details on Guidelines, How to Apply and Important Dates, please visit www.mooraboolwindfarm.com community fund page, call 1800 019 660 or email info@mooraboolwindfarm.com

Drop-in Help Sessions are being held at Moorabool wind farm Information Centre at 120 Inglis Street, Ballan.



Replacement Bridges at Ballan Golf Club – Funding provided by MWF community fund Round One 2020.