

Meredith & district News

AUGUST 2025

OUR **FREE** COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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- Shirley Parkinson's 90th!
- Troffy Runs Out for his 100th.



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inside



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..or start something.

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Meredith - St. Joseph @ 9am Sun. AUG. 10, 24

Bannockburn - St. Mary MacKillop @ 11am Sun. AUG. 3, 10, 17, 24

Inverleigh - Sacred Heart - @ 4pm Sun. AUG. 17

OUR COVER

Our gorgeous front page model is Claudia, one of a Vanessa Galina's herd of Miniature Highland Cattle at Elaine. You can also meet Vanessa, who took the photo, on page xx, where we introduce her new gardening column..



Send us your fabulous photos - you could be front page news!



Meredith Community Centre
working for our community

What's On This Month



Term 3

Village Academy - with Jade & Chiara

Wednesdays

3.30 - 5.00 - Meredith Locals

4.00 - 5.30 - For out of Town Friends

Chill Out Hour Available from 5-6

Prep to Year 9

Goddess Mums & Kids

Thursdays at 2.10 - 3.10

Kinder Kids with Jade - Wednesdays - 2.10 - 3.00

\$15 per session, payable by Term

Chatty Cafe

We are helping our community connect and increase social interactions by getting people chatting

August 26 - 11.30 - 1.30 - Light Lunch

September 16 - 11.30 - 1.30 - Light Lunch

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Haircuts..@ the Centre with Jade

Wednesday August 27 from 9.30am

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OPENING HOURS

MON-TUES - 9-3

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Tai Chi - \$15 per session

Tuesdays @ Meredith with Sandra - 9.15 - 10.15

Wednesdays @ Bannockburn with Desma - 9.30 - 10.30

Gentle Exercise @ the Community Centre for over 65's

Thursdays @ 9.15 - 10.15 - \$10

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PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS

9.30am - 11.30am

\$2 per family

Recreation



Meredith Tennis Club News

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Meredith Royal Hotel on **Wednesday, 6 August 2025 at 7 PM**. We are always keen to welcome new committee members and hear fresh ideas, so if you're passionate about tennis and community, we'd love to see you there. Your feedback and involvement are what keep our club growing and thriving.

Men's Mental Health Hit

Thank you to everyone who attended our first couple of men's-only mental health nights, held on the first Tuesday of every month. The evenings have had positive feedback from participants who had a hit and a laugh while connecting with community. Please remember the purpose of this hit is for men only to catch up. The next session will be held **Tuesday, 2 September 2025, from 6 to 7 pm**. Afterward, continue catching up over dinner and a pot at the Royal Meredith Hotel. It's a great opportunity to connect, unwind, and support one another.

Grading Day

To help form teams and assess players, we'll be hosting our **Grading Day on Saturday, 9 August 2025**. It's a fun and informal event, complete with a free BBQ, and is a great chance to have a hit and meet other players. Whether you're new to tennis or a seasoned competitor, we will find a team for you. And if you can't make it on the day, don't worry—you're still welcome to be part of a team.

Teams for the Geelong competition need to be submitted by 16th August, so now is the perfect time to start thinking about joining, while teams participating in the Buninyong competition have a little more time. The summer competition runs on Saturday mornings from October through to March, with breaks over the Christmas holidays and the March long weekend. Players can choose to compete in either the Geelong Association or the Buninyong and District Association, with a range of grades available to suit all skill levels including Juniors (orange ball, green ball and yellow ball) and Seniors.

BDTA Open Day

The Buninyong and District Tennis association will be having an open day Sunday August 17th 10 am to 12 pm at the BDTA courts, Forest St, Buninyong. There will be representatives from various clubs in the district along with coaches, orange ball demonstrations, ball machines, BBQ and more! If you are interested in playing in the BDTA Saturday competition, come along to find out more and where your local club is!

Spring Competition

Our next social night competition will be in October and will run for 6 weeks. As always dinners will be available and there will be cash prizes for the winners. Registration forms can be obtained from meredithtennis2020@gmail.com

Biggest Morning Tea 26th July 2025

Kym Ivory President AMA

The morning started early to prepare the Hall for the day's activities. **Helen Banks** and **Kerrie Kruger** were the welcoming committee and community members arrived to the smell of food being prepared by volunteers and a room decorated with a Christmas theme. The decorations were organised by **Bev Loveday**. Kitchen duties were handled by **Louise Murray**, her mother **Chris**, and her sister **Anna**. **Michaela** assisted with dishes, waste sorting, recycling, and composting, whilst looking like the 'Elf on the Shelf'. **Meg Hay** also contributed in various ways. The kitchen was a central and active part of the event.

Leah Phillips, Meredith Community House coordinator, emceed the event with humour and trivia, managed the silent auctions, and kept the festivities on track all day.

Mary Foster served as our guest speaker and shared her son Liam's experience with cancer. She provided a thoughtful, moving account of their journey, culminating in a poignant conclusion. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when she finished.

Caitlin Wessner was our songstress and serenaded us with several beautiful Christmas carols, including my favourite, 'Oh Holy Night'.

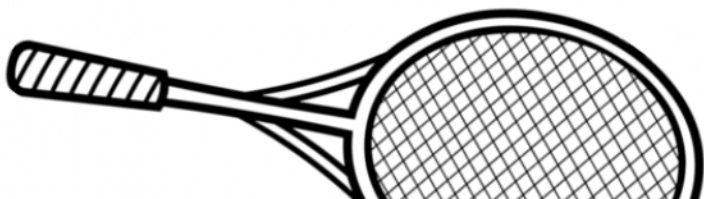
Many members of the local community made valuable contributions through donations of food, items for the silent auction, and more. We are deeply grateful for their generosity.

Through raffles, silent auctions, entry donations, and other fundraising activities, our community successfully raised \$3,007.00—a significant achievement for our township. This demonstrates the remarkable spirit and unity of our residents.

We hope all attendees had a pleasant experience and we look forward to welcoming you again next year.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the **AMA** members for their dedication—attending meetings, collecting goods, shopping, planning, and executing the event. Thank you for your teamwork and commitment; together, we achieved an excellent outcome.

Below, Caitlin Wessner added to the Christmas homage, with some (un)seasonal carols. Photo by Cathie Boer.



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Croc Report

By Mick Devlin



On Sunday the 1st June, the Crocs made the long trek to Gippsland to take on the tigers.

It was a hard slog for the men who made the trip but the Crocs put on a good show but fell just short of the win. A great effort from all the players who made the long journey. The Crocs were never out of the game but could not quite get over the line. Great to see some of our newer players standing up and having a great game. Best for the day were: Crackers, Col, Damo, Sid and Lennon. We also welcomed Wade and James for their first game and first bus trip for the club.

Sunday the 22nd of June saw the Crocs take on one of our favourite teams, Macorna at home. This was a great game and a really hard fought contest. The Crocs have a great relationship with the Macorna team having played together as a combined team in the mini carnival at Shepperton last year, but once we crossed the white line it was game on. Macorna had a few new recruits which bolstered their ranks and in the end the Macorna men just got over the line for the win. Another great day which further improved our great relationship with Macorna. The Crocs also celebrated one of our life members and club favourites, Steven Trofin, playing his 100th game. A great effort from a great bloke. Congratulations Troff and here's to 100 more.

Best for the Crocs: Damo Harwood, Chris Parker, Glenn Upston, Mitch Troy, Craig Taylor and Col Mullane. We also welcomed David Lambert for his first game for the Crocs. Thanks to all the people who helped to make it a great day.

On Sunday the 6th July a very undermanned Crocs team headed up the road to take on a very strong Bendigo masters team. The game was very one-sided but the mighty Crocs never gave up and tried our best to the final siren. It was a disappointing result for the Crocs but we will pick ourselves up, carry on and keep improving each week. We will be recruiting hard for some younger players as most of us are getting on a bit. The minds are still willing but the bodies are slowing down.

On Sunday the 20th July the Crocs took on the Surfcoast sharks at Meredith. The score board finished very one sided in favour of the Sharks but the aging Crocs never gave up and put in a brave effort. A great game and played

in great spirits. As we spoke to a few of the sharks players and the end of the game we all agreed the scoreboard did not reflect the pressure of the game. We welcomed 2 new players in Justin 'Fenna' and Ian Box 'Boxy'. We also welcomed back 3 returning players in Joel Davis, Paul Jones and Vinnie Fantasia. Great to see these blokes back on the field. Paul and Joel have both returned from major knee injuries so its great to see them back out the oval.

Next game is Macorna away 3rd August. We need to get as many numbers as we can so please make an effort to get to this game.

Our final home game for the year will be Sunday 17th August. This will be our Sponsors and past players day where we celebrate all our wonderful sponsors and past players. We will also be celebrating 2 milestone games with Daryl 'Sid' Jones playing his 200th game and John Peterson playing his 150th game. These are great achievements from 2 of the clubs great members. Food will be provided and happy hour rates for drinks. Please pass on to all past players and lets make it a great day



COFFEE

Small	Medium	Large
\$4.50	\$5.00	\$5.50

Cappuccino

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Mocha

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Chai Latte

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Ham, Cheese, Tomato \$5.50

Bacon, Egg Breakfast \$9.00



FRESH SANDWICHES

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Ham, Cheese, Tomato \$4.70

Ham, Cheese, Pickle \$4.50

Egg, Lettuce \$4.80

Ham, Salad \$7.50

Chicken Salad \$8.00

FRESH ROLLS

Salad \$8.20

Ham, Salad \$8.50

Chicken Salad \$8.70



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Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato Sauce

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Steak Sandwich \$15.80
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Bacon, Egg, Onion, Sauce

Chicken Schnitzel Burger \$10.80
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Mayo

Chicken Chili Wrap \$13.50
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Sweet Chili Sauce

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EXTRAS

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Kransky \$3.50

Hot Jam Donuts \$1.20

Chips and Gravy

Small \$6.50

Large \$10.00

Cheese +\$1.50

We are delighted to announce the return of a recipe column. This time it is written by A, Crumble (quite possibly not their real name) who will offer us sweet and savoury treats to inspire and sate our appetites. In this, their first column "A" (surely that doesn't stand for Apple!) is joined by a team of helpers, who also double as taste testers. Why don't you try it, and you too can be the judge.

We warmly welcome Crumble and Co to our pages and trust you enjoy their suggestions. - Ed.

A. Crumble's



Choc Zucchini Slice

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup cacao powder
- 1 cup flour - plain, wholemeal or spelt*
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1½ cups grated zucchini (squeezed of extra liquid)

Icing (optional.) *But note the judges comments - Ed.*

- 1 cup icing sugar
- 1 tbsp cacao powder
- Add water to make a spreadable mixture

METHOD

1. Whisk oil, maple syrup, vanilla and eggs together in a bowl
 2. Add cacao powder, flour, baking powder and zucchini and mix well.
 3. Spread into a lined and greased slice tin.
 4. Bake for 25-30 mins in a 160° oven.
 5. Cool on a rack then spread with icing.
 6. Cut into 24 four cm squares.
 7. Store in the fridge for up to 3 days or freeze.
 8. * Gluten-free flour can be used but it will have a more squidgy texture
- An easy to make slice and a tasty addition to lunchboxes.

From a recipe by Kate Coleman from her e-book "Tasting Fitness Snack and Lunchbox Ideas".

...And the Judges Comments:

"Fun and delicious. We loved baking and the cake tasted fantastic and the icing was even better. Our school chooks gave us the eggs and we shared the cake with our class."

WE'LL HAVE MORE
FROM CRUMBLE'S
KITCHEN NEXT MONTH.

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Below, Harriet, Madeline, Ava and Aurora enthusiastically taste testing the product. And left, ready for service.

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We are delighted to introduce Vanessa Galina, our new gardening columnist. Vanessa and her family own and run Elaine Estate, where they grow flowers commercially and keep a small herd of Highland cattle. We know the gardeners among us will enjoy having a little help and will join me in welcoming Vanessa to our pages. - Ed.

Vanessa's



FLOWER FARM FILES

Dig in. Grow well. Bloom beautifully.

Hello fellow gardeners and flower lovers, and welcome to the first edition of The Flower Farm Files. I'm delighted to share seasonal gardening tips and reflections from our 100-acre regenerative farm. At Elaine Estate, we grow bee-friendly flowers, fresh organic produce, and nurture a small herd of miniature Highland cattle—our gentle, shaggy companions who charm visitors and help manage our paddocks naturally.

My love of gardening is rooted in a deep respect for the land and a desire to work in harmony with nature. Everything we grow—from our bouquets to our stone fruit orchard—is cultivated without pesticides, using regenerative and holistic practices that support biodiversity and soil health. Through this column, I hope to offer inspiration, practical advice, and a little seasonal joy to fellow home gardeners. Whether you're planting out a veggie patch or dreaming of your own cutting garden, I'm excited to share what we're learning and growing—alongside our little herd—in every season.

So, let's dig in.

As August comes around, the landscape is soft, wet, and still cold enough to keep our hands in our pockets between jobs. But even in the depths of winter, the rhythm of the flower farm doesn't stop—it just slows, shifts, and makes space for the quieter tasks that prepare us for the season ahead.

Currently on the Farm

At Elaine Estate, this month has been all about dahlias, digging, and dirt. Our flower rows finished blooming months ago, so we have almost finished the muddy process of digging up the tubers. This job is part excavation, part treasure hunt. We shake off the soil, trim the stems, and inspect each clump to check for health and viability before packing them away into cool, dry storage. We'll divide them later when the temperatures warm and their 'eyes' open - letting us know how many we have to plant once the risk of frost has passed.

While the rows are bare, we're replenishing them with generous layers of compost and mulch. Our compost piles are getting plenty of love this winter too - built from a mix of flower waste, cow manure, chicken litter, and other organic materials that break down into a rich, crumbly resource our flowers thrive on. For those not blessed with the rich local volcanic soil, rebuilding and nourishing the soil like this is essential.

Despite the wet and cold, there's a sense of momentum returning to the farm. The garden may look dormant, but there's life everywhere—worms in the compost, buds forming on fruit trees, and the first signs of spring daffodils

pushing up through the mulch.

On the Ground in Elaine

Here in Elaine and Meredith, we're deep into our wettest season. August typically brings the highest rainfall of the year, and our soil is certainly showing it. If your garden beds are feeling soggy underfoot, consider adding coarse mulch to improve drainage and protect soil structure from compaction.

Soil temperatures remain low, so direct sowing is still a few weeks away—but don't let that stop you from getting ready.

In Your Garden This Month

There's plenty to do, even if your fingers are cold:

Mulch + Compost: Add organic matter to garden beds now to build fertility ahead of spring. Layer well-rotted compost beneath straw or bark mulch to lock in nutrients and suppress weeds. If your deciduous trees are still dropping leaves, collect them to make a lovely leaf-mould compost.

Prune: Use this time to prune your stone fruit trees. If your orchard is prone to leaf curl, now is a good time to begin prevention efforts.

Plant Bare-Rooted Plants: Roses, fruit trees, and even our beloved peonies are all available as bare-rooted stock ready to plant now. This is a cost-effective way to fill space in your garden, and the perfect time to plug those gaps.

Roses: If you live by the maxim "Prune in June—you prune too soon," make sure you don't miss your window. Now's the time to trim your roses. Take off about two-thirds of growth, shaping into the traditional open vase form to promote airflow in spring.

Feed Spring Bulbs: If you've planted tulips, daffodils or anemone corms, a light feed now will encourage strong flowering in the weeks to come.

So rug up, fill your thermos, and get outside when you can—because good things are growing, even now.

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I'm writing to let you know the dates for the upcoming Meredith and Golden Plains Music Festivals, which are:

Meredith 33: December 5, 6 & 7, 2025

Golden Plains 18: March 7, 8 & 9, 2026

I also wanted to address the topic of traffic. Traffic behaviours have always been an evolving challenge, and have been even less predictable in recent seasons. It's a heady mix of weather, technology and excited people trying to find the easiest way.

I know ingress at Golden Plains back in March was incredibly frustrating for many people in the region and it doesn't make having a music festival in your backyard any more palatable. We'll be doing our utmost to improve our traffic systems this year, which will include:

- Working with our external traffic management provider to review all traffic treatments.
- Redesigning existing signage and installing more signage in key locations.
- Opening the gates earlier if it looks like being a hot day, which leads to more people arriving first thing.
- Creating an 'ingress' page on the website that can be used to update patrons when conditions change.
- Installing a fixed-line internet service at the Memorial Hall to allow worker wristbands to be scanned even when the mobile phone towers are overwhelmed.

Thanks to everyone who contacted me to let me know what was happening and how it had impacted you. I do appreciate it.

If you are interested, the nieces and nephews have put together an abridged history of Meredith, which can be found via history.mmf.com.au.

You can contact me via auntym@mmf.com.au. My door is always open.

Aunty Meredith xx

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Special 90th Birthday Celebration

Shirley Parkinson celebrated her milestone birthday with family at a special lunch held at the Echuca Hotel on Saturday, June 28th.

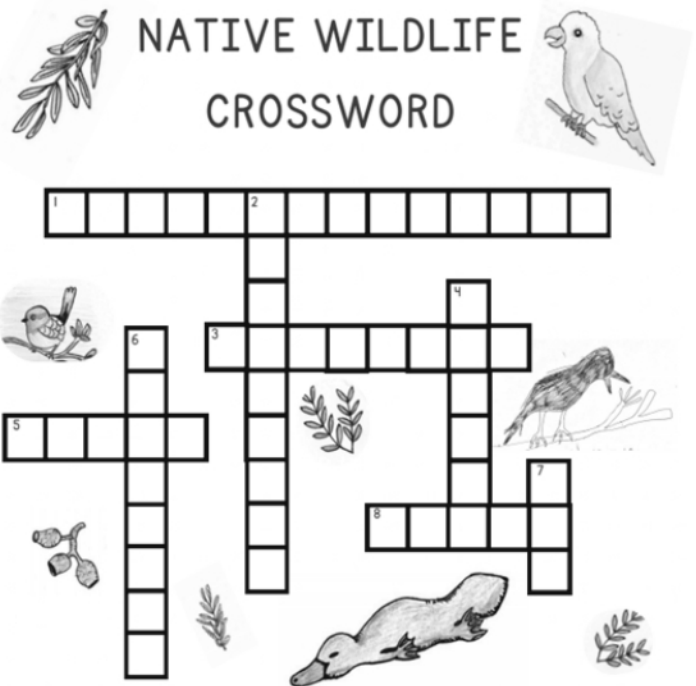
She thoroughly enjoyed her family being with her to celebrate the occasion and the specially ordered birthday cake, even requesting a second piece of the delicious sponge. She was also very happy to receive cards from some of her local Meredith friends and appreciated their best wishes.

Shirley moved from Boundary Road to Echuca last year to live with her daughter Kristine and earlier this year moved into residential care at the Echuca Community for the Aged where she is keeping very busy with planned activities, pamper days, musical visitors, Friday happy hours and drives around the district on the specially fitted out bus that is owned by the facility.

Shirley's milestone year has been made even more special with the arrival of her first Great Grandchild, Summer Emily Parkinson who was born on July 10, two weeks after Shirley's 90th birthday. Due to the imminent arrival Andrew and Susie were not able to attend the birthday celebrations in Echuca however Shirley has been able to have video chats and see photos of little Summer and is very excited for a visit very soon when she will be able to meet and cuddle her Great Granddaughter.

Congratulations to you from all your friends at Meredith.

Below Shirley (seated) with children and grandchildren gathered to celebrate her 90th birthday.



Across

1. Nocturnal bird that often is mistaken for an owl
3. This possum has a strong tail that acts like a fifth limb
5. A well known "silly" bird
8. -----tailed eagle

Down

2. A fruit bat that is also an important pollinator
4. Type of reptile
6. A monotreme that lives in water
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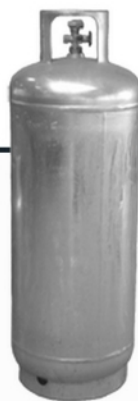
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the Philatelist

Michael Riseley



Occupation Overprints

One of the joys of stamp collecting is the unusual items you may find and that includes the overprints on stamps done by occupying forces. In both WW1 and WW2, Germany occupied many territories in Europe. Rather than design and print new stamps, often existing German stamps were overprinted with the country name in German and the country currency and issued for postal use.

Most unusual was the German Occupation of Zante. Zante is one of the Greek Ionian Islands which was originally occupied by Italy in 1941. Italy simply overprinted some Italian stamps with "Isole Jonie". As Italian control started to weaken, German forces took over the occupation in 1943. They then further overprinted some of those Italian overprints with another overprint representing German control. Late in 1944 when the Allies ousted the Germans from the islands, control reverted to Greece and normal Greek stamps were used.

In 1914 Germany occupied the eastern part of Belgium and issued German overprinted stamps. After the capitulation of Germany in 1918, the Belgian army then returned the favour and occupied the German border districts of Eupen and Malmedy and issued Belgian stamps with appropriate overprints. These 2 districts became part of Belgium in 1920.

Togo in West Africa was first colonised by Germany who in 1897 issued some German stamps with the overprint "Togo". At the start of WW1 in 1914, joint forces of England and France defeated the Germans and split the area between them. Both reissued the German overprinted stamps but with a further overprint of their

own. The British area became part of their Gold Coast colony which later became Ghana. The French area became the independent Togo in 1960.

There are many examples of the colonising empires of Britain, France, Germany and Spain prior to WW1 using their own stamps overprinted with the colonised country name and currency. Often these empires and other countries established Post Offices in distant places and issued their own stamps with appropriate overprints. One of these places was The Levant which was different parts of the old Turkish Empire. Would you believe that 8 different countries did this being Austria, England, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Romania and Russia!



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Leading up to our 50th anniversary next year, we are taking readers through the whole production process by inviting participants to tell their story. Last month it was our production team this month it's the last of our volunteers to get involved in the monthly process.

Rosemary collects the 1,000 copies from our printers in Ballarat each month and delivers them to our 12 outlets in Elaine, Meredith, Lethbridge and Bannockburn.

Since retiring from teaching she found time for, and gains great satisfaction from this role. She really enjoys the social interaction as she drops off the copies of the newsletter each month to the various distribution points and chatting to people at the various places, she learns about what is going on in the area. She enjoys this immensely.

Rosemary



Ian



Our current Treasurer/bookkeeper is Ian Leighton who joined our team at the end of 2022 and took over this position in April 2023. After Ian retired he joined the local Lethbridge CFA as a volunteer fire fighter but was still looking for something with a more challenging position. As well as maintaining our books and preparing regular reports on our financial position and performance to the committee, he oversees the invoicing process. This involves creating and dispatching over 60 invoices each month and monitoring remittances. He pursues overdue payments and attends to any invoicing inquiries, prepares accounts for audit and information for BAS returns. Ian says he has been enjoying being part of the team ever since the started.

...and YOU?



Now that you have met our team of wonderful volunteers and learned something of the diverse roles they play, perhaps you see an opportunity to join us. We would love to have you on board, so call Jim on 0409 163 169 or tell us about your interest in getting involved on news@meredithnews.com.au.

Art Award

Kerry Thompson

At the recent Camberwell Rotary Art Show local resident Amanda Hyatt was awarded a highly commended for her oil painting of Cornwall boat yard. This is one of Australia's leading and most prestigious select entry competitions which has been running since 1966, providing a \$10,000 first prize but also raising money for Rotary projects. More than 1400 entries from all over Australia were received this year.

Over the years Amanda has entered more than 40 times and been the gold medal winner for best in show as well as winning other club awards like Best Urban Landscape, Best Watercolour, Best Contemporary Painting and, quite a few times, earned Highly Commended Awards. Amanda has also been invited to demonstrate at the show on 25 different occasions. Such awards give acknowledgement and recognition to the time, effort, training, practice and skill that goes on behind the scenes of a painting - often not seen or appreciated by the general public.

Congratulations, Amanda.



Compiled by Michael Riseley

CAN These Answers

1. This dance was often done by the girls at the Moulin Rouge.
2. In which country is Jasper National Park.
3. Which brightly coloured Amazonian big bird has a big beak.
4. What you might put tea in. Or maybe sugar. Or maybe dried beans.
5. Which fruit is also known as a musk or rock melon.
6. Impossible for one of these to be Vegan or Vegetarian.
7. Americans love things big but this one is grand.
8. You will have to climb off this so the artist can put you on it.

Answers-

1. Cancan 2. Canada 3. Toucan 4. Canister 5. Canteloupe 6. Camibul 7. Canyon 8. Canvas

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Vale Helen Peppard

The family would like to thank the community for the kind wishes we have received.

Our dear mum Helen, died 23 June 2025 aged 98 and was a member of the community for 17 years. A wonderful lady and talented pianist.

The family is very grateful to the community.

Peter Peppard



All I want is a Mug of (Weak) Tea

Anon

We like our tea weak black. Simple enough, one teabag 3 or 4 jiggles in hot water in each of the 2 mugs, or 1 level teaspoon of loose tea in a teapot.

Now, try to order that at a café counter.

Us: "Two mugs of ½ strength black Earl Grey tea please."

Them: "Do want milk with that?"

Us: "No thank you" (The clue is in the "Black")

What comes out is traditional recipe 1 spoon for each and 1 for the pot and a small jug of milk. You can paint your fence with it!

Another scenario.

Us: "Two mugs of black Earl Grey tea please, leave the teabags out."

Them: "Do you want milk on the side."

Us: "No thank you" (Again the clue is in the "Black")

What comes out is two mugs with the teabags in and jiggled so much you can stand your spoon in it! And a small jug of milk!

Give them their due, some cafes do teas very well. Teapot for 2 with an extra pot of hot water, easy. Or mugs of hot water and the teabags on the side, bliss. To those that get it right – thank you. To those that don't – get your staff to listen to the customer request.

There are multiple variations of coffee available, and the Baristas seem to get them correct. The question is do Baristas actually get training in making tea?

All we want is a couple of mugs of weak black tea!!!!

NO we don't want milk with that!



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On Wednesday July 9th, Mortimers Petroleum's Meredith Roadhouse celebrated their grand opening celebration of their new pumps and canopy.

The opening day was a great success. Many of our regular customers came to support the day and celebrate with a party pie, potato cake and drink.

We ran a large giveaway of food and drinks, supported by our suppliers. So all customers walked away with a little extra on the day.

The day was put together by UCB, a company buying group that supports independent service stations. We were fortunate enough to also have the support of Mrs Macs pie and cakes, Redbull, Allens, Nestle, Cadbury, Moka Foods, Steggles and Coke. Mortimer's thank all their staff, for their friendly service and hard work, making it a family friendly environment, with quality food and service.

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**A book fell on
my head.**

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shelf to blame.

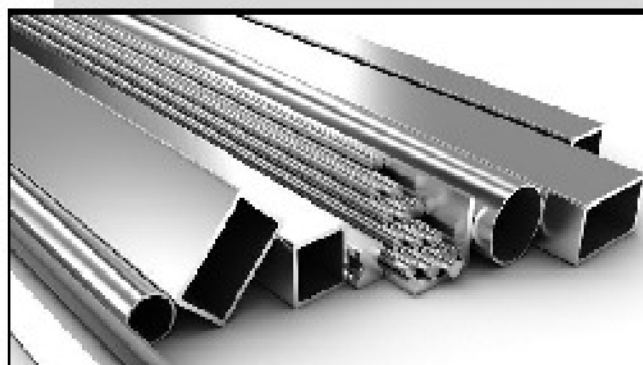
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octopus laugh?**

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The white-faced heron stalked through the shallows, long yellow legs striding slowly, holding its grey body clear of the water. Its neck was curved into an S shape, eyes concentrating on the water and narrow pointed beak held out in front, ready to strike. With each step, it disturbed the decaying leaves beneath its feet, scaring small fish and dragonfly larvae closer to the surface. It lowered its neck towards the water and paused, watching intently. Abruptly, it straightened its neck, beak spearing into the water and brought up a small fish. Two quick shakes of its head transferred the fish from the tip of the beak to its mouth, and with a gulp it was swallowed. The heron caught two more small fish in quick succession. Its beak, especially shaped for the purpose, was a tool that helped it to accurately strike its target.

Nearby, a Pacific black duck was also feeding. Its food was a mix of plants and small animals found in the water. Instead of spearing its food, it dabbled its beak below the surface, or tipped itself forwards so that only its brown body was visible. Its beak was broad and fairly flat. A sensitive area on its tip felt its surroundings and found food. It tore at underwater plants, its mouth filling with a mix of plant, aquatic creatures and water. Comb-like structures along the edges of its beak allowed it to strain out the liquid. Regularly, it raised its head above the surface, showing the black stripe through its eye, and allowing it to breathe through the nostrils near the base of its beak.

The beaks of ducks, herons and other birds have several purposes. They are not only used for eating and breathing. Beaks are a valuable tool in nest building, both in transporting material to the nesting site, and placing it with care to make a sturdy and warm nest. They carry food and feed the chicks. The notes a bird can sing may be influenced by the size of its beak. For some birds, the colour on its beak is an attraction for finding a mate. A more colourful or brighter beak can be an indication of a healthier bird, and therefore a better parent. They are essential for preening and caring for the bird's own feathers and those of their chicks and mate. Beaks also help birds with temperature regulation. Birds in hot humid climates, such as toucans in central America, have large beaks and move blood through them and so lose heat. Birds in cold climates have small beaks, so as to lose less warmth. It is possible that the beaks of some Australian parrots are increasing in size in response to climate change, to enable them to lose heat more effectively.

The most important influence on the shape and size of a bird's beak is its food. While the beaks of herons and ducks work well for their food, they would be inefficient for feeding on seeds or nectar. Finches and sparrows live on seeds, and have strong conical beaks which can crack seeds and pick small fruits. Insect-eating birds, such as the black and white willie wagtail, have short fine beaks, well suited to picking insects off leaves and from under bark, as well as catching them in flight. Stiff hair-like feathers at the base of their beak may direct insects into their mouth. Many birds, including magpies and chickens, are less specialised and have beaks that are bigger and stronger than those of an insect catcher, and less conical than that of a finch. They are helpful for eating both seeds and insects. The beaks of birds of prey, such as eagles, hawks and owls are designed for tearing meat. They are sharp and strong with a hooked end. Some birds, such as honeyeaters, specialise in sipping nectar. Their beaks are gently curved to fit into flowers, but can also catch insects.

Cockatoos are another group of birds with beaks specially suited to their diet. They are strong with a pointed tip for cracking or piercing nuts and tough seeds. They are also useful for turning over soil while seeking small bulbs and roots, or digging grubs out of wood. They can enlarge the inside of a tree hollow and use the wood that has been removed to line the nest. You may have seen a cockatoo climbing among tree branches, using its beak as an extra hold as it moves around. Such an important tool needs to be looked after. It has an outer covering of keratin similar to our fingernails. This grows continuously and wears down with use. Beaks grow faster for birds such as cockatoos which work them hard. They give their beaks a little extra care by snipping small branches and leaves from trees. Next time you see a group of cockatoos, you could quietly watch their behaviour and the way they use their beaks, working seeds out of the cones of banksias or pines, or digging in the ground for their food. Consider other birds you notice and the shape and purpose of their beaks. Every bird is well suited to its way of life, in its body shape and size, but also in smaller details such as its beak.

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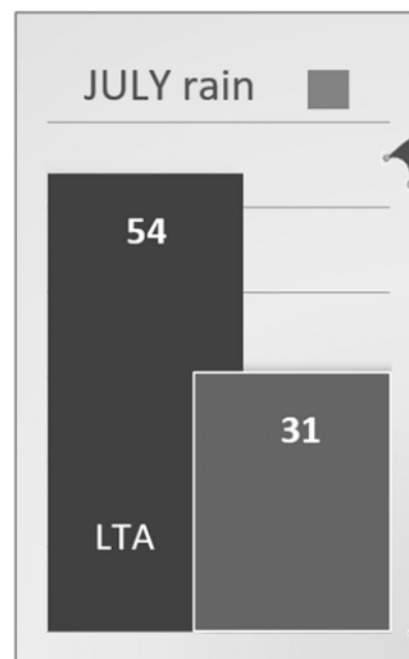
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it'S HiStory

Meredith History Interest Group

Open Day:

We held our Annual Open day on Sunday, August 3 to . This year the theme was *Who do you think we are?* And we displayed some photos of people who we do not know who they are.

Bannockburn Probus:

I [Marg Cooper] spoke to members of the Probus Club at Bannockburn Library Complex in early June. I told of the first meeting, how we have occupied three buildings but are now nicely settled in the old Shire Hall and told them about our aims and objectives and how we try to obtain them. I took a collection of books we have published and told about the most exciting events we have held over the years.

I suspect that the reason for asking me to speak was to enthuse Bannockburnites to gather their own history and a suggestion was made that such a group could work under the umbrella of MHIG.

Elaine Photos:

As well as collecting we are now printing, collating and typing captions for photos from bridges to the water race [alphabetically].

If you have photos, please contact us or call at the History Centre with them.

Elaine Presbyterian Church:

Does anyone know if this church had a name like St Andrews, St Johns etc?

Apparently this church was removed from Steiglitz in 1908 to Elaine. Photos in the book Steiglitz Thru the Lens show it in Regent Street almost opposite the Church of England Church. It closed down because of want of congregation and was sold in the early 1950's. The Harris family used the materials to build a shearing shed on the Mt Doran Road from Elaine.

The free Presbyterians also had a presence in Elaine in early days. It seems that they had a school building but did they have a church?

Young Farmers Field Days

Elaine 1945/1946

In connection with Education Week the advisory committee of the Elaine Young Farmers' Club and the Head Teacher Mr W.J.Erikson, arranged a field day, which was held last Saturday at the school.

The members of the club prepared exhibits and there was a satisfactory display in all sections which included sheep, cattle, poultry, school ponies, flowers, handwork and school recorded work.

There was a good attendance of parents and residents of the district, indicating the interest in this branch of education.

In opening the Field day Mr Hyatt M.L.A. introduced by the President of Y.F.C. [Mr H LeMaitre] expressed his appreciation of the work being done in connection with Y.F.C. and his pleasure in seeing the degree of interest taken by the people of the district, it being the second occasion of holding a field day. He stressed the hope that the club would grow stronger each year.

An apology was received from the Minister of Education Mr T T Holloway who was unable to be present.

A demonstration of picking up and rolling a fleece, plus a lecturette on same was given by Frank Atchison and Jim Connell. Netta Pitcher gave an interesting lecturette on the Border Leicester sheep. The model farm built to scale to show 25 acre paddocks, all fenced with dwelling, outbuildings and a water supply system was a novel and interesting exhibit.

When the judging was completed afternoon tea was served by the ladies and then the prizes were presented by Mr Hyatt.

- Mr McColl and Mr Austin judged the sheep.
- Mr Harbour judged the cattle.
- Mrs Frawley and Miss McGillivray judged the girls handwork.
- Mr W Duck judged the boys handwork.
- Mr Champ judged the dogs.
- Mr Elstead judged the horses.

This report is from an old newspaper found as part of our research for an exhibition of photos of Elaine. The exhibition is on October 18 & 19. If you would like to see the list of prize winners and photos, come along to have a look.



Lately, I find I sometimes have trouble remembering the right...the right... What's that thing made up of letters?



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Financial Abuse do you know the signs...

I attended a conference where the focus was on Financial Abuse. A form of domestic violence, what it looks like and who it impacts and how Tax Agents can support clients who may be experiencing this type of Abuse.

Let me first start with that if you or some close to you is experiencing Financial Abuse please reach out to one of the following:

- Family and domestic Violence support service: 1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732
- Mens Referral Service : 1300 766 491
- Relationships Australia: 1300 364 277
- Lifeline: 131 114
- National Debt Helpline: 1800 007 007
- Financial abuse specialists legal and non-legal support (NSW): 0481 730 344

So lets start with what is considered financial abuse. The University of NSW has done research on this issue and found that there are certain red flags of financial abuse:

1. Inaccessible and unclear information – business structures or financial arrangements that control money or block access to money.
2. Controlling Access – restricting money, bank accounts, business income and tax information.
3. Hiding Money – Keeping finances secret and hiding income or assets.
4. Shifting Debts – Putting their debts in your name, or making you take out loans for them.
5. Making Decisions – making financial decisions for you, restricting your access to money.

In Australia the research has found that Economic abuse by an intimate partner is 1 in 6 women (about 1.6 million) and 1 in 13 men (about 745,000). Those statistics are so high.

There is no clear definition of financial abuse. It generally involves a pattern of controlling, exploitative or disruptive behaviours and aimed at limiting another person's financial independence.*

I honestly didn't know the extent of the issue. It affects anyone regardless of gender, age or background and can occur in any form and that includes the tax system and why I write about it today. What makes it even more heartbreaking is that Victim-survivors often don't realise its happening until its too late.

Currently there are efforts by different departments to address this issue via:

- Commonwealth Ombudsman reviewing of financial abuse in child support.
- Parliamentary inquiry into the financial services and

abuse

- National plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032
- Research by community organisations and academics.

This may be the first time you are reading about financial abuse, and although it has been a longstanding issue, it is now gaining public and policy attention.

In my personal career I have seen this a number of times. The first, a women in her mid 50s who was divorcing her husband who had an affair. Turns out she was the sole director of the business he was running. She had no idea until the government came to collect outstanding debts as the company closed and owed a lot of money. I bet you are wondering how this could happen, she would have had to sign documents etc. I can't answer that in that case, but the example in my conference was similar and in that situation he had created email accounts that he controlled and sent a fake email on behalf of the wife to the accountant advising that any documents her husband could take care of as she was working and a mum with little time.

She was advised tax returns had been completed with minimal refund and the rest went into a different bank account she didn't know existed all, signed by fake signatures.

I didn't know about financial abuse in my early 20's but I certainly came across a few situations with child support being questioned. When I first started out helping with tax working for a big organisation, I come across a number of men who had divorced and had no income from wages. When I asked them how they survived, they advised they are not getting income so they don't have to pay child support.

Again, I reiterate if you or someone close to you is experiencing Financial Abuse please reach out to one of the numbers listed above.

Household Hack of the Month:

Pine cones as fire starters and children entertainment.

I have always used pinecones in my fire place, but what I didn't know is that you could place string around them, dip them in beeswax and they would make for a lovely centrepiece as well as a good fire starter. I have been collecting them among the many locations in and near Meredith, making it a tradition in my home as well as enjoying endless rainy day activities with my son like making an outdoor bird seed holder for feathered visitors.

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Marg's BOOK REVIEW

The Story Thief by Kyra Geddes

Firstly, the title intrigued me and then the storyline that the protagonist believed that Henry Lawson had based his story *The Drover's Wife* on her family and that she is determined to prove it and thus rendering Lawson A Story Thief.

The Drover's Wife which was first published in 1892 tells of a woman in the outback who is isolated in a small hut with her four children. Her husband has been away droving for six months and near sunset one day a snake disappears under the house.

She puts her children to bed and the woman waits with her dog Alligator, for the snake to reappear. Near dawn the snake emerges and it is killed by the woman and dog. The story shows the struggle of a lone woman.

Lillian reads Henry Lawson's story when she is a teenager and the story seems to fit her family's story. As a child she lived in the bush with her parents and four siblings and their dog called Crocodile. Her father was away droving when a bushfire raged through the district and her mother, siblings and Uncle died while who was left alive. She never saw her father again and learnt that he also died sometime later. Instead of hardship as an orphan her father's employer pays for to attend a convent boarding school and then university.

Lillian is portrayed as a strong young woman who is determined to stand on her own two feet. She becomes a teacher, supports feminist causes and questions why Henry Lawson didn't name her mother and give her her own identity and why he stole her story for his own profit.

The whole book changes after Lillian meets Roy. She doesn't work after their marriage and seems to have few interests except her children and her home and she doesn't pursue her research about Henry Lawson's story in fact she refuses to visit where they were living when the fires came, doesn't seem to accept that the dates do not add up and that Henry Lawson was not in her district before he wrote the story.

What the novel is strong on is the depiction of some monumental events in Australian History including both World Wars, the women's suffrage movement and the birth of nuclear warfare. The author read all the novels she could get her hands on that were written during the time period and also delved into first hand historical accounts from the era.

She wanted to highlight the untold stories of Australian women from the past. A review tells that historical female figures remain little researched and remembered in both academic and public historical circles.

I was disappointed in Lillian who became a very troubled, weak sort of character, disappointed that she didn't research her family more and that she was nearly fifty years old before she accepted that all stories are in effect taken from someone or something.

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G'Day from the Golden Pens – Write Side Up writing group for August. As we head into the last month of winter, I'm sure you, like me are counting down the days til we can officially welcome spring! The daffodils and jonquils are pushing up through the earth and the new grass is giving the countryside a beautiful verdant hue.

This month's story is from Laima McArdle who wrote from the perspective of the cat in this tale that was a homework subject. If you like this story and the others you read from these pages, please get in touch and give us some feedback via our email goldenpens4@gmail.com

If anyone is interested in seeing what we get up to, our meeting dates are 14th and 28th of August at the Bannockburn library at 1:30 to 3pm. So just pop in, we are very friendly.

Regards, Wendy.

If You Can't Be Smarter Than Your Cat It's Your Own Fault.

It's called training. Sometimes people think they know everything. Well let me tell you, that's not what I think or believe. I didn't just pat any hand that came towards me furtively outside the door of my box, no, I waited for the one that was older, more gnarled and I figured that I wouldn't have to jump through hoops and pretend I'm some spring chicken. No. Age suits me. Sedate old age suits me even better. So, I patted the hand gently once or twice and heard the pleased reaction and exclamation of joy. I peeked out, revealing my pink nose and there was a flurry of activity. And then, there I was, bundled up away with all my accumulated paraphernalia into a covered cage, swept away in a motor, and emptied onto a bathroom floor.

Hmm, not bad, I thought. It's clean and warm. There is the little tray, water, food, and my box. I'll just sit here for a while and see what happens. Well, food and company came regularly, then the door was opened a day or so later, and I explored the environs. Yes. Lovely warm gas fire, a mat for my comfort.

No, I don't eat that brand of meat. No, don't give me fish at all. Worried about me starving? Well, that's your problem not mine! I can hold out forever! Yes, some of that beef mix smells good! Cat crack!! Wow, yes, I'll try that kangaroo meat, if that's what it called.

Hmm, I know I ate that yesterday but today I feel like having something else. Variety is a key to a perfect life you know. The cost? Well, I didn't ask you to buy it, did I? is it my fault you are too impatient to face off and see how long I can last without giving in to my whims and fancies? I've only been here two months. Already the minor birds and crows know when to arrive to get my leftovers every day. No, you can't just brush my beautiful

calico coat just when you feel like it! I will let you know when I'm ready for such an invasion of my toilette! So what if I vomit fur balls over the carpet? Yes, do open the door and leave it open when the sun shines so I can bask on your step in the doorway. No, I won't move! Why don't you just take a bigger step and hold on to the door handles so you don't slip over?

No, I won't sit in your lap when you are idle except when you are knitting or reading or trying to do a crossword or having your lunch. You ought to know that even if I say absolutely nothing or ask you for anything outright, that you really are not smarter than me! Don't you see you have turned your lives around to accommodate me and all my whims without even noticing that you're doing it, and let me tell you it is your own fault.

Notice of AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 3rd Annual General Meeting of **Meredith Community Village Inc** will be held on Thursday 21st August at 9:30am at the Meredith Community Centre, 4 Russell Street, Meredith. Prospective new members are very welcome.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Tall Tree Wind Farm is a proposed renewable energy project in Central West Victoria in the Golden Plains Shire, located west of Lethbridge, north of Teesdale and south of Meredith.

The proposed project has now lodged referral documents to the Department of Transport and Planning. ACCIONA Energia is pleased to announce the following opportunities to meet with the project team and ask questions about the project and referral documentation.

Referral documents can be found at: bit.ly/TallTreeReferral

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS:

MEREDITH

Tuesday, 26 August
5.30pm – 8pm
Meredith Memorial Hall
61 Staughton Street
Meredith, Victoria

SHELFORD

Thursday, 28 August
5.30pm – 8pm
Shelford Public Hall
16 Mercer Street
Shelford, Victoria

LETHBRIDGE

Wednesday, 27 August
5.30pm – 8pm
Lethbridge Public Hall
25 Russell Street
Lethbridge, Victoria

TEESDALE

Saturday, 30 August
12.30pm – 3pm
Teesdale Memorial Hall
Shelford-Bannockburn Road
Teesdale, Victoria

DROP-IN SESSION:

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Tuesday, 2 September
11am – 1pm
Meredith Memorial Hall
61 Staughton Street
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ONLINE SESSION:

Monday, 1 September
7pm – 8.30pm

Register at:

bit.ly/TallTreeWebinar

FIND OUT MORE

Visit our online Community Hub to learn more, register for updates, and ask questions about the project: community.acciona.com.au/talltree



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

Applications open at 9am on Friday 1 August for Golden Plains Shire Council's Community Strengthening Grants Program 2025.

The program offers not-for-profit community groups the opportunity to apply for one-off grants to assist in delivering projects that directly benefit our Golden Plains Shire community. Grant categories have been updated to reflect strategic objectives outlined in our new Council Plan 2025-2029.

Grants of up to \$7,000 are available in three categories:

- Healthy Connected Community
- Community Inclusion
- Environment and Sustainability

To read more about the three funding categories and eligible projects, please access the program guidelines from our website.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their application with Council's Community Grants team. Please enquire as soon as possible to allow adequate time to discuss your application prior to the submission deadline.

Applications are open until 2pm, Monday 1 September 2025.

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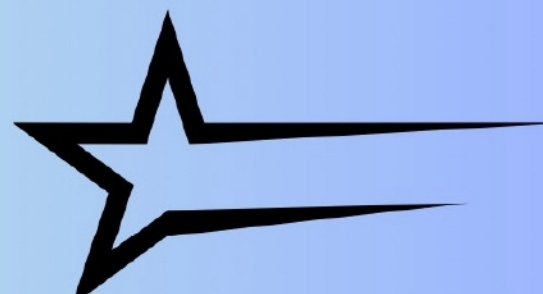
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