

Breanna Lorraine Willmott

8.2.1990 - 19.7.2010

Life is a gift given & taken at any moment, your time was too soon, forever loved & never forgotten.

You will always be with us for every birthday, for every drink, for every laugh.

Your friends at Myrniong Primary & Daylesford Secondary were lucky to know you. There are so many great memories to remember.

You had a big smile, but a huge heart.

Deepest sympathy to Mark, Jenny, Zack, Blake, Steph & families.

Forever in our memories, Forever in our hearts. The Blackwood Group will never be the same without you.

Taryn, Nicole, Kat, Tabettha, Sommer, Aaron, Sam, Jamie, Joel, Ozzy, Ross & Mitch.

We will miss our cigarette chats on the verandah.

And you greeting us at the car You were our "Next top Model" even in your trackies & hoodie.

Love you forever Bree, our best mate Nic & Taz xxxxxxxxx

To Mark, Jenny, Zack & Blake, thinking of you at this difficult time.

Breanna was a great friend of my daughter Nicole. They went to primary & secondary school & their beauty course together & were always there for each other.

Breanna was always welcome at our home. Many a time we would sit & have a chat while waiting for the girls to get ready.

Breanna's visits will be greatly missed. Love you always, Robina

WINNING FOOTY LIMERICK

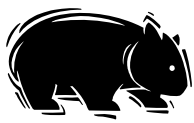
If a Magpies supporter before the last quarter
Suggests a small bet then say no
For from sheer force of habit
He'll then run like a rabbit
And you'll be left missing your dough!

~ Robin Bradley (Blackwood)

Events & Gigs guide

when	what	where
Aug 1, 1-4pm	Shades of Blue	The Cosmo
Aug 8, 1-4pm	Truly Madly Deeply	The Cosmo
Aug 13, 6pm -->	Fiddle sessions with Cider House String Band	The Cosmo
Aug 15, 1-4pm	Geoffrey Williams solo	The Cosmo
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Aug 29, 1-4pm	Pete Kenyon	The Cosmo

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editors thoughts ...

Another whopping issue thanks to everyone who has helped me gather articles for this issue especially Linda Henry who spent her Winter Ball snapping photos for this issue's social album (opposite).

Many of our readers have been shocked by the death Breanna Willmott, who lost her life recently in a car accident. Breanna went to Myrniong & Daylesford schools & was a good friend to many young Blackwoodians. This issue is dedicated to Breanna.

I have spent a lot of time these last couple of months thinking about how fragile life is & how quickly it can change – sometimes we need to be reminded how lucky we are, to live life to the fullest & to enjoy what we have & who we are every day.

Blackwood News is your community news & relies on your contributions, so if you are out & about remember to take photos for us. We love hearing about your special occasions, your memories of Blackwood past & present & your successes.

Deadlines for the next issue & our contact details are below.

~ Jinny Coyle, editor@blackwoodnews.com.au

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HOW'S THE WEATHER BEEN?

by Don Owen

Month & Year	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall Average (mm) 1879-2007	Minimum Temperature deg C	Maximum Temperature deg C
May '10	44	92.5	-1.9	18.9
June '10	109.6	104.8	-1.4	13.1

ALTHOUGH WE have experienced reasonable rainfall for the first six months of this year, the long-term average shows it to be slightly below. We have had 427.6mm compared to the long-term average of 431.1mm.

Nothing makes other teams madder
Than Pies at the top of the ladder
Now you have to remember
That come end of September
Those teams will be very much sadder

~ Michael Hehir (Lower Plenty)

A NEW BLACKWOODIAN



JESSICA ELLIS Kelly (aka Jessica Bear) was born 23rd April 2010. Happy parents Max & Ian, big sister Rianna, bigger brother Alasdair & Auntie Jaq decamped to Geelong for the birth, before introducing Jessica to the Blackwood winter.

JESS HAS proven herself a little sweetie, sleeping well, with a slice of shouting celtic feistyness if not fed regularly.

SHE LOVED her first night out at the Blackwood Ball!

SHE IS pictured her on the red carpet with her Dad, Ian Tebutt.

Limerick Challenge

Our limerick challenges have brought forth a wealth of talent. October & November brings on race fever so the limerick theme will be about RACING - any sort of racing. So get your thinking caps on & let's fill the next issue with Blackwoodian racing limericks.

Send us your limerick & we'll publish the best.

The limerick is well known for its bawdy flair & humour, but beyond that it is a well-structured poem with strict rules of composition which you may feel free to bend:

- limericks are 5 lines long.
- lines 1, 2 & 5 have seven to ten syllables each & rhyme.
- lines 3 & 4 have five to seven syllables each & rhyme.
- limericks have a galloping rhythm due an accent on each third syllable.

All submissions must be suitable for publication & include name & contact details of the author. Submissions including these details assume permission to publish.

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BLACKWOOD SOCIAL ALBUM – THE 2010 WINTER BALL ...



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The Blackwood Goldfield – William Barry of Barrys Reef.

Barry's Reef is recorded by James Fleet in his book 'A Pictorial History of the Victorian Goldfields'. He states that Barry's Reef was named after John Barry who opened the area in 1857. A photo appears in his book on page 99 of Barrys Reef which is a similar photo to the one on the following page. It shows Barry's Reef about 1874-1879 with the mullock heap from the Sultan Mine in the distance, which had a yield of 1670,000 grams of gold. The Sultan Mine began in 1868 & closed in 1881. The Trehwella brothers & Thomas Uren discovered this reef line which was called Eureka. In 1874 the town had close to 4000 inhabitants.

On researching John Barry of Barrys Reef the author found out that his name was not John but William Edward Barry. The proof of this was an 'Argus' newspaper on-line report in 1909 on the death of William Edward Barry – the report of Saturday 8 May 1909, states –

“PERSONAL Mr. William Barry, a well-known Victorian prospector, who died suddenly at his residence at Creswick on Wednesday afternoon, was a prominent figure in mining in Victoria since 1864.

In 1874 he discovered a rich reef at Blackwood, which was called Barry's Reef. Since 1882, on behalf of a Melbourne syndicate, he had been prospecting for quartz, but his efforts were attended with little success.”

On checking the Digger death records, the author found William Edward Barry died in Creswick age 74 yrs in 1909 & his father was listed as William Houseworth Barry – although I believe this should have been Hawkesworth & where the name originated in his son's middle name. William Barry's mother was listed as Mary Hart. Reg. Number: 4722.

On purchasing William Barry's death certificate on-line the author found more information – He had lived at Albert Street, Creswick, he was a miner, he died of heart failure following pneumonia, he was buried in the Creswick cemetery, Minister was Rev J Arnold, Church of England, he was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1835, he had been in Australia for 59 yrs, (making his arrival in 1850), he was married at 22yrs in Malmsbury to Margaret O'Neil in 1857, & listed were 6 living children & 4 deceased.

On checking further, Digger birth records show William Edward Barry had ten children to his wife Margaret O'Neil. All were either born in Woodend or registered there except one child in Windsor, & the first in Taradale.

The following children were – Mary Alesia in 1858 at Taradale, Margaret Cecilia born in 1860 at Woodend, James Horatio in 1862 at Woodend, Alicia (Alice) Jane in 1864 at Woodend, died 1878 age 14 yrs, Elizabeth Ellen in 1866 at Windsor died 1868, William Hawkesworth in 1868 at Woodend, died 2 days old, Bridget Wihelmina in 1870 at Woodend, George Edward in 1872 at Woodend, Ellen in 1875 at Woodend, William Hawkesworth in 1877 at Woodend, (named after son who died 2 days old.) William died in East Melbourne in 1903, aged 26 years old.

No listing of children was found to have been born in Blackwood although William Barry was recorded as mining there. Maybe his wife lived in Woodend rather than primitive conditions in Blackwood & he came home on regular intervals.

Another record was found of a brother of William Barry – that of George Patrick Barry, same father - William Hawksworth but mother as Mary Dillon, whereas William's mother was listed as Mary Hart – maybe she was remarried. George Barry died in West Hotham in 1886 age 59 years.

No more records at this stage have been found on the Barry family.

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NAMING OF BARRYS REEF

On checking a book called *Place Names of Victoria* by Les Blake from the author's vast collection of local histories, it states '*Barrys Reef is a mountain resort 11 km from Trentham; in 1858 gold was discovered there, 3 km NW of Blackwood; miners Barry & Simmons worked gold-bearing reefs in the area ; see Bayup.*' On some early maps of the area, Barrys Reef was named as Bayup. Les Blake's book refers to Bayup as -

'Bayup refers to an aborigine word for a kind of gum tree; as from 22 February 1968 the name was gazetted as Barrys Reef.'

Research from '*The History of Gold Discovery in Victoria*', by James Flett, states – '*Amongst a large number of reefs discovered in later years, the chief ones were Barrys Reef, & Trehwella's Reef opened about two miles NW of Blackwood in 1858. The prospectors of Trehwella's Reef were brothers, Benjamin, John, Matthew & Christopher Trehwella & Tobias Uren. The large mining village at Barrys Reef was later surveyed as Bayup.*' (copyright Margot Hitchcock ©)



Barrys Reef from an old glass negative taken about 1880 showing the mullock heap in the back centre from the Sultan Mine. Pine trees at the back right is where the Barrys Ref school was. Mullock heap of the Sultana mine in front left, & Mounter's poppet head behind it.



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SOMETHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN



You may have noticed the stall giving out free locally grown seeds at the Easter Carnival, or perhaps you signed up to have your light-bulbs changed for free through the notice at the General Store & Post Office. These have been the first small, grass-roots actions of an initiative called Transition Blackwood.

If you haven't come across Transition Blackwood, we hope you will soon – as it will be your input & participation that will determine the kind of actions we take next & how much we achieve for our town.

Transition Town Blackwood is part of a movement of Transition Towns across the world – groups, towns & even cities who are committed to strengthening their community through positive actions & creating local connections.

Each Transition Town is different because each community driving it is different – the strength of the movement is in being locally run & responsive to local needs & desires. All Transition Towns though, are united in that they are about making their town vibrant & resilient by working with & connecting existing community groups & by involving people of all ages & walks of life in projects.

The movement was started in the UK in response to concerns about the world's unsustainable use of resources & also to the vulnerability that those finite resources present. For instance – oil was only discovered in the early 20th century. Since that time, nations all over the world have built entire economies around the assumption that oil will continue to be available & cheap. It is in everything from sneakers to power cables & it runs the global economy that trucks foods & products around the world. The big elephant in the room almost 100 years later is – what happens when it runs out? With resources no longer available locally & supermarkets relying on food that has travelled vast distances, this presents some challenges. It is predicted that oil discovery has either peaked or will peak in the next year or two – meaning that oil production will soon begin to decline & those challenges will become real in the next 20 to 30 years. (see Gardening Australia article p34 of the August issue for more about Peak Oil)

The Transition Movement looked at this type of current economic & environmental pressure & didn't respond with doom & gloom – instead people started pointing out that a return to old ways of doing things didn't have to be a bad thing.

Towns used to have all the resources they needed for health & comfort all within a few kms. They had market gardens, dairies, local banks to keep money in the community, bakers, schools, doctors & skilled trades-people. They even had some local fuel & energy resources.

Returning some of those local resources & strengthening some of those skills needn't mean giving up our cars or giving up our computers.

It might mean, though, creating & driving the needs of our community from within instead of waiting for government to do it for us.

It is clear whichever way you lean politically that our leaders have lost sight of the prize. Somehow the historical (some might say real) work of government which has always been to secure our most precious resources – food & water, maintain utilities & infrastructure (the powerlines that caused some of the devastating fires of Black Saturday?) provide healthcare & education & to support people who



are vulnerable, aged, poor & sick – these priorities are losing ground to 'topical issues' & political grandstanding.

Transition Towns are people 'doing it for themselves', not waiting for government to do it for them. Equally they are communities that are willing to engage with local council & participate in the planning & development of their own town.

The other thing I love about Transition Towns is that they are for everybody. Our senior citizens are our most precious community resource – they are people who remember how we did things before there were multi-national supermarkets. The young people in our community are our innovators – they can tell us how they imagine the future. You don't have to think of yourself as a 'greenie' to be involved – anyone who is passionate about strengthening Blackwood will be a real asset to the many & varied projects & groups that can link through Transition Blackwood.

In a way, Transition Towns are about transitioning from being reliant on large outside forces & returning to the values of a bygone age – a time when people connected to share their ideas, their resources & their skills to build a stronger community for themselves & their families.

So, here is an invitation: if you cook, build, garden, have a trade, are a strategist, have practical ideas, know how to do crafts, understand planning & council, have know-how on looking after our local natural resources, have good local connections, want to save seeds, help organize discounts on solar or water tanks, want to make our town more beautiful or make Blackwood weed free, are involved in community health or transport, are interested in community banking & fund-raising, are part of an existing group that needs supporthave I covered everybody yet? Come along anyway to:

The Winter Warmer Cook-up

Blackwood Special School Camp
Sunday September 5th, 4pm until 7.30pm

Bring food to share that includes a locally produced ingredient & five copies of the recipe to share OR just bring yourself & your ideas.

An opportunity to find out more about Transition Towns & what has happened so far will be followed by a sharing of food & ideas.

Contact: transitonblackwood@gmail.com for more info or to tell us your ideas. Check out the blog (online diary) on: <http://transitionblackwood.blogspot.com/>



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The Nutty Corner

by Tracey Roy

Winter is well & truly here & it's time to hibernate, eat lots of comfort food & keep warm!!!!

Is it? Well it's a great idea but why not look towards long walks, healthy foods which don't make us feel like we don't want to get off the couch....

All too often we resign ourselves that comfort/winter means heavy carbs but why not grow winter delights in your own kitchen garden & enjoy fresh, light winter salads, soups, casseroles, pastas with ingredients that offer both nutrition & satisfaction. This is a terrific time of year to go slow, so grow & enjoy fresh watercress, onions, leeks, brussel sprouts, kale, various fresh lettuces & heirloom root vegetables like carrots, celeriac, parsnips, & salsify either black or white, beetroots, swedes & turnips. Grown-underground root vegetables store vital carbohydrate energy which makes us feel comforted during cold months, however when mixed with some food items, root vegetables can seem stodgy. So let's look towards recipes that triumph vegetables feeling full & healthy. Beets & turnips are both wonderful wholefoods suitable to use in both raw & cooked dishes. The leaves, stems & bulbs can be used in salads, stir fries, roasts & casseroles to preserves. Toss turnip greens with feta & caramelised red onions with a green tomato vinaigrette to provide dietary fibre & rich sources of vitamin C, E, B6 & K & there greens & a terrific deterrent for Rheumatoid Arthritis. My personal favourites are carrots, beetroots & turnips, all of which I have been experimenting with these past winters & have developed some terrific marmalades from. Let's enjoy our kitchens & try different things & winter preserving can be as fun as summer preserving.

The other vegetable much overlooked is Kale, an easy-to-grow winter veg, which enjoys a good frost to enhance the sweetness of the kale. A form of cabbage kale comes in terrific greens & purple colours & looks much like a mini cabbage. Great in cooking & fashionable in floral displays are ornamental kales in pinks, lavenders, blues & whites, these are also edible however much smaller in size.

Rich in vitamin A & C, Calcium & Iron these terrific veg have powerful antioxidant properties & are perfect to eat during the colder months to combat aches & pains caused by arthritis & also know as a natural combatant in alternative cancer-reduction diets because of the chemical Salforaphane naturally released when Kale is cooked.

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A LITTLE BIT FISHY...

EMERGING BALLAN artist, Fiona Morgan, is creating a cookbook with a difference. One that is filled with original artwork as well as recipes so delicious that the fact they are vegetarian may well go undetected by your dinner guests.

THE PROJECT is a year-long one that began in March 2010 & can be viewed online at www.WhereFishSing.com/cookbook. Recipes & artwork are posted free online 3-4 times a week. If you believe all recipe books for vegetarians are filled with photographs of soggy, bland hippie food that only a militant lentil muncher would try, take a look at this cookbook project & be pleasantly surprised.

THE AIM is to have people swoon with yum & not care if the meal was vegetarian or not.

LOCAL TIP hours

Trentham: Wed/Sat/Sun 9am-5pm

Ballan: Wed-Mon 1pm-5pm

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Kale Pesto

100gm kale
100gm pine nuts, roasted
50gm almonds, roasted
3 cloves of garlic, roasted
50 gm parmesan, grated
1tblspn olive oil
50 gm crème fraiche
Salt to taste

Combine in a food processor & just blend until combined. Season to taste.

Roast Root Vegetable Soup

2 carrots
2 parsnips
2 turnips
1 swede, medium
1 brown onion
1 leek
3 cloves of garlic
1 celeriac, small bulb
1 sweet potato
2 pontiac potatoes, large
3 bay leaves
3 sprigs of thyme
2 tabs olive oil
½ tabs butter, melt
Sea salt & black pepper

Peel, wash & roast all vegetables tossed in olive & butter with bay leaves, thyme, salt & pepper in a roasting pan at 160c for 2 hours. Toss regularly, being very careful not to burn. When soft & caramelised, place in a saucepan & mix with 3 litres of vegetable stock. Simmer for 30 minutes & puree. Sprinkle with fresh parsley & serve with fresh sour dough.

Root Vegetable Marmalades & Green Tomato Vinaigrette is available from The Nutty Orchard 703 James Lane Trentham East 3458. ph 03 5424 1185 or from The Trentham Farmers Market 3rd Saturday morning of each month all year around.

A Toast a Day May Help the Heart

If you are among the many who welcome in the new year with a glass of bubbly, consider this along with the fizz: two glasses of champagne a day may do wonders for your heart & circulation by improving the way blood vessels function.

According to researchers from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom, champagne makes nitric oxide more available in blood vessels, which in turn assists in better regulation of blood pressure & a lower risk of blood clots. The benefit seems to come from polyphenols in the red grapes & white grapes used to make champagne, the study authors explained.

So, instead of waiting for something to celebrate, should you drink champagne every day? It's hard to say; the long-term effects of drinking champagne, which is a type of wine, aren't clear, although research has supported moderate consumption of other kinds of wine, the researchers noted.

"We always encourage a responsible approach to alcohol consumption, but the fact that drinking champagne has the potential to reduce the risks of suffering from cardiovascular diseases, such as heart disease & stroke, is very exciting news," Jeremy Spencer, a professor of molecular nutrition at the University of Reading department of food & nutritional sciences, said in a university news release.

The findings were published online & will appear in an upcoming print issue of the British Journal of Nutrition.

SOURCE: <http://www.kmeg14.com/Global/story.asp?S=11752370>

Where are they now?



MERLE STOCKDALE (GUPPY) was born in Ballan & then lived in Green Hills (about 4 miles out of Blackwood), where her parents owned a farm. When it was time for her to go to school, her Mum, Merle & younger brother Walter would stay in a house in Blackwood, opposite the Corner Store, from Sunday/Monday till Friday, & then they returned back to the farm at Green Hills for the weekend, until they were older & could walk to & fro each day.

AFTER LEAVING school she started work at the Blackwood Hotel, working in the kitchen, waitressing, etc., staying there for 2 years, then she went to Daylesford, doing housework for Mrs.

Orr for some months. After this she went to work in Melbourne at the Holeproof factory for 2 years, then came back to Ballan to work at the Fairfield Hat factory, until she married Hugh Stockdale (George's brother) in 1950, at St. John's Anglican Church in Ballan. She was the 4th generation to be married in this church.

HUGH WAS teaching at Maryborough & was there some years until he was transferred to Blackwood in 1954. He was there a few years (till 1957), then transferred to Batesford School. While at Batesford they built their present home at North Geelong, & later Hugh was on the relieving staff in the Geelong area until he retired in 2000. Merle & Hugh enjoyed their retirement, travelling around until Hugh died in 2008. Merle is still living in North Geelong. They spent a lot of time at Blackwood where they had a permanent site at the Caravan Park. They were keen dancers & attended regular Old Time dances at Trentham, Newstead & Kyneton at weekends.

BLACKWOOD HAS always been a special place to them & their families, with 4 generations coming up every chance they get. Merle's father (Mr. Bob Guppy) went to school at Red Hill, which is now called Golden Point. This school was later moved to Blackwood No.1047, & Merle & Walter attended it. It was closed early 1960's & then pupils went by bus to Myrning or Bacchus Marsh. It was then rebuilt & is now a Special Outdoor Education Centre.

We yell our guts out when we score
Our sixty thousand hearts are raw
We yell for speckies, torpes, dummy spits
But bate our breath with searching kicks
For life is like a searching kick
And fleeting prayers do still the roar
~ Brendan Hehir (Blackwood)

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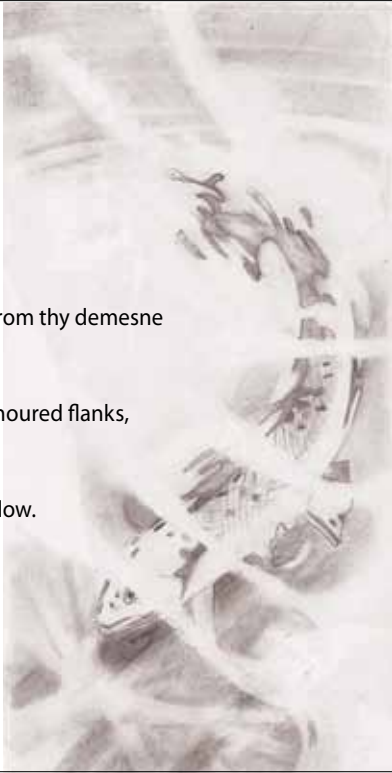
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Through thy mystic markings;
Flick thy hunted, hunting eyes
And stir thy taut, cold, lithe, armoured flanks,
And know the icy crystal wash,
And dart an inch – and stop
And hang again and taste the flow.
Then twist and
Flash!

Gone



A POET'S LIE

Over the past 12 months, two Blackwood couples have been working quietly on the production of a beautifully bound book of poetry written over a number of decades by reclusive resident Robin Bradley.

Somewhat of a "renaissance man", Robin can count among his accomplishments authorship of 32 books on wine (The Gold Book), the creation of 2 households of oil paintings, a substantial body of classical music compositions & now "A Poet's Lie"

The first selection of poems in the book were written in London during the '60's & the last 11 poems are love verses Robin wrote in the '70's to (successfully) romance his wife, Brenda.

Emerging artist, Brendan Hehir has thoughtfully illustrated the London poems with ink, pencil & water-colour sketches, while Jinny Coyle of Flux Design Studio has laid out the book to compliment the combination of words & art.

The elegant 64 page A5 book retails for \$29.95 making a perfect gift or addition to your library.

It is available at Garden of St Erth, Trentham Newsagency, Paradise Bookshop in Daylesford & Collins Bookshop in Bacchus Marsh.



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Blumin' Tips #4

~ by Simone Gilbert & Sandy Cummins

The French Connection!

To celebrate the rich European heritage of our region, this & our next few editions will focus on the Swiss, Italian & French influences that can be seen in the varieties of local herbs available. And just because most of the garden-fresh flowers are in hibernation it doesn't mean the table vase is empty. Ornamental kale & hellebores (commonly known as the Christmas Rose) are in proliferation at this time of year as well as the early spring bulbs starting to raise their heads above the frosty grounds.

History, cuisine, culture & "joie de vivre" are linked with Provence as well as often being associated with our region. Herbs have grown wild in Provence since the earliest of times. Their hardiness makes them highly scented, flavoursome & a highlight of French cooking. The simple yet flavoursome bouquet garni (bundles of bay leaf, thyme & parsley often wrapped in gauze) is used for flavouring many of our winter favourites, from soups to stews. It was developed in the 1600s by Pierre de Lune. Herbes de Provence (invented more recently in the 1970's) includes many more garden favourites (rosemary, sage, thyme, marjoram, basil, fennel & oregano) & is used to flavour grilled foods such as fish & meat, as well as vegetable stews. And finally combine tarragon with parsley, chives & chervil & you have the classic herb mix known as Fines Herbes. The French deem tarragon the 'King of Herbs' as it is a signature addition to many of the sauces that form the foundation of their cuisine, including béarnaise, rigavote, remoulade & Tartare.

As you serve your french-inspired dishes, your floral centerpiece need not be dull. Ornamental kale is available in a variety of colours from soft, lime-tinged outer leaves & subtle pinks to deeper purples & grey-green hues. Combining them with lichen-covered twigs, delightful hellebores & fragrant paper whites or erlicheer bulbs, the mood of any wondrous winter evening will be set by this enchanting centerpiece. For your regular supply of garden fresh winter-harvest flowers, berries, foliage & herb bouquets, remember that Blumin will be at the Trentham Farmers Market every 3rd Saturday of the month. Or you are welcome to call us at other times to order your arrangements.

PITA (PARENTS IN THE ARTS) is a FREE gathering & networking opportunity for professional practicing artists & their very young children (0-3) from the Hepburn Shire & surrounds. PITA will meet fortnightly across three locations – Trentham, Daylesford & Clunes. PITA is a new initiative for the Hepburn Shire convened by Clunes resident Rebecca Russell as a regional sister to the Melbourne PITA established in 2008. PITA Hepburn dates for 2010 as follows:

DAYLESFORD: Monday August 9, 11.00am-1.00pm

TRENTHAM: Friday September 3, 11.15am-1.15pm

DAYLESFORD: Monday September 13, 11.00am-1.00pm

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Change: courage, trust & faith

Change is a journey into uncharted waters... Making any change in life, radical or minor, is a step into the unknown. You may have a vague idea, based on your own past, or others' experiences, but you can never truly know how this change will turn out.

As we all know, 'the unknown' can be a very scary place. To go there, you have to leave the security of familiarity. For some people, fear of unknown outcomes can be so great that they choose to stay in unhappy, even horrible, situations because they can't be sure that making a change will leave them better off... "better the devil you know"... But what a dry & crusty life! You miss out on the wonderful joys that can result from diving into the unknown. I think I'd rather risk meeting the occasional shark than spend the rest of my days just settling for what is... breathing, but not living.

When considering possible outcomes of making a life change, you can always see ways it could 'go bad' as well as how it could be brilliant. It's so easy to let the fear of undesirable outcomes hold you back. Even while in the process of change, especially if things aren't going as expected, it's easy to think you've "made a big mistake" & wish you'd never started. This is where you need courage, trust & faith, to keep moving forward in spite of fear or disappointment.

Trust that you are constantly supported by Spirit, the Universe, God – however you see that – through all the challenges you have to face. Trust in your own ability to weather the change. Trust in the wonderful blessings inherent in the 'new life' shape.

Having the courage to change, on faith alone, requires hope for something better. My 'tree change' was fuelled by the hope of greater health, peace & spiritual expansion, & a closer communion with nature. If change holds no hope of improvement, there's no motivation to make it. Why would we invest in something that offers no possible returns? It's just not in our nature to do so.

While hope itself can be enough to keep your faith alive, it also helps to have little 'proofs' along the way that your investment is starting to pay off. This makes it easier to not give up when everything is in chaos & you can't see how it could possibly all work out. These 'proofs' are usually subtle, & difficult to see in the swirling stormy waters, but look hard for them. Acknowledge the tiniest positive shift. When you see one, it can light up the way & give you renewed energy to keep pushing forward. Within a month of my journey, while still feeling completely lost, I'd already started to see some of my goals beginning to take shape, a little opening here, a little light there. That strengthened my faith that, somehow, it would all work out right.

When you move forward in faith, it's like stepping off the solid ground of 'where you are now', into a little wonky boat, to cross a wild swirling ocean, fully believing you'll reach the peaceful solid ground of 'where you want to be'. In the words of late musician Harry Nilsson: "... it's a tiny little boat, faith is keeping you afloat, use your heart as a compass & a blanket for a sail..." We could never take that crazy journey if we didn't believe that the final goal would result in a greater life than the one we are leaving behind.



~ by Kathy Strmota

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Finding a Balance –

My organic dream versus slugs from hell

~ by Heather Marsh

Is it just me, or are we having a slug plague? There wasn't so much as an empty snail shell when we first planted up our big veggie patch & now when I go out in the middle of the night (I should get a medal) with a head torch & a bucket of salt water I literally pick up hundreds of the little blighters.

I've learned a thing or two from these late night slime sessions; 1) slugs will eat just about anything including rhubarb leaves which are poisonous to virtually everything else 2) WEAR GLOVES – preferably those nice thin, powder filled doctor ones. Slug juice is impossible to get off & not to mention disgusting 3) don't plant out an entire five meter bed with juicy little seedlings of kale, spinach, beets & cauliflowers on a rainy day unless you expect them all to disappear overnight.

I have tried sawdust (apparently it's meant to irritate them. I've think mine enjoy the exfoliating effects), coffee grounds (did nothing to deter them from wiping out all twelve of my snow pea seedlings the other night) & beer traps (at the moment they prefer the silver beet).

I would be tempted to let our six chooks at them except that the chooks would chow down on my plants faster than sumo wrestlers at a pie-eating competition & probably ignore the slugs in favour of tender greens.

There are twelve seedling trays of newly-sprouted replacement kale, beet, cabbage & spinach all ready to go into the ground & I'm sweating it out like a commanding officer about to send troops over the trench & into no-man's land.

It's time for chemical warfare.

Jerry from Gardening Australia (who I will admit intimidates me a little with his technical know-how & his soil testing kits) says that you can get organic snail baits based on iron phosphate that are more effective in wet weather than the espresso coffee & are animal & child-friendly. Perfect. Now I just have to encourage the snails & slugs to actually eat the bait instead of my garden.



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If anyone has any other foolproof ideas or home remedies – I'm ready to give them a go.

On a more positive note, we are still eating the last of our pumpkins from summer, chomping down lots of young carrots with plenty more in the beds still maturing & I've just put in all my spring bulbs. I also planted blueberries in our now well-dug, manured & nicely draining berry bed.

I'm feeling ready to move on from our lovely vegetable patch this spring & cut my teeth on a new area of the garden. Of course I'll keep maintaining & planting in the Pottager, but it feels as though most of the substantial work has been done.

Tim is keen to get a wood-fired oven built on a large concrete apron in a section of the garden just beyond the woodshed. That is an area that I have spent many a long winter hour imagining as a flowering drought-proof gravel garden.

I've designed a border with borrowed ideas from Beth Chatto (brilliant book from the library simply called 'Beth Chatto's Gravel Garden') & plants from Lambley Nursery near Clunes (stunning drought-proof garden) & Frogmore Gardens (past Barry's Reef on the way to Trentham). I figure that combining English no-water ideas with plants from local nurseries I should get something that copes with extreme heat & little water in summer & occasional heavy frosts in winter. The colour palette I'm going for are simply hues I already love together – burned orange, parchment brown, deep plum & green & silver foliage. It might sound a bit weird but I can picture it in my head & if it all works out the way I hope it will be a very lovely place to fold out some tables & share a wood-fired pizza.

Speaking of sharing things – some friends have joined Tim & I in a rotating working bee at one another's houses. It is so hard to get any major work done with a little one so we take turns about once every six months or so to all descend on one of our places for a big project push. That is how Tim & I got our six raised beds up in a day & also how we finished the chook shed.

If you are local & interested in labour exchanges, why not drop me a line to the post office (Heather Marsh) & we can get in touch. I'm always happy to donate some reciprocal elbow grease to other people's gardening projects (unless you want me to help get rid of your slugs – uuurgh!)

Happy Gardening! Heather

FOOTY LIMERICKS

The injury list is an aberration
Strain, fracture and dislocation.
At this time of the year,
Instilled in much fear,
Many scream and cry in frustration.

Davis, Didak and Cloke,
Greatness they need to invoke.
On the edge of our seat,
The Cup a mean feat,
I hope to God they don't choke.
~ Jacinta Hehir (Coburg)

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~ Robyn Zanon

BLACKWOOD CROWN LANDS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

We are about to commence another 3 years, thankyou to all the people who have worked so hard in the past.

In July our new committee was elected President: Brian Moore, Vice President: Brendan Hehir, Secretary: Elizabeth Hall, Treasurer: David Arnold & Barbara Sweet, Tony Bellette, Mike Allen. Welcome to Tony & Mike, thankyou to Peter & Ray.

Have you been for a visit to the mineral springs lately? We obtained a grant from the Mineral Springs Committee to upgrade the toilet block. Thanks to Greenhills Carpenter, Brian Moore & others who have helped. We now have retaining walls & a tank to collect water & run the toilets. Should you care to visit, we have a play ground at the top of the park.

New soil has been put on the Sportsground, ready for seeding in spring.

All our best to Jinny & Ray & to everyone else, thankyou for your hard work to keep Blackwood's assets so well.

Thank-you to the Hall committee for leaving the hall in such a clean state. To the regular hall users CERT, Seniors Citizens & the Karate Gorup, we do thankyou for using our Hall.

As we come into party season, keep in mind our town venues are for hire.

Hall: 5368 6537 Sportsground: 5368 6539

~ Elizabeth Hall, secretary

BLACKWOOD & DISTRICT

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

As our numbers of members are once again reduced, owing to health & employment tranfers, we are finding it difficult to provide the area even on the week-ends with emergency response services.

So come on, help us keep this great community service operating.

All training & uniforms are provided free. I can be contacted at home for further information on 5368 6628

~ regards Bruce Henry, Team Leader

NOTE from the editor: as a recent (unexpected) recipient of this emergency service, I beg anyone who has been thinking of joining CERT to stop thinking & just do it - you never know who you'll be able to help.



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BLACKWOOD DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members are assembling a scrapbook of newspaper clippings about Blackwood. Any readers who would like to participate, would you kindly post your clipping to Blackwood Historical Society c/o Blackwood PO, 3458.

Our next **OPEN DAY** on **SUNDAY OCTOBER 31** (Cup Weekend) will feature display of dresses & hats & a not-to-be-missed Trash & Treasure Stall.

CEMETERY AT BARRY'S REEF: Once again this mystery has been re-opened, with letters to the Courier & Midland Express by Ian Braybrook of Castlemaine. To no avail BDHS has researched old maps. Definitely a cemetery was closed & the remains of those who had been buried there were re-interred at the Blackwood Cemetery.

Our meetings are held at the Stables in Martin St, Blackwood (behind the CFA) on the 1st Saturday each month (except January) at 10.30am. Visitors are most welcome.

~ Pat Liffman, secretary

Blackwood/Barrys Reef LANDCARE WATER WATCH

Rainfall at Barry's Reef: June 110 mms, July 75mms.

Moorabool Shire's reciept of \$40,000 from DPI for weed eradication on public land has doubled by the *Caring for Country* program to \$80,000. This will help the Shire in its drive to eliminate weeds, espesially on roadsides.

Another weed eradication program is DSE's *"Good Neighbour"* where landowners can claim assistance if weeds on public land are threatening adjacent private property. For advice or assistance phone Pat on 5368 6678.

~ Pat. Liffman secretar

BLACKWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

no report this issue

~ Elizabeth Hall

BLACKWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE INC.

Hello once again from the Blackwood Senior Citizens Club – isn't it unbelievable that the year 2010 is halfway through.

Over the last few weeks, we have had quite a lot of sickness among our members. Beth Kirby is still undergoing treatment for a serious complaint, Linda Cameron is still recovering from a hernia operation, our oldest member Betty DeWys has just spent a week in hospital with a bout of pneumonia also Wendy Bridgemen has been absent for several weeks - we wish all these people our best & hope they will be back with us soon.

Tess Hart Smith is now a permanant resident at the Ballan Hostel & by all accounts loving it.

Chris Dudley (CFA) visited the club several weeks ago & gave an interesting talk about the dangers of fires in the household during the winter months – we are never too old to learn are we?

The clubs annual meeting will be held August 18 – all members or interested parties are welcome to attend. Any new members would be made most welcome Annual Fee is \$6-. Meetings involve a 3 course meal \$8, board games, billiards, bingo & carpet bowls. If interested, contact Barb Sweet (Hon Sec) 5368 1561.

We also wish Jinny a speedy recovery – we are sure Brendan & Ellen are looking after her very well.

Til next edition, regards from Barb Sweet.

~ Barb Sweet, (Hon) secretary

Blackwood Art Society

I am asking the residents of Blackwood if they are interested in running & taking over the Blackwood Art Show & Society. We were not able to receive the "Summer" grant for 2010 but are able to retry for the "Winter" grant.

I am unable to continue all the duties that were required of me to run the even as I am now working weekends & do not have time to fully commit.

I could remain in some administrative role & assist anyone who wishes to take control of the organisation.

I have all documents on file & paper work for re-registration, EOY reports etc which those who might be interested are welcome to view.

Please contact me on 5368 6656

~ Phillipa Osborn Smith

BLACKWOOD SPECIAL SCHOOL 1980-1990

In this attempt to document the History of the Camp I acknowledge that there are people within the Township of Blackwood with a more intimate knowledge of the Centre. This history is presented through documents stored within the Camp Office & it is acknowledged that some of the information may be disjointed as documents detailing the exact & full history of the Camp are spread across many Special Schools throughout the State of Victoria. We welcome the opportunity to develop a more accurate History of the Camp with anyone who would like to share their knowledge of the Camp: ph 5368 6768 or eblackwodd.specialschools.oec@edumail.voc.gov.au



After the opening of the Residence campsite in March 1980, the Centre was promoted throughout the Victorian Special School Community with more schools discovering the Centre & realising the benefits it offered their students. The network of Special Schools accessing the Centre increased.

Then on August 24, '81 – after 18 months of operating 2 campsites at Blackwood things changed forever.

The Old School building on Cann Street was occupied by Five (5) Residents from the Spastic Society's Dame Mary Herring Centre, & their leader, Mal James. Beginning at approximately 7:30am on that morning the following events occurred:-

- A fire was first noticed burning the curtains & bunk at the plantation end of the room known as the teachers' room.
- This room was occupied by Campers, not the Leader.
- The Campers alerted the Leader.



• All occupants, in spite of severe physical disabilities, managed to get clear of the building, albeit with only what they had slept in.

• Mal James alerted the fire brigade, which arrived at the scene approx 20 – 25 mins after the fire being noticed.

• The building, being timber & over 110 years old, was burning beyond salvage.

• The building burnt to the ground in approximately 40 minutes.

Once the news & disappointment of the loss of one of the Blackwood Campsites had spread throughout the Special Schools & the local community, a committee was formed to rebuild the Campsite & continue to develop & implement programs for students across Victoria.

While the fire provided new challenges for the Centre, the Centre's committee continued to seek support in the placement of staff at the Centre to help improve & provide activities for visiting groups. They realised that, until staff became a realisation, they needed to



educate the schools & visiting staff about Blackwood. Initially a Blackwood Manual was published & distributed to the schools in early 1981:- "The Manual is one of the most complete publications one could find on what could be a non-specific area of education. The original intent was to produce a practical guide to using Blackwood as an educational facility."

To further enhance the usage, experience & benefits offered by Blackwood – only 2 weeks after the fire – the first-ever Blackwood in-service was held (7th – 11th September 1981). During this experience, not only were the visiting staff shown how to implement a camp & its activities, they were also introduced to a number of local Blackwood Residents who had supported the Centre over a number of years – & continue to do so today.

Seven weeks after the fire on Thursday 8th October 1981, the committee were further challenged when two students – one male & one female – become lost within the Wombat State Forest. A full scale search & rescue operation was set in motion & under the guidance & leadership of Inspector Brand, there was a successful outcome, with the students being safely located within the forest many kilometres from the Blackwood township.

The Centre continued to implement programs, in-services, activities & provide wonderful experiences for young people with special needs – while, in the background, a team of dedicated & determined educators worked tirelessly to rebuild the school site as an Outdoor Education Facility.

Under the vision, direction, leadership & supervision of Laurie Haslem & Mike Waters, with the support of a finance sub-committee consisting of John Sharpe, Ramon Kerr, Tony Thomas & Brian Jeanes

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We are saddened by the need to close Lerdies, our decision was not taken lightly.

Rising food transport and operating costs coupled with an overall downturn in tourist traffic and a substantial increase in new venues in the district has left us with no alternative but to close.

As much as we would have liked to continue offering a dining out

experience for local Blackwood residents and neighbouring communities it's just not economically viable.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone, customers, staff and suppliers for their past support and patronage and trust you understand our situation.

Mike & Margaret

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Congrats Jinny

Happy 2nd Birthday , your news is a credit to you & your team. It is getting bigger & better.

Thank you for the new look ad it is terrific & we are glad to finally have the logo with the new look.

~ Tracey Roy & the Trentham Farmers Market Committee

Great edition, Jinny! Congratulations on 2nd anniversary - keep up the good work.

~ Regards Elaine

I commend you on your development of the newspaper. After my early publication experience in the 1960's & 70's: I appreciate how difficult it is to hold & maintain interest; & you have done so quite excellently.

The cover article is fascinating & the editorial is very appropriate.

You seem to have developed good community relations of a standard superior to larger local news publishers.

I have read through the edition ..so well done!

~ Stephen

G'day Jinny,

Congratulations on 2 years of the Blackwood News & another fantastic publication.

Thank you for finding space for the Blackwood Special Schools History article. Its inclusion is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations once again.

~ Tony Bellette & Harley Dalglish. BSSOEC Staff

This Bra issue is very uplifting!

Thanks Jinny, I'm enjoying reading 'The Blackwoodian News'...

~ Janet

I still love your Blackwood News, when I was reading it the morning I wanted to move to Blackwood because of all the cool feel-good stuff in it. Good Luck with it all.

~ Chrissys Country

POP THE FIZZ!!!



GEORGE & Margaret Stockdale will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 23/09/2010

BOUQUETS & BRIQUETS

A SPECIAL bouquet to everyone in Blackwood who has lent a hand (or leg) since I broke my hip on that freezing morning in late June.

HEINZ, THANK-YOU for holding me up for almost 45min, kneeling on the frozen road while I abused you for coughing 'cos it hurt!

TREVOR & Wendy (CERT) for easing the pain. Marcel & Fletch (Paramedics) for moving me so gently.

BRENDA FOR holding my hand at the hospital & then treating me with SCENAR when I got home (not to mention the meals, the shopping, picking up the paper etc, etc).

ISOBELLE, FRAUKE & Janet for feeding the family. Nick for the load of wood.

TO ALL the Blackwoodians who have simply let me know you are thinking of me. It's the little things that have meant so much over the last month.

BUT MOST of all to Brendan & Ellen, Peta & Jessi who were all there for me when times got tough! Love you!

~ Jinny

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OUR LAUREN SHOWS HOW IT'S DONE...



ON A Sunday arvo in June, local muso, Lauren Lee Williams, launched her first album at the Lomond Hotel in Brunswick. As you would expect, Blackwoodians were there to support her ... Janet, Nick & Lachlan Dear & Margot Hitchcock (the Cajun Queen herself) who just happened to have a triangle in her handbag, & got up out of the audience to help out when it was found there was no triangle on the premises!

THE PUB was so packed



it was standing room only, the bar staff were run off their feet & the pub ran out of food (they weren't expecting such a big crowd).

A LOCAL launch is planned for September or October, not sure where yet, but watch this space... from mid-August CD's can be purchased from Cobb & Co Tearooms, the General Store or Lauren herself.

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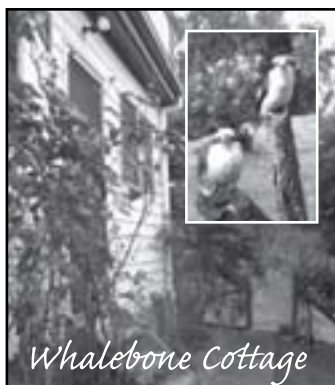
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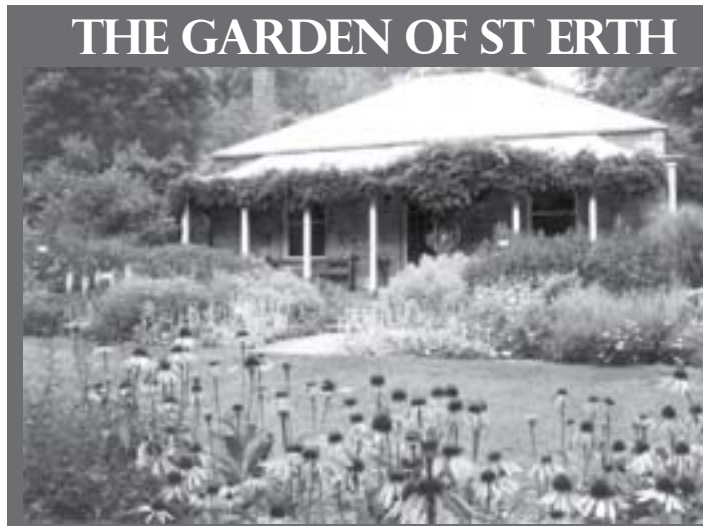
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Info & updates are available on www.trentham.org.au

Once again, a good night was had by all 90+ attendees at this year's winter ball (featured in this issue's Social Album p3) held at Blackwood Hall in mid-July.

A number of new residents were there meeting & catching up with the loyal locals who keep the ball on their annual social calendar. Thanks to all those people for their on-going support.

Genevieve surprised everyone with a hilarious rendition of Abba's music, supported by 2 of her colleagues from Melbourne.

Tony Bellette from Blackwood Special School has been awarded the highest award granted to any employee of the Victorian Special Schools Group – The T.L.W EMERSON Award.

The Victorian Chapter of Australian Association of Special Education (AASE) has established the Emerson award to recognise the person or persons judged to have made outstanding contributions in Victorian special education in teaching, administration, research or associated services.

Blackwood can be proud of Tony & his assistant Harley. Their devotion to their job & the special-needs kids makes Blackwood among the best facilities in Victoria.

The Mineral Springs has ... new retaining walls; new spouting & down-pipes on 2 rotundas; new 30,000L storage tank near toilet supplying water for toilets with a CFA connection; new storm water drains to rotundas; new toilet cisterns in toilet block; new bitumen path 50m long from top roadway to Mineral Springs

Kathy Birrell (previously worked at the Blackwood Special School) has recently purchased 'The Cottage' in Martin Street. Miss Molly can now have more play dates with Maggie the lab!

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Trentham will celebrate its 1st birthday on Saturday August 21, an event marking an achievement of collaboration & determination.

The Farmers Market has become an important monthly calendar event for many day-trippers from Melbourne, Ballarat & Bendigo & a central hub for locals to meet & shop together.

Boasting award winning local producers, the Market is always overflowing with fresh produce including vegetables, fruit, preserves, cheese, pasta, bread, organic wines, herbs & flowers, chooks & many more. This is where shoppers can not only obtain things grown for flavour & freshness, as opposed to shipability, but speak to the farmer who grew the produce directly - True Provenance.

The Farmers Market (operated by the Trentham Lions Club) provides an opportunity for different community groups to raise funds through hosting a sausage sizzle using local gourmet sausages, fresh eggs, produce & mineral waters. Entry to the Farmers Market is through a gold coin donation, which goes back into the community.

To mark its birthday, the Farmers Market celebration will include a line-up of entertainers, a number of distinguished guests, visual chronology of the preceding 11 markets & naturally, a magnificent birthday cake made with fresh local ingredients.

In the spirit of celebration, market-goers can also do a bit of gift shopping at the adjoining Trentham-made market or, if Bush Poetry or readings of dramatic writings by local authors is what you are after, join in on any of the Words in Winter events on around the town!

Plans for the Trentham Farmers Market started in early 2009 where Tracey Roy forged a vision of creating an authentic farmers market to showcase the incredible richness of produce & ensure locals & visitors alike had access to a broad range of fresh local bounty. This, together with many other business & community initiatives, such as the refurbishment of the Cosmopolitan Hotel ensured that Trentham can now be identified as "on the way" not "out of the way" for visitors journeying to Daylesford & surrounds. The market has benefited from a collaboration by many community volunteers & has seen its growth alongside many local businesses

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FARMER'S MARKET Sat Aug 21 & Sept 18 - August Market is the 1st Anniversary - Special events, don't miss it. Held the 3rd Saturday of each month. @ Trentham Town Square 9am - 1pm. STUFF YOUR PANTRY with fresh eggs, cheese, fruit & vegetables, dips, preserves, wine, sourdough & yummy sweet treats. Our Aug BBQ in aid of the Trentham Youth Group; Sept BBQ The Community Group. Enq: Tracey 5424 1185 / 0447 836 171.

WOOD RAFFLES: \$1 ticket for 1m red gum wood delivered. Raffle runs through Aug. Tickets sold on Saturday mornings in High Street. Enquiries: John 5424 1460.

LIONS SPRING FESTIVAL: This gala event is postponed this year, but will recommence in a new format next year in Oct. 2011.

COOL COUNTRY FUN RUN: As usual, will be 3rd Sunday in November, (Nov 21st); further details will be announced closer to event. Enq: Jeff 5348 5536.



Incoming Lions Committee

Front - Margharita Braithwaite; Tracey Roy; Elizabeth McInerney Rear - Chris Carr; Colin Ries (Outgoing President); Tim Walsh; Jeff Lang; Wendy White; Rob Roy; John Marion (new President) & Doug Bryce.

New Top Lion at the Lions Club

John Marion was elected President at the Changeover Dinner in July at The Cosmo Stables, with 37 Lions & friends attending the dinner.

Master of ceremonies, Lion Chris Carr, kept the proceedings moving along, whilst Lion Doug Bryce of Kyneton Lions inducted the newest member, Shirley Corneille, followed by the installation of Club Officers & the new President.

Lion John Marion has been a member of Trentham Lions for 23 years & was the President from 1992 -1994. The outgoing President, Lion Colin Ries handed over the traditional 'Gong' & 'Bell' before he accepted in good humor the Tail Twisters Award of the Year, of 'The Dunny Seat', for having the most outlandish impracticable tall story for the 2010-11 year.



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– almost 2 years after the fire destroyed the Old Blackwood School the new building was officially opened by John Sharpe, the Centre's inaugural committee chairman on Friday 12th August 1983.

The redevelopment of the building – the building which exists on Cann Street today – was supported by the community & residents of Blackwood, The Association of Special Teachers of Victoria, Special Education Branch, a large number of Special Schools & their students, staff & parents, Education Department, Department of Youth Sport & Recreation, State Treasury, a variety of philanthropic trusts & foundations as well as support from the business sector. Together, everyone helped raise \$170,000 to rebuild an accommodation facility suitable as an outdoor education centre. For their support, the Special Schools of Victoria are forever grateful.

Within the Victorian special education community, there is a very prestigious award known as the T.L.W Emerson Memorial Award recognising outstanding commitment, dedication & involvement in the educational development, needs, experiences & opportunities within Special Education. In 1983 the executive of Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre received the Award.

"The administration, leadership & heavy personal involvement of a large number of people since the inception of the Blackwood Camp in 1970 has been outstanding. Most, if not all, of the work has been done outside school time for the benefit of the pupils of the participating schools. The input of these persons in time, energy & money has been invaluable."



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BUDDY IS DANGEROUS AROUND THE BIG STICKS

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In the early eighties, while the main focus for the Centre was the redevelopment of the School Campsite – the committee never lost focus of what was happening within the township. Appreciative of the full support the Centre had received from the township for 13 years, the Committee were very proud to give back to the community by presenting a cheque for \$1,000 to the Blackwood CFA for their new fire truck – knowing that some of the schools had already made their own contributions directly to the Blackwood CFA.

The development of the Centre continued throughout the eighties & as the usage & popularity of the Centre grew within special education, so did the Camp. Through the tireless support & assistance from Ballarat Special School, an Adventure Playground was built at the school, continued by the development of fences, garden areas & the establishment of tent sites.

To further challenge students beyond their comfort zones & offer more adventurous experiences, the Tent Shelter was developed with the first camps beginning in March 1987. However, the shelter was not officially opened until 14th October 1988 & in honour of a wonderful & very supportive local resident it was named the Ted Turner Tent Shelter.

To further challenge the committee they took on the responsibility of another disused school in Garfield, Gippsland & began establishing that as a camp for special schools in eastern Victoria.

On 1st December, 1984, the Centre was used by the Australian Electoral Office as a polling booth for the Federal Election.

In 1981 an extra teacher was appointed within the School of the Blackwood Executive Officer, in recognition of the extra responsibilities & workload involved in this position. While this helped the development of the Centre & offered the Executive Officer time to manage & incorporate the extra workload – the focus was still on the placement of staff at the Centre.

Finally in 1988, after more than a decade of persistent requests, approval came through for the appointment of two staff to be attached to the Executive Officer's School, but placed at Blackwood as staff of Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre.

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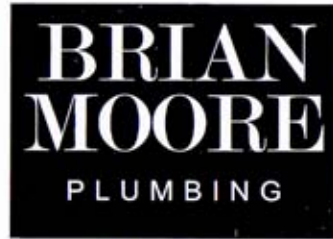
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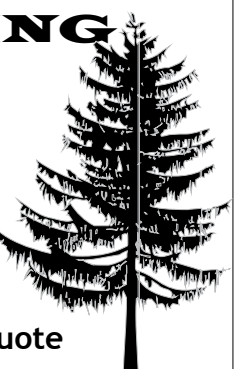
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