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SPRING CARNIVAL SWEETIE

Chanel Wood heads off to the races on Shadow (this one horse town's pride & joy) while her brothers, Tyson & Brandon, wire up some 'doof doof' to the old man's new car.



FOR YOUR DIARY...

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editors thoughts ...

I don't think I have ever loved the beginning of spring so much as this year – blooming bulbs & blossoms everywhere & warmth, hmmm, I'll say that again, just because it feels soooo good – WARMTH!

More than ever this year locals are talking about preparing for the up-coming fire season. Remember to change your smoke alarm battery when you change your clocks for Daylight savings on the October 3.

I recently heard an interview on ABC about some free software which will enable mobiles in blackspot areas to make up a private network. This sounds like a great idea for Blackwood communication in an emergency – read about it on p7. If anyone is interested in helping make this happen this please let me know by emailing editor@blackwoodnews.com.au or leave a message on 5368 6444.

It has been great to get lots of great articles & pic for this issue. When submitting please remember to write your text to allow for the issue the article will be run in (ie if something happened in the past, just the month it happened will do). Please send high quality photos as separate files (not in Word files) & finally we do not use Publisher software so please 'pdf' these files.

Thank-you to Kate who has straightened out the calendar for me this issue. I am always so rushed getting each issue to the printer in time that I often don't pick-up errors (particularly last issue when the garbage dates were wrong). I thought about chopping the calendar for about 3 seconds – til I realised it is a part of Blackwood News that locals love most!

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~ Jinny Coyle, 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 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| July '10 | 81.4 | 102.8 | -2.2 | 11.9 |
| Aug '10 | 171.4 | 110.7 | -0.6 | 13.6 |

WOW!! WE certainly have been having decent rain lately & September is shaping up to continue this trend. The last time the August rainfall exceeded this was 184.6mm in 1992. Blackwood August rainfall has exceeded this many times over the years & the record was 267mm in 1939.

GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A RADIO PRESENTER??

Got a spare couple of hours per week and want to have some fun?? 100.7 Highlands FM is looking for volunteers to be presenters, admin assistants and technical advisers.

Perhaps you'd like to offer some feedback? We are asking our community to tell us what you want to hear on your community station!

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, have some fun and even learn new skills if you want to.

Highlands FM is located in the Community Center at Woodend and is on air 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

If you are interested, please contact Milton Perkins on 0419 226 032 or Email thedesk@highlands.org.au .



Clockwise from front: Roni Wildeboer, Marcie Jones, Dilys, Sam Luxemburg, Doug McIvor, Charles Gaal, Gary Matthews, Chris Finch, Christina Finch, Milton Perkins.

The Blackwood Gentlemen's Adventurers Society

by Rodney Lunschalot BGB, Hon. Sec.

At our recent meeting the assorted motley applauded the latest round of VB television adverts as a timely reminder that what makes us a great nation is our Chesty Bond approach to taking on the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, so fired up where some of our members that they immediately left on an expedition to as an yet undisclosed location in the club's aged Landrover.

This correspondent can only assume that the destination can't be too distant, given their means of transport, so the next issue of this fine publication is where you, gentle reader, will be privy to the exciting adventures that seem to be part of our members sorties.



BLACKWOOD SOCIAL ALBUM –GREAT YEAR FOR YOUNG LOCALS IN THE MCDNFL

OUR LOCAL boys with team mates from Trentham are having a very successful year with the Trentham U17's football team in the MCDNFL. Special thanks to coach Harley Dalglish along with Owen Sundblom & David Wheeldon for all their time & effort in getting the team to the Preliminary Final. A big congratulations to James Cann for taking out Trentham's U17's football Best & Fairest award.

TRENTHAM'S U15'S netballers tried hard all year with congratulations going to Jenna Bruton for taking out the Best & Fairest award, Runner Up Kelly Matheson-Miller and coaches award went to Katherine Myles. Sophie Darwin's defensive play was missed for a few games due to injury. Thanks to Mia Kelly who coached the girls as well as playing great netball all year. Lexie Clark was awarded the Best & Fairest in Trentham's U17's netball with Mia Kelly Runner Up.



AWARD WINNERS FOOTBALL U17's: Lucas Byrne, Jake Vernal, Lewis Bruton, Mia Kelly, Lexie Clark, James Cann, Patrick Rowe



BACK ROW: Owen Sundblom, Patrick Rowe, Jake Vernal, Scott Witmitz, Lewis Bruton, Jake Matheson-Miller, Lucas Byrne, Isaac Jennings, Mathew Sundblom, James Wicker, Jess Zwiars-Rowe, Harley Dalglish. **MIDDLE ROW:** David Wheeldon, Daniel Bridgman, Daniel Nugent, James Gray, James Cann, Jack Francis, Karl Walker, Corie Pedley, Mitchell Reed-Rogers. **FRONT:** John Cowell **ABSENT:** Patrick Reed Rogers, Nanthan Cummings.



AWARD WINNERS NETBALL U17's Kelly Matheson-Miller, Katherine Myles, Jenna Bruton

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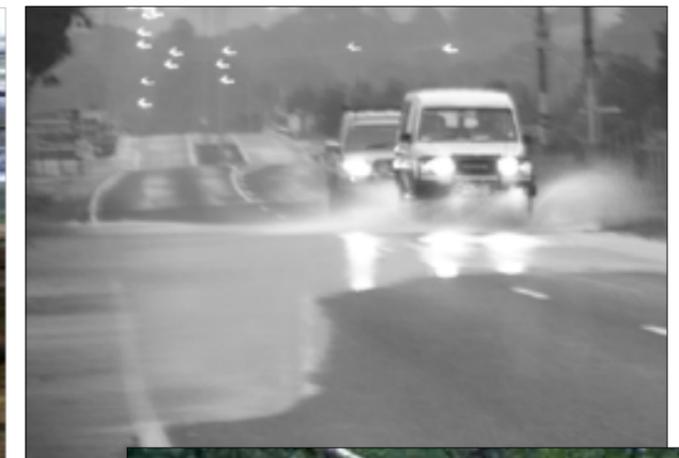
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THE STORM & rainfall activity during August & early September presented many challenges to local essential services & emergency service providers, with fallen trees, stormwater surges & power outages resulting in crews being kept very busy across the Central Highlands Region.

CHW'S BLACKWOOD Water Treatment Plant was hit by a falling tree during the storms across the weekend of August 14 and 15. Whilst the tree caused some damage to the structure at the treatment plant, there were no disruptions to services or water supply to the Blackwood area.

CHW ENCOURAGES customers to report water and sewer problems to 13 WATER or 13 92837.





A GIRL LOST SIX DAYS IN THE BUSH – BLACKWOOD, JULY 23, 1864

~ By Margot Hitchcock Historian for the Blackwood & District Historical Society



The N.L.A. (National Library of Australia) web site, the 'Argus' newspaper of Tuesday 26 July 1864 had the following article.

A remarkable occurrence of the tenacity of human life has just taken place. On Saturday afternoon last a digger, John Terrill, who lives some four miles down the Main Creek, went out to look for some goats, followed by his eldest daughter, a robust girl of about nine years of age. The father had not gone far when he missed his daughter, & shortly afterwards returned home. He then found, to his surprise she had not preceded him, & immediately started a search of her. She was nowhere to be found, & the anxious father scoured the bush in every direction. Darkness, wet, & the bitter coldness of the night intensified grief of the distracted parent, & taxed his ingenuity to the uttermost.

Beacon-fires were lighted in several directions, & the hope that such means would not be ineffectual in rescuing his child upheld the fainting heart of the otherwise strong man. The first streaks of morning dawned, but brought no relief to the agony of the night's suspense. Relief parties volunteered their services, the aid of the police was enlisted, & one & all proceeded on a tour of exploration, as exciting as it was humane. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, passed away, in succession, with little remission in the labour of love; but no joyous tidings of the missing one arrived.

On Friday, Mounted-Constable Brown was reconnoitering alone in a portion of the forest thickly timbered & scrubbed, when his attention was suddenly arrested by a faint cooie. Before quitting the spot he marked, or rather cut out in large letters, the words "Look here" on the bark of a conspicuous tree, so as to catch the eye of any of the party who might happen to pass in that direction during his absence. Not long after he had gone one of the party reached the same locality, & to his great astonishment he saw the girl with outstretched arms approaching him. This was at a distance of about five miles from her home, & it is almost needless to say that all haste was made to reach it. The digger, Henry Allan, a sturdy fellow, took off his coat, wrapped it around the girl, & bore her in triumph on his back. The news soon spread, & it is also superfluous to add that all present participated more or less in the pleasure manifested by the delighted parents at the fortunate issue of the domestic episode of lost & found. That the girl must have passed through a trying ordeal there can be no doubt, & yet, singularly relate, she does not appear to be much the worse for it. Beyond slight weakness, a sensation of drowsiness, & a strong inclination to sleep, she bears no marked evidence of having undergone extreme physical privations. She confesses to having had no shelter during the Saturday & Sunday nights. On the evening of the latter day she made her way to a tributary creek to get a drink, when she was so unfortunate as to tumble in, & lost her bonnet. Instead of coming out on the same side as she had fallen in, she scrambled out on the other side of the creek in a miserable plight. On the following day (Monday) she found refuge in the hollow trunk of a fallen tree, into which she crept for shelter. She must have stuck to this asylum up to the time of her discovery. It is most probable that the preservation of her life is attributable in a great measure to her use of the mountain heath.'

On researching who this eldest daughter was of John Terrill the author found her to be Grace Terrill, the eldest child of John William Terrill & Jane Mitchell, who was born in Blackwood in 1857.

No marriage record was found in Victoria for John Terrill & Jane Mitchell so perhaps they were married before they came to Australia & before their daughter Grace Terrill was born in Blackwood in 1857.

The interesting account in 1864 tells how John Terrill's eldest daughter, who appears to be Grace Terrill, about 8 years of age, was lost in the bush for 6 days.

A record of a death a John Terrill was found in 1875 age 37 years

(Reg Number: 1553) making him born in 1838 & he would have been 19 years old in 1857 if he is the one who married Jane Mitchell. His birth place was given as Cornwall where the Blackwood Terrill's are known to have come from & some of whose descendents still live in Blackwood today.

John Terrill & his wife Jane Mitchell had the following children born in Blackwood – Grace Terrill born 1857, Ann Terrill born 1859., John William Terrill born 1861, James Terrill born 1863, Sarah Terrill born & died 1866 - 6 months old. Reg Number: 564, Edward Terrill born 1867. Reg Number: 876, Harris Terrill born 1869. Reg Number: 7036, Thomas Henry Terrill born 1872. Reg Number: 833.

Grace Terrill is recorded as married in 1879 to Charles Benjamin Gray. Reg Number: 25, & they had a son named Charles Gray born in 1893 in Hawthorn. (Reg. Number: 23242).

And so concludes an interesting piece of research that the author is compiling for her book 'The History & Pioneers of Blackwood.' ©



Photos of the Blackwood bush near Suntan Mine courtesy of Margot Hitchcock.

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Tree Challenge:

The Waters that Broke

by Genevieve Messenger



The water's have broken in Blackwood, & I'm not talking about the recent baby boom. The river outside my house burst its banks. If only my cash flow, was as hard & fast as the water running by. A thirty-foot span of wild water threatened me to want to call the RACV & add flood damage to my insurance. It was so exciting.

When I first moved into my house a year ago, there was no water in the river at all. It was so dry that the Blackwood Bus was running more! You can imagine how thrilled I was when I heard that first gush, come hurtling over the stones in the bend, down below.

The drought was as broken as my front fence. The water sprayed over the rocks & little white waves reminded me of my days as a surfie chick. (Well I have watched surfie chick movies). I just wanted to get out my boogie board & dance! It was such an incredible, beautiful sight.

And when the storms came, it was a bit like white water rafting, but without the raft & the white water. I wanted to call that dude, Bear, from the SBS tv show Man vs Wild & invite him to do an episode in Blackwood. It was comparable to the Amazon forest, my life suddenly turned into an adventure.

One night I heard a giant tree fall in the storm. It was such an amazing thud. I thought for a minute big foot had migrated from America. I got scared, & thought that if I slept on the couch in the lounge room the falling trees wouldn't get me. Then a friend pointed out, very politely, that if one fell on the house it wouldn't matter where I was, it would most likely squash me, like a lemon in the strong hands of a cocktail waiter.

I had a few sleepless nights in that week I can tell you. It was raining cats & dogs on my tin roof & the sight wasn't pretty. Then it plummeted down like a hundred spears hitting the roof. Then I hit the roof, when it leaked, I can tell you. I almost kicked the bucket.

I would go for a walk the next day, & find the trees that keeled over as if they had a bad night in the pub, & be in awe at how they just jumped out of the ground like that. Roots & all.

I realised that living in the country was like living on the high end of danger. I was grateful to be alive.

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| Fri 1, 6-11 | Shades of Blue | Cosmo |
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| Fri 8, 6-11 | Fiddle Sessions (BYO Instruments) | Cosmo |
| Fri 15, 6-11 | Open Mic Night | Cosmo |
| Sat 16, 12-4 | Lauren Lee & surprise guests | Radio Springs |
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| Fri 22, 6-11 | Liz Frenchmam | Cosmo |
| Sun 24 | La Primavera | Lavandula |
| Sun 24, 1-4 | Shotgun Shack | Cosmo |
| Fri 29, 6-11 | Cider House String Band | Cosmo |
| Sat 31, 1-4 | Reservoir Frogs | Cosmo |

Events & Gigs guide: November

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| Fri 5, 6-11 | Shades of Blue | Cosmo |
| Sun 7, 10-4 | Antique Collectable Fair | Blackwood |
| Sun 7, 1-4 | Truly madly Deeply | Cosmo |
| Fri 12, 6-11 | Fiddle Sessions (BYO Instruments) | Cosmo |
| Sun 14, 1-4 | Family Farm | Cosmo |
| Fri 19, 6-11 | Open Mike Night | Cosmo |
| Sun 21, 1-4 | Reservoir Frogs | Cosmo |
| Fri 26, 6-11 | Cyndi Boste Duo | Cosmo |
| Sat 27, 12-4 | Lauren Lee & surprise guests | Radio Springs |
| Sun 28, 1-4 | Dirty York | Cosmo |

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Beautiful Paradox

I used to drive past a primary school that annually displayed a clever sign: 'Tempting Fete'. Each year it was the same and each year I would inwardly chuckle, admiring the play on words.

Fate it is a concept that many agree with and many vehemently reject. In rejecting fate some choose to believe that life is purely random.

As I recently shared at our Sacred Spaces 'Words in Winter' event, rather than seeing reality as 'fixed' or 'random', Celtic Spirituality holds the view that our gritty lives are shot through with the beauty and promise of God.

From Celtic perspective there is free will, but there is also the gift of choosing to enter the flow and rhythm of the dreams of the Divine. Here is life-giving paradox.

By intentionally seeking to become inwardly still, learning to pay attention to our intuition, we can begin to be attuned to the compassionate plans of the Divine.

In my experience, when we do these things we are able to come together, flowing more beautifully than could ever have been imagined. Life does not become easy, but it becomes unblocked.

There is wisdom here.

Developing a meditation practice is a great way of opening ourselves up to listen with the heart. Blackwood Uniting Church offers meditation regularly. www.highlandsclusteruca.org.au. Blessings on your journey.

~ Rev Sally Douglas



THE TIME IS RIGHT TO GET INVOLVED!

In a country town like Blackwood, it is important that your neighbours are your friends: it's your neighbours who help you when your car gets bogged, it's the neighbours who trot out the chainsaw when a tree falls down in front of your house & they're the ones who give you & your kids a lift to the shops or the station when your car breaks down.

In a country town like Blackwood, it's 'the neighbours' who become our unsung heroes. And they don't do it for recognition, they don't do it for reward, medals or to be getting a jump start toward the pearly gates ahead of you. They do it simply because it's there to be done!

Everyone knows of the amazing work that our volunteer CFA do. The other emergency team is CERT (the Community Emergency Response Team). They're trained by the Victorian Ambulance Brigade to be first responders.

If your heart stops, the CERT team carries a defibrillator & each team member is trained how to use it to get your heart going again. Defibrillators are also known as "Packer Whackers" after Kerry Packer who donated heavily for defibrillators to be installed in ambulances after his own heart had stopped for a few minutes during his game of Polo.

The CERT team are your neighbours. They can get to you in time to save your life. The ambulance takes so much longer to get to emergencies in the country that we simply have to have a CERT team.

You may have noticed the CERT little white ambulance. In this they carry & are trained to use the famous green whistle pain killer. They carry splints, bandages, neck braces, oxygen, ventolin nebulisers & epipens for out-of-control allergic reactions. They carry heart medication & they're even trained to help deliver a baby, should the need arise.

Every weekend Wendy, Bruce, Linda, Donna, Trevor, Geoff, Lauren, Johnny & Alex make up a roster of driver & jockey to get to medical emergencies first. The trouble is that they can only work on weekends because there are so few of them.

They cover a large area from near Daylesford to Ballan & are desperately short of numbers. Ideally, this service would become 24/7. We need more neighbours to join, so if you're not bogged down in work or kids, what's stopping you? JM

Earlier this year, I personally experienced the work of the CERT team when I broke my hip slipping on black ice on my way back from the post box outside the pub.

I remember my panic when I heard the ambulance would be one & a half hours. Just as the pain got out of control CERT rolled up! I can't express how good it felt to have Trevor's familiar face hover in front of me before administering 'the famous green whistle' pain killer with the help of Wendy.

By the time the ambulance did arrive I was a lot more comfortable. Being a weekday, I was really lucky that Trevor & Wendy (unwell & pyjama clad) were available - any other week day I may have been another 1/2 hour on the freezing road waiting for the ambulance because there were no CERT members in town! JC

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Greendale Country Market

On Sat, Oct 23, Greendale will hold its 9th market from 8am-1pm. Entry is by gold coin donation.

STALLHOLDERS invited: Gates open 6.30am & they need to be set up by 8am. \$10.00 per stall.

Enquiries or stallholder bookings should be directed to Tammy on 0407 978123.

The committee have just installed tables & chairs in and around the rotunda from previous fundraising events and they are now fundraising to complete the landscaping at Egan's Reserve.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH
8am ~1st & 3rd Sunday
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to: www.highlandclusteruca.org.au
Remember MEDITATION is each fortnight



RELAY FOR LIFE WANTS YOUTH

Young people are wanted to help run the 2011 Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life.

The Organising Committee believes it is vital to receive the input of local youth to ensure the Relay caters for their interests as well as involves them in the shaping and securing of its future.

Since the event at Lancefield Park began in 2003 it has raised \$794,314 for the Cancer Council Victoria.

Relay For Life is an opportunity to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors, to remember those who have lost their lives to cancer, and to fight back by raising funds to support research and other activities of the Cancer Council Victoria.

The Committee wants the Relay to be a program of events that appeals to all ages. The input of youth is sought on what they would like to see and what they might like to contribute to the event and, in particular, to its ceremonies and entertainment program.

This is an opportunity for young people to have an active role in something that brings the community together for a cause that touches all of us, and significantly benefits the work being done to prevent, treat and, ultimately, find a cure for cancer.

An Info Session will be held on Tues, Oct 26 at 5pm, at Christ Church Anglican Church Hall, Lancefield. All interested students & teachers are invited. RSVP Sept 17 to Melissa McCarthy, tmac31@bigpond.net.au, 0438 831 427 or 5429 5014.

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Where are they now?

FAY HILL (JONES)

FAYE'S PARENTS owned the Blackwood Hotel from 1927 until 1977, also the Border Inn at Bacchus Marsh for many years. Blackwood Hotel was managed by Mr. Ern Morgan for many years, and later on it was leased out. Her mum mainly looked after the Border Inn, and her dad between the two. Her dad (Cyril Jones) sold the Blackwood Hotel to George and Margaret Stockdale in 1977.

FAYE SPENT her school days between Blackwood and Bacchus Marsh, and in later years, in Melbourne, but always came to Blackwood in the holidays, where her parents owned a home near Martin's Kiosk.

SHE MOVED to England 30 years ago and has worked as a Nanny there ever since. She still owns a home in Blackwood and comes over every year for 6 to 8 weeks just after Christmas to stay here and also visit her cousins, Valerie and Gwen, in Ballarat.

WINNING BLACKWOOD PHOTOGRAPH

The 3rd Spirit of Kyneton & District Photography Prize opened in September with a swing at GALLERY 40 as entrants & friends gathered to hear the prize winners announced & prizes presented by the reigning King and Queen of the festival.

The two judges, Alex Syndikis, Program Leader in the Photography Department at RMIT & Ellie Young, from Gold Street Studios in East Trentham are internationally recognised photographers & were pleased with the quality & variety of the local photographs.

Out of 29 entries 3 prizes of equal value were awarded to Kyneton-based Howard Maylor, Sam White from Sidonia & Blackwood's Jinny Coyle.

Howard's winning entry, "Best of Mates", embodied the spirit of the district with an iconic image of Kyneton identities, Jack & Leo. Sam White's photograph concentrated on the rural area of his family & childhood. Entitled "Into the Wild" it focuses on the beginning of the rain this year in a very dramatic image centred round clouds.



The other prize winning photograph entitled, "Gryngium Giganteum: "Miss Wilmott's Ghost", shows a different aspect of the spirit of our district with an exquisite study of insects on a beautiful thistle-like plant taken at Garden of St Erth. In capturing this moment, Jinny has produced a wonderful work of art.

The sponsor of the prize & exhibition, Margaret Chandra, is delighted with the positive support & encouragement of the Daffodil & Arts Festival Committee & the local community.

SERVAL BATPHONE: Blackspot answer?

A cheap & simple system to get Blackwoods mobile phones working? Sounds good!

Free software, featured in ABC's New Inventors finals, is available to allow ordinary phones to communicate without towers or satellites. Each individual phone helps to built a network of coverage in otherwise black areas. Users get to keep their existing number & calls within the network are free.

This sounds like sensible preparation for the upcoming fire season.

Read more about the system at servalproject.org or <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/newinventors/txt/s2991021.htm>

LOCAL TIP hours
Trentham: Wed/Sat/Sun 9am-5pm
Ballan: Wed-Mon 1pm-5pm
a blackwood news community service notice

HOME DELIVERIES TO BLACKWOOD

Idyll Foods is committed to providing a home delivery service to Blackwood & surrounding areas & have set aside a delivery ute specially. We are now looking for drivers, if anyone is interested in casual work.

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In the future we intend to specialise in the full range of locally-grown, organic, pesticide-free potatoes that Trentham is famous for, providing cooking & nutrient information & recipes due to the high demand & requests by many people, both local & tourists.

If you have fresh produce to sell, please bring it in to our shop in Trentham. If you provide consistent good quality, we are happy to collect when delivering to your home. We are also about to open a "BUY LOCAL" community market in our big shed out back (lots of parking), whereby you can rent your own space / shelving, & we look after it for you.

This will enable us to provide you with internet-based traceability back to where the produce or products were grown, how it was grown, under what weather conditions, what variety / breed, when it was harvested/slaughtered, etc. & even Google maps / satellite of you really want to know.

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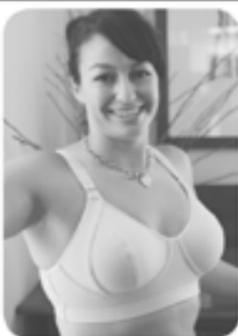
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Up, Up and Away!

Airline food gives me a little thrill. Usually when I fly it is discount domestic, and I pack my own sandwiches. So when I got on board with Garuda, every little cup, packet and container gave me a tingle of excitement and guilty anticipation. But the amount of packaging is criminal.

It all started on the runway, before we had even left Melbourne. We were served a little plastic sealed cup of orange juice – with serviette. What joy, my holiday had begun! No sooner were we in full flight than we were supplied with a packet of 'mixed nuts' (not sure if there were any actual nuts in there, but I'm not fussy). What next?

Smells of lunch wafted through the cabin. Drinks were next though, followed by a hot towel. You just can't go past a hot towel. And it didn't come with packaging.

Now I was salivating.

I felt like clapping my hands when I was presented with my natty lunch tray, filled with little containers and packets to delight even the jaded traveller (oh well, perhaps not). Beef curry & rice in the oblong tray, separate containers with salad, dressing, biscuits, cheese, butter, a warm roll and chocolate slice for dessert (feeling hungry?)

I unpeeled clingwrap, unfolded foil, ripped open plastic and joyfully devoured every last morsel – leaving just as much packaging on my tray as there had been food inside the containers.

Later came a chocolate ice-cream plus a bottle of water. I felt like a little princess being served treats at just the right intervals, and I experienced the true happiness and contentment of going on a long distance holiday.

I also thought that if Julia really wanted to do something about the environment, she need look no further than food packaging on airlines – but I'm not telling her just yet, as I want to book in for my next flight!

~ The Happy Wanderer

Change: the wisdom of the heart

When moving through change, use your heart as a compass.

In heart energy we 'feel' answers to questions, unlike the intellectual arguments of the mind. If you ask yourself a question (eg. "should I change my career?"), the mind can postulate for hours on end, days, weeks, years even, about pro's & con's, risks or gains, social outcomes, etc. This is the ego's home territory, & it often operates from fear. It will usually opt for the path of least risk, or no change at all.



~ by Kathie Strmota

The heart, on the other hand, gives you an instant answer, always in relation to who & where you are right now. It clearly indicates the most appropriate next step for your joyous life journey. It doesn't enter into fear-based analysis or argument, but says: 'yes' this feels good now, or 'no' it doesn't. It's as simple as that &, because the heart channels the wisdom & guidance of your soul, it gives the truest answers.

To hear from your heart, go through each of your options, one by one, & imagine yourself living them. In that moment, leave out all mental arguments, justifications, excuses, & just imagine it, as if there were no limitations. While doing that, pay attention to the feelings that come up. Does it feel good, light, comfortable, exciting? Does it feel uncomfortable, yucky, heavy, draining? The option that gives you the best feeling is the one your soul is urging you towards. This is a simple, yet powerful, method for 'getting to the heart of the matter'.

One day, shortly after I moved to Blackwood, while I was unpacking & re-arranging furniture, I became totally frustrated. The house is so tiny. I couldn't set things up the way I wanted. It seemed that no areas would work effectively or be convenient to use. I was climbing over things, & the place felt cramped & oppressive. This was the final straw in a series of challenges I'd had since moving, & it hit me like a brick. I just felt completely overwhelmed & began to doubt that I'd made the right decision after all. Was I making a big mistake?

I left it all & sat on my front porch to get some space. I felt really confused, now that doubt had crept in. After some grumbling & groaning, letting my mind run wild with its fears & arguments, I decided to check in with my heart.

I imagined myself living in my large house in the city, with my lovely routines & conveniences, my regular clients & social activities, & with my animals relaxing in their known environment. Yes, it felt good. It felt comfortable & yet, at the same time, there was a dry, stale feeling about it. It didn't feel energising or inspiring.

Then I imagined myself in this new home, this new environment, in 6 month's time. I saw myself going about my new daily routines, seeing clients, taking walks in the forest with my doggies, & relaxing on my front porch while looking out over the forest. Well, the 'joy-meter' went over the top! It felt exciting & energising, & it also felt healing, comfortable & settled.

Even though both options felt good, the second one felt way better than the first, & that was all I needed to know. I had made the right decision, after all. I just needed to weather the 'wild sea of change' & adapt to the shape of this new life.

So, try it out. Let your heart tell you what's true for you!

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The find came less than a week after Gavyn summoned 5 ghosts which a clairvoyant claimed were living at the tavern to ask them for financial help.

"One night I had a few sherbets on the couch in front of the fire and I called out to the ghosts - because August's the quietest month of the year - 'give us some money, give us something,'" Mr Crowley said. "So on Friday the 13th Tracey had cleaned out the fire & she found the gold."

Meanwhile, we locals can only wish for such luck...

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QUESTIONING THE SEWERAGE PLAN

If you've read the mailout from Central Highlands Water, you will be aware that at some time in the future, Blackwoodians will be paying up to \$6000 each, plus an extra \$600 per year, for the privilege of being 'properly' sewered. Have a think about the following points, come up with your own, and send them to the proponents and supporters of this crazy scheme, including local polities and Central Highlands Water at ctssenquiries@chw.net.au.

- NOISY – nearly every home will need its own pumping station
- COSTLY AND UNGREEN to run – more electricity used, bigger bills
- What happens to the system in a POWER BLACKOUT?
- Who PAYS for REPAIRS and MAINTENANCE for this gear we 'have' to have?
- Must we also have concrete KERBING?
- HOW LONG would the installation take... how many months/years of heavy, earthmoving machinery digging up our town?
- Is a minimum quantity of WATER needed to run the system efficiently? If so, how much? And what happens if we have drought conditions again, as we will at some time
- Why not go for the CHEAPER, GREENER, EASIER, COMMON SENSE option of regular, thorough inspections of existing sewerage arrangements, and enforcement of regulations on an individual basis? New developments could install either dry composting toilets/recycled water systems or the self-contained sewerage systems that are working well now.
- This is a HIGH RISK FIRE area... new building permits may be difficult/impossible to get, and if it burns, who knows if we'll be permitted to rebuild? So what's the point of all this expensive, unnecessary infrastructure?
- Didn't all this stuff used to be covered by our RATES, anyway? All these extra charges are courtesy PRIVATISATION of our water supply. Never forget, privatisation caused the Black Saturday fire that killed all those folks in Kinglake. Cutting corners to save money is what privatisation is about, and clearly, lives and the environment can go to hell.

~ Lauren Lee Williams

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THE WRITER'S SPACE

Genevieve Messenger has successfully obtained funding from Moorabool Shire for a series of free writing workshops for locals.

The first workshop, for older teenagers & up, is called "Finding Your Writer's Itch" & is designed for beginner & emerging writers. It will be on the weekend of 6-7th of November from 10am to 2pm.

The second workshop, called "Diving Deep with Words" is for professional & emerging writers who want to find a pathway to deepen their connection to existing material or create new material. Anyone who came to the first workshop can also come to the second, which will be on the weekend of 13-14th of November from 10am to 2pm.

The third workshop series, for kids aged 8 & up, is called "Tall Tales but True." It will be drama & storytelling on Wed Nov 24 & Dec 1 from 5pm-7pm.

Parents interested in booking their children should register their children (ph 5368 6403 or 0407 013 014) so they will be informed when the next one is.

All workshops will be held at the Blackwood Hall in Byers Road.

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COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

BLACKWOOD ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE

Our next meeting will be held on the Tuesday 26th October 2010, the venue is 26 Martin Street at 6.30pm.

We have been successful in getting a grant from Moorabool Shire to renovate the heritage street benches in Martin Street, the contract for the work has been awarded to a local tradesman, so we get the benefit of the street beautification and money coming into the Blackwood economy!

Our meetings are open to anyone with an interest and energy for economic development

~ Mike Allen

BLACKWOOD CROWN LANDS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Brian Moore (pres), Brendan Hehir (vice-pres)

The past 2 months have been quite busy for us with playground starting at the hall on Fridays.

We look like we are on track for a new toilet block at the sports ground thanks to Brian Moore, State Government & Moorabool Shire, & Toni for his letter.

Brian Rainford has been putting safety switches to each of the caravan sites, while Greenhills Carpentry has been repairing the rotundas at the mineral springs. Thanks to both of these people.

To all the caravan people we say thankyou for all the work around the park – we are very grateful.

The rain has been great, we saw our river run fast & high which has not happened for a little while also our large tank at the springs is full which is an asset.

Lou Henderson: Caravan & Sportsground hire 5368 6539

Elizabeth Hall: Hall Hire 5368 6537

~ Elizabeth Hall, secretary

Blackwood/Barrys Reef LANDCARE

Fuel reduction burns along the Whipstick walking track 18 months ago resulted in, what at first appearance, was the decimation of a mid-storey tree species named Blanket Leaf (*Bedfordia arborescens*), a less-than-common moist-gully species in the Wombat State Forest.

3 months after the burn, following rain, the apparently killed trees shot anew from their bases, together with newly-germinated seedlings. They are continuing to grow. The effect of fire often looks disastrous but many species of plants show adaptation to fire, a regime which has been present in the forest for many thousands of years.

~ John Davies

Rainfall: Barry's Reef for August: 163 mms. Sept 1 to 15: 100 mms.

Road Reserve: Vic Roads have been notified about gorse along the Blackwood

Road Reserve & Moorabool Shire have been notified about holly & gorse on the road reserve at Barry's Reef & gorse at Blackwood. Although the mining company has rescinded its lease, DPI Ballarat will not refund their bond until they have eliminated the gorse along their former site at Barry's Reef.

~ Pat. Liffman secretar

BLACKWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE INC.

Hello once again from the Blackwood Senior Citizens Centre – hasn't the rain been wonderful – lovely to see the rivers & dams so full – although we do sympathise with the people who are having a tough time in the flooded areas.

The club's AGM was held on Aug 18. Terry Fraser & Manda McDermitt from the Moorabool Shire attended to officiate at the election of the incoming office bearers. Max Manning (pres), Barb Sweet (hon sec), Ken Ashton (vice-pres), Helga Weiss (treas), Bev Herd (asst sec/treas), committee members – Cathy Lynch, Cobe Stroller, Maria Stone, Sybil O'Keefe, Betty Ashton, Betty Banks, May Burling, Phil Manning, Barb Darwen & public officer Sheila Tori.

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of one of our much-loved members, Beth Kirby – she was in her 88th year & is sadly missed by us all. May she rest in the peace that she deserves.

The club's Xmas-in-July was held at the Courthouse Hotel in Bacchus Marsh. 30 members attended & a nice luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Any new members would be made most welcome – our club offers a friendly, genial atmosphere. Membership fees are \$6. Board games & billiards, enjoyable mid-day lunch, bingo & carpet bowls. We also have the services of a hairdresser & podiatrist once a month.

Enquiries 5368 1561. All the news for now - til next edition...

~ Barb Sweet, (Hon) secretary

BLACKWOOD CRICKET CLUB

The annual Ronny's Relic game will be played on Sun, Oct 10, when Ron Salmon leads an Invitation XI made up of past players & friends against the current Blackwood team.

The following week's game opens the season on Oct 16 at home against Hepburn in a one-dayer. This first game will also be a open/members day for supporters with food & drinks provided.

Hope to see Blackwood's many supporters down at the ground soon.

~ Steve O'Brien

COMMUNITY BANK

I have been on the steering committee, as a representative for Blackwood, for the Trentham and Districts Community Bank campaign. An ATM or limited sub-branch facility is not out of the question in Blackwood, so we need to generate lots of Blackwood support.

Pledges to purchase shares are still an option, however most importantly, the local people will support the bank best as a client, thus keeping banking profits local and strengthening our community clout.

~ Micheal Boyd

BLACKWOOD SPECIAL SCHOOL 1990-2000

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:-
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The Role of Staff at Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre

At its recent meeting the Blackwood Executive discussed the role of the staff at the Camp. The basis of the discussions was the returns from schools & we would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for these.

The Executive's deliberations bought forward the following list for 1989 – 90:-

- Plan, lead & evaluate activities with school groups
- Develop & extend a range of activities
- Send a list of activities to schools
- Develop more structured programs on specific areas
- Build up expertise & knowledge of area
- Develop a public relations role with townspeople, Shire, Dept of Conservation Forests & Lands, CFA, etc
- In-service individual schools
- Maintenance / development in conjunction with Executive
- Emphasize SAFETY at the camp
- Respond to & proact with the Executive in the emerging staff
- Develop a priority list for future planning



Beginning with the above listed roles – & the evolution of staff roles over the past 21 years – the Centre has gone on in leaps & bounds. While the number of schools accessing the Centre throughout the past 20 years has fluctuated, the programs offered, facilities provided & grounds utilised have improved dramatically, resulting in more inclusive & challenging outdoor adventure programs for all visiting students.

One of the first tasks completed by the 1989 Blackwood Executive & staff was to construct an office for both Chris & Sandy to carry out their staff roles, much of the work for which they did by themselves. Once settled into their office facilities, the Blackwood staff, with enthusiasm, motivation & determination, have continued to implement, initiate, develop, modify & promote programs, activities & events at the Centre.

While bushwalking has always been a popular activity with visiting School Groups since the inception of the Centre, in 1990 the Wombat State Forest became more accessible to all visiting students after Variety – The Children's Charity kindly donated a Toyota 4WD Troop Carrier to the Centre.

- The 4WD will be:-
- Used for educational purposes by the two appointed Blackwood staff members or other persons as approved by the Executive
 - Used as an emergency vehicle
 - Used to improve mobility & accessibility for less able students

For the past 20 years, the 4WD at the Centre has been used to make the Wombat State Forest & Lerderberg State Park more accessible to all students. If you have ever seen the 4WD sitting on the side of a bush track within the Forest, it means the students are out & about exploring & discovering the beauty & uniqueness of Blackwood's backyard. During these times of exploration the most

commonly asked question is:-

“Why is the wombat poo square?”



While many tales are made to highly attentive & alert students eager to comprehend, the answer is usually delivered in the following way:-

THE WOMBAT by Denis Alexander – Hobart Walking Club Inc.

As you splash along the track
 Eyes alert & ears pinned back
 You might have seen those funny square turds
 And thought, if not expressed in words
 The stress of such a defecation
 Baffles one's imagination
 But it's not done to entertain us -
 The WOMBAT has an oblong anus.
 So if your slumber is disturbed
 By cries & screams don't be perturbed
 Eyes closed, teeth clenched and racked with pain -
 A wombat's gone & crapped again.

Continuing with the theme of further challenging the students beyond their comfort zones, 1990 also saw the development & implementation of a low ropes course at Blackwood SSOEC. An activity challenge course made up of 13 individual activity elements, all focused on developing initiative, teamwork, communication, leadership & friendship skills both within the group & individuals accessing the low ropes while simultaneously challenging individual participants beyond their comfort zones. The development of this course proved an instant success with groups continuing to access the low rope elements on a weekly basis.



story continues next issue

Through the support of The Jack Brockhoff Foundation, R.E Ross Trust & Helen Schutt-Macpherson Foundation, a vehicle storage shed was built on the same site of the Residence accommodation site, giving the Centre more ability to extend & improve activities offered to visiting groups.

Message to Blackwood from Trentham Newsagent

We are well aware that the good people of Blackwood are now, often as not, getting their papers from us & we do enjoy the visits.

We are endeavouring to get papers re-supplied to Blackwood township, but any arrangement will need the approval of the newspaper publishers & will take time.

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~ Colin & Wendy White
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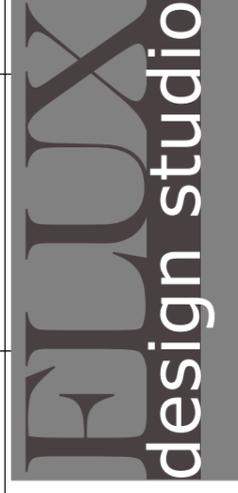
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Awaiting Planning Permit...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Thank God for Ange & Heinz at the Blackwood Hotel. They took over not long ago, they are extremely community minded & down to earth people. Friday nights at the hotel are almost back to what they use to be – crowded.

I have lived in Blackwood for 27 years & it saddens me to see what has happened to this beautiful small town over the last few years.

We have seen the General Store over a number of years, turn into not a "General Store" by disposing of our Post Office (good on Lynne & Peter for taking it over), removal of the small quantity of frozen goods i.e. meat, vegetables & ice-cream, (which the people from the caravan park use to buy instead of bringing things up from Melbourne), a large number of staple grocery items that locals could purchase if they ran out, & yes – the fish & chips – for all us unhealthy residents.

Further to this, the petrol was going to be too expensive to continue with the changes that were required. What's worse, the "General Store" (& I use this loosely), is closing up for most of the week. This is not going to bother me as I do not actually go into the "Store" & have not for a couple of years. It is going to affect a lot of the locals including the older residents who rely on the "Store" to purchase their paper & milk – but who cares; they can just travel to Trentham or Ballan to buy their paper or milk.

My father brought the General Store 27 years ago & he would turn in his grave if he saw the state of affairs now. He loved nothing more than the locals

coming in at mail time (back then the post office was a separate little old office), & stand around the pot belly stove, drink coffee & talk. My god, how long ago was that? When he went to get the stock for the General Store, he also used to get peoples chemist prescriptions, meat etc. This is what happened in a small rural community & this is why my family loved it. I don't presume to know the circumstances surrounding the closing of the "Store" for most of the week & I am sure there are reasons, but these sorts of things usually are the beginning of the end.

Beautiful Lerdies, how sad that it has closed up. The place was done up firstly by Joc & Jill & then further renovated by Mike Allen. Thursday nights were so much fun as was the Sunday afternoons with music. When we first moved to Blackwood, Lerdies was very different to what it is now but Sandi & Neville were great. The only time in my life that I actually ate steak – it was the best & Sandi's home made chocolates were to-die-for. I hope for the town that Lerdies re-opens its doors as I believe there is more than enough room for both Lerdies & the Hotel. This has worked for the whole time I have lived in Blackwood.

I really do understand that places change – usually for the better but I have got to say that Blackwood is not changing for the better, it is going backwards. Little towns like ours need these businesses & the businesses in turn help the small community.

It is not my intention to offend anyone I just felt that I needed to put my thoughts down in writing.

~ Lynda Henry

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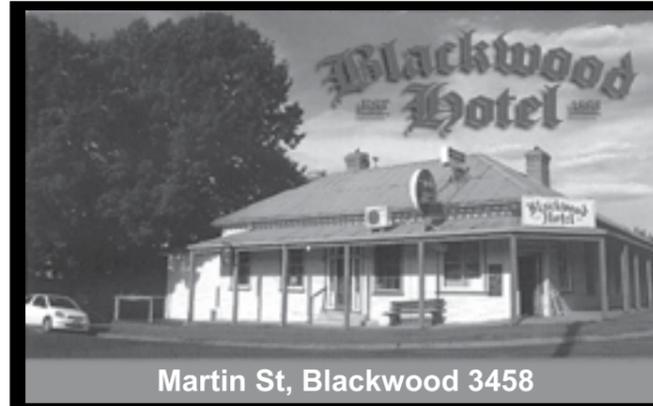


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Farmer's Market: Oct 16 3rd Sat of each month @ Trentham Town Square, 9 am - 1 pm. STUFF YOUR PANTRY with fresh eggs, cheese, fruit & vegetables, dips, preserves, wine, sourdough & yummy sweet treats, raffles, local entertainment, fun & friends. BBQ Roster for Oct will be TRATA. Enquiries: Tracey 5424 1185 / 0447 836 171.

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Jumble Sale Saturday Nov 27: Whopper jumble sale once again....@ Town Square from 9am...great bargains in BOOKS, glassware, kitchen items, etc., loads of preloved surprises to browse through. Don't miss it. Enq: Elizabeth 54241254.

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Senior Citizens Dinner - Dec 10: FREE - all elderly citizens welcome to Xmas lunch at Trentham Golf Club @ 12 noon. Delicious Xmas Dinner prepared by our local C.W.A. members & friends. A great fun afternoon, Father Xmas will be there. Enq: Lori 5424 1453.

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Scientists estimate that Victoria could be facing the worst locust plague since the 1930s. To help reduce the damage, there are things we all need to do. Monitor your property. Farmers and other landholders have a legal responsibility to report egg beds and locust activity to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI), and to chemically treat locusts on their land. The Victorian Government is providing a 100% rebate on the chemicals listed for locust treatment. The Government has ordered \$4.2 million worth of chemicals to treat locusts on public land. You need to prepare to chemically treat locusts on your land. Seek advice from chemical suppliers and agronomists about the most appropriate chemicals for your situation. DPI has developed a new online tool that will help inform landholders about the range and use of chemicals. Meetings are also being held to ensure an effective collaboration between government and landholders. Remember, you must monitor your property and report any activity urgently to the DPI Locust Hotline **1300 135 559** or visit dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts

Locust control starts at your place.

CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE

With recent reports of suspicious activity around Blackwood properties, the Crime Prevention initiative by police in the Moorabool Shire is welcomed.

The program is designed to make you, a community member living in your own home, feel safer.

Surveys have shown that older people are far less likely than younger people to be victims of serious crime. However, many elderly people are unduly fearful of such crime, & fear can have an adverse effect on their quality of life.

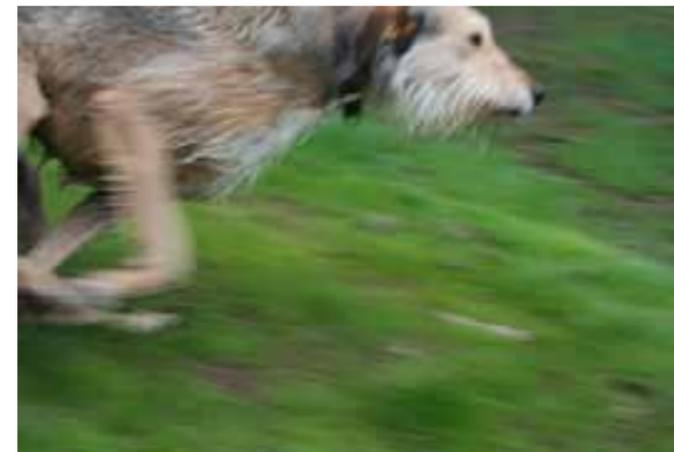
It is this fear the Police in Moorabool Shire are endeavouring to minimise through the Community Register.

To register, you can pick up a form from Bacchus Marsh Police Station in Main Street or call 5366 4558 to register direct.

When you join, your details will be entered on a confidential database at the Police Station. Your records will not be available to any other organisation except Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade or authorised volunteers. You will be issued with an identity card which will provide important information to emergency services in the event of an emergency occurring whilst away from home.

A great initiative but, more importantly, let's also all keep an eye out for each other in our little village & let our neighbours know if we see suspicious activity in the area.

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TESS IS a deer hound cross & belongs to the group of hunting dogs called sight hounds, who rely on their keen vision & fast, agile bodies to catch their prey (podgy slow-pokes with big noses fall into the scent hound group). I wonder how long those sniffers would have taken to rid their Blackwood property of bunnies. Tess took to the task with relish & cleaned them up in days.

IT WAS rabbits' revenge, however, when Tess's hunting skills were compromised by bouts of epilepsy & then pancreatitis. After many mid night trips to the animal hospital & a strict drug regimen, Tess was back in the hunt. With an even stricter low-fat diet, she also has a hankering for bunny fat – look-out, Bugs!

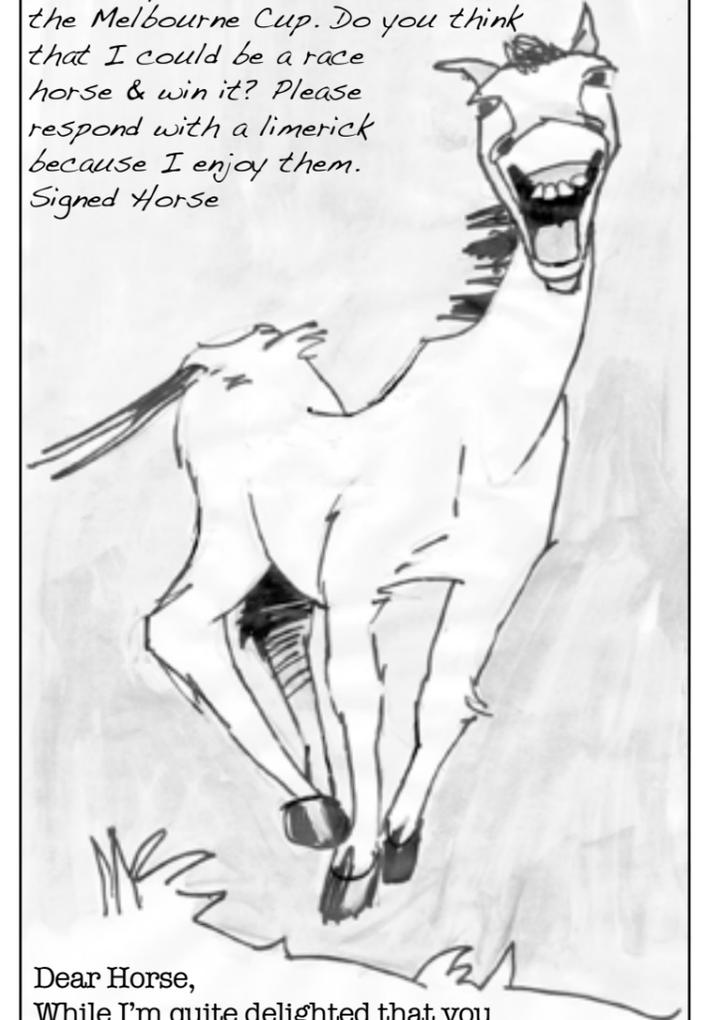
A FEW quick facts

- **TESS** is 7 years old & hangs out with youngsters, Henry & Alice
- she was in love for years with Buckley the staffie (a sniffer) until she realised it could never work.
- she swims in the river in winter
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- she farts constantly (rabbits will do that to you)

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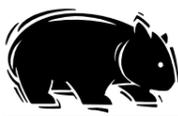
Wombat Regional Arts Network celebrates 10 years

Wombat Regional Arts Network is calling for artists, creatives & community groups to participate in its 10th birthday celebration. The theme is the Mad Hatter's Tea Party at the Ballan Mechanics' Institute on Sat Oct 2 at 3pm with Twilight Presentations at 7pm. All art forms & community endeavours are being celebrated.

On the arts front, this is a wonderful & rare opportunity for local artists, musicians, dancers, writers, film-makers, creative ratbags & various other makers & shakers to get together, celebrate the arts, showcase their work & to have some fun. For visual artists & craftspeople there's also an opportunity to sell their work without having to pay commission to a gallery.

The formal program currently includes an art exhibition, musical performances, readings & a number of family-friendly activities such as hat making, kite making, food eating, & treasure hunting.

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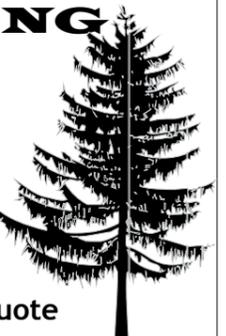
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