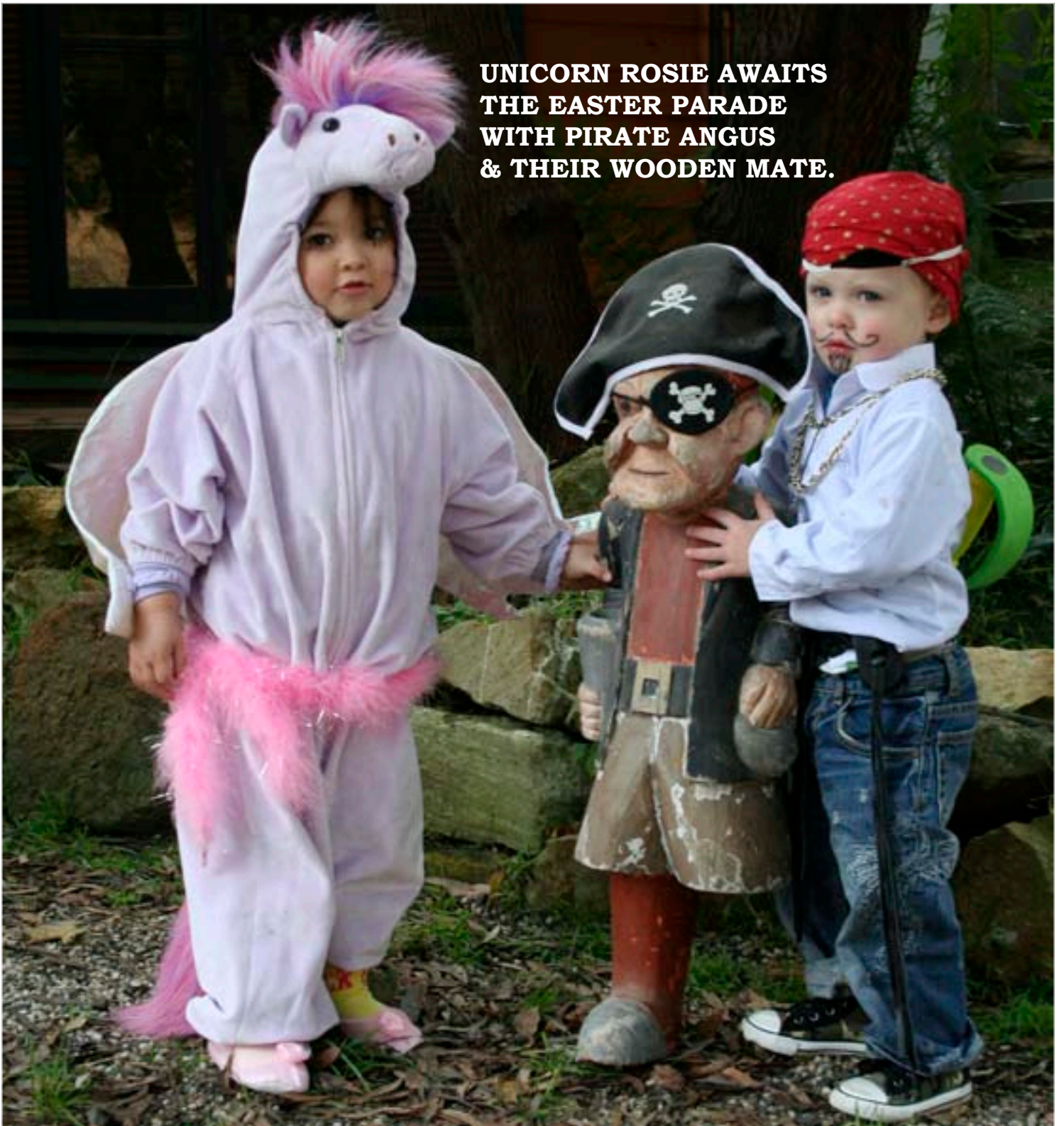




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### EDITORS THOUGHTS ...

I hope you're surviving this cold old Autumn, I feel as if we're already into winter – though I'm pleased to say that finally our old leaks (inherited when we bought our 1870's miners cottage 20+ years ago) are finally in the process of being fixed!

A big hip-hip hooray Blackwood News! Yep it's our 3rd Birthday this issue! We first published in June/July 2008 after Robina Brown entrusted Blackwood Newsletter into our keeping! Now, in 2011, people worldwide love Blackwood News – incredibly, over 7000 copies of the April/May 2011 issue + over 3000 copies of archived issues, were downloaded from www.blackwoodnews.com.au over the last 2 months!

I can't count how many people have helped to keep Blackwood News in publication with their articles, photos & memories which have entertained you over 3 years. I sincerely thank all our willing contributors.

Much work goes into getting each issue out to you. Every 2 months Brendan & I spend at least 40 hours putting Blackwood News together but as time goes by, & readership grows, it becomes more & more difficult to find the time to keep pumping out great content, on time each issue.

#### 3 ways you can help...

1. Can you, or someone you know, contribute to Blackwood News? Photos, memories, comments, regular themed contributions?
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We do our best to get each issue out on the first of the next month & our printer needs 7 clear days to get it printed in time. Doing the figures, 5 days prep, editing & pre-press for us + 7 days print lead-time is more than the time between the 20th deadline & the first of the next month! So please calendarise the deadlines below so we can include your contribution – if you would like deadline reminders just join our subscribers eList @ blackwoodnews.com.au or 'like' us on facebook.com/BlackwoodNews.

Oh, & if you have an event happening in between issues please email us the details & a photo so I can put it up as an event on facebook!

~ Jinny Coyle, editor@blackwoodnews.com.au

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### HOW'S THE WEATHER BEEN?

by Don Owen

Month & Year	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall Average (mm) 1879-2007	Minimum Temperature deg C	Maximum Temperature deg C
Mar '11	38.6	56.4	3.2	25.6
Apr '11	51.2	73.2	2.8	22.4

**WE GOT** lower than average rainfall for March and April after the very wet start to the year.

### After 16 years Lou gets a life



Much-loved caravan park Ranger & caretaker of Crown Reserves in Blackwood has called it a day after 16 long years of being on call 24/7. He intends to use his spare time to re-visit his mis-spent youth. We do hope he survives.

He also looks forward to catching up with his long-neglected family for quality time.

His first Sunday off was spent reading the paper uninterrupted. It felt so strange he had to occasionally interrupt himself.



*Under the approving eye of Elizabeth II, Blackwood Crown Reserves Ranger, Lou Henderson, hands over keys & an official terry-towel hat to the new appointee, Lachlan Dear.*



*Nicola Strating, looking better in the uniform than Lou ever did, is keen to get stuck into cleaning toilets immediately, but takes time out to pose with fiancé Lachlan in front of one of her favorite parts of the reserve they will now be responsible for.*

### RIP Mick Healey

Mick Healey, forests officer & 50-year resident of Blackwood, passed away at his daughter's home in Atherton, Queensland, on Sunday 22nd May, aged 85.

Mick came to Blackwood to lead a newly formed forestry team in October 1947, which included, amongst others, Bill Matheson, Jack Cann, Wally Sweet, Jack Simmonds, Wally Guppy. Mick reinvigorated the local cricket team in the 1950's as well as initiating the woodchopping events locally too. He married & raised his son, Kevin, & daughter, Susan, in Blackwood.

Mick & his wife, Phyllis, were active in the Blackwood Progress Association. He continued to live at the end of Bates Road after retirement in 1986 until 2000 when he decided to live with his daughter & family in Darwin, then Atherton. He is well-remembered by his 2 children, 9 grandchildren, & 6 great grandchildren.

A big man, who loved the Wombat forest & probably knew it more intimately than anyone. To here, his ashes will be returned after a memorial service in Blackwood. (details to be arranged & advised).

### 2011 BLACKWOOD WINTER BALL

On May 28 a decision was made whether this year's ball would go ahead – that was after this issue of Blackwood News went to print so if you would like to know whether the ball is going ahead please check facebook.com.au/blackwoodnews or blackwoodnews.com.au or ring Daryl on 5368 6896

### "The Lerdederg Yesterday & today"



I was privileged to attend the launch of the new book by Friends of the Lerdederg at the Blackwood Hotel in May.

The book has taken 13 years to produce with the help of Parks Victoria, Western Water, Rural Water, Moorabool Shire, Bacchus Marsh & Blackwood's Historical Societies & many more groups. Also individuals – John Davies, Pat Liffman, Michael Fox, Julian Hollis, Bruce McKenzie, Kathie Hollis & more who have contributed to the books content.

The book covers: walking the Lerdederg, history, safety & flora. It has great pictures & maps. Congratulations to the Friends of the Lerdederg – you have a great book.

~ Elizabeth Hall

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### THE MR WABBIT COUNT...

Thankyou to all our young ones who entered the competition in the last issues of Blackwood News.

Entries came in from Amy Bryce, Laura-Jane Styles-Nugent, James Collins, Dakota Barkell, Monica Darwin, Kayla Downes, Lily Collins, Brooke Turnbull (entry pictured).

The winner, Monica Darwin, was drawn at the Easter Carnival by the MC, Gerardo Styles. He had a great time teasing Monica in who swore she didn't know what she was entering! (see photo below)

The correct count was 13. Front Cover, p5 (2), p7, p8, p9, p11 (2), p18, p19 (2), p22 & p23



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2011 Easter Parade – the banner reads: 'Blackwood Easter 2011. In 1855, Edward Hill prospected, & found gold here, he married Hannah Cox, and we are some of the great, great, grandchildren. Our family tree is huge, our roots are deep in these Blackwood Hills. ~photo courtesy Cam Gleeson



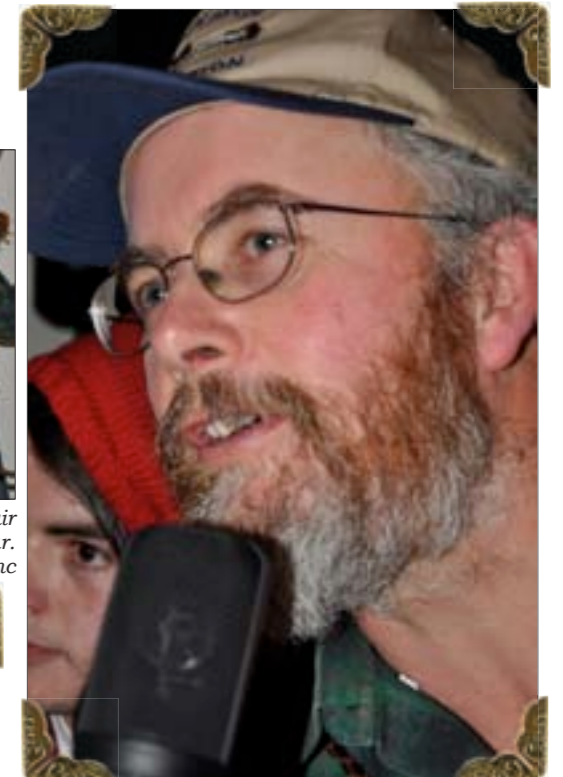
Grown-ups, big kids & little kids, with dogs in tow, head down to the 2011 Easter Carnival. ~photo courtesy Cam Gleeson



Karina practicing some birthday dance steps. ~photo courtesy Geoff LeBlanc



A family affair (L-R) Oliver, Janet & Nick Dear. ~photo courtesy Geoff LeBlanc



Nick Dear sings up a storm at the 1st Blackwood Revue @ Lerdies. ~photo courtesy Geoff LeBlanc



Ponies, balloons, kids & carts 2011 Easter Parade. ~photo courtesy Cam Gleeson



Time for an ice-cream after a tough morning entertaining the crowds in the parade.



Pat Liffman (L) with MP Don Nardella (R) & his bag of local spuds.



Blackwood Revue organiser Johnno & his birthday girl Karina celebrate. ~photo courtesy Geoff LeBlanc



New(ish) Blackwoodian Deb Bridger lends a hand at the bar.



during the break @ Blackwood Revue @ Lerdies. ~photo courtesy Geoff LeBlanc



2011 Blackwood Easter Carnival - the wood-choppers at work. ~photo courtesy Fred Moore



2011 Blackwood Easter Carnival – the wood-choppers at rest. ~photo courtesy Cam Gleeson

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After Heinz & Rob demonstrate Blackwood's alternative to Planking, 'the Roo', patrons take up the new craze with great relish. Send your 'rooing' pics to editor@blackwoodnews.com.au.



# HISTORY OF BLACKWOOD: SILAS GAY, MINE MANAGER, BLACKWOOD



## Death of Silas Gay, Shift Manager, in the Red, White & Blue Mine, Blackwood, 1898.

Silas Gay was the Shift Manager of the Red, White & Blue Mine, at Blackwood. He was born in Tasmania in 1846. He was the youngest of four sons born to William Gay & Mary Mansfield. Mary & William Gay had another son who was stillborn, which Mary never recovered from & she died 11 months later on the 13th August 1848. This left

William Gay with four sons to bring up by himself. William Gay left Hobart early in 1851, taking with him his three eldest sons & leaving the youngest Silas Gay, who was about 5 years old with Mary's parents, William & Maria Tucker in Hobart. William Gay & his 3 oldest boys went to Portland & then in 1851 William was lured to Ballarat with stories of the Gold Rush & on the 2nd December 1851 he set off in the company of his 3 boys & 3 men to Ballarat where they arrived 9 days later. They worked claims at Golden Point & other fields for some years & in 1854, about the time of the Eureka Rebellion, William made a trip back to Hobart & collected his youngest son, Silas Gay who was about 8 years old, & William was said by a member of the family to have pushed Silas Gay in a handcart to the goldfields of Ballarat with his 3 other sons walking beside him.

Silas Gay grew up on the goldfields of Ballarat scrounging around with his brothers looking for nuggets of gold. He married age 22 years in 1868 at Ballarat to Mary Elizabeth Ford from Tasmania. He & his wife had 13 children born in Ballarat between 1869 & 1892. In 1898 Silas Gay was working as a Shift Manager at the Red White & Blue Mine, in Blackwood, when he had a fatal accident when he fell down a mine shaft. The Police report was as follows:-

*Victoria Police – (47). Ballarat Station. Central Police District. December 16th 1898. Report from Constable Clifford No. 3979. In relation to the death of Silas Gay at Blackwood.*

"I have to report that about 3pm on the 15th inst. Silas Gay, shift boss at the Red, White & Blue Mine, Blackwood, fell down a 30 foot shoot, at that mine, sustaining such injuries to his head that he died about three hours after admission to the Ballarat Hospital, to which institution he was conveyed at 7.30pm by the manager, W.T. Williams. (Warren Travena Williams) When admitted the deceased was in a collapsed condition, & died without regaining consciousness. Albert Sweet, miner, residing at Blackwood, states that he, in company with his mate William Peters were working in the stope near the shoot. About 3pm the deceased crawled through the stope where he (Sweet) was working on his hands & knees, & he (deceased) asked Sweet to stand aside, & permit him to pass through, Sweet did so, & immediately after heard a noise in the shoot & caught a glimpse of Gay falling. It is probable that when the deceased reached the shoot, he placed his hands on one of the slabs, which canted, & allowed him to fall through.

Peters went down the shoot at once, & found deceased at the bottom, with his head twisted under him. He (Peters) raised him up, with assistance got the deceased through the sliding door of the shoot.

Gay was then unconscious & did not speak; he was raised to the surface & conveyed to hospital. Mr Agnew, Inspector of Mines visited the scene of the fatality, examined the working, & informed police that a jury was not necessary." Signed – J.W. Clifford.

*(Information courtesy Robina Brown from her article in the Blackwood Newsletter Oct-Nov issue 2007 No. 97.*

A letter the author received in 1979 from a Mrs. Win Jones stated she was interested in seeing the remains of the Red, White & Blue mine in Blackwood, as her grandfather, Silas Gay was killed in the mine whilst working as Shift Manager on 16th December 1898. She had read all the Ballarat newspapers of that period. The accident (?) was well publicised, & he was an extremely well respected man, & the story had always been told in her family that he was pushed by a jealous man, (who appeared in the papers as a pall bearer) who was desirous of being made the Manager.

In her letter Mrs. Jones wrote that her mother said her father's funeral was three miles long from Heales Street Ballarat to the new cemetery. She also said the Gay family arrived in Ballarat in December 1851. William Gay had walked from Pentland where he had worked with the Henty family as a Wheelwright, Blacksmith, Carpenter, Poet & Engine Maker. On his

journey to Ballarat, William pushed his son Silas Gay, all the way in a handcart, with his other three motherless boys walking beside him.

After his accident in the Red White & Blue Mine in Blackwood, Silas was taken unconscious to Ballarat by train, & then taken by a horse drawn ambulance to the hospital, but he died in the early hours of the morning. His wife Mary was a midwife in Ballarat & they had 13 children.

Details from the Gold Fields Hospital Index states that Silas Gay was 52 years old & was admitted on the 15th December 1898 to the Ballarat hospital. He was a miner & married & lived in Tress Street, & had been born in Tasmania in 1846.

From the death records for Silas Gay his father's name was William Gay & his mother was Mary Mansfield & he died in the Ballarat Hospital 1898, age 53 yrs, birth place – Tasmania. Reg. Number: 14813.

On searching the marriage records for Silas Gay it was found that he married Mary Elizabeth Ford from Tasmania in 1868 - Reg Number: 1417

With the death of Silas Gay, the point to ponder is, if it was true & what the family believe in that he was deliberately - "pushed to his death in the Red, White & Blue mine at Blackwood, by a jealous man, (who appeared in the papers as a pall bearer) who was desirous of being made the Manager." One wonders how such a person could cause the death of another man who had 13 children.

The Inquest into his death has been requested from one of the descendants of the Gay family.

Hopefully further contact with the Gay family can add some light to this story.

For further information on the Gay family & with thanks for their help with information on the family see – www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/art/gay/1851.htm



photo: Photo of Silas & his wife - Mary Gay, Courtesy, Allan Hall, B.D.H.S

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## THE RECYCLED GARDEN



### Tubular Belles

by Heather Marsh

How can it have taken me so long to appreciate the delights of online plant shopping? I wholeheartedly support my inspiring, well-stocked and local nurseries. For one thing they specialize in plants that do well in our particular Central Highlands micro-climate – but when it came to figuring out what to plant on the long narrow walk past our woodshed, I just couldn't make the math work.

Right now I am considering purchasing 60 (count them 60!) tubes of a lovely little hardy, all weather beauty called *Abelia grandiflora*. It will prune well apparently and stay compact on a path that needs good clearance to stagger past with a load of wood after a few too many glasses of shiraz on a cold night. Its new leaves are a lovely maroon pink and it flowers for weeks with little bell shaped white blossoms. Perfect. My only problem was getting enough of the little buggers to plant out two sides of a walk about 15 meters long.

Hello world wide web! I have found a supplier who will post them Monday at 90c a pot.

The glories of tubestock have been sung to me by my wonderful and wise mother in law, who always counseled me that there was

no point buying an established tree or shrub because it will languish trying to find its feet in new soil while a much smaller, sapling will adapt and sprint past it in no time.

I kind of understood this logic, but little did I know what serious savings were also available for the stingy gardener looking to establish new plantings.

Whole new worlds of possibility have opened for me. The native garden I had thought might take years to get going now blossoms in my mind in time for Christmas. The perennial bed we're starting now to coincide with building a wood-fired oven in an outdoor communal cooking and dining area could be in the ground by August!

You probably are shaking your head and saying "What a dolt! We've known about tube-stock for ages". Just bear in mind though, kind readers, that I'm the girl who was convinced she could transplant carrots (even though all the books disagreed) until she tried and failed.

A little personal experience goes a long way. I happened to stop for a chat with one of the gardeners near my work recently who was putting these measly, stunted looking little plants into a massive bed. "Oh" I said innocently "Are you going to be putting shrubs in later?" He looked at me like I'd asked him if he wore pantyhose to the pub. "Shrubs – these are shrubs, or at least they will be in a month or two."

Ding ding ding. Ah...that would be the clanging sound of me getting it. Finally - hearing the tubular bells.

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Family Law broadly covers the following areas:

1. The divorce process for married couples.
2. All matters relating to where children live, & how & who they spend time with. Although, where children are deemed to be 'at risk' the Department of Human Services may intervene;
3. Property settlements: These can be for married couples, & can include Spousal Maintenance. The Family Court of Australia will even assist with the division of property for couples who have lived in a de-facto relationship, regardless of having children.
4. Financial Agreements: This includes well known 'Pre-Nuptial Agreements', & Domestic Relationship Agreements which can be drawn up before, or even during a De-Facto relationship (same-sex or otherwise). Likewise, Separation Agreements can be drawn up in anticipation of, or immediately following a relationship breakdown.

Some terms you may hear when dealing with Family Law in Australia:

**Mediation:** A way of resolving disputes between two or more parties. A third party, 'the mediator' assists the parties to negotiate their own settlement.

**Consent Orders:** These Orders can cover children, division of property & financial support of either party. If you are able to come to a final agreement about what arrangements should be made then you can formalise your agreement without a Court hearing by applying for Consent Orders.

Consent Orders for division of property may offer some taxation benefits (e.g. exempting Stamp Duty on the transfer of Real Estate between parties).

Consent Orders oblige the parties to comply with agreed arrangements. This ensures no on going drama or conflict, & helps you move forward.

**Spend Time With/Live With:** The Family Law Act prefers to focus on 'lives with' as a reference to the primary parent, & 'spends time with' as a reference to the secondary parent.

Disclosure & Financial Statement: In dealing with property matters in Family Law, you must make 'full & frank disclosure' of your financial circumstances. You do this by listing all your financial information on a Family Court 'Financial Statement' & by providing evidence such as bank statements.

**75(2) factors:** Section 75(2) of the Family Law Act lists a number of factors to be taken into account, along with contributions (both financial & non-financial) of any sort made by each party. An example of the 'factors' are: Commitments of either party to supporting himself/herself & the child/ren, & The ability of each party to reestablish themselves.

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#### JUNE 2011

when	what	where
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Sat 11	Chris Wilson with Shane O'mara	Ballan Providore bookings 0425 742 344
Sun 26	Blackwood Revue*	Lerdies, Blackwood

#### JULY 2011

Sat 2 arvo	Lauren Lee Williams*	Radio Springs
Sun 24	Blackwood Revue*	Lerdies, Blackwood

\* denotes Blackwoodians



**FOUND:** THIS photo was found in the Cobb & Co tearooms. Last issue we published it to return it to its owner.

**THE LADY** is Eva Parker holding her daughter, Barb Sweet. Eva & husband Harry were permanent residents in Blackwood for many years. Barbara recently moved from Blackwood to Ballan but is still on a number of local committees.

**THE PHOTO** was on Barb's sisters fridge for many years. Norma thinks perhaps one of

her grandchildren may have popped it in their pocket & lost it at Cobb & Co tearooms.

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### COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

#### Blackwood Crown Reserves Committee Of Management

As we start June, we are very sad to say goodbye to Lou Henderson, the Park Ranger. Lou decided to resign & go off & do other things. We wish him well in his endeavours & say thankyou for all he has done in the operation of the caravan park, hall, & sports ground. He will be greatly missed.

DSC has been kind enough with flooded areas being graded & our tables that floated away being replaced.

The cricket pitch has been taken up thanks to the cricket club boys, ready for the ground to be re-surfaced. I believe the boys also have some plans for their bar room.

The hall has been painted. It looks great & sorry to the groups we had to cancel. Thankyou for your patience.

Thankyou to the people who cleaned up the sports ground on Easter Saturday & Sunday. It looked great again. Thankyou all.

We are pleased to announce that in the second half of 2011 we will be starting with new caretakers for the caravan park, springs, hall & sports ground. They are Lachlan & Nicola who we welcome to the position. Thankyou to the many people who applied for the job. You all made our decision very difficult.

~ Elizabeth Hall, secretary

#### Blackwood CERT

The team has been busy over the past few months, attending a lot of varied calls.

We still require more members to ease the load on the operational numbers. Training for new members will start soon, so contact me on 5368 6628.

One of our calls out was to our own Wendy Bridgman. She is slowly on the mend. Chin up Wendy.

~ Bruce Henry, Team Leader

ed note: also see "from Don Nardella's desk" on p15

#### Blackwood Cemetery Trust

The members of the Blackwood Cemetery Trust would like to publicly thank all those who continue to maintain the cemetery by attending working bees, cutting and slashing grass, weeding graves and general maintenance jobs. It is a sacred place in our community that deserves our attention and the pride we can take in it.

The rotunda containing memorial and niche wall are almost complete and we would like to extend a sincere thank you to Brian Moore for donating his time and services to complete the roof and Mitch Jansen for the work he did on the wooden part of the structure. We hope to have the brick work completed well before the end of the year.

If you are not available when working bees are held but would like to help out at other times by doing some mowing, weeding or rust proofing and painting some of the older fences around graves, please contact Robyn Zanon (5368-6792) or Bruce Henry (5368-6628) and we can organize some equipment for you.

ed note: also see Dept Health ad p14

#### Blackwood CFA

Fire restrictions have been lifted, but there still remains danger of house fires.

Here are some of the dangers of house fires- One third of house fires start in the kitchen.

1. Never leave cooking unattended.
2. Turn pot handles away from the stove edge.
3. Keep stoves free from grease and fat build up.

On Sunday the 3rd of July at 9:30am at the Fire Station, there will be a demonstration of the method of extinguishing oil and gas fires.

Also bring your fire extinguishers along and have them checked for \$3.00. New extinguishers will be on sale.

Remember Sunday the 3rd of July at the Fire Station.

~ George Stockdale

#### Blackwood/Barry's Reef LANDCARE

no report this issue

#### Blackwood Historical Society

no report this issue

#### Blackwood Playgroup

no report this issue

#### Blackwood Progress Association

Thankyou to those people who helped us at Easter on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Thankyou to all who worked on the Cricket Club, Anglican Church, Historical Society & Senior Citizens' stalls, this should enable these groups to get much-needed funds. To the sponsors, a special thankyou. We are so grateful that you back us & have a belief that this event will be okay.

On a sad note, we were shocked when we were told about the cost of over \$400 to have our rubbish removed after the carnival. As we are a not-for-profit organization, we had to arrange to have the rubbish taken away for ourselves. To those very kind people who helped us – a special thankyou. We even had to buy 15 rubbish bins, so Progress now own bins with lids for hire at events, along with our tables.

Next news, we hope to have more facts & figures about Easter for you all. Thankyou all

~ Elizabeth Hall, Secretary

#### Blackwood Senior Citizen's Centre Inc.

Here we are once again with a report from the Blackwood Senior Citizens Club. We have certainly had a cold blast of weather & not even winter yet – guess that we will need a good supply of wood to survive the next 3 1/2 months or so. We wish John & Wendy Bridgman well. They have both been on the sick list for quite a while now. Also Bill Wilson had another fall. He is recuperating in the Trentham Hostel at the present time. Our Sheila Tori has also spent time in hospital but thankfully she is back with us again. We thank Fred & Brian Moore once again for organizing the hotdog stall at the Easter Carnival also Karen Osborne, who was a great helper. The stall was very successful & raised a sizable amount for our club – this money will most certainly be put to good use. Our thanks to Ann Hill for her donation towards the Easter Raffle.

Melodie Lind from Health Services New Life Therapy attended the club on April 3 with a very informative talk about health awareness for the 50 & over age group.

Also a male representative from the Djerrirwarrh Health Services attended on March 30, had lunch with us & informed us about the importance of bring aware of the symptoms of bowel cancer & for our own personal health to have bowel screening to combat this most deadly disease. We all give our special thanks to Dot & Dianne for all their thoughtfulness with all the extras we are presented with at our midday meal.

We are always on the lookout for new members, they would be made most welcome at our Wednesday get-togethers.

Membership fees \$6. We conduct board games & pool games before a well prepared luncheon then we play bingo followed by afternoon tea & carpet bowls.

All enquiries 5368 1561.

See you next issue. Kindest regards,

~ Barb Sweet, (Hon) secretary

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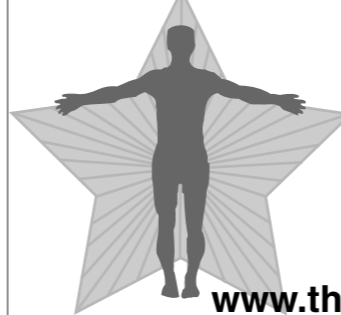
Moorabool Shire Council's, Transport Connections Project, would like to encourage residents to join a Community Reference Group to work cooperatively with community organisations, Moorabool Shire Council, and the Transport Connections Project to address the transport needs of the Shire's residents.

Being a part of the reference group gives you an opportunity to have a voice on community transport issues, and be involved in the decision making process for the Front SEEAT Transport Connections Project.

Meetings will be held bi-monthly with the next meeting being held on Tuesday 21st June in the Ballan Council Chambers from 6.30pm. If you are unable to attend the scheduled meeting but would like to be involved in the Community Reference Group please contact Natalie Grero on 5366 7100 to make alternative arrangements.

~ Melissa Hollitt, Transport Connections  
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### THE DOC IS BACK IN TOWN ...

Dakota Doc is back in town from two and a half months in the USA & looks like being here for some time. Winter was way too cold over there. So much for global warming, with wind chill factors of -47 F.

Victoria was so lush & green & welcoming & it was good to be back after the starkness of South Dakota.

Since he got back in early February he has been busy with sick animals, preparing for three public presentations & teaching animal communication.

He has almost completed a book from horses to humans starring our own Gypsy & Shadow & 10 other local horses giving us some powerful & beautiful messages & insights.

To top it all off he is also revamping his web site to include communication for humans from the animals.

Since February, Doc has been under the pump & has had to make a number of major adjustments all at the one time including changing address to 32 Whalebone Road in Blackwood, with the same phone number 03 5368 6765.

He says it is good to be back & working here again & so does Sunny.



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<p>Jake Matheson-Miller</p>	<p>Brandon Wood</p>	<p>Winter Solstice</p>	<p>Bree Hillis                  Jesse McKeone ●</p>	<p>Have we missed your birthday?                  Please email us on <a href="mailto:editor@blackwoodnews.com.au">editor@blackwoodnews.com.au</a>                  or pop the details in the <b>DROP BOX</b> at the General Store.  </p>	<p>Lancefield Farmers Market</p>	<p>Daylesford Market                  Trentham Market                  Ballarat Lakeside Market                  Trentham Uniting Church                  Ballan Uniting Church</p>
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**

WE HAVE the following response from Stephen to Rosemary's letter to the editor last issue...

DEAR ROSEMARY, I read with interest your difficulty with black mould.

AFTER YEARS of experiencing a similar mould on the underside of our colourbond roof decking I found that warm water with some pool chloride does wonders for black mould removal. The slope of the verandah is too shallow to allow condensation to run off, hence water builds up into droplets that leave a dusty smudge when the water evaporates. Later black mould appears.

FOR YOUR decking you could try pool chloride in warm water. Pick an area away from view and just try it. The mould should disappear immediately. Start with say a capful, or about 200 ml, in a 10 litre bucket. If not sufficient try doubling the concentration. The result will also depend on the type of decking, and how it has been treated in the past. I hope this works for you. Safety requires you to waterproof glove and safety goggles.  
MANY YEARS of sitting at a desk led me to seek an outdoors life so I created 'Pocket Maintenance' to undertake small tricky jobs. I was highly successful, but am now returning to my interest in economics.

YOUR LETTER prompted the editor to ask if any DIY folk would like to volunteer to contribute to the paper - I would be happy to do so.

~ Stephen Coyle

THANKS STEPHEN for your kind offer.

IF YOU have a DIY question please email it to editor@blackwoodnews.com.au & I will pass it on for a reply.

WE WILL miss Lou at the Blackwood Caravan Park!

I CAN'T imagine the park without Lou. He was there to welcome & greet us with his friendly 'G'day, how 'r' ye' & with his charming husky laugh everytime we arrived at the park.

HE ALWAYS helped & advised us about anything that we needed or wanted to know what had happened since last time we were there, telling us about the park & the forest, pointing out where the huge trees had been knocked over & uprooted by the storms and he explained about the freaky nature events.

HE WOULD tell us about the creek below, the floods & the power of the stream that broke heavy wooden benches on the lawns.

THE PARK committee will have a hard time finding someone to fill Lou's shoes!

GOODBYE & good luck to you Lou! We'll miss you!

~ Emie Truden

DEAR JINNY,  
THANKS VERY much for all of your work producing the News.

MY WIFE and I are keen readers

~ Cam Gleeson

**FROM DON NARDELLA'S DESK:**

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The Blackwood Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a team of volunteer emergency first-aid responders under the authority of Ambulance Victoria, covering the area from Greendale to Trentham.

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The Blackwood CERT is now recruiting volunteers for the next course.

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### BLACKWOOFs

SASH & Abi came late to the job of Hotel Dog. In earlier days, Sash, the Border Collie, would have used her considerable skills to round up stray patrons as did Patch before her. However, given her & Abi's advanced years (14 & 15) the two are happy to busy themselves with cleaning duties. Left-over parma's mostly.



ABI IS a Brichion Friese - French for Frizzy Bitch (seriously, Ed). She was inherited from a friend who, not being able to conceive, bought a puppy instead. The friend immediately fell pregnant & Abi fell out of favour. Now, many years on, Abi's hearing is not what it used to be & she's virtually blind with tunnel vision (it's a very long tunnel) but, importantly, her parma-smelling skills are excellent.

ANOTHER BABE, brought Sash onto the scene. Ange's kids, having watched the movie, insisted on getting a border collie - preferably one that spoke in an American accent. These dogs are in fact from the Anglo/Scottish border country. The second part of the name comes from the black-faced Scottish Highland sheep, the Colley. These dogs are highly intelligent & dutiful to the point of obsession. After 14 years of being a Border Collie, Sash maintains the obsession but has mislaid the skills. Her duty now is to Stare at Things with a look of Great Intent. When a tree she stared at night & day was recently felled, she stared at the space it left, night & day. It was with a look that said "Don't dare move, any second now I maybe ordered to round you up".



AS THESE two doggedly go about the business of ageing, you may sometimes hear them proudly bark "old age is not the faint-hearted".

~ Jimmy Olsen strikes again

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~ signed Dopey, Daylesford



Dear Dopey,  
Oh dear oh dear - you went to the pet shop? No feathers? Much too tight? I fear that what you got was not a feather boa but a boa constrictor. You must now disentangle your girlfriend as best you can & take the serpent back to the shop, giving it a pat from me.  
Pet Guru

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### THEY'RE BACK & ON STEROIDS!



They played their final gig at Lerdies on New Years Eve - but we all new they couldn't stay away for long.

Last month the newly reformed Hardrive Bluegrass Band released a new CD 'Live at Guildford' with 19 tracks that will keep you on your toes.

The new line-up is Blackwood locals Nick Dear on mandolin & vocals with his son Lachlan Dear on Guitar & vocals as well as David Hellens on banjo, Justin Price-Rees on fiddle & Matt Ryan on Bass.

I've heard tell there is also a DVD of the recording also soon to be released. Find out more on www.hardrivebluegrassband.com.



# BEYOND BLACKWOOD...



## from Trentham Lions Club Monthly Dance Program.

Old Time Dancing is held on 2nd Friday each month in the Trentham Mechanics Hall. Dances start at 8pm. Admission is \$8 per person, including supper and a door prize draw. Alternate dances are held in aid of the Trentham Historical Society and Trentham Lions Club. Music is by Family Rhythm. Enquiries: Elizabeth 5424 1254.

Dates for the next few dances are: June 10th & July 8th

## Farmer's Market

**Sat 18th June & 16th July** Every Third Saturday of each month @ Trentham Town Square. 9 am – 1pm. STUFF YOUR PANTRY with fresh eggs, cheese, fruit and vegetables, dips, preserves, wine, sourdough & yummy sweet treats, along with raffles, and local entertainment. Family fun for all children and friends. Enquiries: Tracey 5424 1185 / 0447 836 171.

## Birthday Cakes

Trentham Lions will deliver birthday cakes to persons in our district who are 80 yrs and over. If you are aware of anyone in the area who does not receive a cake, please advise Shirley 5438 5690, of their details (name, address, phone number and date of birth), and we will endeavour to deliver them a delicious birthday cake on their birthday.

LIONS ACTIVITIES JUNE 2011	
Fri 3	Trentham Film Society 7.30pm @ Neighbourhood Centre. New members welcome. "To Be & To Have", (G), France, 2002, Documentary. James or Brad 5424 1354, 5424 1126.
Sat 4	Community Mini Market @ Neighbourhood Centre 9.30am-1pm. Craft & home baking. 5424 1354
	Truffles Tastings @ Neighbourhood Centre. Chris 0416 227 375.
Mon 6	CWA Meeting Sec: Lyn 5438 5568.
	Trentham Sustainability Group 7.30pm 1st Monday monthly @ Railway Station. Glenda 5424 1727.
each mon	Line Dancing (except school hols), 7-9pm @ Sportsground Hall. 7-9pm \$10. Chris 5424 1354 .
each tues	Trentham Playgroup @ Mechanics Hall 10 -11.30am. \$3 p/family. Bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. Different theme activities each week. Kerryn 5424 1686 or Karen 5424 1141. Not School Hols
Fri 10	Old Time Dance @ Mechanics Hall from 8pm. Spot prizes. Music by Family rhythm. Elizabeth 5424 1254.
Sat 11	Truffles Tastings at Neighbourhood Centre. Chris 0416 227 375.
Mon 13	Friends of the Station @ Historical Railway Mtg rm 7.30pm. Gwenda 5424 1611.
Sat 18	Trentham Farmers Market @ Trentham Town Square 9am-1pm. Local produce, entertainment, sausage sizzle, fresh market supplies. Tracey 5424 1185 or 0419 528 458.
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Mon 20	FREE BUS TO WENDOUREE Community Link Program. Departs Trentham 9am sharp. Bookings Judith 5368 6697.
Sat 25	Truffles Tastings at Neighbourhood Centre. Chris 0416 227 375.
Sun 26	Friends of the Station Market @ Historical Railway Ground, Victoria St., 9am-2pm. Every 4th Sunday of each month. Gwenda 5424 1611.
<b>LIONS ACTIVITIES JULY 2011</b>	
Fri 1	Trentham Film Society @ Neighbourhood Centre 7.30pm. New members welcome. "District 9", (MA), Sci-Fi/Action. James/Brad 5424 1354, 5424 1126.
Sat 2	Community Mini Market @ Neighbourhood Centre from 9.30am-1pm. Craft and home baking 5424 1354
Sat 2/ Sun 3	The Truffle & Wine Festival @ Mechanics Hall. A unique truffle experience to incorporate field events and forays. Truffle cooking demos with experts to show how to produce truffles. Special truffle dinners are being prepared by Trentham restaurants for this weekend. Chris 5424 1599 or 0416 227 375.
Mon 4	CWA Meeting Lyn 5438 5568.
	Trentham Sustainability Group 7.30pm @ Railway Station. A forum for information, raising community awareness and current initiatives on sustainable living. Glenda 5424 1727.
Fri 8	Old Time Dance @ Mechanics Hall from 8pm. Cost \$8 pp including supper & door prize. Spot prizes. Music by Family rhythm. Elizabeth 5424 1254.
Mon 11	Friends of the Station monthly meeting @ Historical Railway Mtg room 7.30pm. Gwenda 5424 1611.
Sat 16	Trentham Farmers Market @ Trentham Town Square from 9am-1pm. Local produce, entertainment, sausage sizzle, fresh market supplies. Tracey 5424 1185 or 0419 528 458.
	"Trentham Made" market @ The Cosmo footpath 9am-1pm - selling hand crafted items made In and Around Trentham. Stalls available. 3rd Saturday of each month. Ruth 5424 1470 or Simone 5424 1603.
	Weed Free Trentham 1pm-4pm. For info on sites & other details Jan 5424 1100 or Brad 5424 1126.
Mon 18	FREE BUS TO WENDOUREE. Community Link Program. Departs Trentham 9am sharp. Bookings essential. Enquiries: Judith 5368 6697.
each Mon	Line Dancing, each Mon (except school hols), 7-9pm @ Sportsground Hall. 7-9pm \$10. Enquiries: Chris 5424 1354.
each Tues	Trentham Playgroup @ Mechanics Hall 10-11.30am. \$3 p/family. Bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. Kerryn 5424 1686 or Karen 5424 1141. Different theme activities each week. Not School Hols
Sun 24	Friends of the Station Market @ Historical Railway Grounds, Victoria St., 9am-2pm Gwenda 5424 1611.
Sat 30	Xmas in July @ Mechanics Hall 6.30 until late. Live music, 3 course meal \$30 per head. Bookings essential – Rosalie 5424 1523, Geoff 5424 1572, Glenda 5424 1727.

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## Blumin' Tips #5 Grow the most expensive spice in the world & reap the rewards!

~ by Simone Gilbert & Sandy Cummins



Whilst autumn signals the time for many flowers to hibernate, one, heralded as the world's most expensive spice (worth more than its weight in gold) is at its most prevalent. It is the saffron crocus. We sneak this in as part of Blumin's "edible flower" series.

This ancient bulb is autumn-flowering in the southern hemisphere, producing a colourful display of blue & purple flowers. And it is very easy to grow.

But it is not its petals that are revered or edible but its tiny stigmas & styles. These must be harvested straight after the flowers open, Then they must be left to stand & dry for 3-5 days in a sheltered spot.

The harvesting & drying process is time-intensive but very rewarding. You can quickly see why this is such a prized spice – it takes over 4,000 flowers to produce a single ounce of saffron! Its



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perfume & flavour are likened to bitter honey & as its burnt orange colour is so intense, it is used in many cultures such as India as a dye & in Imperial Roman times to scent the baths & public halls.

Better known for its culinary qualities, it forms the basis for many famous dishes including Spanish paella, Indian curries and Moroccan pilafs. Since saffron is so concentrated, you only need a few strands to flavour your meals at home. A gentle touch & small amount certainly reaps rewards when it comes to adding saffron to your special dishes

If these are not enough reasons to "have a go" at growing Saffron, it has significant & valuable medicinal qualities. Topically, it is used to improve overall skin condition. It is also used with much success to treat acne. It can be taken to improve blood circulation, treat digestive disturbance, ease cough & asthmatic breathing, reduce fever & inflammation, calm nervousness & alleviate depression. In Tibet, saffron is often an ingredient in medicinal incenses; it is considered a tonic for the heart & the nervous system.

Lastly, what Blumin tip is complete without a "language of flowers" entry – the Crocus - means cheerfulness!

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They have also had people such as Richard Cornish "epicure food writer, The Age" cooking a "Paella" with guests all hands on in the making of the dish.



A candle-lit dinner for "Earthhour" saw local identity/writer Tom Kingston speaking on environmental issues, with local guitarist Martyn Blake playing some soothing acoustic guitar. Tom Kingston also sang a couple of tunes.

Keep your eye out for more events on the blackboard next to the counter!



### Lal Lal Moorabool Photographic Group

Announce their First Annual Lal Lal / Moorabool Photographic Exhibition at Lal Lal Memorial Soldiers Hall, Clarendon/Lal Lal Rd, Lal Lal 26-28 August 2011 Open to Public 10 am-4 pm Admission \$2ph Official Opening & Presentation of Awards. 1p.m. 27th August Light refreshments provided.

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Harvested in mid-winter, 'roasts' with truffle are great around a warm fire & with your favourite tippie.

Watch both pigs and dogs hunting for truffle, actors simulate the secretive French buying & selling of truffle. Learn how to grow both the French black truffle & the white Italian 'magnatum'. Watch cooking demonstrations by celebrity chefs.

Supporting the emerging Victorian truffles industry- started a bit later than other states, but now on its way, with over 40 truffierie now maturing. This year, VTF will focus on unlocking the secrets of truffle & matching local wines & produce at a variety of venues across the region. The main event, a 2 day festival of truffles, food, wine & music, will be held in Trentham.

The official Festival dinner at The Bentinck, Woodend on 2 July will have truffles, wine & food experts in attendance, presenting before each course. Bookings 0416 227 375.

Also celebrate Victorian truffles with local reds and Pinots & local produce in a special series of 'roast' events throughout June.

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### PIEMAN'S DREAM TEAM TIPS

~ Dermott Hehir

Welcome to the second edition of PieMan's Dream Team Tips!

It's been a huge season so far with a lot of ups & downs. The highs have been the great scoring of rookies such as Curnow, Heppell & Darling along with the break out years of a couple of backs in Jed Adcock & Matt Suckling. The lows have been the shocking start to the year from the star St Kilda players in Goddard, Riewoldt & Gilbert. Greg Broughton's new role isn't allowing him to accumulate points, & injuries to highly selected players in Jack Grimes & Lenny Hayes is also making things difficult.

It's been a great start for my side, I am sitting undefeated & top of the ladder in my main league & I am down to 14 trades which is about where you should be by now. It's time to start cashing in your rookies such as Tapscott, Stanley, Libba, Swallow & Matrea. These players have all gone well over \$200,000 & if you trade half of these players to new rookies who are on average around \$92,000 you will make a lot of cash to trade the other half to guns such as Pendlebury, Ablett & Chapman.

Some fresh meat you could get into your side are Mzungu (\$97,600), Jacobs (\$100,500), Evans (\$80,400), Green (\$92,500) and Isaac Smith (\$92,500). Til next time, good luck with your teams & never give up.

As I only submit an article every couple of months, be sure to visit the DT Talk & FanFooty websites for great advice.

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The SAINTS played at home recently against Talbot on a beautiful autumn day, & there were many winners on the day. This year the Club has been focusing on family involvement, team effort & a creative a culture of support & inclusion. It is clear that their efforts are paying off!

The new Under13s netball side won 9 goals to 3 & everyone was thrilled with their efforts. This game was followed by another win - the Under 15s football side were outstanding with coach Barry Mahar acknowledging their team efforts. The wins kept coming on the football ground with the Under 17s won by over 23 goals, the Reserves by 11 goals & the Seniors by 9 goals & their respective coaches Owen Sundblom Bob Beare & Dale Cowell all talked about team efforts.

Trentham's C grade netball side with new coaches Brooke Healy & Brooke Scholes won 33 to 24. This match was followed by the SAINTS B grade side who won 30 to 22 under their new coach Sharon Dovaston.

The players, parents and other supporters are enjoying every minute of it & the enthusiasm shows through. The SAINTS football and netball club invites you to a home game - check the dates on posters around town.



The young SAINTS netball side are improving every week & the parents think the experience is great.

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