Meredith & district News

NOVEMBER 2026



YOUR FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



inside

- Fire and Safety Expo a Success
- Winging it - In Our Nature takes flight.
- Elaine Hotel gets a Makeover.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PUBLICATION

see the **LOOK BACK LIFT OUT INSIDE**

e: news@meredithnews.com.au w: meredithnews.com.au

Meredith & district News



The Meredith and District News is published by a volunteer sub-committee of the Meredith Community Centre comprising: Jim Elvey, (general editor and chair) Ian Penna, Nerida Anderson, Amy Medley, and Ian Leighton. Production is undertaken by Peter Boer, Don Atherton and Jim Elvey.

NEWS & VIEWS

Appropriate contributions accompanied by the contributor's name (which will also be published) and contact details, are most welcome. Please email to **news@meredithnews.com.au** or deliver to the Meredith Post Office or Meredith Hub

DATES AND DEADLINES

The Newsletter is distributed on the **first Thursday** of the month (except January). All ads and submissions must be lodged by 9.00 am on the **last Thursday** of the preceding month, but earlier is **really** appreciated.

ADVERTISING

Advertising in the M&D Newsletter is a great way to let district residents know about your business. Rates, excluding GST, are as follows:

	B&W/Colour
Business Card	$20.00
Quarter page	$30.00/$50
Half page	$50/$110
Full page	$100/$200

A $20 loading applies for preferred position. Please submit in jpeg format, if available.

Classifieds are **FREE** for small, personal notices from residents. Otherwise $7.50 on invoice or $5.00 if paid on lodgement. Community Groups can have a 1/4 page ad for free or a $30.00 discount on larger ads. (conditions apply)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

You can subscribe to get the Meredith and District News posted to you anywhere in Australia for what it costs us to send it - $59.50p.a. (11 issues)

CONTACT US

Post Office, Meredith, 3333
Advertising: Ian 0409 016815
advertising@meredithnews.com.au
Accounts: Ian Leighton 0428132880
accounts@meredithnews.com.au
Editorial: Jim: 0409 163169
news@meredithnews.com.au

WEB

You can check back copies and lodge comments at *meredithnews.com.au*

ONLINE PHOTOS

We do not publish children's photos online. If you would like any other photo that you appear in withheld from the online edition, let us know in writing by the second Thursday of the month of publication.

DISCLAIMER

The opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of the publishers. The publishers may edit or reject contributions and accept no responsibility for errors or omissions

FEEDBACK

Yes please! Send it to news@meredithnews.com.au

Production: Don Atherton; Editor: Jim Elvey

connect

ADVANCE MEREDITH
0409 027 359

ANGLING CLUB
0439 733 474

B'BURN ART GROUP
0410 808 483

B'BURN MENS SHED
0407 835 731

B'BURN SOFT TENNIS
0409 236 420

BLUELIGHT DISCO
5286 1222

BOOK CLUB
5286 8201

CFA
000 for fire calls
Elaine
0419 767982
Meredith
5286 1502
Morrisons
0417 770 765

CHILDCARE
5286 0700

COMMUNITY CENTRE
5286 0700

CRICKET
Elaine
0448 291074
Junior (U16,U14,13)
0448 291074
Meredith
5286 1434

CUBS & SCOUTS
Lethbridge
0435 042077

ELAINE HALL
53415575
0409861296

FOOTBALL
Seniors 0408 545246
Juniors 0430 587 674

GOLF CLUB
0407 795 342

HISTORY GROUP
5286 8201

LANDCARE
0409 862 326

MEMORIAL HALL
0409 662106

MEREDITH SEWING GROUP
0491 184 999

MOTORCYCLE CLUB
0437 009 250

PLAYGROUP
5286 0700

POLICE PADDOCKS
0409 163169

RSL - 5286 1452

SENIOR CITIZENS
0407 683 892

TENNIS
Elaine
0448 291 074
Lethbridge
52 817 321
Meredith
0424 754 179

SEW 'N' SEWS
5286 0700

FRIENDS OF THE BRISBANE RANGES
5286 1252

emergency

Police, Ambulance, Fire	000
(from mobile phone)	000 or 112
Meredith Police Station	5286 1222
Police non emergency	131 444
Power Failure	132 412
Nurse-On-Call	1300 606 024
Mental Health Advice	1300 280 737
Poisons Information	13 11 26
Barwon Water	1300 656 007
SES Emergency - flood & storm	132 500
24 Hour Helpline	1800 629 572
24 Hour Drug & Alcohol Counselling	1800 888 236
Kids Help Line 24hr 5-18yo	1800 551 800
Golden Plains Shire	1300 363 036
a/h emergency	0408 508 635
Ranger	5220 7111
or	0409 830 223
Bannockburn Vet	5281 1221
Golden Plains Animal	5281 2226
Pets and Horses 24/7	0421 617 238

Justices of the Peace

Mr Don Atherton. 0409 869 960

Mr Paul Ryan Elaine 0409 861 296

services

CEMETERY TRUST
5286 1550

HALL HIRE
Meredith Memorial
5286 1545
Elaine Mechanics
53415575
0409861296

LIBRARY VAN
5272 6010

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH
5220 7230

PRE-SCHOOL
5286 0722

PRIMARY SCHOOL
5286 1313

RECREATION RESERVE
0499 707 881

..or start something.

If you have a special interest you would like to share with like minded people, let us know



"An optimist is the human personification of spring."

- Susan J. Bissonette.

Local **knowledge.**

Local **agents.**

Winners of

LEGENDARY SERVICE Finder AWARDS 2025 REAL ESTATE AGENT

MOST LOVED Finder AWARDS 2025 REAL ESTATE AGENT



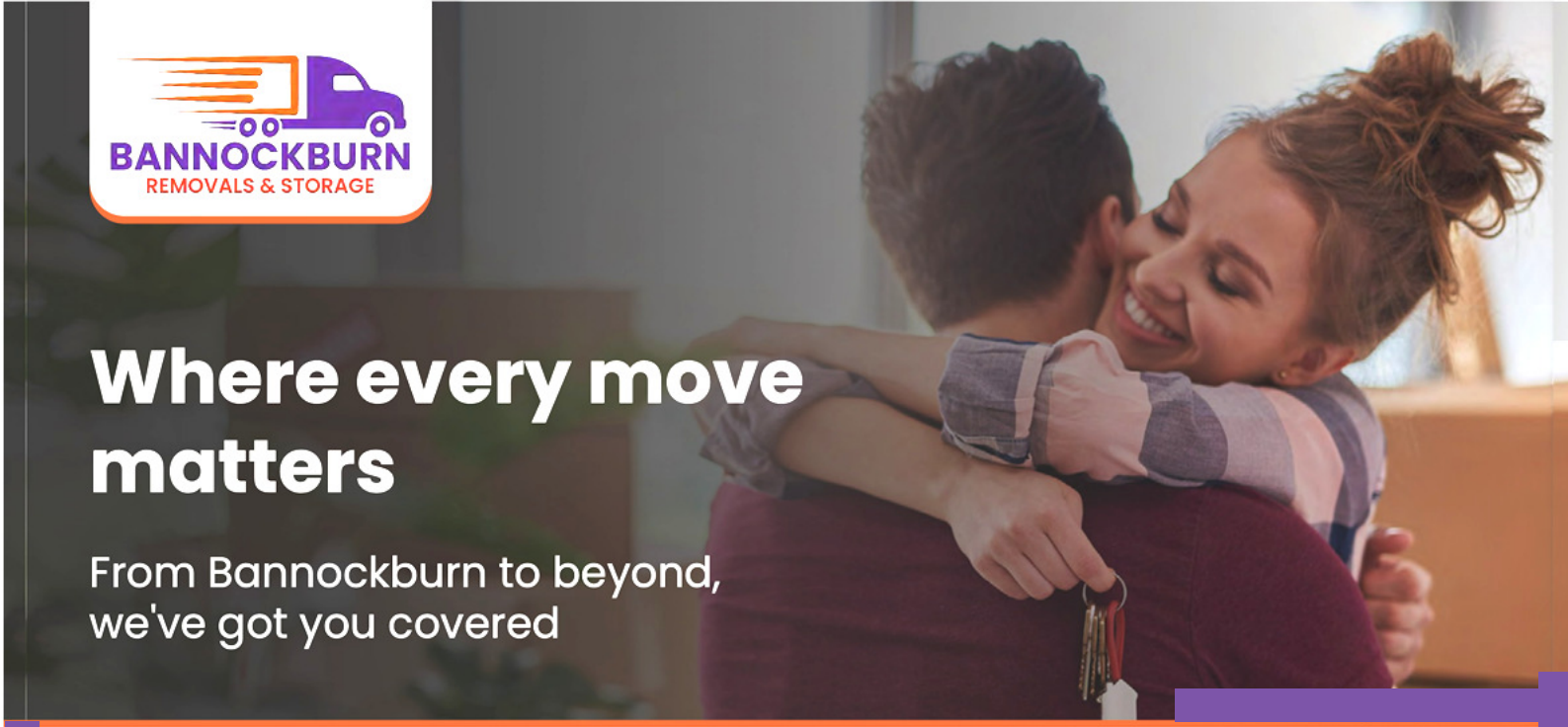
firstnational REAL ESTATE Golden Plains

03 5281 4500

goldenplainsfn.com.au

We put you first

BANNOCKBURN
REMOVALS & STORAGE



Where every move matters

From Bannockburn to beyond, we've got you covered

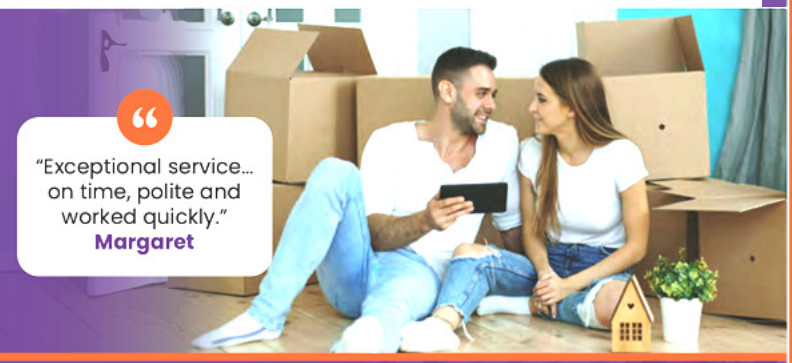
At Bannockburn Removals and Storage, we're proud to be a family-owned business with over 40 years of experience, dedicated to making moving and storage stress-free. Whether you're moving locally within Bannockburn, across the Golden Plains, through Geelong or the Surf Coast, or heading into the city, our experienced team is here to deliver professional, reliable support every step of the way.

Stress-free moving and storage

Whether you're relocating across town or downsizing for a fresh start, we make it easy.

Our services

- Home and office removals
- Antique and piano transport
- Packing and unpacking
- Secure short- and long-term storage
- Packing supplies available



"Exceptional service... on time, polite and worked quickly."
Margaret



"Super professional, friendly and efficient. They handled everything with care and made our move stress-free."
Millie

Why locals choose us

- Over 40 years of experience
- Family-owned and operated
- Friendly, professional team
- Available 7 days a week
- Flexible, tailored solutions

GET A QUOTE TODAY

0461 529 860
info@bannockburnremovals.com.au
www.bannockburnremovals.com.au

BANNOCKBURN
REMOVALS & STORAGE

Michaela Settle & Labor are fighting *for* working people on the issues that matter most:



Cost of living
We're making dental **free** and we'll **cap tolls and public transport** at $30 a week

Health
We're opening the **Ballarat Base Hospital** and we're **slashing emergency wait times** by up to 20%

Education
We have the **best paid teachers** in the country and we'll continue **Free TAFE**

Michaela Settle MP

State Member for Eureka

Authorised by Steve Staikos, Australian Labor Party (Victorian Branch), 438 Docklands Drive, Docklands VIC.

Victorian Labor

SIMCO PLUMBING SERVICE

Domestic – Commercial – Rural

0400 643 976

All general Plumbing and Gasfitting - Renovations and Extensions
Hot water and Heat pump - Split system and Wood heaters
Water tanks and Pumps - Roof and Gutter
Septic and Treatment plants - Blocked drains and CCTV Inspection
Excavation, Bobcat and Tipper - Driveways and Earthworks

Simon Mcgillivray
Lic: 109610 Freequotes, Fast & Friendly Service

Church News

Meredith Uniting Church

Services have recommenced. 11.00 am 2nd Sunday each month.

Enquiries: Pastor Andrew Shearer-Cox Ph:0429 261 954
Serbian Orthodox - 5341 5536

Daily services: Matins 8.00 am, Vespers 6.00 pm.

Divine Liturgies on Saturdays & Sundays 10.00 am

Anglican

8.00 am Holy Communion St Paul's, Inverleigh

10.00 am Family Communion. St John's, Bannockburn

5.00 pm Prayer and PraiseEpiphany, Meredith

Find us at: www.goldenplainsanglican.org or

office.revdrtim@hotmail.com

The Revd Dr Timothy Smith

Catholic Parish Of Meredith Mass Times – November 2026

Winchelsea - St. John the Baptist @ 6pm Sat. NOV. 7, 14, 21, 28
Meredith – St. Joseph @ 9am Sun. NOV. 8
Bannockburn – St. Mary MacKillop @ 11am Sun. NOV. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Inverleigh – Sacred Heart – @ 4pm Sun. NOV. 15



Meredith Uniting Church
Christmas Eve Service
December 24th 7.00PM ALL WELCOME

Classifieds

First insertion of small ads are FREE to district residents

PERSONAL CARER AVAILABLE - Nursing experience and exceptional references. Able to assist with personal care, meal preparation and cooking, house duties, gardening, social visits and animal husbandry practices. Call CLARE on 0439 690 153

FOR HIRE - Registered commercial kitchen. Geelong area. $100 per day. Fridges, stoves, benches, good bench space, huge car park. Call 0439 690 153

Meredith Community Centre
working for our community

What's On This Month

CHATTY CAFE!

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 18 - 11.30 AM - 1.30PM

COME AND MEET OUR NEW DOCTORS FROM QUANTUM MEDICAL CENTRE IN LETHBRIDGE!

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 11 - 0491 184 999

OUR CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE IS ON NOW!
DO YOU KNOW OF A FAMILY DOING IT TOUGH THIS YEAR? COME IN AND NOMINATE THEM FOR A HAMPER!



SINGING GROUP - $2

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO BELT OUT A TUNE!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

TUESDAY NI(RETURNS IN 2027 ETURNS SOON)

TUESDAY MORNINGS - 10.30AM - WITH ANNE

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

THE MEREDITH MART

GIVE WHAT YOU CAN, TAKE WHAT YOU NEED

MONDAY - 9AM-1PM
TUESDAY - 9AM-1PM
WEDNESDAY - 9AM-3PM
THURSDAY BY APPOINTMENT

SUPPORTED BY

FOOD BANK





Goldwind · Geelong Community Foundation · Geelong Foodshare · Ballarat Foundation

WE ARE NOW TAKING DONATIONS OF NEW WITH TAGS CLOTHING!

ALL SIZES

PLEASE DROP THEM OFF TO THE OFFICE - NO USED ITEMS PLEASE

TAI CHI - $15 PER SESSION

TUESDAYS @ MEREDITH WITH SANDRA - 9.15 - 10.15

WEDNESDAYS @ BANNOCKBURN WITH DESMA - 9:30 - 10.30

TO BOOK:

LEARNLOCAL[AT]MEREDITHCOMMUNITYCENTRE.COM.AU

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MEREDITHCOMMUNITYCENTRE

PH. 5286 0700 / 0491 184 999

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM [AT]MEREDITHCOMMUNITYCENTRE



MULCAHY & CO

Helping committed clients achieve and maintain financial security.



Our professionals live in and service the Ballarat area. We have specialists in **Accounting, Agri Business, Bookkeeping, Financial Planning, Legal, Lending** and **Marketing** to assist individuals and businesses to thrive.

So whether it's a website, your tax, your farm finances, your conveyancing or will, your home loan or your retirement planning- let our experts help!

300B Gillies St Nth
Wendouree VIC 3355
Phone: 03 5330 7200
www.mulcahy.com.au

Our 12 Steps to Success

POLICEreport

Senior Constable Anthony BOX

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

There have been numerous incidents, collisions, searches for missing people and other emergencies I have been busy with over the last couple of months.
Some of note:

Incident 25/08/2026.
Meredith Police conducted a search of a vehicle on Staughton Street and located a Samurai sword, imitation handgun and false registration plates affixed to a vehicle.
The offender was later remanded in custody and will appear at the Magistrates Court in Ballarat in February 2026.

Fraud investigation.
After a lengthy investigation conducted by Meredith Police, including the execution of 2 x Bank Warrants, a female ex-Meredith resident was arrested and processed for fraud matters, relating to the theft of a Meredith residents cheque and a subsequent fraudulent deposit of this cheque.
The parties were not known to each other.
The offender was summonsed to appear at Geelong Magistrates' Court.

22/10/2026
Meredith Police Intercepted a vehicle travelling North on the Midland Highway near Meredith.
Enquiries revealed the driver held a suspended probationary licence, it will be alleged she accrued over 16 Penalty notices in a 12 month period.
The vehicle was impounded at a cost to the owner.

Incident 25/10/2026
Meredith Police were patrolling from an incident assisting SES at around 9:40PM.

It will be alleged that;
A white sedan was observed driving in excess of 130Km/h on the incorrect side of the Midland Hwy towards oncoming traffic and around corners.
Meredith Police intercepted the vehicle observing drugs within the vehicle and conducted a roadside preliminary oral fluid test for drugs.
As a result of that test the driver was required to accompany police.
On request, Bannockburn Police Members attended to assist with the scene.
Meredith Police searched the vehicle and located what will be alleged to be Methylamphetamine, Cannabis, illicit tobacco products and more than $30,000 in cash.
The alleged offender was arrested and processed, later refusing further drug testing and will be summonsed to appear at Ballarat Magistrate's Court

Bikes:
In September's issue I wrote about unregistered motorbikes, mostly trail bikes, being ridden on public roads.
Firstly, thanks for all who took that on board.
Unfortunately, there are some who are still doing the wrong thing.
Parents need to be aware that any motorbikes being ridden on the road require a licence and registration.
Being issued a penalty notice for unlicenced riding will likely have a disqualification period attached which will affect the issue of a driver's licence.
Current (21/10/26) fines:

- Unlicensed riding: $1046
- Use unregistered motor vehicle: $627
- Cost of impound (estimate) : $1500-$1900

I'm not looking to be the fun police, as you can see above I have plenty of other work to be doing, please don't take up limited policing resources for this issue.

At the end of the day it is illegal and I'm also not the only police that patrol the area.

Ongoing hoon activity in Steiglitz and Maude.
Meredith and Bannockburn Police have been targeting this specific issue.
Meredith and Bannockburn Police interrupted some hoons mid activity on 30/09/26 and issued numerous penalty notices.

The operation has continued



SUPAGAS
100% AUSTRALIAN

Paul Ryan

YOUR SUPAGAS DEALER

SUPAGAS is pleased to announce that **Paul Ryan**

is delivering SUPAGAS to your area.

Paul will supply competitive 45kg, forklift and BBQ gas cylinder refills in a reliable and friendly manner.

- 45kg Domestic and Commercial Cylinder applications
- Fork lift Cylinders (15kg Aluminium Cylinders)
- Refills BBQ and Camping Cylinders
- Bulk Gas Quotations supplied

Please contact Paul to arrange your next SUPAGAS LPG delivery

Contact Paul Ryan on 0409 861 296





BUILDER
HANDYMAN

ANDREW ROBERTS

- Decks
- Carports
- Weather boards
- House maintenance
- Renovations

0438 184797

No job too small, just give me a call for a free quote.

Registered Builder DBU 19908 Email: *golfbuggy65@bigpond.com*

OUR COVER

Owen Cook's beautiful photo of a striated thornbill is a perfect springtime cover and a great reminder we share where we live with a wonderful array of native birds. Thanks Owen.





If you have taken a photo you think would make a great cover, send it to us at news@meredithnews.com.au



Part of Your Community.

Inverleigh resident and Funeral Director, Ebony Hovey can assist you with your enquiries and funeral care needs.

Ebony is available to guide you through funeral planning and arrangements as well as provide obligation free funeral advice and information.

...for a life worth celebrating.

Tuckers
Funeral & Bereavement Service
www.tuckers.com.au 52214788

the Philatelist



Michael Riseley

Shoebox of Mystery

You might think a shoebox contains shoes and you would have been right – once. But a shoebox without shoes can contain a myriad of things – maybe photos, lego blocks, or even tax receipts. But to a philatelist a shoebox contains mystery. We stamp collectors often keep a shoebox under the desk and perhaps next to the rubbish bin. During our stamp journey we often produce surplus items. This could be stamps that are not good enough to sell as individual items. But too good to throw out so into the shoebox. Followed by some that are not bad enough to throw out. These might be useful for another collector. Eventually we try to sell our shoebox at our stamp club.

Recently I bought a shoebox of mystery for $20. I had a couple of very pleasant hours sorting through to see what I could find. One is always hopeful of finding some stamps to add to the collections. And yes I did find a few good ones. But also a very good 1907 Norway 2 Krona stamp depicting King Haakon. A bit of a eureka moment – I didn't have it and needed it to complete a set. It has a catalogue value of $95 but that is the price for which the dealer will sell it if in very good condition. Mine was in pretty good nick and would cost me $30/40 to buy from another collector. So more than justifying my purchase.

And of course there was a lot of dross. Many envelopes filled with very common Australian stamps that were the normal postal rate of the time and individually not worth a cracker. A quick check to see if any interesting postmarks for my postmark collecting mate before despatching them to the bin.

But my shoebox did include something very curious. Danzig was a Baltic seaport which from 1920 to 1939 was a free state under the protection of the League of Nations. It issued its own stamps. In late 1939 it was overrun by Germany and after WW11 became part of Poland. In mid 1939 Danzig issued a set of 3 stamps commemorating the Anti-Cancer Campaign and depicting medical scientists. The 10 pfennig stamp showed Mendell, the 15 showed Koch and the 25 showed Rontgen.

They also issued a set of 3 special postcards showing a picture of the scientist and details of their medical breakthroughs and with the appropriate stamp affixed. There was a set of them in my shoebox. Only problem was that the 15 card had the 25 stamp affixed and the 25 had the 15 stamp. All 3 had a special postmark carefully applied. One of my club colleagues collects Poland and was very happy to receive them as an oddity. We were both surprised by the mistakes made by people with a reputation for efficiency. We both reflected that there was probably an element of pressure at the time given the Germans were about to pounce.

In Plain Sight

Marg Cooper

Meredith is quite a dark place at night. It is a country town and one does not expect every street to be lit with street lighting.

Some years ago, a vintage type lamplight was installed near the front gate at what was then the Kindergarten. It lit the area when night meetings were held and looked vintage, in sympathy with the bluestone building behind it.

Diane Ritchie said that a group of girls came to her and asked her if she would organize a Deb Ball for them. Jackie Downey and Claire Hewitt were two of them.

For those who didn't know Diane she was the ultimate organizer. She had great ideas, she fostered great support, nothing daunted her and she organized great events with apparent ease.

Phyliss and Neil Hart trained the Debs, and they and their partners were presented to Keith and Natalie Tanner as longtime residents of Meredith and a former Shire President. There were quite a few Debs and the event was held in the Meredith Hall. Diane thinks it may have been the last Deb Ball to be held in Meredith!

A reasonable profit was made from the night and it was decided that an historic light outside the historic former Shire Hall would be appropriate, so it was duly erected by the Bannockburn Shire Council. And then someone put a tall fence in front of it. Diane said that she was not impressed!

Later it was suggested that more of these types of lights be erected to make the main street more attractive. The two men who owned the shop that Meredith Dairy now occupies offered to import reasonably priced lights from China for Advance Meredith. This suggestion never reached fruition!

Money from the Deb Ball was also used to buy seats which were installed near the corner of Staughton and Read Streets.



MORTIMER PETROLEUM

For all your Household and Business LPG requirements

We have a fleet of trucks delivering LPG gas daily.
No rental or delivery charges apply.

45kg Household LPG bottles
Bulk LPG gas tanker deliveries with tanks
15kg forklift bottles
BBQ LPG bottles





To order or enquire simply call
David Mortimer on 0418 524 219

Paul Ryan Transport

- Livestock & General Cartage
- Bulk Haulage
- Grain and Fertilizer

0409 861 296
5341 5575





Wendy Cook

Seven welcome swallows whizzed through the air, weaving a complex looping pattern, above, below and between each other, no bird impeding the path of another. From below, their white bellies and orange-brown chins contrasted with their glossy dark blue backs, which appeared black, showing their true colour when the sun shone on them. Their obvious features were their speed and shape, their streamlined bodies, quick flicks of their pointed triangular wings, and their forked tails which helped with steering. They were hunting, back and forth with fast turns, through a swarm of tiny insects. Their strategy was to keep moving, catch, eat, catch again, curve around and repeat. Like all birds, their bones were filled with pockets of air, so that they were lightweight but strong. Powerful chest muscles controlled the wings. For each wing, one muscle pulled down for the downstroke, while another muscle was positioned over the shoulder and pulled up for the upstroke. While this arrangement works for all birds, the shape of the wings influences the style of their flight.

The slender pointed wings of welcome swallows are known as high-speed wings. They are suited for diving, swooping and hunting in flight. Peregrine falcons, the fastest birds, which can fly at three hundred kilometres per hour, have the same style of wings as welcome swallows. They soar high above the ground, searching for smaller birds or mammals, including rabbits. When a target is found, they dive at high speed, grabbing little creatures with their talons, or striking larger prey with their heavy feet. They then find a perch or rock ledge where they can consume their meal.

For peregrine falcons and welcome swallows, high-speed flight is an important part of hunting and feeding, but this strategy does not work for all birds. Rather than travelling fast in a local area, albatrosses need to cover vast distances over the sea in their search for food, so they require a different wing type. Their extremely long wings are narrow, and known as active soaring wings. The strong winds above oceans allow them to glide in a series of arcs, down towards the calm above the water, then up to the faster air currents. They have no need to expend energy flapping their wings, as they search for fish and squid.

Albatrosses can be seen off the southern coast of Australia, but much closer to home is another bird that soars while searching for food, using an alternative wing shape. Wedge-tailed eagles have passive soaring wings, which are shorter and wider than the wings of an albatross, but better designed for taking off. Powerful wing flaps are required to become airborne, but once aloft, they seek thermals, currents of warm air on which they can rise. They spread the long feathers at the ends of their wings, so that slots are formed between them. They can then catch a ride without flapping, circling to stay within the column of rising warm air. As they gain altitude, their view of the countryside widens, allowing them to see further as they search for prey.

Among the animals which wedge-tailed eagles hunt are other birds, including crimson rosellas. Young crimson rosellas have well-camouflaged dull green plumage, which develops uneven patches of red as they mature. Adults are brilliantly coloured in red with black patterns on their backs, and blue wings and tails. Eagles have excellent colour vision and once they have seen a potential meal will descend to a lower altitude, and make a gliding approach before attacking. If a crimson rosella is aware of the eagle's presence, it has a chance to escape. Its wings, shorter and wider than the wings of high-speed or soaring birds, are not well-suited for long distance flights, but are excellent for quick takeoffs, short bursts of speed and manoeuvrability. This wing shape is called elliptical, and allows the rosella, flapping hard, to dodge among branches and reach safety, where the large eagle with its long wings, cannot follow. With the eagle gone, the rosella can make short flights as it feeds on nectar of gum flowers, flapping and gliding among branches as it seeks the best food for itself.

As well as these wing shapes, there are two other types of wings which we are less likely to see in action. One is the specialised hovering wings of hummingbirds, which live in America. These birds can flap their wings hundreds of times a minute, while in flight, or stationary in the air with their beak in a flower, sipping nectar. The other is the wings of penguins, which are no longer used for flying, but as flippers, which allow them to speed through water while hunting for fish, squid and crustaceans. Not all bird wings fall neatly into a category. Sulphur-crested cockatoos with their white bodies, yellow crests and raucous calls, have wings that are too long to be elliptical wings, but shorter and broader than passive soaring wings. They are a compromise, which allows some of the advantages of both shapes, such as the quick takeoffs and speed of elliptical wings, but less manoeuvrability. Their extra length improves the birds' ability to fly distances.

Different types of birds have different manners of flying. Watch the way they flap their wings, or soar, or glide. Some birds fly in a straight line, while others dip slightly between wing beats. It is interesting to watch them, and consider where they may be going and what they may be doing. With most of our native animals being nocturnal, it is the birds that we can most easily watch and enjoy.



SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

CREATORS &
CRAFT MARKET
BANNOCKBURN

FROM: 10.00AM - 2.00PM

LIONS CLUB PARKLAND,
1 GEELONG/SHELFORD ROAD, BANNOCKBURN

STALL HOLDER ENQUIRIES CONTACT NOELINE ON:

0427 923 934 or

ccmbanno@gmail.com

ARLO'S

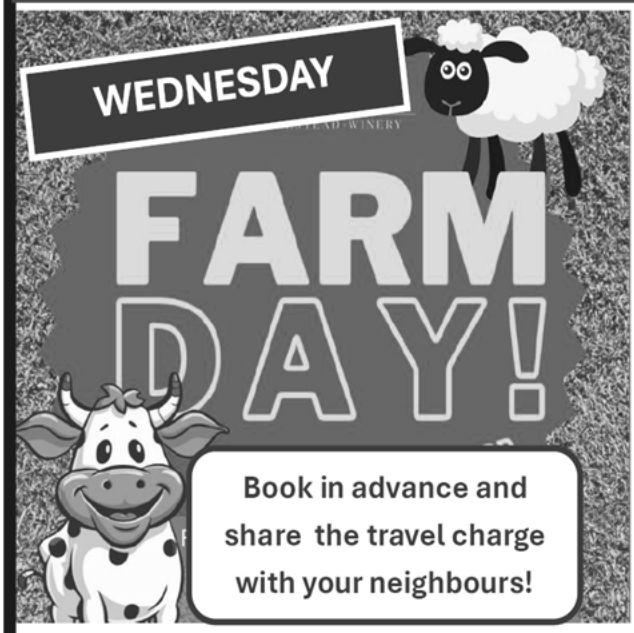


WATER CARTAGE

SERVICING MEREDITH & SURROUNDS

0419 113 630

BALLARAT PET+FARM VET



5336 0006

STARTS - JULY 1st 2026

CALL US MON-FRI 8.30am-6pm
www.ballaratpetfarmvet.com.au

MONTHLY - Wednesday Run for Farm Animal Vet

Pre-book non-urgent veterinary work and share the travel charge. Ideal for preventative herd health such as vaccinations and parasite control, as well as any routine ruminant consultations and procedures. *(Note – we do not provide vet services for horses).*

NORTHERN –
2nd Wednesday of the Month
Creswick, Clunes, Daylesford, Dean, Newlyn, Learmonth, Bald Hills, Ascot, Allendale, Kingston, Glendaruel

WESTERN –
1st Wednesday of the Month
Beaufort, Learmonth, Snake Valley, Miners Rest, Haddon, Smythesdale, Scarsdale

N W E S

EASTERN –
3rd Wednesday of the Month
Ballan, Bungaree, Wallace, Gordon, Millbrook, Trentham, Greendale, Blackwood

SOUTHERN –
4th Wednesday of the Month
Buninyong, Meredith, Elaine, Mt Mercer, Enfield, Cape Clear, Yendon, Lal Lal, Scotsburn, Napoleans, Durham Lead, Dereel

DURRAN BRICKLAYING

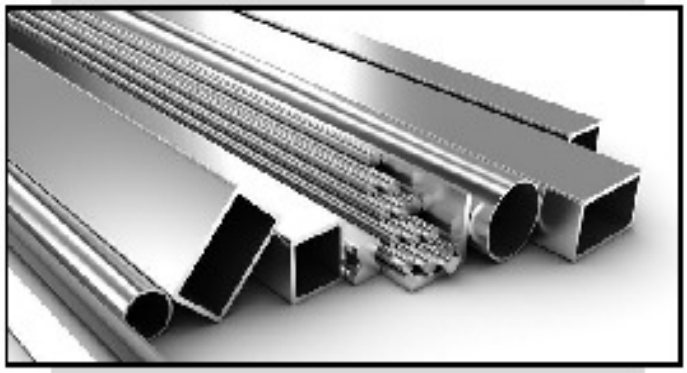
SPECIALISING IN
- brick & block masonry construction
- Solid brick houses
- Retaining walls
- Scaffolding
- Telehandler Hire

Anthony Durran 0409 524438
a.durran@durranbricklaying.com.au

IF YOU NEED ALUMINIUM, GO TO...

JUST ALUMINIUM

19 BIRKETT PLACE, SOUTH GEELONG



FULL RANGE OF EXTRUSIONS & SHEET

Deliveries to Ballarat via Midland Highway on Tuesdays and Fridays

Phone: 5222 5444 Fax: 5222 2788

Fun and Fire Safety at Expo

Amy Medley

Meredith Rural Fire Brigade would like to thank everyone who came along to the Meredith Emergency Services Expo on Sunday 18 October. It was fantastic to see so many locals come out to meet their emergency services, explore the vehicles and enjoy a day of fun activities.

The face painter was in hot demand throughout the day, and the mini fire trucks were a hit with all ages! It was great to see families enjoying themselves while also having the opportunity to learn more about preparing their homes and properties for the upcoming fire season.

With summer fast approaching, now is a great time to think about how prepared you are. For practical advice and resources, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/fire-safety

If you have questions or would like to know more about preparing for fire season, you can also get in touch with Meredith Rural Fire Brigade through our Facebook page.

A big thank you to Victoria Police, SES, CERT and neighbouring CFA brigades from Maude and Buninyong-Mt Helen for joining us and helping make the day such a success. We'd also like to thank Golden Plains Shire Council for its support, Meredith Tennis Club for running the sausage sizzle, and everyone who volunteered their time to help bring the event together.

We hope everyone who joined us had as much fun as we did!



Photo by Amy Medley

Catherine King MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BALLARAT

CONTACT CATHERINE



$11.7M for better local roads

The Albanese Government is providing **over $11.7 million** through the Roads to Recovery program to help Golden Plains Shire Council upgrade, maintain and improve local roads.

This funding for the 2024-2025 to 2028-2029 financial years will support safer travel, better road conditions and stronger local communities.

Standing up for our community!

Authorised by Catherine King MP, 5 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat VIC 3350

Community Bank Buninyong

Small town. Big Bank.

Everything you need, right here

We deliver the products and technology you'd expect from a big bank, plus the personal service you wouldn't.

As one of Australia's biggest banks, our heartland remains firmly local. As does our focus on you and the quality banking products you need.

Feel good about who you bank with. Try Bendigo.

Find out more. Call 5341 8066 or search Bendigo Bank Buninyong.



BANK LOCAL

Bendigo Bank

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178, AFSL/Australian Credit Licence 237879 A1455027 OUT_46071838, 15/07/2025

mlv tax services

accounting | bookkeeping | tax

Local Tax Agent & Accountant offering a range of business services from tax compliance, advisory superannuation and bookkeeping matters.
Reliable friendly service, over 25 years experience in public practice.
Contact me for an obligation free business chat to discuss your business needs.

Marie Vassallo | Registered Tax Agent | 0419 208 117

mlv@mlvtaxservices.com

Jess & Asher's

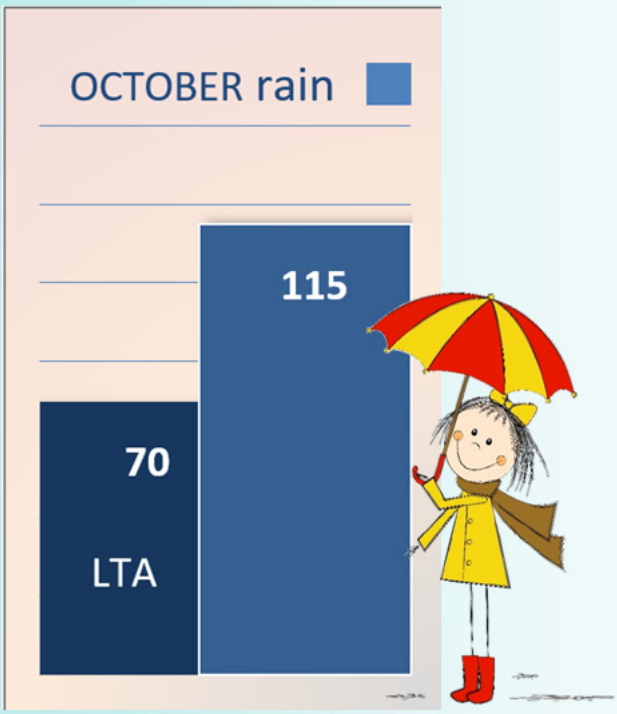
MONTHLY PUZZLE

a Number Pyramid

				501	520			
					257			
						133	130	
				58				
		35	27	31				
	21	14				15		
					10			8
6	6			6		3		3

Fill in each of the blank spaces in this Number Pyramid Puzzle. To discover what the number is you will need to find the sum of the two numbers directly beneath it.

the rain report



It's our 50th Anniversary

THE LOOK BACK LIFT OUT



1976 to 2026

This month, instead of offering an insight into aspects of our history, we reflect on THAT year. Recent enough to be remembered at a personal level, and dramatic enough to endure. During this period, the Newsletter set out to support readers, and foster respectful, socially responsible behaviour. And provide an engaging distraction. – Ed.

What You Think.



Cathie Boer, one of our Roving Reporters seeking the views of residents on the Newsletter, asked Rosemary Gargan for her thoughts on our community publication.

(If you would like to share your views, get in touch at news@meredithnews.com/.au.)

Moving to the district in 1980, I have been a long time reader of the newsletter.

I enjoy catching up with the news, community events and district highlights through the various columns and accompanying photos.

Although I read the entire issue, I particularly enjoy Wendy's Nature column, all Marg's contributions, The Philatelist, school news and the interesting snippets from the Meredith History Interest Group.

This year the 50th Anniversary Look Back Lift Out has been a great celebration with so many wonderful memories.

It is a quality publication connecting everyone, and keeping us entertained and informed.



The VIRUS and us



The "Covid Months" were a dynamic period, with the Premier and the State's Chief Health Officer providing daily briefings on the changing circumstances and public directions. We did our bit, with links to official and up to date information, as well as useful advice on how to cope. The snippets over the page show we also gave readers a reason to smile under their masks.

Meredith Senior Citizens

Jim Hynds

Unfortunately meetings and activities have been postponed for the foreseeable future. A lunch had been planned at the Fyansford Hotel and a trip to Timboon Cheese Factory was to be held in April. To all our members, look after yourselves.



Regrettably, there will be
NO ANZAC DAY SERVICE
in Meredith this year

POLICE PADDOCK MEETING

The meeting planned for Sunday 5th April has been cancelled.

Lions Club of Meredith and District

The Club is not meeting for the time being. Call Jim Baker on 0419 757 965 for more information.

Maude F.B. Trash & Treasure

The Maude Fire Brigade's annual Trash & Treasure market day has been cancelled for 2020. We regret having to make this decision but the current health problems around the country make it the sensible thing to do.

At this stage, no plans are in place for later in the year, so hopefully we will see you all at a bigger and better market next year!

Memorial Hall Closed

During the current health crisis, the Meredith Memorial Hall is closed. Please contact the booking officer on 5286 1545 for more information or long term bookings.



The Words We've Left Behind.

Snippets from 2017 to 2019

Here, we've recycled some more of our Covid content, most of it the light-hearted bits. We've also collected samples of the two cartoons we hosted over several years (any cartoonists out there?) and other snippets, that give a feel for content during this time. Well, sort of. We continued to carry our regular columns and community information, but there is only so much space. And yes, we thought it prudent to include the Covid delayed but newly minted Doctor - Ed.

August 2020



Home Covid Test*

1. Pour a glass of red wine and try to smell it.
2. If you can smell it, then drink it to find if you can taste it.
3. If you can smell and taste it, then you don't have Covid.

Last night I did the test three times and, thank goodness, all were negative.

But I will do the test again tonight, because this morning I woke with a bit of a headache and I feel like I might be coming down with something.

*Because so many people have trouble recognising it, we feel obliged to point that this is not an approved test. It is Fake News" We mean REAL Fake News. That is to say, it is not true, as distinct from the news you don't want to be true.- Ed.

Nevaeh Raises Bushfire Funds

Nevaeh Measures and Woolabrai thank the generous Meredith community for all of their donations. Thanks to this, Nevaeh was able to hand over $440 to the Malacoota Wildlife Shelter but is still raising money and is close to the $500 mark. Special thanks to Shoof for sending Nevaeh this package to donate to the wildlife shelter.



February 2020

The VIRUS and US

Should We or...

April 2020

In this time of assessing every thing we do in terms of risk exposure and necessity, we even questioned the production of the newsletter. After all, physical magazines present a surface on which viruses can be transferred from one person to another. Our assessment, with input from a committee member with expertise in infectious diseases, is that the probability of contracting COVID-19 from newspapers or magazines is similar to getting it from taking a packet of cereal from a supermarket shelf; that is, very low. *(This statement is based on information from the World Health Organisation and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (USA)).*

Against that, we recognise the role the newsletter serves in a community, allowing residents to read about local people and events, easily find local trades and services still operating in the area, and simply enjoy the distraction of our many excellent writers and cartoonists.

We do recommend however that you minimise risk by not touching your face and regularly and thoroughly washing your hands. If you are still concerned, only share the newsletter among fellow residents or access our online edition at *meredithnews.com.au.* (It is uploaded on the second Thursday of the month.)

Keep well, keep safe and keep in touch.

Jim Elvey, *Editor*

Am I The Oldest Cat in Meredith?

Hello, My name is Sammy and I live on the farm in Steiglitz Rd. This year I will celebrate my 23rd birthday (That's 161 in people years.) These days I don't do much and spend a lot of time sleeping in front of the fire or basking on the good furniture in the sun room. I have developed a very fussy diet and like to keep the carers on their toes and they spend a lot of time in the pet food aisle looking for a tit bit I might fancy.

If the oldies go away then my devoted carer Les from down the road comes to check on me and we have a chat and a cuddle. But I like to stay in charge and still can scare the other farm animals away.

What is my secret for such a long life? Well, I have never been off the farm, have never been to the vet (except for a little op when I was a small kitten) and still have a little exercise. I walk out the back door and around to the front door and then snuggle down for another nap.

As told To Jan Crump.



May 2022

Meredith Sketchers

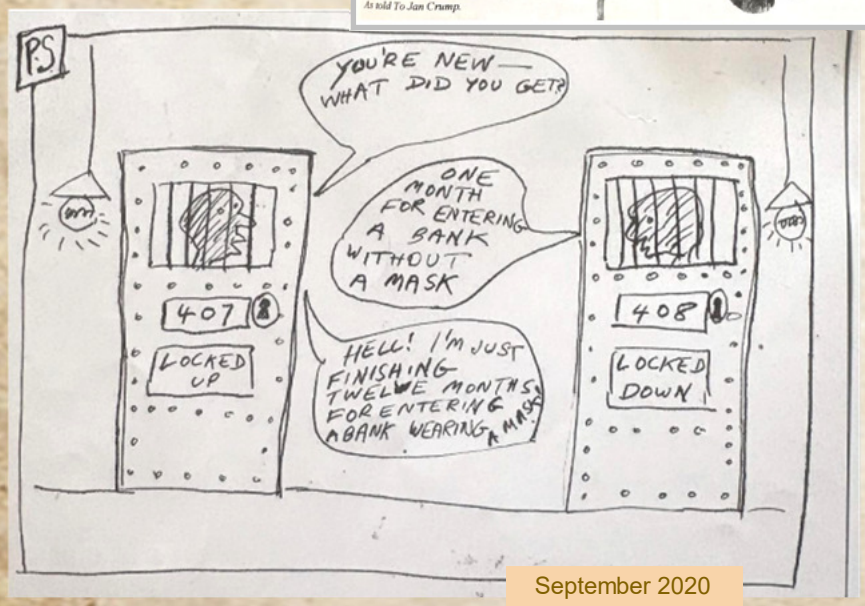
Kerry Thomson

After a restless night worrying about drawing in a public place, I ventured into a glorious day in Meredith. Meeting with 7 other intrepid 'sketchers' at the Community Hall at 10.30am, Mandy suggested that we cross the road and draw the old Meredith Railway Station.

Friendly smiles, encouraging words and an interesting vista made for a very pleasant time. Beth and I moved to the town side of the tracks where we loved the building being framed by a range of old imported English trees (not really noticed when you drive past on the nearby road). The others boldly took on the full frontal view of the station. After an hour most of us repositioned for another drawing with a new perspective.

We must have had fun (and my early nerves were totally unwarranted in such a happy, supportive group) because time flew as we were soon sharing our ink, pen, charcoal, watercolour, pastel and pencil sketches. We were delighted and amazed by so many different responses to the one scene. It was a fabulous start to the Meredith Sketchers' first outing and we're all looking forward to future sessions on the first Tuesday of each month.





September 2020

Editoria

Tens of thou
they are losir
don't produce

This led to a
importance
doesn't get
people, local
us all a glimp

Only local n
and the peop
sense of plac

Our newslet
volunteers,
providers w
still vulnera
activity that
flow on to c
that pays fo

The commi
newsletter c
recognises
whom hav
decades.
discounting
We will los
contributio

Changin

Pam Ridd

Amid all of the
Community Ce
years at the en
has been an in
transition from
new Meredith
team, what c
smooth and o
grown, offerin
have evolved
have been ab
grants and fu
continue the
Centre. As I
thrown into
administratio
that I am le
weather the
many of y
administrati
that she is
Congratulat
to our prog
in her new

I would lik
role such a
the Comm
organisatio
tutors and
supported
Vermeend
Occasiona
Centre wo
and partic
thank you

I am look
writing 3
wonderin
busy wit
sharing

Although
with the
editing
bookke



own Newsletter

July 2023



Dog tales



For many of us, dogs are part of the family. They can be an enduring source of delight (seasoned with a bit of mischief), a loyal companion and an ever present reminder of the virtue of forgiveness. So this year, we are celebrating dogs in our lives by inviting readers to fill in a little questionnaire about their wag-tailed friend and sending it in with a pic.

Here's our first wag of the tail.

Name: Johnny (Cash).
Breed: Staffy and Cattle Dog and other things.
Special Feature: Back left leg missing through no fault of his own.
Place of origin: Rescue Dog from up near the Murray.
Pet hates: Hoses and sprinklers and magpies. Having a bath.
Favourite toys: Sticks, branches and rope that he and his best friend Jinxy the black lab cross run around with, holding on together.
Naughtiest deeds: Eating Roo poo and rolling in dead Roos. Also pinching apricots from low hanging branches.
Favourite pastimes: Sitting in 'his spot' on the couch; lying in the sun; catching flies; being loved and cuddled.
Obsession: Food and chasing magpies.
Owner: Jim

February 2022

June and July 2020

sands of Australians recently learned g their local newspapers, because they e sufficient profit for their owners.

a number of commentaries around the of local newspapers; reporting what reported in the large dailies: local events, even the obituaries, which give ose of a life lived in times now passed.

ewspapers talk about the places we live le we live amongst, giving us a shared e and belonging.

ter is a not-for-profit operation run by with a large array of talented content ho also work for no fee. And yet, we are able. The recent downturn in business continues to hurt many businesses has a ur advertising revenue. It is this revenue r the cost of printing.

ttee (more volunteers) that oversees the peration, is conscious of this. But it also he pressure on our advertisers, many of e supported us for years and even This is why it has committed to the cost of most ads during this time. e money, but will hopefully make a small n to our local traders. - Ed.



A very big Thank You to our lovely readers who, reading that we were losing money while discounting rates for our advertisers, made donations to ensure we stay afloat. This is a heartening gesture and brings home the point, as Barry Finn said, "we are all in this together."

Be assured, the Committee is keenly focused on the long term sustainability of our Newsletter and even more so, knowing it is so valued.

g of the Guard

upheaval we are experiencing the Meredith ntre has had a significant change. After 7 d of March, I retired as Centre Manager. It portant few years for the Centre with the the old Community Centre building to the Community Learning Hub. Working as a ould have been a challenging time was llaborative. Over my time, Childcare has g more and longer sessions and the activities to meet participant's interests and needs. I e to bring my skills to acquire a number of nding to enable opportunities to expand and programs and operational capabilities of the leave the role, our whole world has been chaos and I am pleased that under my n, we have some reserve for a rainy day and aving the Centre in a position to enable it to next few months. Over the past 18 months, ou have met Leah Phillips in her role of on and program development and I am pleased taking over the role as Centre Manager. ions to Leah. She has brought many great ideas ams and I am sure she will continue and grow ole.

e to thank all of the people who have made my rewarding one. I have had great support from ittee, essential for the smooth running of any n. Importantly, I would like to thank the staff, contractors both past and present who have me throughout my tenure particularly Jo our childcare manager who has taken l care from strength to strength. Finally, the uld not exist without the people who contribute ipate in the life of the Centre, to all of you I

ing forward to my retirement and at the time of weeks in, and in social isolation, I am already g how I found time to work. I am keeping very h my Family. I am a lucky grandparent who is household with them.

n not a Meredith resident, I will still keep in touch Community through my role as assisting with the of the Newsletter, and supporting Leah with the ping until she settles in to her role.

Moya Caps off her Career

Meredith resident Moya Elvey was awarded her PhD las month for a thesis based on her research into inclusiv education practices. Moya has taught at Federation an Deakin Universities over the last seven years, but als spent 25 years at Meredith Primary School as part of he 35 year career as a primary school teacher. This provided sound practical base for training the next generation teachers.

Congratulations Doctor Elvey.



May 2021



How big is your pumpkin?

How does your pumpkin grow?

If you have joined the challenge to grow a giant pumpkin, your seeds should be sending up the first bilateral leaves. Don't forget to attend to your plants. If you haven't planted yet, the cool conditions are on your side. You can still get seeds from the Meredith Pantry outside the Primary School. Or you can order on line from Mr. Fothergills Seed Company. The seeds are also available from some local hardware stores.

Good luck growing the biggest pumpkin in Meredith

April 2022

Thank You Dawn



Jim Elvey

Dawn Macdonald resigned last month from the Committee that oversees and directs our community newsletter, a position she has held for around 35 years. During this time, she had seen and taken part in extraordinary changes.



When she was first involved, it was an 8 page publication produced on a Roneo machine, printed on one side (in pale purple) and stapled in the corner. In recent years, Dawn undertook the role of treasurer, familiarising herself with computers and accounting software in the process. Quite a contrast to the clank and smell of methylated spirits of those early days.

This is probably not Dawn producing an early newsletter.

Always a champion of the newsletter, Dawn will be sorely missed and, on behalf of all our readers past and present, we extend our sincere thanks for playing such an important role in ensuring the growth and longevity of the Meredith and District News during her time in office.

April 2020

On a Roll

Elvey

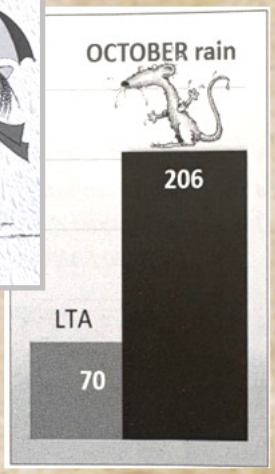
Friends holidayed in New Zealand last month, arriving before the border closure and timing their departure so as to extend their holiday by two weeks, spent in isolation back home. But the highlight of the trip was when they dropped into a Picton pub and bought the winning ticket for the Friday night raffle. Imagine how thrilled they were when they found the usual meat tray had been upgraded to a roll of toilet paper! Not just any roll either, but a huge roll for a public dispenser. You wonder how Customs let that through, given its value would have to be well over the cash limit.





March and November 2022





Celebrating our

50th Anniversary

1976 to 2026

Our Cover Story

The Changing Face of our Covers

Covers by this stage feature people, places, nature and events, as they mostly do still. In this collection we see a diversity of residents, the last time it snowed and a new bridge. And pumpkins were big!







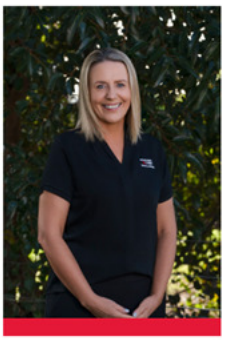






Stockdale & Leggo

MEET THE BANNOCKBURN TEAM



JULIE KAYE
Director/Licensed Estate Agent
0411 059 001



DEAN WILSON
Director/Licensed Estate Agent
0418 521 322



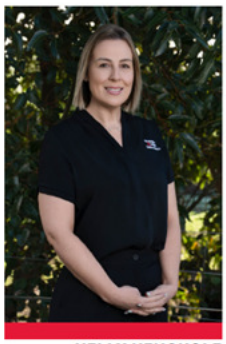
ANDREW WILSON
Senior Sales Consultant
0452 498 254



FLETCHER WILSON
Sales Consultant
0490 120 668



KERRIN PALTRIDGE
Property Manager
5281 4444



KELLY KENSHOLE
Office Manager
5281 4444

Sales - Rentals - Commercial

Stockdale & Leggo Bannockburn | Shop 14, 6-8 High Street, Bannockburn VIC 3331
P 03 5281 4444 | W stockdaleleggo.com.au/bannockburn

Ballarat Insurance Brokers

Aviso Integral
Insurance Services
An Aviso Group Partner

Ballarat Insurance Brokers has recently rebranded to Aviso Integral Insurance Services. Our team have been part of your community for over 50 years, and are here to assist with all your Farm and Business Insurance needs—Victoria wide.

Our team of qualified Insurance Brokers can help with:

- Farm and Crop Insurance
- Marine Transit Insurance
- Business Package
- Liability and Tools of Trade
- Fleet Motor and Plant & Equipment
- Cybercrime & Liability
- Management Liability Insurance

31 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat VIC 3350
03 5333 5222
www.avisointegral.com.au

Aviso Integral Pty Ltd trading as Aviso Integral Insurance Services ABN 67 007 323 622 AFSL 241365

A. Crumble's

eats and treats

Jammy Crumble Cookies

(From Woolworths Baking online)

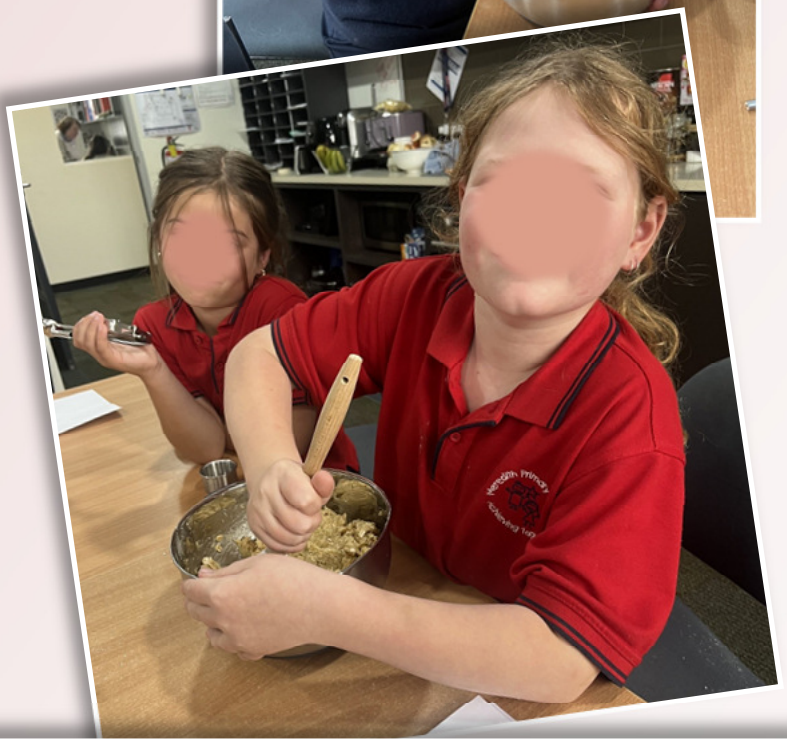
Ingredients

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 125g butter
- 1/3 cup golden syrup
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1/4 cup water
- Jam
- Choc bits

Method

1. Preheat oven to 170°
2. Line baking trays with baking paper
3. Combine oats, flour, coconut and sugar in a large bowl
4. Place butter, syrup and water in a saucepan over low heat until butter has melted.
5. Stir in bicarb and watch the wonderful frothy reaction
6. Add the butter mixture to the dry ingredients, stirring to combine
7. Roll tablespoons (15ml measure) of mixture into balls and place on the tray
8. Make a small indentation (we used the handle end of a small wooden spoon)
9. Fill with jam or a choc chip
10. Bake 10 minutes until golden brown
11. Cool on trays before moving to a rack







L to R: Arlo, Zali, Nikola

Expert Tip - we put jam and a choc bit in some biscuits and it was a great combination you might like to try .

BANNOCKBURN SURGERY

Dr Benjamin Fry
Dr Cameron Profitt
Dr Rupali Jain
Dr Rebecca Tidd
Dr John Henderson
Dr Veronica Donahoe
Dr Edward Carson
Dr Mohana Govardhanan

Bannockburn Surgery is a fully accredited medical practice that provides comprehensive GP services and have been practising within the community for more than 30 years. Bannockburn Surgery is the largest practice within the shire.

We are an accredited teaching practice – training medical students, nursing students and future GPs.

We also offer the following services:

- Diabetes Education
- Podiatry
- Dietitian
- Q Fever (Testing & Vaccines)
- Yellow Fever (Vaccine

NEW PATIENTS WELCOME

16 High Street, Bannockburn VIC 3331

Tel: (03) 5281 1481

www.bannockburnsurgery.com.au Online bookings available



Attention Golden Plains Shire women, Put some Spring in your Step!

Would you like to get active and meet new people?
Gentle, regular walking is a great place to start – and it's free.
Join a free 10-week series of friendly local walks, every Monday 10am at the Bannockburn Heart.
Register your interest to participate through the QR Code!

Step challenge WOMEN WHO WALK

Delivered by: VICTORIA State Government | Victoria walks | GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE



G'Day from the penners for November. Our group launched our new anthology 'Between Fencelines' last month at the Bannockburn library to a terrific crowd of people. We were overjoyed with the attendance, and everyone seemed to have a great time. The Mayor, Owen Sharkey, gave a great speech and then presented books to the participating children. Two of them stood up and read their stories then we read a piece each. The book is now available for $15. You can contact us at goldenpens4@gmail.com or call me on 0427551641. At this stage this is the only way to obtain one but we are planning alternative places of supply. We will be having a stall at the Bannockburn Twilight Fair also.
This month's story is featured in the book. It was written by Gordon Vanbeck, and we think it's a beauty.
So, until next month, cheers and happy reading - Wendy.

The Pen is Mightier than the Sword

Lily was an old-fashioned style of writer. She enjoyed the feel of a pen in her hand, the texture of the paper she wrote on and the thrill of wonderment she experienced as words flowed onto the paper, to create sentences, paragraphs and stories. Writing using a computer lacked connection for her. Ideas were slow to emerge, she struggled to create her characters. It was if the computer itself was a block, standing between her and her vision. The pen she used held special meaning for her. It had been a gift from her father to celebrate her thirteenth birthday. It was a Parker premium pearl tip and although her father had passed away many years before, she felt his presence and encouragement whenever she wrote with it.

Her favourite writing position was sitting curled in her cosy armchair, notebook and pen in hand, jazz playing softly in the background, and a glass of ruby red pinot noir strategically placed on a little table by her chair.

Tonight, Lily had barely touched her customary glass of wine and was almost oblivious to Duke Ellington and his Kentucky Club Orchestra playing on her CD. She was scribbling furiously in her notebook. An idea for her latest crime novel had come to her as soon as she picked up her pen. She needed to get the bare bones of the story down before she forgot the plotline.

She did not hear the muttered curses from her husband Tony as he struggled to get his front door key in the lock, nor did she smell the scent of stale alcohol that wafted in with him when the front door creaked open. Tonight was Tony's regular pub night with his friends from the footy club, and as he entered and quietly eased the door shut, he was pleasantly surprised to notice that Lily was still up. He was touched by her gesture. Waiting up for him was proof that her love for him still burned bright.

He stumbled into the living room and carefully wove his way toward the figure of his wife curled up on the couch. He chuckled quietly to himself. She was so intent on her writing that she was still oblivious to his presence. He swayed closer, a lopsided grin on his face. Then, with an exaggerated flourish, he leant in over the back of her couch and planted a wet, sloppy kiss on the back of her bare neck.

It was as if Lily had been plugged into an electric power socket. She shrieked at the top of her voice, sprang to her feet and whirling round punched Tony right in the throat. Their eyes locked in shock as Tony mumbled.

'Sorry Lily – did I give you a fright?'

At least, that was what he would have said if he had been able to talk. The pen Lily had been holding was now buried to its cap in his throat; the blood that filled his throat made any conversation quite impossible. As he toppled to the floor, Tony suddenly remembered that he had promised to buy milk on the way home.

The police arrived within five minutes of Lily's call. They found a man's lifeless body on the floor with a pen embedded in his throat. Lily's voice trembled as she recounted the events that led to Tony's death. The detectives examined the room – finding no evidence of a struggle or possible foul play. The wife seemed genuinely upset and her story appeared consistent with the evidence at hand.

Over the next few hours, the police interrogation of the neighbours confirmed that Lily and Tony had been a normal married couple who had seemed happy together. They formed the view that it had all been a tragic accident. The body was removed to the morgue to await an autopsy and the lead Detective notified Lily that she would not be detained but was required to attend the station next morning to give a written statement. Lily thanked them, and as she closed the front door behind them, she wondered whether tomorrow would be too soon to ask for her pen back.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS
ANTENNA SERVICE
PTY. LTD.

Master Technician with 35 years industry experience and service to the region

- Digital antenna systems
- Satellite/VAST systems
- Metro & Regional Reception
- On site Signal tests & quotes
- Home Theatre, DATA & Phone
- Friendly Service, Advice & 5 year warranty

Frank Schaefer
53334441 or 0418508524 anytime
www.chantenna.com.au

Bannockburn's trusted local destination for expert physiotherapy care since 1992

Physiotherapy Clinical Pilates Remedial Massage

- Back and Necks
- Sporting injuries
- Aged Care
- Injury advice
- Exercise Prescription
- Manual Therapy

GOLDEN PLAINS PHYSIO & HEALTH

9 High St, Bannockburn 3331
5215 1155 · reception@goldenplainsphysio.com.au · goldenplainsphysio.com.au

FOR SALE

HYLINE BROWN (Isa Brown)
Pullets/Hens
sexed and vaccinated
Delivery to Information Centre, Meredith

Call Kelvin on
0400 559 559
to Order



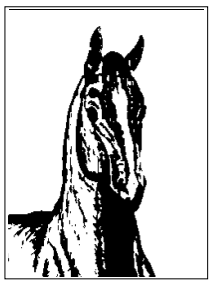
BALLARATCHOOKS

B&S Stock & Pet Supplies

Cnr Milton & Burns Sts. Bannockburn
Phone 52 811 566

We stock all your requirements including:

- Horse Feed
- Molasses
- Dog & Cat Food
- Horse Shoe Nails
- Poultry
- Collars & Leads
- Bird Seed
- Supplements
- Pure Apple Cider Vinegar available
- Horse Rugs (all sizes)
- Double Horse Float Hire



Agents for Sureguard Solar Electric Fence Energizers

Delivery can be arranged

Hours:- *Mon - Fri 8.30am- 5.30pm*
Sat 8.30am-1pm

Please note - closed Sundays until further notice

it's History

Meredith History Interest Group

Dry Stone Walls:
Laurie Atkins is a MHIG member and an enthusiastic student and researcher of stone walls. He is also a member of the Dry-Stone Walling Association of Australia [DSWAA] and has served on their Management Committee. The DSWAA is dedicated to increasing the appreciation of all aspects of dry-stone walls and dry-stone structures.
You are invited to the History Centre at 31 Staughton Street, Meredith on Sunday, November 15 at 1.30 pm to listen to a talk and a visual presentation by Laurie and to launch the 2027 calendar. Laurie has supplied the photos for the calendar which include photos of many different dry-stone walls, around Meredith and District. Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share. Maybe Rock Buns!

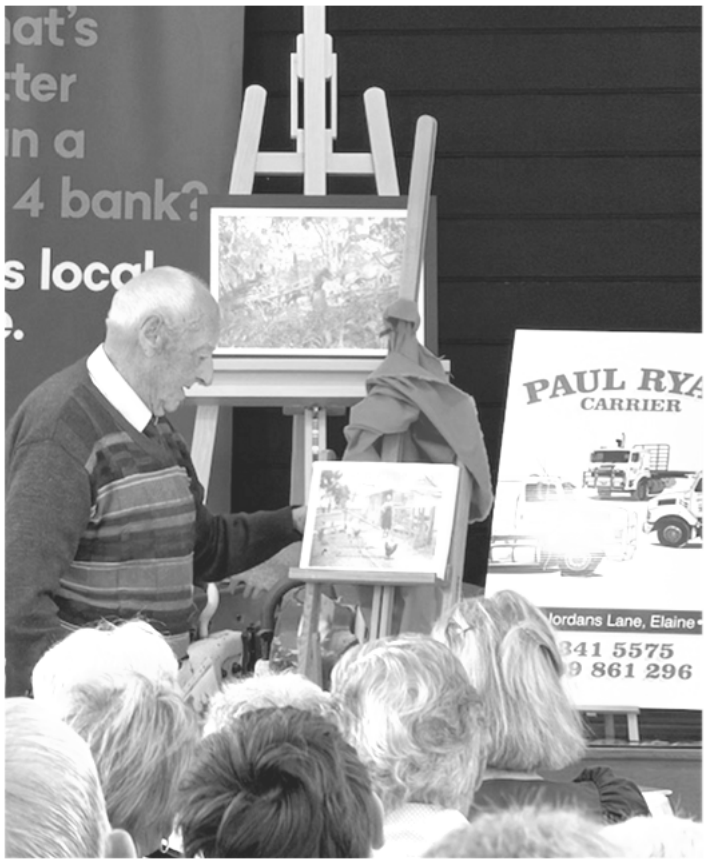
Elaine Thru the Lens **Book Launch:**
On Sunday, October 18, MHIG launched the Elaine book at the Elaine Hall. A display of photos of people of Elaine had been arranged on tables along the walls of the hall. An Elaine sign like the one that identified Elaine children at the school sports, was recreated and hung on the stage, together with several types of saws, that represented the wood cutting business that employed many people in times past.
You had to be early to get a seat, many people stood and apparently some people could not get in the hall for the event. Apologies to them!

Paul Ryan, who is a true blue Elaineite and has extensive knowledge of Elaine, told some history including of Larundel, Narmbool, Sport and Trucking. He wanted to impart lots of interesting facts. He did get a bit lengthy but we have to congratulate him on his research!
The second part involved a recognition of the contribution to Elaine by the oldest resident in Jimmy Connell. With words and a slide show, we showed that Jim has been involved in nearly every organization in Elaine, for long numbers of years and is still Chairman of the Clarendon Cemetery Trust and has been for 31 years. We called this presentation *A Lifetime in Elaine.*
We invited Jim Connell and Max Randall to sit at the front of the hall. Max went to school and on the school bus with Jim and is of similar age. After the speeches Jim was asked to lift a cloth that covered the *Elaine Thru the Lens* book, on an easel to launch the book.
Book Sales are going well. The cost is the same as for *Steiglitz Thru the Lens* and *Morrisons Thru the Lens*.
In 2027 we will be collecting photos of Meredith. If you have photos or would like to help with the project, please let us know.

Back to Steiglitz:
MHIG is having a presence at Steiglitz on Sunday, October 25 and will sell books, maps and booklets and will help visitors with information including about the Cemetery, families and gold mines
.

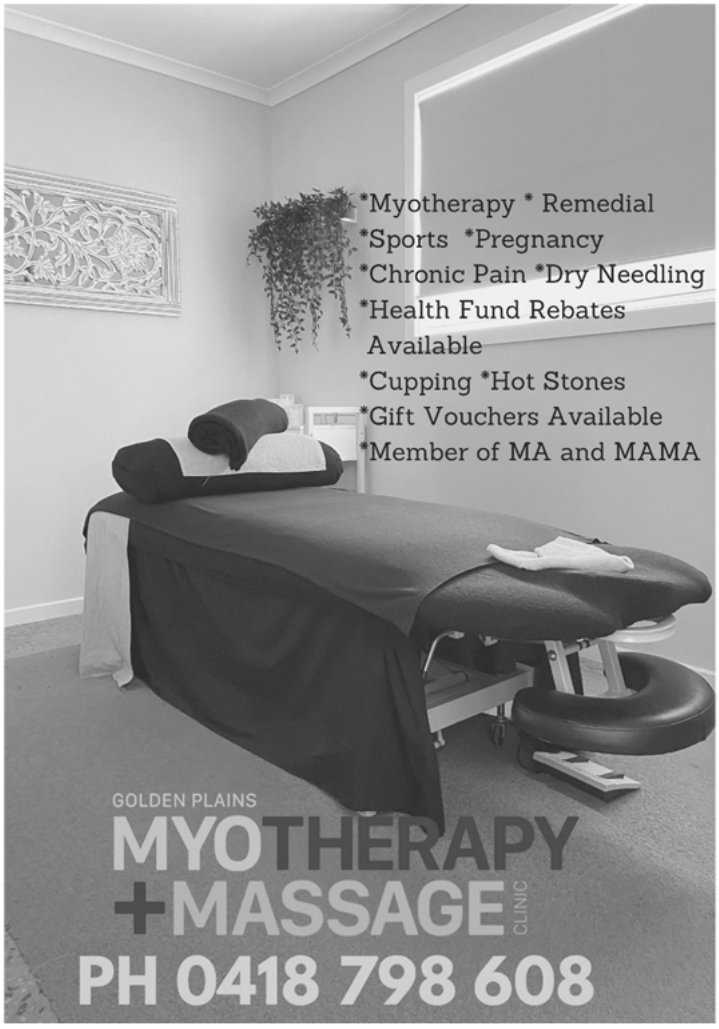
Garage Sale:

MHIG has registered to take part in the Garage Sale Trail on Saturday, November 7 from 9am – 2pm. Please come along and buy plants, books, cards, maps & bric-a-brac.



LETHBRIDGE QUARRY
North Altona Rock Blasting Pty Ltd
All Quarry Materials Available
Supply & Delivery available
Hours: Monday - Friday 7am – 4pm
(Saturday by appointment only)
Office: Pauline: 5281-7190
Paul: 0429 361 378
Email: lethbridgequarry@bigpond.com
180 Lower Plains Rd, Lethbridge 3332
Please Note: Car Trailers Not Permitted.

coopelec
REC11582.Electrical and excavation contractors
Phone: 0417 518 930
FOR ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS
MURRAY COOPER
PO Box 267
Buninyong, 3357



The Travelling Post Office

A poem by A,B, (Banjo) Paterson

The roving breezes come and go, the reed-beds sweep and sway,
The sleepy river murmurs low ,and loiters on its way,
It is the land of lots o' time along the Castlereagh.

The old man's son had left the farm, he found it dull and slow,
He drifted the the great North-west, where all the rovers go.
"He's gone so long", the old man said; "he's dropped right out of mind,
But if you'd write a line to him I'd take it very kind;
He's shearing here and fencing there ,a kind of waif and stray -
He's droving now with Conroy's sheep along the Castlereagh.

"The sheep are travelling for the grass, and travelling very slow,
They may be at Mundooran now, or past the Overflow,
Or tramping down the black-soil flats across by Waddiwong
But all those little country towns would send the letter wrong.
The mailman, if he's extra tired, would pass them in his sleep;
It's safest to address the note to "Care of Conroy's sheep",
For five and twenty thousand head can scarcely go astray,
You write to " Care of Conroy's sheep along the Castlereagh'".

By rock and ridge and riverside the western mail has gone
Across the great Blue Mountains Range to take that letter on.
A moment on the topmost grade, while open fire-doors glare,
She pauses like a living thing to breathe the mountain air,
Then launches down the other side across the plains away
To bear that note to "Conroy's sheep along the Castlereagh".

And now by coach and mailman's bag it goes from town to town,
And Conroy's Gap and Conroy's Creek have marked it "Further down".
Beneath a sky of deepest blue, where never cloud abides,
A speck upon the waste of plain the lonely mailman rides.
Where fierce hot winds have set the pine and myall boughs asweep
He hails the shearers passing by for news of Conroy's sheep.
By big lagoons where wildlife play and crested pigeons flock,
By camp-fires where the drovers ride around their restless stock,
And past the teamster toiling down to fetch the wool away
My letter chases Conroy's sheep along the Castlereagh.

Source Poems of Banjo Paterson volume 2 illustrated by Pro Hart published 1976
Submitted by Janene Schiller



TEST'N'TAG
All plug in electrical items can be tested and certified safe.
On-site or off-site testing. Reasonable rates.
Contact Meredith Maintenance
(Licensed Tester)
5286 1550 or 0427 300742

EPA Accredited
REGIONAL
LIQUID WASTE
ABN: 34 976 656 819
• SEPTIC TANK CLEANING • WATER TANK CLEANING • HYDRO EXCAVATION
• GREASE TRAPS • PORTALOO / HOLDING TANKS • HIGH PRESSURE CLEANING
Mobile: 0427 304 959

Vale to Elizabeth (Betty]) Anne Hayes 13/7/1939 – 10/8/2026

Betty was the daughter of Ernest and Annie Adelaide Cooper nee Fry. Betty was one of four children, she had two older brothers Neil and George and a twin brother Keith.
Ernie had grown up at Steiglitz.
He and his brother Arthur purchased a farm on Coopers Road called *Wattle Vale* about 1928 They married in 1932 and built a house almost over the road from the house that existed on the property when they bought it.

The Cooper children attended Woodburn State School. Their father would take the children the ten kilometers to school sometimes by horse and cart and sometimes in the family Chev.

Life changed when Ernie became unwell and spent considerable periods in hospital in Ballarat. As Annie did not drive the decision was made for the family to move into Meredith. Neil said that they moved when he was 12 years old, about 1947.
Betty enrolled at Meredith State School, continuing until Grade 8.

They firstly rented the bluestone house on Steiglitz Road before the house from the farm was shifted to 9 Wallace Street. This house was Betty's home for a lot of her life and it is where Betty and her daughter Heather lived together until Betty became ill and went to hospital.

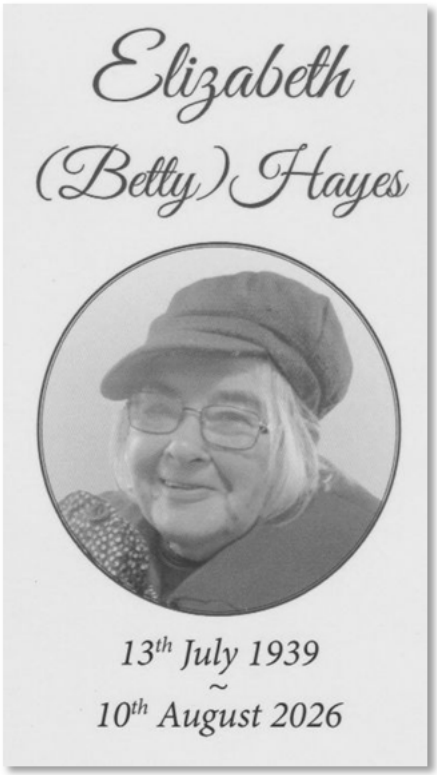
Her life, like most lives was not without difficult chapters. In 1965 she became pregnant with her first daughter and with the expectations placed upon unmarried mothers in those days, the baby was adopted at five weeks of age. With the assistance of FIND Betty and Julie reconnected in 2011 and she came to know not only her daughter but two grandchildren.

Betty later married Doug Banks and they lived on a farm on Marchments Road. In 1967 Betty and Doug welcomed their daughter Heather. When their marriage ended Betty rented several houses including the Uniting Church Manse. Later Betty married Herbert Hayes who passed away in 1988.

Through all the different chapters of her life *Meredith* was the constant thread. Twice a day Betty and Heather would head out for a walk around town and those walks became part of the local landscape. People knew them and often stopped to chat or gave a wave. Betty and Heather attended Senior Citizens and enjoyed meals, competitions and trips. Apparently, she also enjoyed watching *The Bold and the Beautiful* television show. She loved animals, painted pictures, collected dolls, enjoyed shopping, and loved country music, but hated cauliflower.

Betty lived for 87 years. Her story is woven into the story of Meredith itself. And while the streets of Meredith seem just a little quieter without those twice daily walks, may there be gratitude that Betty walked there for so many years.

A lovely funeral service was held on Thursday, September 24 at the Uniting Church and Betty was interred in the Meredith Cemetery.
(Thank you to the celebrant Jo Kruse for a copy of the eulogy she composed for the service. Marg Cooper



GORSE - Stop the SEED!

Gorse is **NOW IN FLOWER** so it's a great time to cut and paint or spray your outbreaks large or small

help stop the seed. Start with one plant - it all helps

Visit *vicgorsetaskforce.com.au* for information and inspiration:

Tackling gorse takes effort but doing nothing means it just gets worse



WATER DELIVERY
Call
"Youngy"
on
0436 451 995
or 0407 841 920

Trust Australia's largest LPG supplier...



Elgas is a local business, run by local people offering LPG for your home

Elgas Welcome Package
OPEN NEW ACCOUNT & RECEIVE $80 WORTH OF LPG GAS ACCOUNT CREDITS*
*For all terms and conditions see website www.elgas.com.au

NO CONTRACT TO SIGN

©2019 ELGAS LTD.

Give Elgas a call and get friendly reliable service in your area

131 161
www.elgas.com.au

ELGAS

BYV WOOLBROKERS & BUYERS

Family owned & operated for more than 30 years

A family owned Australian business

Specializing In:
- Clip Brokering
- On Farm Pricing
- Shed Clean Ups

Secondhand packs replaced free of charge

SERVICING ALL AREAS
Call today and we'll come to you
P: (03) 5267 2703 0417 054 792

Monday to Friday 8am-5pm

2990 PRINCES HWY, WINCHELSEA
admin@byvwool.com.au www.byvwool.com.au

HEATH MAINTENANCE

Fred Heath
0400 045307
fred.heath67@gmail.com



- Home and Property Maintenance
- General Repairs
- Window Replacement
- Carpentry and Woodworking



The deadline for copy is
9.00 am on the last Thursday
of the preceding month

SOUTHERN GRAIN STORAGE PTY. LTD.

BULK & BAGGED FERTILISER GRAIN PASTURE SEED SEED CLEANING

15 Murrell St, Winchelsea
(03) 5267 2351



Marg's Book Review

Tirra Lirra by the River *Jessica Anderson*

In 1978 Australia's two most coveted national literary prizes of the time were both won by women. Helen Garner's first novel *Monkey Grip* won the national Book Council Award for fiction, and the Miles Franklin Literary Award was won by *Tirra Lirra by the River,* Jessica Anderson's fourth novel.

The two big awards to Anderson and Garner in 1978 marked a shift in reader's tastes, and the beginning of something more like equality in the writing, publishing and reading of fiction in Australia.

The book has often been set for secondary school students to study.

The novel follows Nora Porteous, a woman in her seventies who returns to her childhood home in Queensland after spending years living in Sydney and London. When Nora falls ill with pneumonia, she is cared for by local neighbours and a doctor. This is when a flood of memories return to her.

A review relates that the story is essentially one long act of remembering, covering almost seventy years, punctuated by short forays into the present day when things happen to jog her memory further.

The book offers opportunities to explore issues, like the role of women in the 1940's and 1950's, looking at topics like her husband refusing to let her work, making all the decisions and denying her an allowance. Other issues explored are the problems and dilemmas of a female artist, the unreliable nature of memory, the dangers of love and sex, the effects of losing a parent in childhood, the physical fragility and social frustration of old age and the love of beauty. For a short novel it is extraordinarily rich in content and meaning.

Tirra Lirra by the River is a quote from a Tennyson poem. The Lady of Shalott is cursed never to look directly upon reality but may only see reflections in her mirror which she then translates into her weaving. As a child Nora visualized a perfect world through a distortion in her bedroom window. She now realizes that it was forever unattainable.



The interweaving of Nora's memories show that she is never truly at home, not in her childhood house in Queensland, not in Sydney, not in her longed-for escape to London and not in her final return to her childhood home. For Nora, finding a home is a matter of matching what she calls *a region of the mind* with her actual physical location.

It is the story of one person's search for a home!

MEREDITH MUSIC FESTIVAL TICKET ALLOCATION FOR LOCALS

The upcoming Meredith Music Festival sold out in August, not long after tickets went on sale.

There is, however, an allocation of tickets available on a first-come first-served basis for locals living between Elaine and Lethbridge. Tickets can be purchased from the **Meredith Roadhouse (26 Wallace Street)** from 10am on the 17th of November until sold out. 3 per person limit.

Please bring proof of residential address (Meredith, Cargerie, Elaine, She Oaks, Morrisons, Mount Mercer or Lethbridge address). Card sales only.

Meredith 34 will be held from the 11th to the 13th of December, 2026, at the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre.

If you have any questions, please contact Aunty Meredith via auntym@mmf.com.au.

Thanks very much.



Questions.

1. This part of your car is broken. Better call O'Briens.
2. The Sentimental Bloke's girlfriend.
3. Leaves never leave this type of tree.
4. Lots and lots of soup are in this vessel.
5. Little kids dress up and enjoy this 31st October event more than adults.
6. I say Mister, that is a very shiny polish you have.
7. Such a pretty little Irish maid.
8. 80s UK band Dexys Midnight Runners wanted her to come on.

Answers

1. Windscreen. 2. Doreen. 3. Evergreen. 4. Tureen. 5. Halloween. 6. Sheen. 7. Colleen. 8. Eileen.

Vale to Marjorie Joan Powell.

30/9/1932 – 18/9/2026.



Marg Coopper

Marjorie was the only child of Dudley and Mary Ward. They lived at Meredith at 46 Staughton Street. They had a small farm of about 144 acres on the Mt Mercer Road about 3 km west of Meredith, and Dudley also worked as a rabbiter, contract shearer and a wool classer on some of the large estates around the Western Districts. He was often away from home for extended periods. In fact, he was away when Marjorie was born and her father-in-law drove Mary [in labour] to hospital in Ballarat.

Life at home was typical of rural Australian life at the time. Vegetables were grown, rabbits were trapped, water was from the underground tanks and carried by bucket.

Marjorie attended Meredith State School from Grade 1 to 8. After that it was off to Matthew Flinders Girls School in Geelong, travelling by steam train. The train left Meredith at 8 am for the 45-minute trip. From Geelong Station Marjorie walked up the hill to school passing the Gordon Tech on the way. Most of Marjorie's schooling was during WW11.

On the evening of Thursday, November 25, 1948 Marjorie and her father were moving a small flock of sheep [owned by Dudley's parents] to a friend's property where they were to be shorn. This involved crossing the Ballarat to Geelong Road. These sheep were essentially pets and didn't behave like a normal flock of sheep would. Some held back…some dashed across the road and a car was approaching from Geelong. Dudley waved his stick at the car, accidently hitting it. The diver stopped the car…got out…and K*ing-Hit* Dudley…knocking him to the ground. This was in front of Marjorie who was driving a horse and jinker. The assailant got back in his car and drove off. Two other men were in the car. They were going to the greyhound races in Ballarat.

Marjorie and Dudley continued with the task at hand, delivering the sheep before returning home, Dudley said that he had a severe pain in his head. Without a telephone at home, Marj went out to use one at her grandparent's house. A doctor was called, then an ambulance was called. Dudley was declared dead on arrival at Geelong Hospital. Marjorie was 16 years old.

The driver of the car was charged with *Murder by Punch* and Marjorie had to give evidence in the Geelong Court. The jury delivered a verdict of not guilty, a highly unsatisfactory outcome for Marjorie and her mother.

Marjorie worked as a telephonist at Meredith Post Office until she was 21 years old. Then she moved around country Victoria in that job until she married Joe Powell in 1955. They farmed at Cardigan and had a family of 3 daughters. When they sold the farm and retired, they moved to Alfredton, later to Soldiers Hill. After Joe developed dementia and subsequently died, Marjorie continued to live independently until 2024 when she moved to Aged Care at Mercy Place.

Marj was a very gracious lady who had a life of community engagement, a life of love and faith and a life of deep devotion to her family.

A funeral service was held for her on her 94th birthday.

Country to Coast Electrical
R.E.C. 14586
All Types of Electrical Installations
Pensioner Discounts and Free Quotes
Mob. 0419 504 297
Shaun Bubb
email: shaun.bubb@outlook.com
66 Brunel St. Lethbridge 3332

Elaine Railway Hotel Refurb.

Marg Cooper

Caroline describes the process as a marathon with a sprint to the finish line!

Caroline and Sean bought the Elaine Hotel in March 2025. They had decided that they wished to move from running a restaurant at Werribee, to running a country pub and decided to buy the Shamrock Hotel at Dunnstown, only to be devastated when negotiations fell through at the very last moment. They had previously looked at the Elaine Hotel but it had everything against it: it was too dear, it needed heaps of work and it was wooden rather than brick.

Caroline has been in hospitality all her life. In 1979 as there were no jobs available in Bendigo where she grew up, with her two sisters, she opened a coffee lounge. It was fun, they created jobs for themselves and gained lots of experience. Since then, she has had several businesses and renovated several houses while living in them. She has a talent for interior decorating. She gets a vision in her head and works to bring that vision to fruition.

For the Elaine Hotel she wanted to create the comfort and friendliness of Irish pubs. There has not been any change in the structure of the hotel but two snugs have been created in small rooms that previously were used for other purposes. The walls are painted a musky pink and a dark green, the woodwork is stained, the floor is black which Caroline said hides a multitude of sins, the doors have leadlight, there are numerous wood heaters and the furniture is comfortable and mostly has already been used. Caroline said that when they tackled a particular job another one erupted. At one stage they wondered if they had bitten off more than they could cope with, but with the help of some amazing tradespeople and the expertise and enthusiasm of Sean, who works in construction the hotel, both inside and out looks amazing. And there is only one television which will only be used for special events like the Melbourne Cup or the Football Grand Final.

Caroline is a chef and has many dishes on the menu but expects that her Beef and Guinness pie will become her signature dish. If you want to drop in for coffee and cake or a sandwich that is alright too. They have renovated, fitted out, stocked the shelves, hired staff and are about to open the doors.

They love Elaine, have received lots of support from locals, believe that the hotel is in a good position for trade and has lots of parking space for customers. They have also encountered many people who play musical instruments and are looking forward to encouraging people to bring their instruments along with them and jam at the pub.

Caroline and Sean have created a pub where nice food and cold drinks are served in a nice atmosphere. Good Luck!

Too Good to Miss

Jim Elvey

Did you catch the terrific article on page 16 last month by Dr Gregory Moore? “Hard to Kill” explained the phenomenon illustrated on our cover, of eucalyptus recovery after a devastating bushfire. It was so good, we repeated it on page 40, just to be sure you didn’t miss it.

Dear readers, our (very) long time editor has confirmed with us, his intention to retire at the end of the year. - Chair, Newsletter Committee





one NATION VICTORIA

EUREKA

People Families Communities First

PAUL BALLINGER

CANDIDATE FOR EUREKA



A safer Victoria. Lower costs. Accountable government.

TAKE VICTORIA BACK

KEEP VICTORIANS SAFE

- Support police and tougher action on violent crime.
- Put victims' rights first.
- Tackle car theft and repeat offending.

EASE THE COST OF LIVING

- Cut taxes on individuals and small business.
- Support affordable, reliable energy from coal and gas.
- Reduce pressure on housing.

END WASTE. DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY.

- Protect frontline services and cut unnecessary bureaucracy.
- Full transparency for government spending.
- Put Victorian families and communities first.

ENERGY

AFFORDABLE. RELIABLE. FOR VICTORIANS.

- **Scrap all net-zero targets and subsidies.** Energy policy will be judged on price, reliability and what is best for Victorian families and industry, not on ideology.
- **Cancel VNI West, WRL and other multi-billion-dollar large-scale transmission projects driven by** the net-zero agenda. These projects drive up network charges on every power bill, lock in higher system costs, damage productive farmland and regional communities, and are unnecessary when Victoria prioritises reliable local generation and existing transmission infrastructure.
- **Provide long-term industry security** to encourage investment into upgrading coal power infrastructure.
- **Give Victorian household and industrial demand first call on Victorian gas.**



VOTE ONE NATION

PAUL BALLINGER FOR EUREKA

one NATION VICTORIA

Authorised by One Nation, 8 Prompt Lane, Pakenham VIC 3810

GOLDEN PLAINS ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Veterinary care for your family pets when you need it

Our Veterinary Hospital provides modern, professional and affordable health care for your pets. Our long standing and dedicated staff and experianced, leading veterinarians are all passionate about your pets and avid animal lovers.

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 8:30am - 1:00pm



Emergency Triage - 24 hours a day

12 Milton Street, Bannockburn

(03) 5281 2226

https://gpah.com.au/



Members from Buninyong-Mt Helen Fire Brigade with another hotly contested mini fire truck race. *(Photo by Amy Medley. See article on P. 14.)*



PRESENTED BY

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

golden plains twilight market

fun · food · fine crafts

FRIDAY 4 – 8PM

4 DECEMBER

THE BANNOCKBURN HEART

Celebrate the Festive Season with Family, Friends and Neighbours!

100+ STALLHOLDERS

LIVE MUSIC

Kieran Tobin • Lucy Grazules • Elektra Wilde

TASTY EATS & DRINKS

Food Vans • Wine • Beer • Cocktails

FAMILY FUN & FREE ACTIVITIES

Face Painting • Animal Farm • Virtual Reality • Photo Booth

Mini Golf • Balloon Twisting • Tarot Card Readings • Massages

VISIT THE ART PRECINCT

Golden Spaces Summer Exhibition • Art Fair

EXPLORE

Youth Hub • Sensory Zone • Golden Growers & So Much More!

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

Beyond The Valley

GPG Naturgy Group

Stockdale & Leggo Bannockburn

MORTIMER PETROLEUM

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

Alternative milks: Soy | Almond | Oat | Lactose Free

PHONE 03 5286 1556
Select option 4