

## FIDDLING LEGEND

This time last year, an American bloke from London booked a ticket for the inaugural Blackwood Fiddlers' Convention; he jumped on a plane to Tullamarine, took a bus to Melbourne, the train to Bacchus Marsh & the Blackwood bus to here! At the end of a grand weekend, he returned to London. All this he booked via the internet!

I hope you're reading this online, Mr London, because you're a LEGEND! Now, just think how easy it is for us to duck down to the sports ground for the day ... or two. And look out for that Yank!

In 2009, the 26th Yarra Junction Fiddlers' Convention 2009 was moved to Blackwood due to the growing risk of fires posed by the Black Saturday Victorian Bushfires which had such a devastating outcome for the communities of Victoria in February last year.

## OUR PAT – CITIZEN OF 2010



Everyone's favourite agitator, pugnacious Pat Liffman, received the Moorabool Shire's Citizen of the Year Award on Australia Day. Read her acceptance speech on p19 & you will see that she has lost none of her fight.



2010 'Blackwood Babe' Alexis Tsardakis in rehearsal for the upcoming fiddlers convention

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**February 19-21 Fiddlers Convention**

**March 7 Clean Up Australia Day p5**

**March 7 Heather Open Garden p2**

**March 14 Antique & Vintage Collectors Fair p5**



# BLACKWOOD SOCIAL ALBUM ... SILLY SEASON '09



Catherine King MP at the Senior Cits Xmas break-up



& a medal for Anthony Pywell



Lou Henderson collects his CFA medal



Rosie gets her face painted at the farmers market



Santa pops into the December Trentham Farmers Market



New Years Eve: ready for the street party (before the weather turned nasty!)



# Style File – Confessions of a Greedy Gardener



~ by Heather Marsh

I would like to pretend that I abhor the current obsession with style. It seems that everything from dress sense & home furnishings to methods of parenting and even friendships now has to fit into a fashionably labelled box called 'personal style'.

Just now I decided to do a little research just to check I wasn't overstating the subject – the first page of Google brought up fifteen quizzes on 'your work style', nine articles &



when beginning this garden I decided to prioritise. First & foremost was the food garden. It was really a no-brainer. Get fresh vegetables, fruit trees & herbs underway first & then the luxuries of flowers & ornamentals can come afterwards.



a little early in our season to tell.

Who else is greedy? The bloody caterpillars & slugs that's who! The second big lesson this year is to take early action against pests. I've put beer traps out for the past week & must have caught about 60 or 70 slugs so far. Our dinner of broccoli, spuds, beans & zucchini for the past two nights would suggest that it's working.

The moral of this story is that if, like me, you're a gardener torn between modern



two quizzes on 'parenting style' & just to be perverse I typed in 'style quiz' & was rewarded with an advertisement for "112 different style quizzes" on only one web page.

Yet despite sneering at the trend to compare & categorise every aspect of one's life (see the Facebook quiz – 'Which vegetable are you?') I must admit that secretly I long for a simple, definable style.

If anything, I would say that my own personal style could be defined as 'mish-mash'. A kinder way to put it would be eclectic. This is pretty much true for me in everything from clothing and cookbooks to the way I garden. The difficulty is that I am greedy. If I had to choose only one way of expressing myself in the garden, or in any other aspect of my life for that matter, I would immediately have a 'grass is greener' complex, wishing that I had done something else.

So the style of my garden is French Pottager come naturalistic native with a bit of cottage flowers, rainforest nook & rustic dry gravel garden thrown in. Just about the only thing I haven't considered doing in my garden is a formal parterre knot garden (Hey! What a good idea for the herb patch).

My saving grace in all this is that my garden had already been previously landscaped into 'rooms' - well separated & bordered areas of the overall space that lend themselves well to becoming mini pockets of a particular planting style. My other saving grace is that

I am very happy to say that the Pottager (kitchen garden) is a day or two of elbow grease away from being finished. We have six raised beds filled with summer veg, a long walled bed with seven espaliered apples, five pears & a plum, planted in front with banks of potatoes, beans & broccoli.

The berry bed has been dug over with gypsum – for the Blackwood clay- manure, blood & bone & then heavily mulched with straw. I've filled it with zucchinis, tomatoes & capsicums so as not to waste the space while waiting to plant berry bushes & canes in autumn.

Tim has built 'Cluckingham Palace' a small but magnificent chicken house walled by a seed raising greenhouse-cum-storage cupboard on the northeastern side. It's my homespun interpretation of permaculture- I figured that six chickens might warm the space in late winter when I want to get seedlings started.

I'm also discovering, through trial and error & lots of reading, that when it comes to vegetables it really does pay to be greedy. Last year I was stingy with both water & with the soil. Having watched Peter Cundall, or 'Guru Pete' as I call him, pull a handful of carrots as long and thick as my toddler's legs I am now a convert to feeding, feeding & more feeding. Cow, horse and sheep poo, blood & bone, seaweed concentrate & fish emulsion have become my friends & the results do seem to be speaking for themselves, although it is still

glamour & Boho chic – why not just do it all? Have your garden & eat it too!

**AN INVITATION: HEATHER MARSH'S KITCHEN GARDEN WILL BE OPEN FROM 10AM UNTIL 12PM ON SUNDAY MARCH 7TH. LOOK FOR THE SIGN ON MARTIN STREET ACROSS FROM THE BLACKWOOD SPECIAL SCHOOL. GOLD COIN DONATION – ALL PROCEEDS TO BLACKWOOD CFA**



**THANKS TO** your generous donations, Blackwood CFA has a new quickfill trailer with more room for generator & lighting, a fridge & a box for water, kettle, cups etc.

**FIRE SEASON** has now started, please keep your property clean with no fire hazards.

**TRAINING NEXT** Sunday 7th Feb, everyone welcome 9-9.15

**SKIDS TRAINING** from 9.15.

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### editors thoughts ...

**WELCOME TO 2010.** I hope everyone's new year didn't begin too sodden.

**I AM** going to get in early with an apology! Our family started the year with a much needed & glorious 3 weeks travelling both islands of New Zealand. We returned after this issue of Blackwood News should have gone to press. So yep, it won't hit the streets until late in the first week of February (if Barry, my long suffering printer, can get it to me by then!). Given I had only days to put the issue together (it generally takes a solid week), I had to compromise something. This came down to the proof reading. So please ignore all spelling, typo & other mistakes. Or the door prize goes to the person who accurately counts all errors :)

**BLACKWOOD HAS** another busy couple of months ahead. We have clean-up Australia day in March, preparations for the annual Easter carnival – can you set aside some time to help run this event? – the Antique & Vintage Collectors Fair.

**THE HILLS** of Blackwood will again be filled with the sound of fiddles with the second Fiddlers Convention in February. St Erth hosts another Autumn fair & as usual lots of music gigs for our entertainment.

**WE WELCOME** all contributions to our community news. If you take photos of an event or if you are celebrating a special occasion we'd love to publish your story. Simply email photos or pop good quality prints in the drop box outside the general store. Please include your name & a short story. If you need prints returned, please include a stamped, self-address envelope.

~ Jinny Coyle, [editor@blackwoodnews.com.au](mailto:editor@blackwoodnews.com.au)

## 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
Nov 09	128.8	74.0	3.8	33.8
Dec 09	45.4	62.2	2.4	34.2

Well the second half of the year ended with some decent rainfalls but the years total of 737.4mm was still significantly below the long term average (1879 to 2007) of 975mm. At the time of writing, the New Year has started well with some summer storms.

**EASTER CARNIVAL**  
**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

We welcome anyone who can help over the Easter weekend.  
**FRIDAY:** we set up the ground  
**SATURDAY:** 1 hour helping a group or manning an event (parking, raffle etc.)  
**SUNDAY:** Cleaning up

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Blackwood CFA members received long service medals & commemorative badges of the 2009 bush-fires at an awards ceremony in December. (more photos p2)



# check your bookshelves



*by the Blackwood Antique Merchant*

This column has to date focused on antiques & collectables this issue we turn our attention to the subject of Antiquarian books.

It was recently a real pleasure for me to be offered a lot of turn of the century (1900's) novels & adventures with Illuminated cloth covers, the sort of thing that a lot of people toss out or give to the Op Shop. It is worthwhile looking in old family collections for early editions of books that are in good condition & are either children's adventure titles or compendiums of games & activities that look like the very successful "Dangerous Book for Boys".

Antiquarian books in good condition, especially first editions, are worth checking the value on. Every year on the first

weekend in May the town of Clunes turns into a 'Book Town' with dealers from all over Australia selling books & attracting thousands of Bibliophiles.

If you have antiquarian books in good condition that you want to get some idea of the value of 'Book Town' is worth a visit. I have been dealing in books for many years & was pleasantly surprised at last years 'Book Town' to find that a book that I had bought some years ago on the history of Champagne for \$90 was now worth \$1600.

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**ANOTHER WIN - well almost...**

Local singer songwriter Lauren Lee Williams made it to the finals of the recent Tamworth Songwriters Association awards. Her song, 'Union of Romantic Fools' was one of five finalists in the Professional - Contemporary category.

Look for the TAMWORTH FINALIST sticker on her forthcoming CD.

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when	what	where
Feb 6	Lyonville Wood Chop (p17)	Lyonville
Feb 19-21	Fiddlers Convention (p1)	Blackwood
Feb 19-20	Fiddling @ Lerdies	Lerdies
Mar 6-8	Autumn Festival	St Erth
Mar 7	Heather's Open Garden (p2)	Blackwood
Mar 14	Antique & Vintage Collectors Fair	Forest Edge, Blackwood
Mar 20	Fireman's Ball (p17)	Lyonville
Mar 27	Bullarto Bushdance (p16)	Bullarto



**IF YOU DON'T CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA, WHO WILL?**  
**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY on MARCH 7, 2010**  
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 meet @ the Blackwood hall 9.30am

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# Tree Challenge: New Year's Resolution



by Genevieve Messenger

I broke my New Year's Resolution. I know I know, give me a break will ya? I was to get up at 6am and walk the local, hillside. I thought about it... and then I did it! Once. Then the old habits snuck back in like teenagers crawling back through their bedroom window after a night out on the town. Too easy and no one noticed anyway.

Why do we believe our own coddly wollup every time we declare to the world our New year's resolution?

For example: my friend says he's giving up smoking. So then he smokes two packets a day instead of one, because he's giving up soon, so he may as well get the year's supply into his lungs in a couple of weeks. So he goes mad over Christmas on his left over duty free Styvos. Then comes the big day. January One. All he can think about is not having a cigarette, which makes him think about nothing but

cigarettes. This is a form of mind torture; denying yourself something which preoccupies your every waking minute.

Result: He went from social smoker to chain smoker.

How many times have you heard the same old boring resolutions like: I'm going on a diet! I'm having an exercise routine that will make Madonna's personal trainer want to buy the rights! I'm giving up bad boyfriends!

What about some decent resolutions like: "This year I'm having a stubby on the hour, every hour!" or: "I'm asking Tiger Woods out on a date," or "I'm putting two sugars in my coffee instead of one!" Now you're talking.

When I boldly announced to my family that I was going for an hour's walk each day in Blackwood, they said, "Oooh you're amazing, how disciplined, how noble!" I was just so proud of myself, and I hadn't done anything yet! How stupid is that!

Don't my family know me by now? I'll only walk as far as to put the rubbish out, and that's every second week! The thing is it is a New Year, and they want to believe me, they want to believe me as much as I want to believe it myself. And I want to believe them as well.

Next year I'm going to ask, "So what's your New Year's delusion?" Have your answers ready. And have a great 2010.

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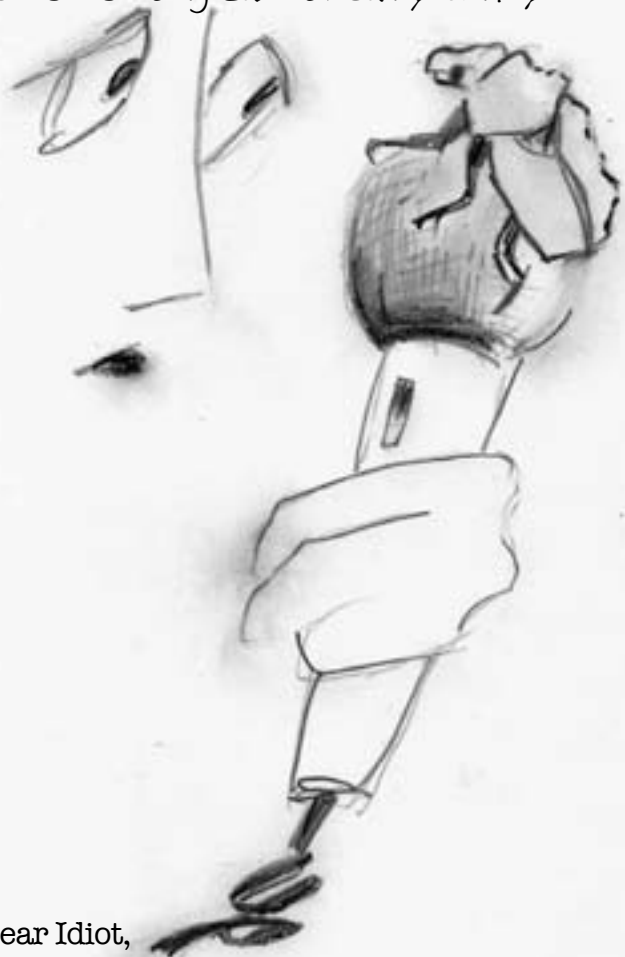
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*Dear Pet Guru,*

*I want to teach Colin, my Christmas Beetle to sing carols. Can you help?*



Dear Idiot,  
I think you are the same ignorant lout who wrote to me some months ago wanting to teach your pet millipede some tricks. I am afraid that you need more intelligent pets & your pets need a much more intelligent owner.

Pet Guru



# blackwoofs



**NEW DOG** in town ...There is a new dog in town called Jemma. She is ten months old & her birthday is on 17th March. Jemma is a long haired Jack Russell. One night we went on a walk. We let Jemma off the lead and

then she got lost. We started calling her name & she came back. At first we thought she had mud all over her but then we took a closer look. There were burrs all over her. We wasted some of our time trying to get them out but the burrs were so thick we couldn't get them out, so we kept walking.

**ONCE WE** got back home Mum got the scissors out straight away & started cutting the burrs out, so now she isn't furry anymore! One night it was very cold. Jemma was cold because she had no fur anymore, so she ran up to my room to get her coat & then brought it back to Mum. Jemma started to stare at Mum to tell her to put her coat on!

**JEMMA'S FAVOURITE** toy up until Christmas was a rubber turkey & for Christmas she got a red & green bone & a rubber can of dog beer. Jemma likes to play with other dogs & hang around kids. It took two days for Jemma to learn her name.

**THANKS FOR** reading. Teghan.

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# DR DOOLITTLE STRIKES AGAIN...



Recently "Shadow" the grey Arab in town, had a word in Doc Doolittles' ear & asked him to trim his feet & help him with his stiff back & joints.

After a spot of barefoot trimming & some Bowen Plus he was so much happier.

He was grateful to Shannon & Michelle for the carrots and Doc Doolittle was grateful to receive a nice lunch at the General Store compliments of Shannon.

Let the Animals Speak



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# Have a Great Day:

## Living in the Now

Life goes up, & life goes down. You can't control the stuff that comes at you, but you can control how you respond to it. You can determine how much impact you allow it to have on the life you're living today, now, in this present moment.

When you're right in the middle of a drama or painful situation, you have to deal with it. It is your 'now'. No matter how awful the situation, try to face it in the most positive way you can, with light-heartedness & open-mindedness. Get through it, in the best way you can, with as little damage to yourself, your life & others, as you can manage. Once the drama has passed, however, you are free to let it go & get back into your positive step. It is no longer your 'now'. Even if it only happened ten minutes ago, it is in the past.

There is an unfortunate tendency, in most of us, to wallow in the drama even after it's over. We rehash the frustration & pain, repeating & re-experiencing it over & over, which only serves to continue our suffering. This process causes us to get stuck in the past, & continues to generate the pain of the past into our present experience. It prevents us from enjoying what we are experiencing now, in this current life moment, where the dramatic event is no longer actually happening.

All the moments that you spend rehashing a situation which has passed, are moments which could have been beautiful, positive, uplifting & joyous – but you're choosing to fill them with misery instead. That is where you have the choice.

The actual painful moment is over – that time when it would be understandably difficult not to be upset. But there are no excuses for all the other times that have followed. If you continue to feel upset over a past event, it's because you choose to be upset.

Sometimes, we may require therapy to help us let go of some past hurt, while at other times it's as simple as just 'getting over it'. Do whatever you need to do, to help you move forward into your positive life. Don't be a victim to it. Don't let past pain & suffering ruin your 'now', your 'today life'.

Don't let fears about future tomorrows ruin your 'now' either. If there is a future situation that you know you can prepare for, to positively influence the outcome, then take practical action to do so.



by Kathie Strmota

This may be as simple as packing your umbrella in case of rain, or it may be more complex, such as working out how you can avoid running into someone at work who always upsets you.

If there's no practical action you can take, then let go of worry about possible future outcomes which you have no power to influence anyway. You can deal with future problems when they actually arise, if they ever do. Worrying about what may, or may not, happen is futile. You can't change anything in your future because it is not yet a present reality. You only have the power to act on what is happening, now, in your present. This is where you live. Worrying about tomorrow only serves to ruin the potential beauty & joyousness of today, of your 'now' moments.

Certainly, the world around you is not in your control. You can't make the traffic go when you want it to, & you can't make people do things your way. You can't tell the rain when it should & shouldn't fall, & you can't prevent a bird from dropping a surprise on your head!

However you do have total freedom to choose, in any given moment, how you deal with what is happening to you in that moment. Will you be open minded & forgiving? Will you see the funny side? Will you magnify the drama and increase your suffering? The choice is always yours.

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## The Blackwood Gentlemen Adventurers Society

by Rodney Lunschalot BGB, Hon. Sec.

Well we promised you gentle readers a suitably tidied up version of the report that we received from some of our younger members (average age 68) expedition.



The group leader sadly passed away in his sleep albeit with a huge smile on his face as the last stop for the expedition was in village in a remote area of Africa that is populated by nubile Nubian warriors of the female persuasion. His once blonde hair and boyish good looks ensured a role for him as dalliance for the leader of the nubile Nubian warriors of the female persuasion. The details of what transpired whilst our intrepid band where in the Nubian village are indeed breathtaking & will be available for purchase from one of our members who lives in Canberra where the laws covering printed material of this sort are more forgiving.

Suffice it to say that our Ethics committee is seriously reviewing the expedition proposal submitted by some of our older members to ensure that we do not have a repeat of what occurred in foreign lands last time our members went walkabout, more of that next issue

Our meetings are held on the 30th day of each month so long as it is not someone's birthday & the day doesn't end in a "y"

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# SUSTAINABLE SELF SUFFICIENCY

## Moving to a more sustainable lifestyle: part 1

by *Natural & Native: Kelly*

There are varying levels of living sustainably. It's not a complex topic, quite simple really & you can adapt different ideas to suit your lifestyle. A lot of society equate moving to a sustainable lifestyle to expensive items such as solar power. This is only 1 commitment to sustainability & helping the environment, but it is fruitless & a total waste of money if you are unsustainable in most other aspects of your life.

The life cycle of any product you purchase has a large impact on the environment; from extraction, production, transportation to packaging.

If you select wisely you can really help to make a difference. Price is only 1 factor to take into account. More expensive items, usually do last longer than their cheaper counterparts, but may not necessarily be any better.

I have never been a 'brand name' shopper, but I do have my own preferences on specific items because the brand has proven themselves over many years. A few examples;

1. **Ripcurl:** used to be made in Australia, but even now I know of no other clothing brand which manufactures jumpers that after 18 years of constant wear would still look brand new & after the same time a t-shirt is a little holey but respectable enough to still wear around the home.

2. **Doc Martin Footwear:** I still remember when I was 18, my dad returning from a business trip to England & handing me a pair of Cherry Red Doc Martin boots. I was very surprised & dad was dumbfounded he'd paid 80 pound for them. 19 years on, they are still my most comfortable shoes, have plenty of support & soles left! The only reason they are scuffed across the toes is my neglect of neglect & brushing. This equates to a mere A\$9.00 per year for these shoes!

3. **Reflex Paper:** 100% Australian owned, operated & manufactured. They produce 2 types of recycled paper; 100% & 50%. Both are as white & print as sharply as the rest of their products. The best part of this paper is it uses waste paper not trees in the manufacture, thus diverting numerous tons of waste paper from landfill. The manufacturing process is totally sustainable; power is generated on site, water is captured, used, recycled & used back on site, no chlorine or other harsh chemicals are used & waste paper is disposed of on site. Next issue I will discuss foods but until then, Think natural, think sustainable

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## Tabethas Makeup Tip

To protect your skin from the sun and its elements during summer apply a moisturiser with SPF under your makeup, or wear a foundation that contains SPF.

# Blumin Tips

~ Sandy Cummins & Tonia Todman ([Blumin.com.au](http://Blumin.com.au))

## #1 Summer Herbs

Welcome to the first in a regular series of "Blumin's Tips". This month we focus on Summer Herbs & how to maximise their freshness & flavor. If you want your herbs to last during the extreme heat of the summer months, we have some simple suggestions for you:

For woody-stemmed herbs (like thyme or rosemary), clean in warm water then cut an inch off the bottom of the stem before placing herbs in a container with 2cms of water. Cover with a plastic bag & change the water every day.

For soft-stemmed herbs (basil, coriander, parsley, etc.) wash them gently & shake off the excess water. Once fairly dry, place between 2 sheets of paper towel and roll up. Place in an unsealed plastic bag and they'll keep fresh in the fridge for up to one week.

In both cases, keeping the leaves on the stems will increase the lifespan & freshness of the herbs.

Although using dried herbs works well, with these simple tips it will be easy to store & use the "real thing" this summer, for that burst of authentic fresh herb flavour.



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# COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

## BLACKWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE INC.

Hello once again from the Blackwood Senior Citizens Club. We hope that you all had a great Christmas & that you will all have a & healthy happy 2010.

We resumed club on Jan 13 after a months absence & it was nice to be back with all our friends once again.

Catherine King joined 37 of our members traveling to Burrembeet for our Christmas break-up luncheon on Dec 16. It was a day that was enjoyed by all – great food, great company & good entertainment. Thank goodness for air conditioning as it was a very hot day.



Ken called for 1 minutes silence to respect the passing of one of our life members, Val Jackson. ('Where are they now? FebMar '09 Blackwood News, p11) Val passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Ballan Hostel on Christmas morning. Val had been a well liked & respected member of our club for many years. May she rest in peace.

We also wish Cybil O'Keefe well as she is undergoing treatment for a quite serious illness.

We are also quite worried about another life member, our dear Beth Kirby who has been in the Ballarat Hospital for several weeks. We have sent her out best wishes & hope & pray that she will be back with us soon.

On a brighter note, it is nice to hear that Marg Stockdale is home in Blackwood after a lengthy stay in Blackwood. All the best Marg from the club.

New members to our club would be made most welcome. We meet each Wednesday in the Blackwood Hall beginning at 11am. Annual fees \$6-. We provide a 2 course meal \$7-. Board games prior to lunch. Bingo Pool, carpet bowls, podiatrist, hairdresser.

District nurse attend once a month.

Further enquiries ring Barb Sweet 5368 1561

On a closing note we sincerely hope that Jinny, Brendan & Ellen enjoyed their well-earned holiday in New Zealand.

No more news for now so, until next issue kindest regards from

~ Barb Sweet, (Hon) secretary

## BLACKWOOD CROWN LANDS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

For the new residents of our town, let me explain what Crown Reserves do. We are a group of people elected for 3 years to care for, maintain & finance town assets owned by the Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE). These assets are: the Caravan Park, the Mineral Springs, the Hall, the Recreation Reserve, Povey's Reserve & a couple of others.

The committee is responsible for keeping these places up to a good standard. We must pay insurances, electricity, gas, water & repairs to buildings & equipment or update old equipment. Over the past months we have had the toilet block at the caravan park painted, new electric hot water services, a new clothes drier. Also, thanks to Steve Emphy for the new counters in the laundry.

Thanks to all the people who have worked to keep up the standard & to Barbara Sweet for cleaning, Senior Citizens for all their help & to Allan for the floor repair in the hall. Also thank-you to Lerdies for our Christmas break-up. (photo p7)

~ Elizabeth Hall, secretary

## BLACKWOOD & DISTRICT

### COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

Happy New Year to all. Thankfully we have had a reasonably quiet holiday season.

Training will recommence in February. Members will be notified of the date. Members are also reminded of the training weekend on March 20/21.

Training for new members will begin in March. Interested persons can contact me at home on 5368 6628.

~ regards Bruce Henry, Team Leader

## BLACKWOOD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

no report this issue

## BLACKWOOD DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Congratulations to "Moorabool Shire Australia Day Citizen of the Year", Pat Liffman.

We were excited when, before Christmas, we received in the mail a collection of old photos from a deceased estate in Melbourne. The photos have the Morning Star Mine poppet head & views of the mineral springs & main street, some never seen before.

Looking ahead, we will be open for the labour day weekend in March & are looking for helpers for the drink stall at Easter.

Should you wish to join or call at the Historical Society, we meet on the first Saturday of each month at 10.30am.

~ Allan Hall, President

## Blackwood/Barrys Reef LANDCARE WATER WATCH

no report this issue

## BLACKWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

We are well on the way to organising Easter 2010, thanks to a handful of people who put their hands up to help. The clubs in town make money on Easter Saturday from the stalls they run.

The Cricket Club does bbq's, Senior Cits do hotdogs, the Historical Society do drinks, the Anglican Church do devonshire teas, the CFA has a raffle. All this money goes back to run these clubs.



**ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**8am ~1st & 3rd Sunday**



Progress gave profits from last year to help to get a large water tank for the hall.

We welcome anyone who can help over the Easter weekend.

FRIDAY: we set up the ground

SATURDAY: 1 hour helping a group or manning an event (parking, raffle etc.)

SUNDAY: Cleaning up

Stall sites are available at a cost of \$20-. Sponsorships toward the day are most welcome.

Parade on Saturday starts at 11am. Through the streets. Money prizes for different sections. COME & JOIN IN!

Contact Elizabeth Hall 5368 6537 after 6pm or leave a message.

~ Elizabeth Hall

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**BLACKWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Since our last report we have changed our name to the 'Blackwood Association of Commerce' as to be incorporated as a Chamber of Commerce requires Ministerial approval, strange but true.

Mike Allen & Brian Moore attended a soiree at the Shire offices in Ballan in December to receive the two community grants we were successful with, one for \$1500 to support "Food in the Forest" & \$1500 to support the Sculpture Exhibition in October.

We are having our next meeting at 26 Martin Street (Forest Edge) on the 3rd March at 6.30pm if you are a self employed person with and interest in economic development please come along, especially if you have a desire to be our Treasurer (we are still looking for one) Meeting dates are put up in the Bulletin Board outside the General Store

~ Ian Tebbutt, Hon. Sec.

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**BLACKWOOD CLUB UPDATES**

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**BLACKWOOD ARTS SOCIETY Inc**

*no report this issue*

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**BLACKWOOD CRICKET CLUB**

Rounds 8 to 11 have been winless ones for the Blackwood Cricket Club, making its quest for a fifth successive finals campaign an uphill battle. With four rounds remaining, nothing less than 4 wins are needed to have any chance of making the final four. Round 8 was a one day game at Newlyn. Newlyn batted first & amassed a massive 3/202 from 35 overs. Al Salmon & Luke Whitehouse tried hard with 1 wicket each. In reply, Blackwood were 8/147 at the end of their overs. Marty deJong top scored with 53no. Dez Hepburn did well with 32. Round 9 was a 2 day game at Hepburn. 29 overs were lost due to rain. Hepburn batted first & were all out for 213. Luke Whitehouse had a blinder, taking 7/60. Al Salmon chipped in with 2 wickets. In reply, Blackwood was 8/149 when stumps were drawn, the match ending in a draw. Steve O'Brien top scored with 35, Dez Hepburn got 31. Matt Taylor made 23no & James Cann 10no in a terrific 8th wicket partnership, which lasted 15 overs & denied Hepburn a win. Round 10 was a two day game at home against Newlyn, who made 200 in their first innings. Rob Whan starred with the ball, taking 4/20. Al Salmon chipped in with 2 wickets. Blackwood

were all out for 135, with Dez Hepburn making 30 & Brett Sullivan 21. Alan Salmon was not out on 23. Round 11 was the first game back after the Xmas break & saw Blackwood away at Korweinguboora in a one day game. Blackwood batted first, making 5/157. Dez Hepburn top scored with 67no, batting for the entire innings. Steve O'Brien made 35 & Marty deJong 23. Korweinguboora passed Blackwood's score with 3 wickets down & 4 overs to spare. Blackwood's next home games are Feb 6 against Hepburn, Sat Feb 27 & Mar 6 against K'boora.

Come down & support the local team & enjoy the great bush setting. Play starts at 1pm on all days. All the best to all for a happy & prosperous 2010 from everyone at the Blackwood Cricket Club.

~ Scott Unstad

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**BLACKWOOD UNITED CHURCH**

Meditation, drawing from ancient Christian practice, is held fortnightly in Blackwood, first & Third Monday Evenings 7pm-8pm at the Blackwood Uniting Church. Here there is space for the questions. All very welcome.

For more information about the Highlands Cluster Uniting Church please go to [www.highlandsclusteruca.org.au](http://www.highlandsclusteruca.org.au)

~ Rev. Sally Douglas Highlands Cluster Uniting Church

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**BLACKWOOD SPECIAL SCHOOL**

Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. has had another successful year thanks to your continued support & assistance. Under the direction of a very positive & active Committee Blackwood is growing & developing & has become an Outdoor Education Centre which offers students challenging & very positive experiences. A destination the students enjoy visiting.

Some of the highlights for 2009 include:-  
Full Australian Camping Association Accreditation has been maintained until 19th April 2012; The development of 2 Adventure Playgrounds - 1 at the School & 1 at the Residence; New Mountain Bikes; New Table Tennis Tables; Accommodation Site Giant Games; New Modified Bikes to increase accessibility to Bike Riding; Official Opening of the Redeveloped School Accommodation Site; Redevelopment of the Archaeological Dig Activity Site; A Campfire installed at the Residence Accommodation Site; Trail of Trust Activity has been improved; Orienteering Maps of the Centre have been developed; New Bunk Beds have been installed in the School & Residence Accommodation Sites; New Mattresses have been installed in the School; New Blanket & Pillows have been installed in the School & Residence Accommodation Sites; New Kitchen Tables & Bench Seats in the Residence; Updated Emergency Management & Bushfire Plans; Installation of a Liberty Wheelchair Swing in conjunction with the School Accommodation Site Adventure Playground; Burn-offs by the Blackwood CFA around the Low Ropes, Tent Shelter & Perimeter Areas of the Centre; Successful 8th Annual Alpine & 18th Annual Super Rides; Successful 5th Annual Golf Charity Day; Over 1500 students accessing the Centre & it's events through the academic year; Continued support from FoBS - Friends of Blackwood; Continued support from Local Service Clubs; & Continued support from Local Businesses.

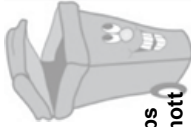

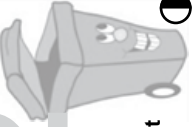

2009 has disappeared. When we look back it has been a very busy & positive year for the Centre. We both look forward to continuing to help the Centre grow & develop & thoroughly look forward to working with you in 2010.

Have an enjoyable break, you deserve it & a successfully delightful 2010.

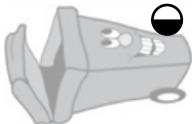

~ Tony Bellette & Harley Dagleish, BSSOEC Staff

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# february 2010

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<b>8</b>  Chelsea Stubbs Breanna Willmott	<b>9</b> Mrs Terrill	<b>10</b> Sophie Darwen Teagan Unstad	<b>11</b> Darren Sweet	<b>12</b> Trentham Old Time Dancing Russell Henderson	<b>13</b> C. Geelong Farmers Market	<b>14</b> <i>Valentines Day</i> Daylesford Market All Saints Church Service Trentham Uniting Church Ballan Uniting Church  Robin Bradley
<b>15</b> MEDITATION: Uniting Church 7-8pm Renee Aharon Jenny Bridger	<b>16</b> Ellen Coyle-Hehir Owen Byers	<b>17</b> Sophie Darwen Teagan Unstad	<b>18</b> Darren Sweet	<b>19</b> Russell Henderson	<b>20</b> Buninyong Farmers Market Trentham Farmers Market	<b>21</b> Daylesford Market Trentham Market Ballarat Lakeside Market Talbot Farmers Market Trentham Uniting Church Ballan Uniting Church
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<b>29</b> Have we missed your birthday? Do you know of an event we should list? Please email us or pop the details in the DROP BOX at the General Store. 						
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<b>8</b> Labour Day 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Lisa Kuno Blake Willmott	<b>11</b> Annika Hoffman	<b>12</b> Trentham Old Time Dancing  Luise Nugent	<b>13</b> C. Geelong Farmers Market  Blackwood News deadline: advertisers book space regular features & contributors	<b>14</b> Daylesford Market All Saints Church Service Trentham Uniting Church Ballan Uniting Church  Robert Darwen Lorraine Kuno
<b>15</b> Blackwood News deadline: features & items of interest community groups & clubs Christine Stockwell	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Blackwood News deadline: advert artwork / content Anthony Pywell	<b>19</b> Hayden Harvey	<b>20</b> Buninyong Farmers Market Trentham Farmers Market CERT training  Blackwood News deadline: News, classifieds  Mitchell Unstad	<b>21</b> Daylesford Market Trentham Uniting Church Ballan Uniting Church CERT training
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**

Hi Jinny,  
Great publication - will ensure all updates get to you. Also to let you know that Christine Nixon is also on Twitter.  
Cheers, Melissa (spokeswoman for Victorian Bushfire and Reconstruction Authority)

Brilliant Jinny.  
Love the gig guide!  
Eliza

**Bouquets & Brickbats**

**BOUQUET TO** our NYE Street Party helpers – to Greg & Brad, Simon, Fred & Brian for helping with the setup & cleanup & to the Captain & Craig for putting up the road signs & Danny for providing us with his trailer that made the awesome stage

**BRICKBAT TO** all those people who didn't put a donation to the CFA in the barrel on NYE

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**RECYCLING BUILDING MATERIALS – be careful what you take home: part 3**

*by Shaun Brown*



I'm amazed by floating floors that are basically considered to be ruined after the dish washer overflows on one occasion, houses that are actually designed with box gutters purely for looks not practicality, I think parapet walls are horrible on a stand alone house but this is modern design, something I'm personally not much of a fan of, & don't get me started on furniture from Ikea! I've noticed that mission brown is startin' to creep back in as well...good grief.

There are many new building estates that now have rules in place as to the control of the aesthetic appearance of proposed dwellings. Using many recycled materials on the facade (of any real age & old world charm) would be impossible to get past the local council, even colour schemes are being dictated by the planning departments across the country. This doesn't mean that they can't be used along the sides, back & inside the home, just not the front. However many people renovating old homes are looking to slap a super modern extension at the back of a beautiful old period style home, throwing their old French doors, double hung windows & timber kitchens in the rubbish to make way for brand spankin' new bi- fold door & window units & expensive, yet cold marble bench tops. This is great for people like me because I have an understanding of the potential of these items after a bit of a tickle up.

Here's a few tips for anyone who's considering, or about to embark on a building project....

- 1: If you are going to update, please make sure your old items are put to good use, sell em' on ebay, to a demolition yard (junk shop) or just donate them to someone that you know will appreciate them & re use them.
- 2: If you're renovating/ building & using recycled materials is something that you are interested in doing, have a look on ebay or in demolition yards for materials. Don't be shy to take things out of industrial bins from out the front of building sites. If you can use them in anyway at all you would be crazy not to. Just ask someone on the site if it's OK (which usually always is) & load up! It's not only ethical but cheap as well.
- 3: When designing your new home, try to imagine what it will look like in 20 or 30 years time, sometimes the classic style is the safest & also the easiest to make recycled materials fit in with the over all look of the place. I love old Victorian, Californian Bungalow & country style ranches, but hey that's just me.
- 4: Be fussy about what you bring home, it's easy to get carried away & accumulate a heap of rubbish if your not picky.
- 5: Never paint anything mission brown....ever. It'll come back to haunt you.

read more at <http://brownsrd.blogspot.com/>

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# BEYOND BLACKWOOD...

## Inaugural Fireman's Ball

The Lyonville Community is raising money to purchase a fire truck for their community & invites you to join them for their inaugural Firemans Ball to be held at the Lyonville Hall in Bremner Street.

The Ball will be held on Sat the 20th of March starting at 7.30pm, Live Music & Sensational Supper are included in ticket price, & beer, wine & spirits will be available at bar prices. There will be a door prize of a digital camera & raffles & auction will be held during the night

As some details are yet to be confirmed any enquiries can be directed to Tony marvin@aussiebroadband.com.au or Jules 53485711

## Chop, Chop down to Lyonville

The Lyonville Community Action Groups annual Wood Chop will be held on Sat 6th Feb at the Lyonville Hall Grounds Commencing 11.00am. Admission \$3.00

This fun filled day will include novelties of Children's Race, Spinning Wheel, Booth, Produce Stall, Food & Refreshments and Ladies Nail Drive.

10 Wood Chopping events will be held throughout the day. The main event being the 325mm Standing Block Lyonville Championship. The Bill Maloney trophy will be presented to the axeman with the highest points on the day.

For further information Contact Anne Bremner (03) 5348 5515  
Lyonville Community Action Group

## EATING OUT: RADIO SPRINGS

On numerous occasions I have seen those daggy little roadside signs as I was driving back & forth between Blackwood & Daylesford. The signs as certainly not the pubs best advertisement, so, until recently I hadn't bothered to make the short detour off tyhe main drag in Lyonville to check out the Radio Spring Hotel.

My friend & I approached the pub with fairly low expectations, with the exterior quite unexceptional & frankly, uninspiring. As we drove up we saw some seasoned drinkers out the front having a beer & a fag, giving no clue as to what we would find inside. So when we pushed through the doors it was an instant delight! A warm, inviting atmosphere greeted us, comprising the bar & a jumble of other rooms. Each space was adorned with a eclectic mish-mash of curios & sported a motley collection of dining room furniture.

The quirky bar-tender gave us a smile, drinks & led us to a table in another of the pubs warren of rooms. A guy near the bar was playing guitar & singing - & doing it well. There was an open fire (remember when it was still cold?) & an art exhibition that was displayed through-out the various rooms. A wedding party occupied one of the rooms - we had a squiz & it was fabulous - another open fire, huge lounge chairs, book-shelves brimming with books, nik-naks & extremely happy patrons too!

We ordered a second drink & this time the bar tender offered to 'dress it up'. We were up for it, & waited in anticipation. Wow. The ginger, fresh mint, from the pub garden, & god-knows-what-else in our drinks, was delicious & refreshing. I asked the bar-tender what the drink was called, he asked me my name, & cleverly named the drink after me - flattery will get you every-where!

The meals took a while but the mood was so good we didn't care. We ordered grilled fish from the specials menu & it was wonderful & fresh. The veges were a bit on the salty side, but all was forgiven, because if you could have eaten the atmosphere this pub was 5 star!

*~ the happy wanderer*

## TRENTHAM LIONS CLUB NEWS



**Monthly Dance Program** Old Time Dancing  
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## BELIEF IN LIFE AFTER & BEFORE DEATH

I recently saw the film 'My year without sex'. An interesting choice of a film for a minister of religion you might think. Rather than being some racy film, this is a gentle, funny, insightful Australian film written & directed by Sarah Watt.

The story tracks the life of a young family living in Melbourne, coming to term with the sudden, critical illness of the central character; wife & mum Natalie.

In the aftermath of Natalie's illness her marriage is strained, she loses her job, she struggles with the changes that her illness has brought her & understandably questions of mortality & purpose arise. In this midst of this turmoil she begins attending church.

Initially I was delighted to see that the local priest is not the stereotypical priest, or minister, usually portrayed in film & TV. For a start this priest is a woman. She is attractive & loving, & leads a community choir. Natalie & the priest become friends.

However, by the end of the film I was a little disappointed by the portrayal of both the priest & of Christianity. As this lovely young mum & wife Natalie grapples with life & death issues & the questions of meaning & purpose that can lie deep within each of our hearts, ultimately the priest only offers simplistic responses of the 'Believe this & you will go to heaven' variety.

Not surprisingly, this kind of black & white response does not meet the soul questions & the heart pain that Natalie is facing.

I wonder how many people have had similar experiences: when life throws up unexpected tragedy & the ground slips from beneath your

feet & all you are left with are questions?

In times like this we do not need superficial answers, however well intended. When we are enduring great pain I do not think a 'God of the gaps' helps: some image of God that is there to explain the inexplicable away. This is not helpful & it is not honest.

The God that Jesus actually reveals & embodies is not a God who glibly explains suffering away or who lives in the clouds or who is preoccupied with life after death. The God whom Jesus embodies enters right into our life in all its ugly & beautiful reality & right into our death.

The Divine whom Jesus reveals is concerned about life in the here & now, our life. This Holy One has space for the questions & can hold the tensions. It is interesting that in the Bible most often when people come to Jesus with questions, Jesus does not respond with simplistic answers but instead asks more questions or tells a story.

Authentic truth is complex, deep, earthed &, finally, liberating. I doubt that real truth can ever be contained within platitudes or simplistic catch cries.

So whilst this warm film is a lovely addition to the canon of Australian film, if you see it please don't take the priest character too seriously. There may well be Christians who represent this kind of superficial Christianity. However this is not the kind of Christianity that Jesus is on about - & as Jesus is the one at the heart of Christianity I think it is worth listening to Jesus first.

Blessings on you in your unfolding journey,

~ Rev. Sally Douglas

The following is a (slightly edited) response to an email sent by Blackwood News to Catherine King, following communication concerns raised by a community member in response to the article "The Day Blackwood Lost Touch" - Oct/Nov '09 Blackwood News p5

"As far as I am aware Telstra has no current plans to install additional mobile phone infrastructure to Blackwood. That being said mobile phones are only one form of receiving emergency warnings & there are many ways emergency services are now using to keep residents updated about fires in their area.

Emergency services will be sending out warnings through the means of both mobile phones & landlines. There are also warnings on television, radio & media alerts, public address, door knocking, sirens (in some areas), signage & the internet. The Vic Govt recently announced \$20.7m for the CFA to improve communication black spots & enhance the bushfire information line.

The Fed Govt has also committed \$11.4m to continue the Satellite Phone Subsidy which assists in the affordability of mobile communications for people living & working in areas without terrestrial mobile coverage.

In addition, those who live in bushfire prone areas need to have a fire plan in place for them & their families. Residents can speak to the Bushfire Prevention Officer at Moorabool Shire.

I have included below Telstra's 10 Top Tips for preparing for the fire season which you may find useful.

- if living or travelling in isolated areas, consider the benefits of purchasing a satellite phone for continuous phone coverage.
- Consider Blue Tick mobile phones - Telstra's Blue Tick accreditation program identifies mobile handsets that have enhance coverage for country areas
- Consider a standard fixed phone - power failures will effect cordless PSTN phones & VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) services that require 240V power to operate. Customers using VoIP should check with their service providers.
- Have a spare mobile battery - it's advisable to have spare, fully charged battery on stand-by
- Carry additional mobile phone chargers - an in-car & a separate AC mains charger are essential in case of evacuation
- Upgrade your 2G SIM - it's important that users up-grade their 2G SIM card when purchasing a Next G mobile handset to receive the benefits of 3G network coverage
- Keep essential numbers close by - have a list of essential contact

numbers close at hand, including Police, Fire, SES & Telstra's fault line 132 203

• Use 000 appropriately - only call 000 in life threatening emergencies. If your situation is not time critical but requires the attention of an emergency services organization, you can obtain alternate numbers by calling connect 12456

*editors note - Blackwoodians should still ring 000 for CERT*

• Keep calls to a minimum - although Telstra monitors the network closely in times of emergency to avoid congestion, it is advisable to keep calls to a minimum during natural disasters to allow people to call emergency service organizations.

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## MOORABOOL SHIRE'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD, AUSTRALIA DAY – JAN 26, '10

Moorabool Shire has every reason to be proud of its achievements since amalgamation in '94. This award is a surprise, because all I do is rock the boat. Were it possible, the most deserving recipients would be Moorabool Shire's employees, especially our office personnel, Jeanette Spittle's environmental department, archaeologist & geologist, Dr. Neil Manning & the staff who research grants which have enabled Moorabool to lead all other shires in providing excellent support services to residents of all ages. The bushfire season is with us but are we prepared? A retired forester has told me that had that Jan 23 Muskvale fire started in the morning, Blackwood could have been destroyed. Miraculously, personnel from Moorabool & Daylesford Shires, DSE & the CFA contained that fire until Mar 3, '09. Dec '09, when the Member for Melton, Don Nardella MP kindly visited me during one of my protracted stays in hospital, & he mentioned that Blackwood & Barry's Reef would be seweraged, I asked: "Don, why sewerage where there is no pollution? Melbourne Water's latest annual report of the Lerderderg River's water quality SCORE = Good. The river is home to a large number of macro-

invertebrates including sensitive species such as stone fly nymphs & caddis fly larvae. The Lerderderg's water quality is good because many property owners have installed Clear Water 90 septic systems which retain the moisture on site. At a public meeting on Feb 1, '07, people were furious when Central Highlands Water announced that Clear Water 90 properties would be connected into the sewerage pipeline. This would dehydrate their moisture laden allotments & render them more vulnerable to destruction during a fire period. Landcare is grateful to Don Nardella who helped us negotiate the "10 Year Weed Eradication Program for Blackwood & Barry's Reef" in '04.

Another priority is the Wombat State Forest of which almost half, ie 30,000 acres are in Mayor Pat Toohey's Woodlands Ward. We intend to establish a South Wombat Forest Landcare Group to represent forest communities in Woodlands Ward. The Federal Government is conducting a review of Australia's forests. The review of Qld & NSW forests has now been completed. State Gov t has asked forestry expert, Loris Duclos who has brought me here today, to participate in this review of the Vic

Regional Forest Agreement. Loris has always fiercely defended the Wombat State Forest. In '01, she statistically convinced former Premier, Steve Bracks to reduce the Regional Forest Agreement's recommended 40,000 cubic metre logging output for the Wombat Agreement for the review of progress with implementation of the Vic Regional Forest Agreements for the first two five yr periods, ending '04 & '09. At long last, the importance of the Wombat State Forest is being recognised.

100 years ago, govt geologist E.J. Dunn stated "when settlement began at Daylesford, the country was covered by a dense forest growth, many of these timber trees attaining to a great height. This has been removed to allow of the cultivation of the ground, for grazing purposes, for mine timber & for fuel, & the forest has been drawn upon until the original growth has been removed & where there is any forest remaining, it consists of an after growth of saplings. The inevitable result of removing the trees is that the country becomes drier & in this respect, Daylesford mineral springs exhibit a lesser volume of outflow than formerly, in common with the lessened volume of water in the

creeks. We must learn from this Dunn report! If we are serious in protecting Australia's sensitive environment, we have to respect nature.

According to politicians, Aust is a small player on the world stage, but Aust is a major coal exporter & coal extraction also requires gigalitres of water which is usually taken from nearby aquifers.

Global warming is real & proven. The time has come to promote policies for alternative energy. Fed Govt financial support is available for the installation of Solar Panels, roof insulation & solar hot water systems. Moorabool's building codes could promote fuel reduction policies. Moorabool has councillors & ratepayers already involved in the science of alternative energy. If we incorporate their wisdoms, seek research grants to promote alternative energy & feature an advice column in Moorabool Matters, there is no doubt that our Shire will become a leader in programs to improve the environment.

My grateful thanks to Moorabool Shire! ~ Pat. Liffman, Township of Bayup, Barry's Reef.

*(this is a very slightly edited version of Pat's acceptance speech)*



**Your local state MP, Mr Don Nardella MLA**

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 9743 9825 or by email [don.nardella@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:don.nardella@parliament.vic.gov.au) should you have any matters you wish to discuss.

**from the desk of Don Nardella MP**

### **NARDELLA promoted to PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN NEW CABINET RESHUFFLE**

**THE MEMBER** for Melton, Mr Don Nardella MLA, has been promoted by the Premier, Hon John Brumby, to the position of parliamentary secretary for Roads and Ports.

**MR NARDELLA'S** keen interest in this area & his vast experience; both in the lower & upper Houses of the parliament over the past 18 years, makes him an ideal choice for this important position.

**MR NARDELLA'S** promotion is part of the Premier's reshuffle of ministerial positions & new portfolio responsibilities which give a clear focus on jobs, economic development, public transport & driving the Premier's Respect Agenda.

**"ANTHONY'S CUTTING'S** site office opening on Friday will be the first of many events to make our roads safer & more convenient for local residents and motorists." Mr Nardella said. **"THIS IS** an exciting opportunity for me & for the district as I can learn more about this area of responsibility & use my knowledge & experience to make Victoria a better place to live, work, raise a family & to create better roads". Mr Nardella concluded.



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