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**1:1 technical discussions:** If you have a technical question or would like a dedicated conversation with the project team, we can book a one-on-one session with the relevant specialist. Please note this will be limited to availability, so may not be available on the same day.

### MOBILE OFFICE LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE

Engagement dates and locations will be provided via the Community Hub. Please scan the QR code to view the schedule for upcoming events.



### CONTACT US

Feel free to get in touch for more information via email [talltree@acciona.com](mailto:talltree@acciona.com) or call our free helpline on **1800 283 550**.

You can also visit our online community hub to find out more about our project at [community.acciona.com.au/talltree](https://community.acciona.com.au/talltree).



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 Meredith - St. Joseph @ 9am Sun. JUNE 28  
 Bannockburn - St. Mary MacKillop @ 11am Sun. JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28  
 Inverleigh - Sacred Heart - @ 4pm Sun. JUNE 21

**The Whale**

O Wouldn't you like to be a whale  
 And sit serenely by,  
 An eighty-foot whale from your tip to your tail  
 And a tiny, briny eye?  
 Wouldn't you like to wallow  
 Where nobody says "Come out!"  
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 And blow the brine about?  
 Wouldn't you like to be always clean  
 But never have to wash, I mean,  
 And wouldn't you like to spout  
 O yes,-just-think-  
 A feather of spray as you sail away  
 And rise and sink and rise and sink  
 And blow all the brine about?

Source:  
 The Journey begins  
 Discovering Poetry  
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 Reprint from 1957  
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**What's On This Month**



**CHATTY CAFE**  
**COME AND MEET SOME NEW PEOPLE!**  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING - BY JUNE 18**  
**0491 184 999**  
**WEDNESDAY - JUNE 24 - 11.30 AM - 1.30PM**

**COMMUNITY DROP IN -**  
**TALL TREE WIND FARM INFORMATION SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY JULY 8 - 7.30 AM - 12.30 PM**

**SINGING GROUP**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO BELT OUT A TUNE!**  
**COME JOIN THE FUN!**  
**TUESDAY NIGHTS - 7PM- WITH KYM**  
**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS - 11.00 - WITH BEV**  
**AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**THE MEREDITH MART - NEW OPENING TIMES**

**MONDAY - 9AM-1PM**  
**TUESDAY - 9AM-1PM**  
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## POLICE report

Senior Constable Anthony BOX

Meredith Police Station| Western Region Division 3  
Phone: 5286 1222| Fax: 9244 2156

Throughout April and May has been a reasonably quiet period for policing in the area.

As always there is an ongoing commitment to speeding offences within the school zone and Meredith township.

There have been some collisions including a motorbike in Steiglitz with significant injuries sustained by the rider.

**Suspicious activity** / illegal spotlighting / stock theft. There continues to be an increased level of suspicious activity around farms, particularly on the eastern side of Meredith.

A silver/light grey Jeep Grand Cherokee with unknown registration was spotted casing a property on Geelong-Ballan Road and then later may have been involved in cutting a lock into a farm paddock.

Other vehicles have been spotted driving around on public roads using thermal cameras/sights and spotlights to observe wildlife on private properties.

Stay vigilant, keep what you can locked and keys secured.

### Contacting Police.

A reminder to call 000 in the first instance if you require police attendance at an incident.

This is still not happening, and, on some occasions, I have been approached for updates on incidents that have never been reported in the first place, making it difficult to investigate at all.

If the matter is something that has already occurred and is not requiring police attendance, a report can be made over the phone to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or the Online Reporting Hub at <https://onlinereporting.police.vic.gov.au>

## TEST'N'TAG

All plug in electrical items can be tested and certified safe.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

at

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## A Bus Shelter Please

### “Meredith is not a Priority”

Over the years there has been a campaign for a Bus Shelter on the West Side of the VLine Bus Sto. This is the stop on the same side as Mortimers Service Station. This stop is used to pick up and drop off students from Bannockburn and Geelong Schools! We have been informed from Public Transport Victoria that the Golden Plains Council has funding for installing a shelter but it isn't a priority even with winter coming on! If you want your children dry and out of the weather, also if you use this stop as a Vline passenger, please contact the Golden Plains Shire Council, as the more people that contact the council, the better chance we have, even if we aren't in Bannockburn!

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## Trucking for 30 Years

*Marg Cooper*

After Paul Ryan left school he worked for several farmers doing odd jobs and rouseabouting in shearing sheds. His father Kevin had a blue Bedford truck and Paul used it to cart hay from paddocks to sheds and they carted wood to Geelong.

Then Paul bought an old red truck and carted scrap metal to Geelong. He saved up and bought a crate for that truck and advertised that he was open for business. He said that that was Anzac Day, 1996.

It took 3 months to get his first job carting sheep from Muirs in Myrniong to the sheep sales. His first load of 45 bales of wool was for John Parkinson. He was so new to the job he didn't even have ropes. He bought a coil of rope and John and Paul cut it into suitable lengths after they had loaded the truck and they burnt the ends of the ropes with a lighter to stop them fraying. He also bought a wool loader from Kevin Gargan that made loading wool easier, before every farmer had a tractor with a forklift.

Paul said that one year he carted more bales of wool to AWH in Lara than any other carrier.

Carting pigs from Cookes feedlot really got his business going. Every Sunday morning, he carted 200 pigs to Daylesford and Castlemaine. It was guaranteed work so he borrowed some money and invested in a trailer and 2 stock crates.

Being a carrier is a 7 day a week job and sometimes 24 hours a day. For one market at the old Ballarat saleyards he carted 13 tray loads. He worked all night. For another market his father carted 4 loads with the truck and trailer and Paul carted 5 loads with the semi-trailer. They started at 10 am on Monday, rendezvoused many times during the day and night to put sheep from one truck to the other, picked the last load up at 4 am and got to the yards at 7 am. They picked up at 38 properties.

Of course the job doesn't end there. Trucks have to be washed out, paperwork completed, trucks checked for their roadworthiness, trucks refueled and phone calls made and other jobs sorted.

Paul said that one of the hardest jobs in his early days of carrying was carting bagged superphosphate. It had to be bagged off, trolleyed and stacked on the tray truck, carted to the farm and trolleyed into a shed and stacked neatly.

Paul is maybe unique in that he still records every job in a ledger by hand, he writes accounts and posts them and writes cheques to pay people. His accountant tells him that if computers fail he will be the only business that will be able to operate.

Paul has many loyal customers including Meredith Dairy and some people who waited weeks for him to cart their sheep when there was a glut of stock going to markets.

He tells that it is a good business when the wheels are turning! When he took on the shop at Elaine in 2005 to more or less keep a shop open in Elaine, he worked long hours between the trucks and the shop. He has also had a couple of mishaps, a broken leg and an accident, when he couldn't drive for a time.

He has a few International trucks which he said used to be good looking trucks in their day. He built a shed in Jordans Lane to house them and his other equipment.

Paul has a happy personality and is interested in what people are doing and places he goes. He has spent 30 years building a solid business that has many satisfied customers.

And he doesn't own a watch!



Paul in his truck

Want to get into some Old School

# SOCIAL MEDIA



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## Rabbit Baiting in the Police Paddocks

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A. Crumble's



**Chocolate Tahini Cookies**

*from "A New Way to Bake" by Philip Khoury*

**Ingredients**

- 180g dark chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 100g tahini
- 180g brown or muscovado sugar
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 100g milk (or use a plant-based milk for a vegan biscuit)
- 150g plain flour (or buckwheat flour to make them gluten free)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 tsp bicarbonate of soda

**Method**

- Preheat the oven to 170g fan forced and line a large baking tray with baking paper.
- Melt the chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl in the microwave in 30 second bursts, stirring in between, or in a bowl set over a saucepan with 1cm of simmering water, stirring until melted.
- Mix the tahini, sugar and cinnamon into the melted chocolate to combine then add the milk and whisk until it is smooth and glossy.
- Add the flour, baking powder and bicarb and mix with a spatula until everything is well combined.
- Use a small spring-release scoop to scoop balls (about 25g) onto the baking tray.
- Bake for about 7 minutes for a soft and fudgy cookie. The chocolate firms up when they cool so don't overbake them. Store in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

**Some hints from the school bakers - Marlia, Noah and Reuben**

- ☺ *to get the perfect amount and make them all the same size, we used a small ice-cream scoop*
- ☺ *you can taste the dark chocolate which we like but we think you could maybe try milk chocolate*
- ☺ *the brown sugar makes them chewy instead of a crisp biscuit*
- ☺ *we wanted the biscuits to be gluten free so we used buckwheat flour*
- ☺ *the recipe says you can substitute the tahini for peanut or hazelnut butter if there are no allergies*
- ☺ *they were delicious*



*Below: Reuben, Noah and Marlia with the fruits of their labour.*



# SENIORS FESTIVAL 2026

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Golden Plains Shire Council is inviting community groups, businesses, and organisations to express their interest in hosting an event for the 2026 Victorian Seniors Festival.

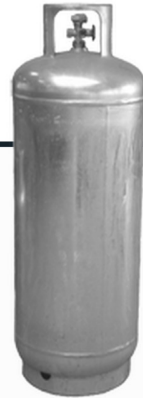
The Victorian Seniors Festival will take place from 1 to 31 October, celebrating ageing and providing opportunities for older adults to connect and engage with others.

Each year, Council coordinates a program of events aimed at promoting an active, healthy, and connected lifestyle. This program includes a variety of community and Council-led activities.

### Ways to get involved:

- Host an open day.
- Host a "come and try" session for an existing activity offered by your business or community group.
- Provide a discounted or free activity.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by **Friday 31 July 2026**. Contact Council's Community Inclusion Team on 5220 7111 or email [enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@gplains.vic.gov.au).



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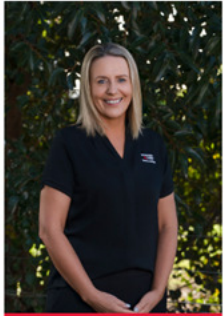
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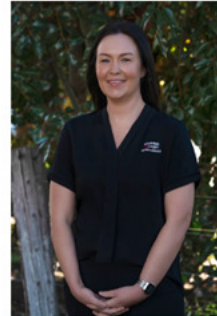
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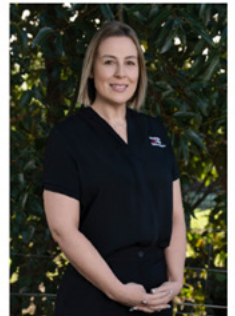
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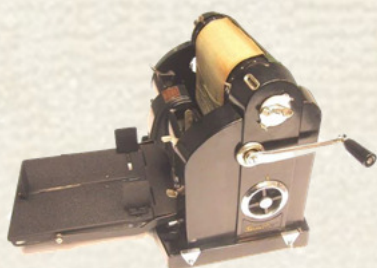


*Cathie Boer, one of our Roving Reporters seeking the views of residents on the Newsletter, asked Sue Woerner, a former production volunteer, and her husband Helmut, for their thoughts on our community publication.*

*(If you would like to share your views, get in touch at [news@meredithnews.com.au](mailto:news@meredithnews.com.au).)*

Sue and Helmut lived in Meredith for 26 years. Moved from the Bellerine, as it was getting crowded and expensive. Sue worked in the post office/shop for many years. She was asked to type the copy, got a shock when the typewriter turned out to be a computer. She had never used one at that time.

They read the news each month, including the ads. They have found the Newsletter important for staying informed, from functions to obituaries, as well as getting dates in advance of upcoming functions.



*This month we attempt to trace the history of the Newsletter's production. This is not a definitive account, but a glimpse into processes and personnel over the years. It is drawn from Marg Cooper's notes, taken while researching back copies, and supplemented by input by some of the people on the job over this period.*

### PRODUCTION

Production of the Meredith Newsletter was a truly community effort. At first, a teacher or volunteer would run off the newsletter pages on the school's spirit duplicator (and paper), producing faded purple print on damp sheets in a pungent cloud of methylated spirits! Then a small team would walk around a table, assembling the (dry) sheets in order until they got to the stapler, then start again. Around 1977, a school council member convinced the Principal of Ballarat Grammar School to donate a retired Gestetner for the purpose. This was a welcome upgrade, involving ink transfer through a wax coated stencil. A roster of volunteer typists received the items and typed the stencils.

All the information for the newsletter was in a large bundle of hand written notes that needed to be sorted and collated - no emailing or 'cutting and pasting' items back then. In the early 80s the grade 5/6 students would staple the pages together.

It transitioned to a community responsibility when a committee was elected, comprising members of the school council and the community at large. Manual assembly continued up until local printer, Jim Newbury, volunteered to print the Newsletter for free. (We paid for the paper.) For several years, Jim put many hours of work into the newsletter, as did his wife Gayle who was responsible for the advertisements and the graphics.

In 1987 the responsibility for the production and distribution of the Newsletter was assumed by the newly formed collective, the Meredith Community House (now Meredith Community Centre). An early objective was to foster a spirit of unity in the community.

Volunteers typed the Newsletter which were still taken to the school to be run off before being collated and distributed.

Lorraine Fink was the Editor for a time and retired from this post in 1990. Even after the advent of computers, most of the contributions were still handwritten and left at the Post Office where Lorraine was the Post Mistress. Other editors over the years are Jean Dunstan (for around 10 years) aided by Sue Woerner and, from 2006 to the present day, Jim Elvey. During Jean's years, we burned the master file on to a CD and her husband Max delivered it to the printer.

Trudy Mitchell worked with Jim Elvey for many years during a period of significant growth and transformation. Former House Coordinator, Pam Ridd, worked with Jim as a co-editor for a time, as did Marlene Johnson, some years later.

Don Atherton and Peter Boer (whose wife Cathie had been proofreading copy for several years) joined the team as production volunteers, putting all the elements together each month.

*There is a lot more to this story and we apologise if we have overlooked any significant events and people that are part of it. - Ed.*

# The Words We've Left Behind.

## Snippets from 2001 to 2005

50 Years of a Count

### East Rd Croquet Tournament 2001

The 2001 Australia Day weekend saw the playing of the 4<sup>th</sup> East Rd croquet championship for the now much coveted silver coffee pot. The previous day brought fears of a wash out as thunderstorms & rain blew in & out of the region, but the evening fined & the day of the main event proved perfect for the festive competition. The rain of the previous day brought the croquet course up a treat with the brown grass being less brown & the dust being washed away. A new challenge for this year was the Jumping Jack Ant's nest on the run for home. It took great concentration to watch the ants & hit the ball through the hoop.

The gossip was rampant when Jon Tantau arrived with Aunt Ruth's croquet mallet, an heirloom from the 1920s. The debate raged over the legality of the ring in mallet the decision finally resting with the umpire of the day David Tantau. A low murmur rippled through the crowd when it was suggested there was a conflict of interest with the umpire being the Tantau son. Sue Bailey was originally partnered with Ray O'Keefe but later tossed him over when she saw John & his ring in mallet. This would be a decision she would later regret.

4th February, 2001

18th July



### Meredith Community House, Inc.

"Working for our Community"

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- Safe Food Handling
- Ribbon Roses
- Wool Embroidery
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- Meditation
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### GOOD BYE TO THE "TOP SHOP"



Peter Bongiorno a former owner of the General Store and Pat Dodson, the retiring owner.

(which had to be hitched retrieve when change was needed.)

The Top Shop has seen towns and Skippers in own and when Eric & Marj T bought it they built the building including the h They moved to the Gene in 1964. Since then othe have included Gerda & Zonneveld, Julian & Kay Lanning, Neville & Joan ther, Peter & Anne Bong who were in residence fo years, Neil & Joy Cox, C Brett Baddeley, The Har lastly Pat & Derrick Do have 'lasted' 10 years.

When the Post Office cl the retirement of Lorrain Lindsay Fink and the P. moved to this site it then as Meredith General Sto Office.

A number of locals gathered at the "Top Shop" at 4pm on Monday, 31st March, 2003, to share a 'cuppa' and chat with Pat & Derrick as they closed the doors for the last time.

Councillor Gerald Dupe gave a short speech and Peter Bongiorno (a past owner) came all the way from the Grampians to reminisce and say a few words. Pat & Derrick were presented with a Camellia bush from the town.

Some interesting history was given during the speeches. The name "Top Shop" was coined by Peter (Bongi to the locals of the time). Mrs. Fraser had a lolly and drapery shop where Kiernans now live in the early 1920's. It is said that Mrs. Fraser used to make ice blocks in her kerosene refrigerator for the children, a halfpenny bought broken biscuits. Her change was kept in a money belt beneath her dress and apron

Pat ( who has run the bu mainly on her own with away working) has made contribution to the comm many ways. She has been responsible for Hall booki official in Red Cross em work, looks after many I that only she knows abo with bus timetables and runs, buying stock and g looking after everyone's well as the papers and t bread on Saturdays as w

ing a depot for numerou activities and meat from The local organizations have left raffle tickets, phone books etc. can on huge THANK YOU to her willing and cheerful operation at all times.

An era in Meredith's his ended and a new one ha We wish Wayne every s with the Post Office & M agency.

### Annual Fleece Show

11th October, 2001

*'Spring is here, the grass is riz I wonder where the fleeces is?'* Yes! It is that time of the year again when we are appealing to all woolgrowers to donate a fleece or two to the Annual Meredith Fleece Show to be held

on 25th November. We are urgently needing more fleeces to ensure a healthy competition. So please keep this in mind at shearing time.

This year there is an addi-

tional section for Commercial Woolgrowers, other than Stud Breeders which should encourage a wider interest. For further details contact Roy Ritchie 5286 1291 or Doug McFarlane 5286 1283.

25th October 2001

### Keeping Afloat

It costs hundreds of dollars a year to produce every issue of the **Meredith & District Newsletter**. So how does it stay afloat?

Obviously, we couldn't do it without the strong and continuing support of the local businesses that advertise their goods and services. That's why we strive to give them good exposure and good value. We distribute over 700 copies around the district every fortnight and our advertising rates have been unchanged for three years.

We also promote and publicise the activities and events of the many community organizations in the District. We do the editorials free of charge and sometimes receive donations in recognition. One such donation was recently received from the Banganie/Meredith Landcare Group. This public thank you to the Landcare Group, the other organizations and the individuals who periodically help us stay in print through cash donations. We are equally grateful to the

mail contractors and the various businesses who help us with distribution and never take their support for granted and recognise, together with the huge work carried out by Committee members, the Newsletter is a true community collaboration.

It is for this reason that we offer a big **thank you** for the support of advertisers, donors, volunteers and readers. So long as we have this, our district 'mouthpiece' is assured of a strong future.

### New Look Newsletter

The Newsletter Committee decided to change the appearance of the Newsletter for the change of the Millennium. We would welcome comments!

We would also be very pleased to have some articles from the community which we can have on hand as fill-ins when we are short of things to fill a page. In the past we have included pages for the children, recipes or 'wisdom comments'. But we

really would like some of the history of the area, funny anecdotes, short stories, poems or other interesting information.

Please leave your contribution at the Post Office or Community House.

Closing dates for copy will now be located on the last page, so please check each issue for the next closing date.

**No late copy can be accepted.**

This might be a trick. We looked before and after, and couldn't see exactly what *The New Look* was!



1st February 2002

### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea a Great Success!

What can I say apart from THANK YOU all so much. This year we have broken the record. As of today, (30th May) we have raised \$1,000. The support and help I've had this year has been unbelievable. There are many people I should name, but in case I miss anyone out I will just say thank you to all those who helped in any way, but to the Anglican Church,

thank you for the use of the hall again.

This year was a first as far as the craft stall was concerned. A big thank you to Mrs. Jean Widderson, Jessie Osborne and Joy Smith who made a load of lovely things. A big thank you to everyone who has donated and taken part. Thanks to Henry for the sausage meat and Don for the whiskey and Nardi's for the biscuits. As I said in the last newsletter, this day brings us all together

and it was another positive day. M out to all those ing with cancer ment and my th prayers are with The raffle was s Wilma Webb ar Rooney. Congr Thank you all so another wonder couldn't have de out you.

Pip Hu

7th June 2

8th December, 2001

**C.W.A. NEWS**



Members of the sewing team: Pam Blair, Alison Erwin, Marion Waugh, Joan Simpson, Joan Taylor and June Cameron with some of the articles sent to Head Office for overseas distribution.

Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>. saw the beginning of the new era of the Country Festival. Revamped as the "MEREDITH COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER." We were treated to a magnificent day of entertainment held in beautiful weather. The inaugural "Meredith Country Music Showcase" revealed what outstanding local talent there is in our region

24th April 2004

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Photos become a regular feature, like this one of members at the 2001 CWA Christmas

**MAYOR TO GO BALD!!!**

On Friday March 15th at 8pm. at the Meredith Hotel, the Mayor of Golden Plains Shire, Gerald Dupe is having his head shaved for the Leukemia Foundation. This day would have been my 23rd wedding anniversary so I am going to have my hair dyed at the same time. There will be a sausage sizzle so please come and support us.  
Pip Hucker.

14th March, 2002

29th October, 2005

**New editor**

This is my last edition of the Meredith & District Newsletter as the editor. After nearly 10 years preparing the fortnightly paper for the people of this district it is going to be very different not having to sit and type a lot of interesting news. I leave the paper in good hands with Sue Woerner taking over as the 'chief' with the help of other members of the Newsletter Committee. If there is anyone out there who would like to give Sue a hand, please let Sue or Jim Elvey know. I take this opportunity of thanking the contributors and advertisers whom I have had contact with in the past years.  
Jean Dunstan

24th October, 2002

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**MEREDITH RECREATION RESERVE OPENING**



A small crowd gathered on Friday, 3rd September, for the official opening of the new change rooms at the Meredith Recreation Reserve. The Mayor of Golden Plains, Cr. Bill McArthur was introduced to the assembly and thanked all who had helped to get the project completed within budget. The Honourable Justin Madden, MLC, Minister for Sport & Recreation was then introduced and he congratulated the town and the Shire on completing this facility. He then

unveiled the plaque marking this special occasion. A number of the Shire Councilors, members of the Moorabool Valley Masters Football team and members of the community were present and all enjoyed a delicious luncheon catered for by the local C.W.A. The facilities are well equipped and with care should last for many years to come. They will be available to all sporting bodies who use the reserve.

9th September 2004

**PLANTING BY THE MOON**

**May:**  
Best time to plant leafy Annuals - 12th - 14th  
2nd best time 9th  
Best time to plant Fruiting Annuals - 22nd - 23rd  
2nd best time 19th - 21st  
Best time to plant root crops & perennials ———  
2nd best time - 26th & 27th

5th May 2005

# Our Cover Story

## The Changing Face of our Covers 2001 to 2005

We see some evolution of our cover layout over this five year period. Photos are more common with colour used in the 2004 issue. (But strangely, not continued.) The last example, from late 2005, shows some shift to modernity, with a cleaner layout.

1st March, 2001  
Volume 11, Issue 3

## Meredith & District News

Country Women's Association News

**DON'T FORGET!** Our 36th Anniversary Dinner is on Saturday, 17th March (at Paddy's) with singing, dancing, entertainment and just "Gals" means in Ireland. So get a couple of tables together, but remember that the hall can only take 14-15 tables, 10-12 to a table. However, if it's just a couple,

from the time, drainage and water feed systems. **Don Chapman, Midvale** has been successful in securing a grant from the Victorian Government to help with covering an 800m<sup>2</sup> area of the hall (over) - Ballarat.

27 March, Country Community Hall, Croydon  
28 March, Bezza Centre, Mansfield  
29 March, Warrigal, Warrigal  
30 March, Warrigal, Warrigal  
31 March, Warrigal, Warrigal

24th October, 2002  
Volume 12, Issue 20

## MEREDITH & DISTRICT NEWS

### 50th YEAR OF SHEARING FOR BASIL

Most people aged 64 would be happy to sit back and enjoy the easy life, but not Basil Maguire. Basil, a former resident of Meredith district is well known for his shearing ability. Recently Basil worked on the Middleton property where he has sheared for 30 years. With over 2,000 sheep to shear it is something of a marathon for him. But listening to Slim Darcy and Daniel O'Donnell the eight hours goes in his younger days Basil could shear up to 238 a day and regularly clipped 1000 a week. His father, Percy, was a shearing contractor who got to 283 a day and held the Guinness Book of Records for skinning and pegging two rabbits in 55 seconds. Basil was only 14 and on school holidays when one of the shearers didn't turn up so having done a bit of crutching before, his father gave him a hand piece, pointed to the vacant shearing stand and said "go on". By the end of the day he had turned out an impressive 27 sheep. In those days there was no training school for shearers and Basil recalls the advice he was given, "no skin off and no wool left on". From then on he was in his father's shearing team and has worked in many different areas of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Thirty years of shearing for the family is quite unique. The entire Middleton family worked for many hours in the shed with Basil and his two sons to his unlimited supply of detailed stories, country music tapes, suggestions and theories. Many people have visited the Middleton's shearing shed and learned about shearing and listened to Basil's stories.

**Best Wool 2010** information night

Shearing for the same family for 30 years (a great effort)

14th November, 2004  
Volume 14, Issue 21

## MEREDITH & DISTRICT NEWS

### MEREDITH HERITAGE WALK & HISTORICAL DISPLAY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14TH

What a great day for Meredith's past & present residents! At 10 am approximately 150 people braved the drizzling rain to gather at Pioneer Park to listen to entertaining stories, from Frank Brady, of past life in Meredith and witness the launch of Meredith's Heritage Walk and the book that accompanied it. Over 120 were led by Margaret Cooper & Lyndsay Fink to view 19 of the 62 historical sites that have been marked by plaques. On their return everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch and the 150th birthday cake made by Jessie Osborne and cut by Neil Brady and Ernie Miller two of our oldest present residents. The historical display at the Memorial Hall was a treasure trove of photos, maps, information and memorabilia from almost every era of Meredith's history and every organisation that ever was. A delicious afternoon tea was enjoyed by everyone. Special thanks to the Victorian State Government's Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, the Golden Plains Shire, the Meredith Community House and especially Joan Brick and the barbecue cooks, the Meredith Town Team, Margaret Cooper for her passionate research and book production, Lyndsay Fink for his information and assistance, Don Van Bouschoten and Kevin Parkinson for their hard work in preparing and placing the plaques, Kay McFarlane and Margaret Parkinson and helpers for the outstanding work in managing the displays, Martin & Gordon Waugh for managing the kitchen and to all of you who came and enjoyed a fantastic day. There was just one disappointment for the day and that was the disappearance of a 1999 calendar from a display. If you have picked this up by mistake could you please return it to the Meredith Community House as soon as possible. There was a pair of small sunglasses left behind. They can be claimed by phoning 52861410.

Right: Cr. Gerald Drape, Cathy Drape & Jack Bouschoten inspecting the plaque at Dickman's Bridge

Left: Neil Brady & Ernie Miller cutting the cake.

24th February, 2005  
Volume 15, Issue 3

## Meredith & District News

### FAREWELL WAYNE O'SULLIVAN

Readers will likely know that Wayne O'Sullivan has sold his Meredith Shop and Post Office to David (Gus) Primmer and Sadie Hamm. A lot of valuable community members leave the district and we don't always get a chance to say thank you and farewell, so the Meredith Newsletter asked Wayne for some recollections of his four years in the business.

Notwithstanding Wayne's modest nature, it is obvious that many changes have been made since he took over in November 2000. And it's not surprising as Wayne has a track record of business growth and hard work. After spending eight years in the bank, he purchased a fuel agency in Camperdown where, a few years later, he built and ran the town's squash courts. Then he took on the Linton Hotel and, after that, a school bus run with his own bus, driving trucks "in between".

He bought the Meredith Shop at a time when it's future was uncertain and immediately set about building the business. Simple things like staff uniforms, new floor coverings and shop equipment and refurbished counters were early evidence of what Wayne describes as "... a continuing project to brighten up the shop and make it a good place to visit."

He's just finished painting the building inside and out and along the way concreted the

Wayne has had a varied life and we wish him well in the future!

17th November 2005

## Meredith & district Newsletter

### The Music Festival - a Short History

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Meredith Music Festival (MMF) to be held on 9, 10, 11 December sold out weeks ago - over 10,000. MMF has evolved from small beginnings in 1991 with about 250 people and bands playing on the back of a semi trailer. Started by Chris Nolan and friends Gregory Peele and Marcus Downie, in the early years it was all hands on deck and stories abound of the work and some very funny and demanding times. The elements continue to influence and challenge the Festival and its punters. Last year, a once in a life time storm and rain almost shut it down and brought out new dimensions of what people describe as the "spirit of Meredith". As someone remarked, "They are just not going to let this festival die". MMF is held mainly on land where the Nolan family has lived since before original title in 1865. John/Jack is 5<sup>th</sup> generation and has lived his 66 years there, and Mary and Jack since their marriage 40 years ago. They have been active in the local community, and are social beings with a love of music. Some in the town will remember the bands and balls and decorating of years gone by. "Music is part of us and the way we interact". Dinner with Chris, Mary and Jack often began late and was punctuated by playing tracks from vinyls and CDs evoking experiences and memories, complementing the conversation, etc until the early hours. Laughing, crying, arguing, and remembering together.

It remains a country music fan and does not like the MMF music. Years ago Chris told him, "When we have

John, Mary and Chris Nolan with the "wheelchair trailer". Still loving that country life.

the last MMF, we'll get Johnny Cash out for you Jack". The Nolans speak of a strong sense of place and belonging, of being shaped by the land and custodians for the next generation.

Another John Nolan, Jack's grandfather, retired to Ballarat about 1940 and on trips back to the farm would bring a few pine trees to plant "for the birds to rest in when I am dead and gone". Little did he know that people would shelter under those old pines on MMF site in the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

### Meredith Farmers Market

If you missed the last Meredith farmers market then you missed: FREE pancakes  
FREE children's activities  
An opportunity to say good day to members of your local community  
The now famous CWA stall selling those beautiful homemade sponges and inexpensive craft items  
Coral's beautiful homemade berry jams made with her homegrown berries  
St. Joseph's Church ladies goodies and beautiful posies of flowers  
Locally grown plants at fantastic prices  
Cathy's unique hand-made cards  
Lochie's eggs and pinecones  
Free cuppas for stallholders And much more!!!!

(continued on page 19)

Wayne has had a varied life and we wish him well in the future!

More recently, Wayne took over the bottled gas business from John and Mary

But for now, Wayne is taking some time off for a well-earned rest. You get the impression though, that he will soon be back behind a counter somewhere. Best wishes Wayne from the Meredith and District Community.

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- Red Cross News
- Water Watch Awards
- Getting Ready for the Fire Season
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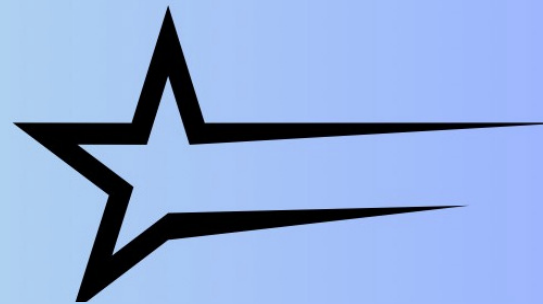
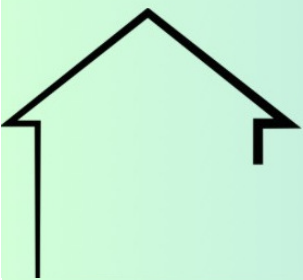
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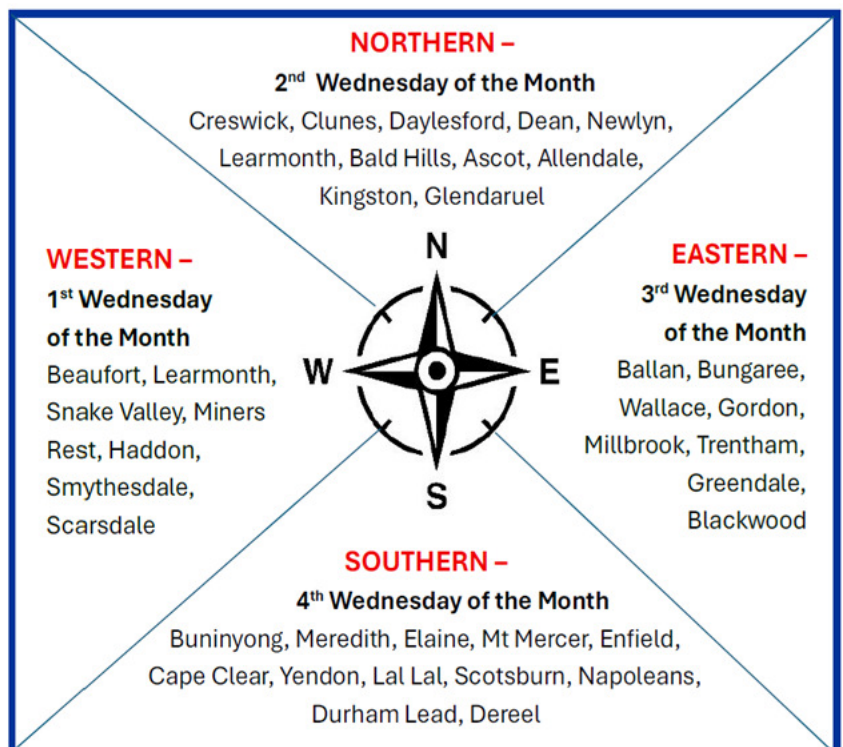
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## Marg's BOOK REVIEW

### *The Survivors* by Jane Harper

The Survivors brings two characters, Kieran and Mia back to the small seaside town in Tasmania, from Sydney to help Kieran's Mum and alzheimer affected Dad, pack up and move.

Twelve years prior, the town experienced the worst storm in its history. During the storm, Kieran had got into trouble near some off-limits caves. His brother Finn took his catamaran out with his business partner to save him. But Finn and Toby died during the rescue attempt. At the same time, Mia's best friend went missing; her body was never found.

So, going back home is not comfortable for Kieran, as the events of 12 years ago fractured his relationship with his parents and many residents of the town.

Thus, when a tourist resident is killed on the same beach at the same time of year as what happened 12 years ago, memories are stirred up Everyone becomes a suspect and old suspicions and blames resurface and the town begins to fray.

So, there is the unsolved mystery of what happened to Finn and Toby and why they died, how Mia's best friend went missing and the current event, the body found on the beach.

As the police investigate the local community seethes with gossip and secrets are gradually revealed.

A review tells that Australian small towns hold long held memories, fears, guilts and resentments They also hold secrets.

Jane Harper has written what is described as a slow-burn, character driven story rather than a fast-paced thriller. The book explores themes of grief, memory and how people move forward from past traumas.

I had two small criticisms. In the beginning I was overwhelmed with characters and their relationships. Someone told me that it would all become clear as I read on, which it did. The other criticism was that Kieran and Mia had a baby Audrey and a lot of the action involved the baby, carrying her, even down the steep hill to the caves, laying her on the beach while he swam, having her minded etc. I suppose the baby was part of the family and showed that they were a real family but she seemed to take up a lot of space in the book.

Jane Harper's first novel was *The Dry* which was a great success and was made into a film as was *Force of Nature*. Jane worked as a print journalist for 13 years and now lives in Melbourne.



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5. Orleans
6. Limburg
7. Jaipur
8. Leon

Answers

1. South Africa 2. Germany 3. Canada 4. Italy
5. France 6. Netherlands 7. India 8. Spain

# The WhoWrays

Marg Cooper

I thought that I had retired in 2022 when a new vehicle was purchased to replace me. 'Me' being a 1998 Toyota twin cab white ute. I have worked hard on the farm including carrying stacks of pine trees for Christmas sales, transporting sheep and fine wool, carting gravel and soil and travelling over 450,000 kms.

I was enjoying retirement watching the world go by when two of the Wray sisters, Jan Trew and Sandra (Mabes) Ranken, came up with the bright idea of driving from Port Douglas to Melbourne in the 'Shitbox' Rally in Autumn 2026.

I was brought out of the shed, washed and polished and inspected for my preparedness for their adventure. I was selected because I fit the criteria for the rally: I am not worth more than \$1500 and I have been a very reliable vehicle.

When a new clutch was installed the old one simply fell apart. When the old fuel filter was removed it was black and full of dirt.

The girls then proceeded to decorate me. Having grown up on Clipswood Park where fine merino sheep produced some of the best wool, their theme had to be sheep and wool. And, with a ready supply of rams' horns, sheep skulls and bones, wool and dags I was soon adorned. Added to the décor was a corrugated iron sheep, advertising stickers and some quirky signs like Just Dagged which adorns the lifting platform as a replacement for the tailgate (invented by Mabe's husband Jim) and a row of huge dry dags threaded on fishing line.

The rallies were started by James Freeman to raise money for cancer research after both his parents died of cancer within 12 months. There are at least five rallies per year over different distances and different routes. There are 250 cars taking part in the Autumn Rally who travel in groups of seven.

Each entrant has to raise \$5000 before the race and try to raise much more which all goes to research projects. People can donate via collection boxes at some local venues or by using a QR code.

It must be stressed that it is not a race but a challenge: to drive cars across Australia via some of the most formidable roads (mostly dirt - and probably corrugated), all in the name of charity. The rallies also help small communities as the CWA or footy clubs supply meals to the participants and no doubt money is also spent in the local paper shop, café or chemist. (Participants pay \$100 per day for the catering, camp out in tents or swags and pay for their own fuel.)

Jan and Mabes are excited. They have packed their dress up costumes but have now forgotten what they packed as the Autumn rally has been postponed until July because of the fuel crisis. Thank goodness they are trucking me to Port Douglas to make sure that I get there. Then it's all downhill, isn't it? What could possibly go wrong?

## Help us raise \$5,000 for Cancer Research with Box Rallies

### WhoWrays

Jan Trew & Sandra Ranken are fundraising for the Cancer Council

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## Tax time countdown is on...

The saying by Benjamin Franklin "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail" is certainly true at tax time. You will not fail as such, but you will be giving away money to the tax system that could have stayed in your pocket.

With less than a month before we can start lodging our tax returns there are things we can do now to prepare. I wrote an extensive article in June 2024 on this topic and in June 2025 I focused on making sure everyone was alert to scams that the ATO advised had been on the rise again. You can find these articles online at [www.meredithnews.com.au](http://www.meredithnews.com.au) in the archive section, as they still apply today.

This month I thought I would look at some industries and what employees of those industries may be able to claim, if they had spent money on those expenses and not been reimbursed by their employers, that another industry may not be able to.

### A – Agricultural worker – deductions:

Additional costs incurred for special licenses or conditions for example a heavy vehicle permit. Firearm costs and renewal of Gun Licence. Working animals up keep costs.

### B – Bus Driver – deductions:

Cleaning products to keep the bus clean, like anti-bacterial products, window cleaner and tissues. First Aid training.

### C – Cleaner – deductions:

Safety Glasses, Face mask and Heavy-duty gloves. Vacuum cleaner or steam cleaning systems.

### E – Engineer – deductions:

Insurance of tools and equipment that you use to for work. Renewal of registrations with industry bodies. Upskilling for example you have a Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) and you decide to do a Masters in Engineering (Chemical).

### F – Fire Fighter – deductions:

Fitness expenses, if you are a specialist and regularly tested for your fitness, as it is seen as above standard fitness level for fire fighters. For example, a specialist firefighter trained in structural collapses and tunnel emergencies. Training courses and travel expenses relating to fire fighting. Tools such as axe and firefighting pumps.

### G – Golfer -professional – deductions:

Entry fees to competitions. Golf Equipment.

### H – Hairdressers – Deductions:

Repairs to tools you supply for work like hair straighteners.

### I – IT Professionals – Deductions:

Safety Glasses if the IT professional also solders equipment. Computer Applications, Software, Hardware, Annual Subscriptions to Software services. Subscriptions to magazines relating to the field of IT.

### L – Lawyer – Deductions:

Briefcases, Books and Journals for your professional

library.

### M – Media Professional – Deductions:

Social Functions like dinners or similar events whilst working.

### N – Nurse – Deductions:

Commission payments you may have made to a nursing agency. AHPRA registration renewal fees. Fob Watches, nurses pouch and tools and equipment to perform their duties.

### O – Office Worker – Deductions:

Sit-Stand Desks. Stationary like pens, papers, notepads and laptop if used for work.

### P – Performing Artist – Deductions:

Coaching Classes that will help you maintain existing skills or to acquire or improve related skills like singing, acting or dancing lessons. Also, if you need to acquire a new skill for a position then you can also claim this. For example, you are an actor playing professional tennis and therefore you get tennis lessons to look the part in the show.

### R – Real estate Employee – Deductions if you earn commission on sales:

Decorating properties costs such as flowers. Gifts to clients like Christmas Hampers, Bottle of Alcohol, Gift Vouchers, Pen Sets, Perfume.

### S – Sales Manager – Deductions:

Travel when you are required to sleep away from home overnight and incur expenses like accommodation, meals and incidentals to your travel.

### T – Teacher – Deductions:

Teachers Resources such as teachers aids that will help you with your education. This could include books, games and other items you would use to support the teaching.

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# the Philatelist

Michael Riseley



## OMNIBUS

Philatelists have their main collections – perhaps a country or countries, a theme, a geographic area or maybe a date period. But often they have smaller side collections. One of these might be an omnibus set. This is a set of stamps issued by multiple countries or colonies sharing a common theme, design and release date. Often an omnibus set will commemorate events such as royal weddings, jubilees or anniversaries.

This type of stamps was first issued in the later part of the 19th century by the various European colonial empires – Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal. Sometimes they were simply a portrait of the particular ruling monarch with each colony in the empire issuing the same design stamps but with that colony name and in the colony currency. For example most of the Portuguese colonies issued sets of stamps showing King Carlos and later King Manoel. Spanish colonies had sets of stamps showing King Alfonso X11 and later Alfonso X111. This latter stamp showed Alfonso X111 when he was an infant and are widely known as the Baby set.

German colonies issued stamps showing a motor yacht at sea. French colonies issued sets of stamps showing allegorical figures representing Peace and Commerce. The name of the colony appeared in a panel at the bottom of the stamp and was the only difference between the stamps. These are known as Tablet stamps.

But perhaps the most popular to collect omnibus sets come from the British Commonwealth from the mid 20th century. The designs became more interesting and colourful. Key sets included 1935 King George V Silver Jubilee with over 60 countries issuing these stamps. More than 50 countries issued stamps in 1937 for the coronation of George VI. Later sets included 1946 WW11 Victory, 1948 Silver Wedding, 1953 Queen Elizabeth coronation and 1981 Prince Charles and Lady Di wedding.

In 1949 British Commonwealth countries issued a set of stamps commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. Interestingly many other countries of the world issued stamps for this same anniversary but in a variety of designs. This could almost be categorised as a universal omnibus set.

But omnibus sets can be smaller. In 1951 the British colony countries in the West Indies issued a set of stamps for the inauguration of the first West Indies University and again in 1958 for the inauguration of the West Indies Caribbean Federation.

Collecting omnibus sets is quite interesting and a fun little side project.



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## Sculpture Exhibition (Pics on page 38)

On the weekend of May 16 & 17 MHIG held their second Sculpture Exhibition with over 70 entries and a large crowd attending. Some of the sculptures included a pterodactyl or flying reptile that flew in from down south and waited at the door for the exhibition, a grass tree that grew next to the building, a large bumble bee with clear glass sections that buzzed in and settled on the front lawn, heads with big eyes and features made from workshop items that peered from a woolshed frame, five dolls dressed in tin kitchenware that came to dance, Ned Kelly who came along after the siege of Glenrowan, two miners who looked for gold, Nick who scooted in on his skateboard, a farmer who brought horses, a cow and a sheep, a windmill which was installed and rotated, a barbed wire orb that hung from a tree, inventors of electrical items who were shocked and whose hair stuck up on end, Meredith goat farm depicted on a large vase, Bamganie blackened by the bushfire was represented by a large collage, women in the fashions of the 1950's and 1960's were quilted, tea and scones with Mum looked delicious, a model wrapped in time, Bamganie City excavated and deemed to be the oldest structures in all Australia, two washing days, a stump machined into an exquisite set of drawers, a Singer sewing machine made into a flash car, a buggy with a machine gun came straight from the desert campaign and a Toyota ute adorned with wool/sheep related decorations arrived to gain support for its trek in the Shitbox Rally that raises funds for Cancer Research.

This is in no way a complete list of sculptures but may give you a taste for the variety, the ingenuity and artistry displayed.

Who would think of using packaging from a drop saw purchase to make a lost city, or a sewing machine and a fire extinguisher to make a car or nuts, bolts and spark plugs make a war buggy or a model wrapped in cloth and covered with watches to represent Lost in Time?

Mark Cuthbertson who created the concrete couch in front of the Royal Hotel judged the entries. The winners of the Junior Section were Ray and Monty Box, the Runner up was Quinn Grenfell. The winner of the Senior Section was Alan Caddy who made a natural twig into a small toy horse and the Second prize went to Andre Konarski with his depiction of Bamganie City. He also mentioned four sculptures that thought needed to be Highly Commended, Danny Rabusin's dog, Darren Guthrie's Baba Yaga, Alison Durham's dolls and Sue Dilley for her Carpenter Beetle. Darren Guthrie once again won the Popular Choice with his amazing car.

Thank you to Mark for judging, all the sculptors for exhibiting, our sponsors for helping fund the event, the Committee for organizing and setting up and for the public for supporting MHIG by attending.

A Sculpture Exhibition may seem an unusual event for a History Group to have but we deem it helps to make people think about history, it allows people to be creative, to see the beautiful old Shire Hall and grounds and it

allows people to enjoy art and to interact with each other. Please start making sculptures for next year, now!

## Easter Daisies:

Thank you to the person who answered the call for Easter Daisy plants. We have some very healthy bromeliads in big pots for sale at \$25.00 each and on the street nursery some bulbs and a great variety of other plants.



## We're Giving Back

Prudent financial management and strong advertising support has given us the means to mark our 50th year of publication by giving something back to the community that has supported us over those fifty years. We have decided to do this by way of two grants to local organisations.

### Meredith Primary School Literary Support Fund

An amount of \$20,000 will be provided to the School to foster the enjoyment of creative writing. Acting Principal, Rachel Combridge, has warmly welcomed the grant, stating the School will "...honour the intent of (the) grant through a sustainable and meaningful creative writing initiative that fosters imagination, student voice and a lifelong enjoyment of writing.

"(The School) proposes to utilise the funds to establish an ongoing creative writing program titled Meredith Storymakers. The program will engage local authors and writing professionals to work alongside students in authentic writing workshops. These workshops will guide students through the full writing process including planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing."

Ms Combridge said students will work towards creating a published collection of short stories and written pieces that can be shared with families and the wider Meredith community."

It is fitting that we celebrate our fiftieth year of publication, by supporting the institution that engendered the Newsletter in the first place. In 1976, then Headmaster, Laurie Manning, started a school newsletter which, in response to community interest, he broadened to include community content and made available to residents at large. The School continued to produce the newsletter from its own resources for a number of years before handing it over to a community based committee.

### Meredith Police Paddocks

This is an amount of \$5,000 and will be used by site managers, Western Region Ecological Network (WREN), in liaison with the local volunteer group, the Meredith Police Paddocks Support Group, to support two projects: an Indigenous Land Use Display and an Early Police Presence Display. WREN thanked the Sub Committee for its initiative in making the grant and congratulated the Sub Committee on 50 years of publishing the Meredith Newsletter.

We are hopeful this will support significant enhancements to this important community asset, accessible to all district residents.

*Jim Elvey, Chair, Meredith Newsletter Sub-Committee*

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*G'Day from the penners for June. On the 19th May members of our group held a creative writing workshop at Shelford Primary School for 11 students from Teesdale, Lethbridge and Shelford. It was an initiative to encourage our future writers and it was a great success. The children were enthusiastic participants, especially during the brainstorming session. We would like to thank the schools involved, particularly Shelford who allowed us to use their premises.*

*Today's story is from Gordon Vanbeck, we hope you like it. And as always, we can be contacted via our email [goldenpens4@gmail.com](mailto:goldenpens4@gmail.com)*

### **Leave it to Beaver**

For two years the hens lived the sort of life chooks dream about, if chooks dream at all. They scratched through the garden beds from first light, muttering to each other as they unearthed beetles and grubs. They dozed in the shade on hot afternoons, dust-bathed under the wattles, and lined up at the back door whenever they heard the humans open a packet of anything that might be food. And always, keeping a watchful eye on them, was Beaver.

He wasn't a big rooster, not compared with the showy breeds you see in poultry books. But what he lacked in size he made up for in attitude. His chest was broad, his tail arched high, and he walked the yard like he owned the freehold. If a hawk circled overhead, Beaver was the first to spot it. If a neighbour's dog barked too close to the fence, he was there in a heartbeat, wings half-spread, telling it exactly what he thought. The hens adored him. The humans did too.

Life settled into a rhythm. The seasons turned, the garden grew and died back and grew again, and Beaver kept his little flock safe. It would have gone on that way indefinitely if the foxes hadn't moved in.

They arrived quietly, as foxes do. At first there were only signs: a neat pile of poop on the track, a set of prints by the dam, the faint musky smell on the wind at dusk. The humans noticed, but they'd seen foxes before. They tightened the wire on the run and made sure the coop door latched properly each night. Beaver noticed too. He crowed more often, and not just at dawn. He paced the fence line, feathers puffed, as if daring the shadows to come closer.

The hens were fossicking near the compost heap when Beaver sounded the alarm. It wasn't his usual warning call. This one was sharp, urgent, a command rather than a suggestion. The hens froze, then ran for the coop in a flurry of wings and feathers. Beaver herded them like a seasoned stockman, pushing the stragglers ahead of him, glancing back every few steps.

The dog fox broke cover just as the last hen scrambled inside. Beaver didn't follow her. Instead, he planted himself in the doorway, wings spread wide, tail flared, every feather standing on end. He looked twice his size. The fox slowed, surprised, then lowered his head and crept forward.

For a moment the yard went silent. Even the magpies stopped carolling. Beaver held his ground. The fox lunged.

What happened next was quick and messy, the way real fights are. Beaver struck first, launching himself straight at the fox's face. His spurs raked across the fox's muzzle. The fox yelped, shook his head, and snapped back. Beaver dodged, wings beating furiously, driving the fox away from the coop door. He didn't try to escape. He didn't even look behind him. His whole focus was on keeping the fox from getting past him.

The fox was faster. He circled, darted in, circled again. Beaver met him each time, but he was tiring. His breaths came in short bursts. His wings drooped. Still he stood his ground.

The fox made one final rush. Beaver leapt to meet him—and the fox caught him.

When the humans returned that afternoon, the yard was quiet. The hens were huddled inside the coop, wide-eyed but unharmed. Beaver lay in the dust a few metres away, badly injured but still alive. One of the humans knelt beside him, speaking softly, while the other ran for a towel and the car keys.

They carried him as carefully as they could, wrapping him so his wings wouldn't drag. The hens watched from the doorway, clucking anxiously, as the car sped down the drive toward the animal hospital in town.

Recovery wasn't quick. Beaver lost weight, then slowly gained it back. His wing healed stiffly, but he learned to balance again. The vet said most roosters wouldn't have survived the night, let alone the surgery. Beaver, they said, had a will like iron.

After three weeks, the humans brought him home.

Life in the garden shifted back into its old rhythm. The humans reinforced the fences and added motion lights along the boundary. The fox family moved on once the cubs were grown, and the yard felt safe again.

Beaver didn't crow for the first few mornings. He simply perched on the rail at dawn, watching the light come up over the paddocks. Then, one clear morning, he lifted his head and let out a rough, determined crow. It wasn't as strong as before, but it carried across the yard and into the house, waking the humans with a sound they hadn't realised they'd missed.

The hens gathered below him, waiting for the day to begin. Beaver hopped down, shook out his feathers, and led them toward the garden beds, limping slightly but walking with purpose.

He had returned to rule the roost again.

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29/5/1935 – 13/5/2026

*Marg Cooper*

Coral was the daughter of Hector and Ivy McDonald and sister to Heather. She grew up at Gellibrand on a dairy farm that was on the Gellibrand River. When her father went to WW11 her mother ran the farm for 2½ years and in 1948 when her father got a good price for a crop of peas that he had grown, he bought a Farmall tractor which allowed the horses to be retired. Coral learnt to drive on the Farmall tractor.

Coral's mother was Ivy Elliott who grew up in Shelford where her father was a stone mason. He helped construct the old bridge, the church and their house which was on the hill in Shelford. Coral researched and recorded her family history and was related to many people including many around Meredith.

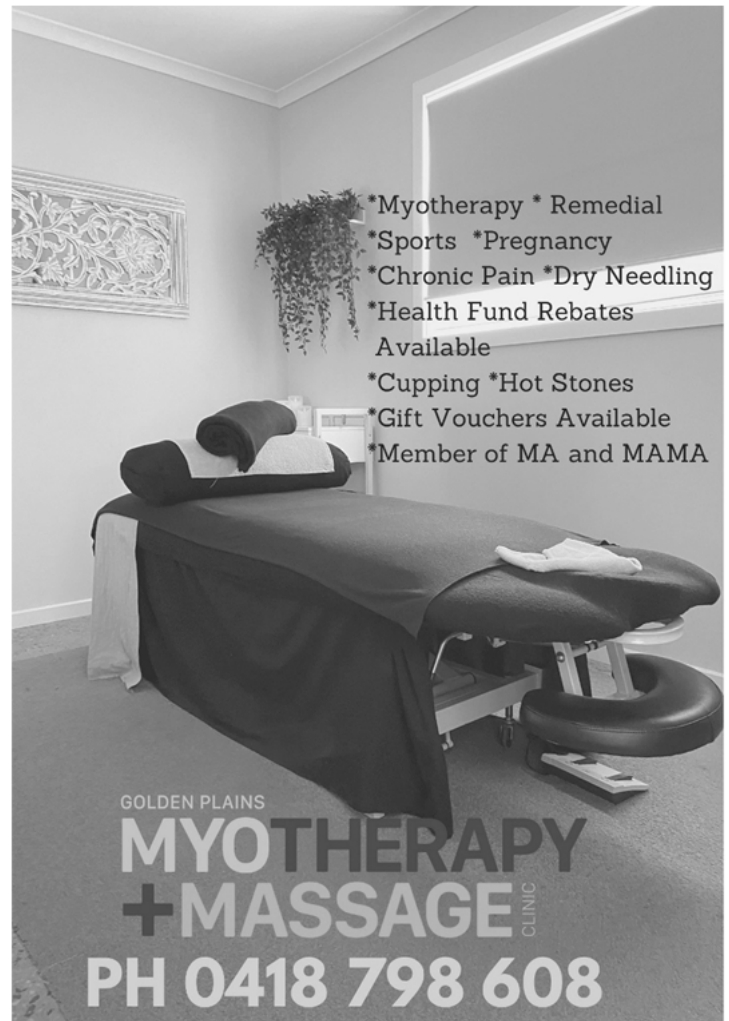
After schooling in Gellibrand and Colac, Coral moved to Ballarat to work at Lucas Clothing Factory in Doveton Street in the mid 1950's. She boarded with Mrs Aitcheson and her son David remembers that when they went to Ballarat shopping, they always called at Mrs Aitcheson's for afternoon tea. Coral was an accomplished seamstress and would have been a valued employee.

Dutchy remembers he met Coral on the street outside the Lucas factory. He had arrived in Sydney from Holland in May 1951 and had various jobs around Victoria before he secured a job with the Lands Department at Meredith. He firstly lived at the Royal Hotel where, at night, he entertained guests by playing the piano. Coral married Don Van Beusichem (alias Dutchy) on March 7, 1959 and had a family of Lynette, David, Lois and Peter who died at 11 months of age. In August 1959 they bought the old house of Ignatius Johnson at 35 Wallace Street and lived there until they moved into Estia Aged Care at Bannockburn in 2024.

From that time (1959) on Dutchy demolished, renovated and built until they created a comfortable family home. David said his father built a glass house for his mother's collection of begonias before he finished renovating the house. Coral was a great gardener of both flowers, trees, vegetables and fruit. She also kept chooks, sold eggs and incubated different breeds and sold them when grown.

To help with family finances Coral knitted by hand and with a knitting machine. Apparently, she knitted so much she wore out one machine and had to buy another. She kept a small flock of black sheep and spun, then knitted the wool. Because she was a good cook she also cooked for shearers including at Keith McColls and at Narmbool. David describes how she would arrive at the shed before morning smoko with the already prepared food, cooked the lunch and prepared afternoon smoko before she left to go home by mid afternoon.

Coral was always on the go, always interested and seemed to be always happy. She and Don were a devoted couple and had a many interests in common.



*Jim Elvey*

Here's a great way to keep warm and fit in the colder months ahead. The extensive network of walking tracks through the Meredith Police Paddocks have been widened and mown by site management. It not only looks great but is a great place to walk, offering graduated walks that match your boots, ankles and stamina, you will also learn something about the site's history. You can get access from Champion Road (where you can also park your car) or Nuttall Street.

The easiest walk is around the western escarpment, which is the side you walk into. This gives you an impressive view of the deeply cut valley of the Coolabaghurk Creek and you will pass most of the information signs as well as a couple of seats at the best viewing points. The next is taking one of the tracks down into and along the valley floor, which involves a couple of easy crossings of the narrow and rocky creek bed. If you are fit and agile enough, you could cross the creek and climb onto the eastern escarpment, where you will follow a narrow track that offers great views of the valley from a different angle. You will also pass an information sign and a seat on this leg of the track.

## Jessie Osborne Celebrates 90 Years.

*Marg Cooper*

Jessie Osborne (Griffiths) was born in Ballarat on April 10, 1936, a second daughter to Thomas and Mary Griffiths of Chestervale, Meredith. Jessie's sister was six years older so her childhood was much like that of an only child.

Jessie rode her boys bike to Meredith State School. She used to ride down Gargans Road, then on to Ballarat to Geelong Road where she'd meet Rose Marchment at the corner of Ballan Road as Rose had ridden in from Marchments Road. Jessie recalls that in her school days there were very few vehicles on the main road so that she



always felt quite safe. A regular vehicle was the CRB truck which went up and down inspecting and repairing the road. Several times Mr Brown, the overseer, put her bike on the back of the truck and took her home when the weather made riding impossible.

A highlight Jessie remembers is being in the back of Geordie Jackman's truck, yelling out and waving flags on the day that WW11 ended. Her mother was horrified that her daughter had ridden in the back of a truck around Meredith. When Jill Bolte started Guides in Meredith in 1946 she suggested that Jessie would enjoy guides, which she did. She remembers being picked up by Henry Bolte in his old green ute and taken to the Leigh River to swim

or to their home in Bamganie to have bonfires or to earn badges.

When Jessie was aged eleven she went as a boarder to Morongo Girls School in Geelong. She loved her five years there and made many lasting friendships. When she left school she took up a Bursary and nursed for two years in Ballarat but when she became engaged to Charlie Osborne at nineteen. Her mother suggested that she come home and learn some domestic skills. They courted in his truck. She married Charles on September 24, 1955 and moved into the cottage at Chestervale.

What followed was a life of devotion to her parents, her children, her husband and to her town. As her parents and other family members aged, she looked after them. David thought his mother lived in the car for years carting her children, David, Denise and Sandra to sport, school events, music and picking up pea pickers from Geelong and taking them back after their day's work. Charlie was quite an entrepreneur in that he bought and sold land both locally and interstate, he leased land and grew crops including peas. Jessie supported him in every venture, in many cases by actually physically helping. She belonged to most organisations in Meredith, held official positions and even taught Sunday School. And, her cooking skills were legendary! A delicious sponge cake with lashings of cream before the mixed doubles at tennis on a Saturday afternoon was deemed to slow down the opposition and help Morrisons win the day. As if her life wasn't busy enough she also boarded some single school teachers who needed somewhere to live.

Jessie always sees the best in people and always looks on the bright side. Her son David remarked that his Mum was an eternal optimist!

## The Fox with a Fetish!

*Marg Cooper*

Ruth's daughter visited Meredith recently and questioned her mother as to why she was wearing one pink slipper and one blue clog when outside.

Ruth leaves her shoes at the back door. She had a pair of pink slippers there and a pair of blue clogs or crocs. Easy to slip her bare feet into if she goes outside to the garden, to fetch something from her car or to feed the chooks. One night one pink slipper disappeared and has never been seen again, not even in the yard. A few nights later one blue clog disappeared and has not been seen again, not even in the yard.

Ruth is certain that a very friendly fox with a shoe fetish has stolen her shoes.

Ruth says her chook pen is like Fort Knox and a fox could never get in there so it seems that he amuses himself by stealing Ruth's shoes. The question is where has he taken them?

It seems that the fox also likes watching television. One night Ruth's partner noticed a fox on the veranda, looking in the window while he watched football on television.

Ruth is asking people to keep an eye out for a fox wearing one pink slipper and one blue clog!

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## OUR COVER



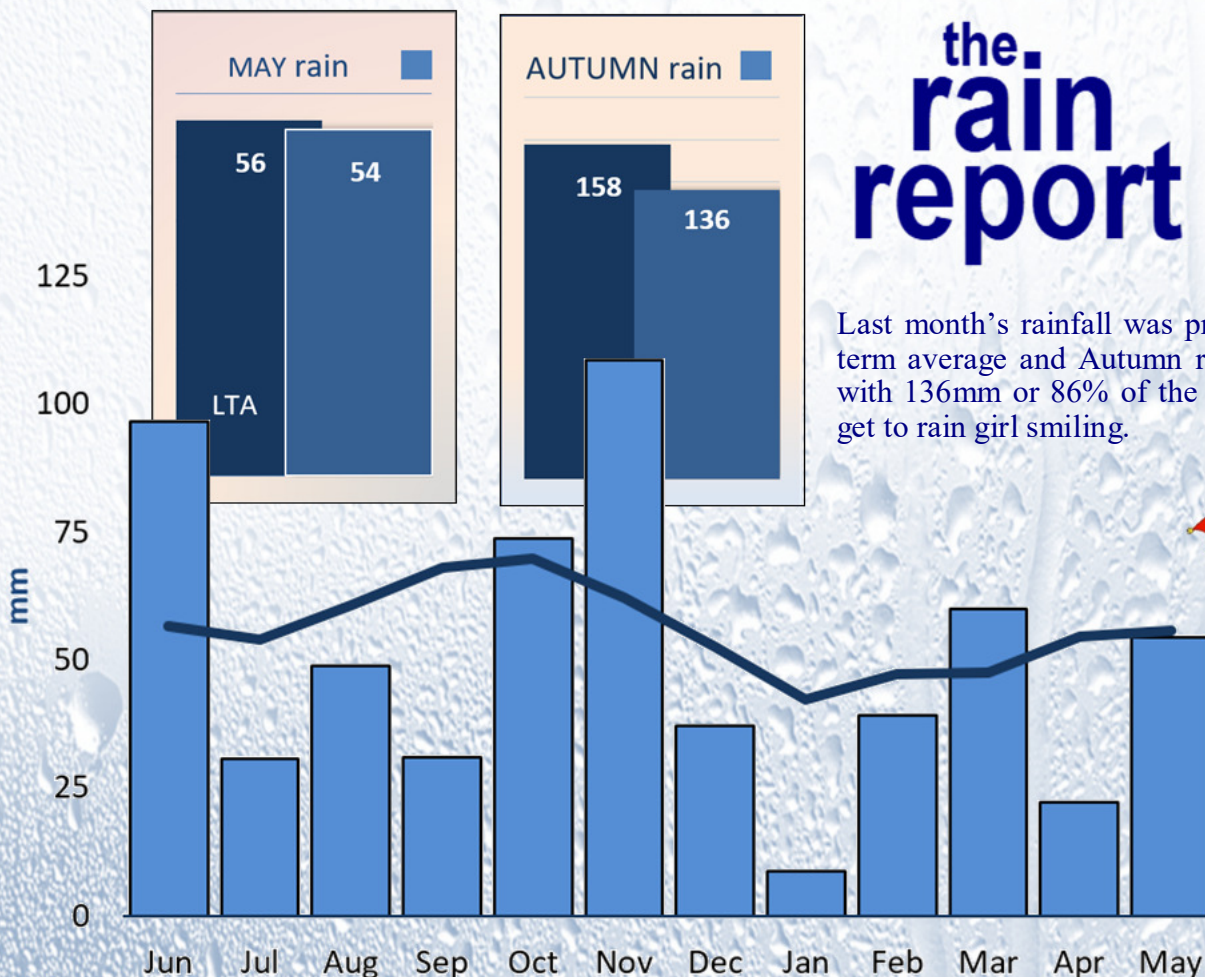
The well dressed and smiling time travellers on the front cover, are in fact, present day Meredith Primary School students, Evangeline and Sebeen. You can read about the context for this lovely photo, and the one above from teacher, Fairlie Pritchard, on the next page.



Send your favourite pic to [news@meredithnews.com.au](mailto:news@meredithnews.com.au). You could make it to the front page.

## the rain report

Last month's rainfall was pretty close to the long term average and Autumn rain was not far short, with 136mm or 86% of the LTA. Near enough to get to rain girl smiling.



# Sovereign Hill School Experience

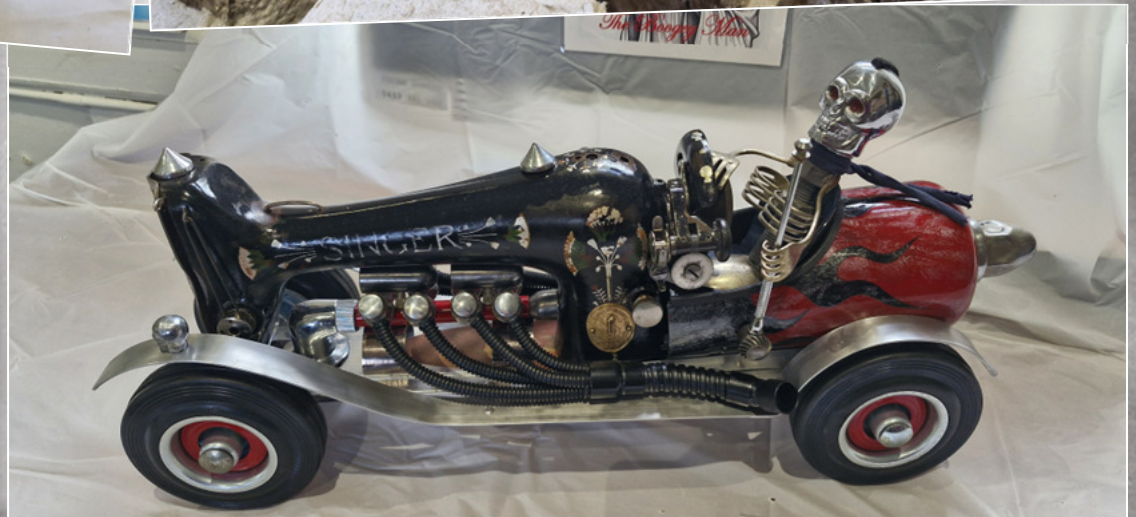
Fairlie Pritchard

Earlier this term, the Meredith PS Grade 5/6 students took part in the Sovereign Hill two-day Costumed School experience. Before attending, they completed a unit on the Gold Rush and studied the novel *The Night They Stormed Eureka* by Jackie French. Excitement was high as students prepared to dress in full 1850s costume—and they were lucky enough to have two teachers join the fun. Darren stepped into the role of Mr Brown, a confectioner seeking a new apprentice, while Ms Pritchard became Mrs Jones, a seamstress looking to employ skilled hands.

The students fully embraced the experience, taking on the historical profiles they had created in class. Throughout the program, they learned copperplate handwriting, practised sewing and artistic drawing, recited their 17 times tables, and demonstrated impeccable manners - just as students would have been expected to in the 1850s.

On the second day, the remainder of the school joined the 5/6s at Sovereign Hill for additional lessons about life on the goldfields. It was a memorable experience for all involved.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Meredith PS School Council for subsidising this incredible opportunity and helping our students create such lasting memories.



Some of the winners from last month's MHIG Sculpture Exhibition (clockwise from above) 1st Prize winner, Alan Caddy's 'A child's toy'; 'Bamganie City' by Andre Konarski, which won 2nd Prize; and People's Choice winner, 'Baba Yaga' created by Darren Guthrie (a racing car that was once a sewing machine), A full report of the event is on page 32.



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Wendy Cook

On a sunny May morning, I looked out a window, and saw what appeared to be a brilliant red starfish in my garden. It was positioned on top of the mulch beside a shrubby rosebush, which in warmer months is laden with clusters of small pink roses. The starfish's six bright arms were raised, and grew from a white hollow stem. Outside, I could see that the tips of the arms were starting to shrivel in the warm sunshine. A few spots of dark slime had dried on to them. As I looked closer, I detected the rotten smell of the slime, which was attracting various types of small flies. One waved a transparent wing displaying black stripes, perhaps trying to impress a possible mate. Beside the base of the stem, popping out of the mulch was something that looked like a grubby egg. I saw a few more of these eggs scattered among the mulch.

I knew the eggs were a sign of more starfish to come, and that the starfish was neither an animal nor a plant, but a fungus. It was a seastar stinkhorn, belonging to a group of fungi known as stinkhorns. Each egg contained an immature fungus. When one is ready to hatch, the stem pushes upwards and the fungus breaks through the smooth rubbery membrane, which looks like the shell of an egg. A ragged cup-shaped remnant of the egg remains around the base of the starfish's stalk. The newly emerged fungus spreads its red arms, which have a coating of olive-green smelly slime. In this slime are spores, which fulfil the same purpose as a plant's seeds, but are too small to be seen. The smell is irresistible to flies, and as they walk across the fungus, the slime and its spores stick to their feet. When they leave, they carry spores with them, to be left on the next surface where they land.

The seastar stinkhorn is not the only fungus of this group that I have found locally. While walking along a farm track last September, after a few rainy days, I saw patches of similar eggs among short grass. These eggs looked dirtier than those in my garden. A few of them had hatched, but the fungi that emerged looked nothing like starfish. Their arms were narrow and white, and linked to each other forming shapes with five or six sides. Each fungus I found had been broken, but when they were complete, each formed a sphere with a diameter of ten to fifteen centimetres, although they can be larger. They are known as cage or lattice fungi, and can pop out of the eggs surprisingly quickly. I saw no smelly slime attracting flies, which perhaps had been washed off by recent rain. Instead, little black insects with stubby antennae were gathered in groups or pairs, or were solitary, and were roaming the arms of the fungi and eating small holes in them. Gradually, the insects, sunshine and wind, diminished and dried the fungi, until a few days later, no sign of them remained.

The spectacular parts of stinkhorns, the parts that we can see, are short-lived, but the threads of fungus from which they grow continue to fulfil their purpose. They break down leaf litter and woody debris, including mulch, turning it into soil. They occur naturally in native forests and grasslands, but are often spread in mulch, surprising gardeners when they appear unexpectedly, as they did in my garden. All stinkhorns grow out of something that looks like an egg. They come in a range of unusual shapes, and all have smelly slime to entice insects to spread their spores. They do no harm and can even benefit the local wildlife. Later on that May day, I was again looking out the window. The starfish continued to attract flies, but that was not all. Hopping around in the mulch was a small brown bird with a long upright tail, a superb fairy-wren. As I watched, it landed beside the starfish, and with its short pointed beak, picked an insect off the fungus and swallowed it.



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# MEREDITH ROADHOUSE

## Take-Away Menu

### Toasties

Bacon and Egg  
Bacon and Egg Roll  
Bacon, Egg and Cheese Muffin  
Ham and Cheese  
Ham, Cheese, Tomato  
Bacon, Egg Breakfast

### Fresh Rolls and Sandwiches

Ham and Cheese  
Ham, Cheese, Tomato  
Ham, Cheese, Pickle  
Egg, Lettuce  
Ham, Salad  
Chicken Salad  
Salad

### Fried Food

Hot Chips + Gravy  
Flake Battered  
Fish Battered  
Squid Rings  
Crab Stick  
Battered Sav  
Battered Burger  
Chicko Roll  
Spring Roll  
Mini Spring Roll  
Dim Sims- Steamed/Fried  
Chicken or Pork Dim Sims  
Potato Cakes  
Chicken Wing Dings  
Chicken Garlic Balls  
Chicken Strips  
Kransky  
Hot Jam Donuts

### Hamburgers

Cheese Burger  
Double Cheese, Sauce, Pickles  
Plain Burger  
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato Sauce  
Hamburger with the Lot  
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Bacon, Egg, Onion,  
Sauce  
Steak Sandwich  
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Bacon, Egg, Onion,  
Sauce  
Chicken Schnitzel Burger  
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Mayo  
Chicken Chilli Wrap  
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Sweet Chilli Sauce  
Veggie Burger  
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Sauce

EXTRAS  
Beetroot  
Pineapple

### Coffee

Cappuccino | Latte | Flat White | Mocha | Long Black | Chai Latte | Hot Chocolate

Available in 3 sizes

Small

Medium

Large

### Milkshakes & Thickshakes

Chocolate | Vanilla | Caramel  
Strawberry | Blue Heaven | Banana | Lime

### Cold Barista Beverages

Iced Coffee | Iced Chai | Iced Chocolate  
Iced Mocha

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