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One of our newest Blackwoodians, Isaac celebrates his half birthday & first spring time with a daffodil from his garden.

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### EDITORS THOUGHTS ...

Ah, the trials & tribulations of trying to get a new issue out! Just at the tail end of putting this issue together the power went out! Each time we have a power outage we scramble around (often in the dark or by torch or candlelight) for the non-powered-corded phone & the magnet on the fridge with the emergency number for Powercor. Finally, at about 4.50pm, I called up to be told by a non-descript male voice recording that Blackwood, Dales Creek, Barry's Reef, Trentham & Trentham East were all out - cause unknown & to call back in 2 hours, the voice then told me ETA was 5pm. How weird that they don't know what the fault is but can estimate it being fixed in 10 minutes!

We've got some great articles in this issue, particularly close to my heart are the Remembrance Day stories (p8 & 9). My dear old Dad was in the Navy. He, like Jack Rayner, wanted to sign up for the RAAF but having grown up in Shepparton he was a pretty good shot so his parents wouldn't allow him to sign up because he would have been made a tail-gunner. Tail gunners never came back. He signed up for the Navy & was one of the first Aussies to be trained in Radar.

Our trusty regular contributors also have some great articles. Kathie has started a new series on Health Basics (p21). Bev Cooper has written her memories in our first story on "Why I love Blackwood" (p2), thanks Bev.

Of interest to anyone considering advertising in Blackwood News are the August September issues downloads stats (p22). I am constantly amazed at how they grow each issue.

To wrap up, I hope you enjoy this issue. Remember, this is your community news so if you have an article, feature, story, photo or comment you would like to see in the November December issue, the deadlines are below. Please mark these dates in your diary, put a reminder a week earlier & email me your bits & bobs or drop them in the drop box outside the Merchant.

As always your donations are always welcome to ensure the continuation of our community news.

In October I am off to the 2011 Community Newspaper Association of Victoria's annual conference, I hope to come back with lots of new & exciting ideas. 'Til then, happy reading (& writing)

~ 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
Jul'11	84.9	102.8	-1.3	13.4
Aug'11	58.2	110.7	-1.2	16.4

**THIS AUGUST** has been fairly mild with an average temperature about 1.7 degrees above that of 2010. The overall winter temperature has been nearly a degree warmer than 2010 & a small amount more than 2009. As Blackwood winters can be quite chilly, a warmer winter is appreciated by most, however the temperature is not the full story as the wind chill factor influences the perception of how cold it is.

**WE AGAIN** have had below average rainfall & the only months this year where we have had above average have been January & February.

### FROM DON NARDELLA'S DESK... GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY



The Member for Melton, Mr Don Nardella is backing calls from Opposition Leader, Daniel Andrews to create a make Grand Final 'public' holiday.

The Labor Opposition has launched a campaign calling on the Baillieu Government to consider introducing a new public holiday to celebrate the iconic AFL Grand Final.

Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews urged the Premier to look at the idea. "The AFL Grand Final is one of the biggest events on our sporting calendar. It attracts attention from across the world & is loved by people of all ages," Mr Andrews said.

"Victorians find many ways to celebrate in the lead up to the Grand Final, whether it's attending a barbecue at a local football club or lining up along Melbourne's streets to welcome the Grand Final players who take part in the parade.

"That's why we believe a public holiday on Grand Final Friday makes sense.

"A public holiday would allow more Victorians to attend the parade & other festivities before the Grand Final, & would give regional communities an opportunity to host events.

"Making the Friday before the Grand Final a public holiday would benefit families & tourism, & would help capitalise on a major event in our state."

Mr Andrews said a new public holiday was also an important way to thank people for the great contribution they made to the community. "We understand Victorians are working harder every day & a public holiday would give them an opportunity to spend more time with their families.

"There isn't a public holiday between the Queen's Birthday & the Melbourne Cup, & I don't think it's too much to ask to combine a proper break for families with an iconic sporting event.

"Mr Baillieu has ruled out the idea, but Victorians can urge the Premier to reconsider making Grand Final Friday a public holiday by getting behind this campaign."

To get involved in the campaign, visit www.facebook.com/grandfinalfriday

FROM THE EDITOR: Yep, politics sure is a serious business!

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My sister & I were almost always taken up to spend the holidays with Nana by one of our uncles. One time, in the back of a ute on a mattress, with blankets & a tarp over us, it was a cold but very exciting trip. We'd stop at Bacchus Marsh to get the best apples in the world, & honey & a big bag of humbugs for Uncle Charlie ... then it was up the hill, turn off the highway ... Ballarat Road as it was then, through Greendale & the forest ... almost there, round the bend, past the school, we couldn't sit still! Turn the corner, down the hill & swing in under the pines AH! here at last, big deep breaths, it still smells the same, & we'd run around like dogs let off the chain, checking everything, down the creek, along to the Broads to get the milk. "Hello we're back!" Auntie Dorrie always gave us a huge biscuit & she would go into a dark cold tunnel to fill our billy with milk, then it was time to get the sticks & fill the woodbox, a big bowl of soup & into bed ... we all slept together in Nana's bed, warmed with a hot brick, if you turned over & crawled up close you could see the grown-ups sitting at the table reading or talking by the light of the kero lamp. The wall was hessian, stretched tightly & by scratching a tiny hole you could see through it ... wiggling back down we would look through the little six-paned window at the black shadows of the pine trees waving against the starry sky ... next thing we knew it was morning ... mmm, bacon frying in the big black pan hanging over the stove, you quickly got dressed, ran down to the "little house", & back to the best brekky ever, weeties with hot milk, bacon & big thick slices of toast with butter & blackberry jelly like huge shiny rubies, a cup of cocoa, then off we'd go ... down to the Mineral first to fill up (we still do when we visit) then on to Golden point, back up the hill & home to Nana's for lunch, then off again, catching up with cousins & Aunties & Uncles ... & being fed & loved wherever we turned up ... then it was evening again, reading, or board games around the table, then off to bed - too exited to sleep, but we always did!

Why do I love Blackwood? We were loved, we were safe, we were free! I guess it is because we belonged & still do.

Blackwood, home, home, home of my heart.

~ Bev Cooper nee Skinner



Bev aged 1 year, 11 months & 2 weeks

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## THE BLACKWOOD GENTLEMEN'S ADVENTURERS SOCIETY

BY RODNEY LUNSCHALOT BGB VD & SCAR



Well gentle readers, in the last edition of this fine chronicle I told you about the fact that all the facts of the aged member's convoy to the fleshpots of St Kilda would be revealed; they never

made it to the fleshpots of St Kilda. The expedition's navigator Chumley Jnr decided to take a short cut that took them through the hamlet of Whitestone, regular readers of this fine chronicle might recall that some of our members happened on Whitestone earlier this year.

The decision to stop at the pub in Whitestone was a fateful one with events unfolding in a similar fashion to what happened to the wedding guest in Coleridge's epic "The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner" who was heard to proclaim "unhand me you grey beard loon what manner of things do you talk of." Such was Algernon's response when one of the locals began their monologue about the trials and travails of the village of Whitestone.

This is how the story unfolded; slowly through lack of local support or interest the businesses in the village had all but disappeared. The few that were left struggled to stay afloat. Locals did not see that the very thing they were unhappy about was being brought about by a lack of any sort of consistent community involvement, working bees were always just the same few people, the pub had attracted an unruly element of fringe dwellers, one of the few remaining shops had reduced its trading hours to three days per week, even the dance had been cancelled!. Those members of the community who did get involved were viewed with deep suspicion & slowly, as the community stories unfolded & as the sad story went down, down, down so did the level of alcohol in the bottles of brandy that the members had resorted to to cope with the melancholy tales.

Undaunted, Brentley Smythe, one of the younger members, tottered to an upright pose (and given his cavalry experience he was always ram rod straight when standing) & said, "Bloody hell fellows, all these local Whitestonians need to do to get things moving is to spend at least \$10 each for each adult in the village & they might stop the rot, on top of that a bit of courtesy to each other & concern for the greater good & things would be quite remarkable"

With that Brentley turned on his heel & with one backward glance said to the rest of the members, "Come on chaps, the fleshpots await. We have seen, heard & offered a solution now it's up to them, lets away, I have distinct stirring in my loins"

So, gentle readers I must once again say that you will have to wait 'til next issue to find out what happened in St Kilda.

### Blackwood Antique Merchant

One of the things about fossicking for antiques that makes it so enjoyable is that you never know what a keen informed eye might spot.

A customer recently regaled us with a story of a pretty but grubby oil painting that was acquired from a local (Daylesford) antique shop that her friend had bought for \$25 & had been sold at auction in Melbourne for \$3500. Her friend, who had done some research on the painting, took it to a high-end Melbourne auctioneer who was very keen to sell it on her behalf. Her friend said, "I knew it was worth money when they started being nice to me & offering me tea".

All of us who collect have similar stories. It's sort of the antique collectors version of winning Tattsлото!

## BLACKWOOD OF OLD



photos courtesy Iris Swann nee Grayson



### Blackwood Antique & Collectors Fair

On the Sunday, November 6, the 4th Annual Collectors Fair will be held in the heritage gardens of Forest Edge Country House, 24 Martin Street Blackwood. Dealers from all over Victoria will be selling & showing a veritable Paladins' trove of collectable goodies. Valuers will be on site to appraise your precious collectables, a gold coin donation in support of the Blackwood Special School will be levied for valuations & entry.

### Massive Market at the Blackwood Hall

Start emptying your pantry, filling your wallet & getting ready to count big sleeps until the November 26, when Blackwood will have the biggest, most exciting, totally amazing & truly magnificent market of truly gigantic proportions.

Watch the notice boards around town & look for the street signage. Whatever you do make sure you are in Blackwood, cashed up & at the hall on November 26.

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Lisa Morrissey trying out another tune at the Blackwood Hotel open-mic, it's all about having a go & building confidence with a really supportive crowd!



Rob Fuller helps out at the open-mic at Blackwood Hotel, recording people as they perform so they can listen to their performance when they get home! Good job Rob!!



Isaac continues to enjoy his first spring with a cherry blossom.

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(TOP) RENEE & Steve Armstrong recently introduced their son Lachlan James Armstrong to his great grandparents for the first time last Sunday at the Blackwood Hotel over lunch. He is their first great grandchild & they were thrilled to meet him.

STEVE GREW up in Blackwood with his parents Ron & Carol Stockdale. They moved away when he was 6 but nan & pa stayed on.

LACHLAN WAS born on the 1st July 2011 in Melbourne.

(LEFT) NATALIE Whiffin & Owen Byers were married on Magnetic Island on 3rd September 2011. Wishing you both all the very best.

LOVE FROM Mum, Taryn & Sam

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### OCTOBER 2011

when	what	where
Sat 1, lunch	Ciderhouse String Band	Radio Springs
Sat 1, pm	The Dear Family All Stars *	Radio Springs
Sun 2, lunch	Gillian & Terry	Radio Springs
Sun 2, 3-6	Open Mic Afternoon	Blackwood Hotel
Sun 2, pm	Lily P	Radio Springs
Thur 6, pm	Family Farm	Radio Springs
Fri 7, pm	Goyim	Radio Springs
Sat 8, lunch	A Little Left of Centre	Radio Springs
Sat 8, pm	Sitting Ducks	Radio Springs
Sun 9, lunch	Mr Geoffrey Williams	Radio Springs
Sun 9, pm	Little Red Blues Bag	Radio Springs
Thur 13, pm	Table Hill	Radio Springs
Fri 14, pm	Jali Buba	Radio Springs
Sat 15, lunch	Tusi Tali	Radio Springs
Sat 15, pm	Grumpy Neighbour	Radio Springs
Sun 16, lunch	Gillian & Terry	Radio Springs
Sun 16, pm	Don Shade	Radio Springs
Thur 20, pm	Travelling Concessions	Radio Springs
Fri 21, pm	The Dear Family All Stars *	Radio Springs
Sat 22, lunch	Anam Chara	Radio Springs
Sat 22, pm	Mr Geoffrey Williams	Radio Springs
Sun 23, lunch	Table Hill	Radio Springs
Sun 23, 1.30pm	Blackwood Academy *	Lerdies on Martin
Sun 23, 4pm	Blackwood Revue *	Lerdies on Martin
Sun 23, pm	Little Red Blues Bag	Radio Springs
Thur 27, pm	The Dear Family All Stars *	Radio Springs
Fri 28, pm	Goyim	Radio Springs
Sat 29, lunch	A Little Left of Centre	Radio Springs
Sun 30, lunch	Sassy Sisters	Radio Springs
Sun 30, pm	Ciderhouse String Band	Radio Springs

### NOVEMBER 2011

when	what	where
Sun 6, 3-6	Open Mic Afternoon	Blackwood Hotel
Sun 26, 1.30pm	Blackwood Academy	Lerdies on Martin
Sun 26, 4pm	Blackwood Revue	Lerdies on Martin

\* denotes Blackwoodians

## Blackwood Academy

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# REMEMBRANCE DAY 2011: A COLLECTION OF WAR MEMORIES

## JACK RAYNER'S war experiences

As a teenager Jack Rayner was keenly interested in flying & with the outbreak of World War II he intended to enlist in the Air Force but his father refused him permission to do so as he was under 20 years of age. As a compromise, he put his birth date back 6 months, which enabled him to join the 2nd. A.I.F. in June 1940. At the time the world situation was quite desperate, the German Armed Forces having conquered France, Denmark, Norway & Poland.

Jack was allocated to the 2/1 Artillery Survey as a Gunner in the Sound Ranging Battery for training as a Survey Computer. In February, 1941, he was appointed a Group 1 Surveyor.

On April 9, 1941 his unit boarded the British liner "Queen Elizabeth" in Sydney Harbour to sail to the Middle East. The "QE", as it was known, was the largest passenger liner of the day & had been hurriedly transferred from the Greenock shipyard in Scotland to Singapore where it was stripped out internally for service as a troop carrier. The trip to the Middle East was the first time it was used to convey troops to a war zone. The "QE" had central station in a convey consisting of the largest liners in the world, the British "Queen Mary" (it's sister ship, each of 83,000 tons capacity) & "Mauretania", the French "Ile de France" & the Dutch "Nieuw Amsterdam". During the voyage the "QE" underwent speed trials of up to 35 knots. When crossing the Australian Bight, there were huge ocean swells & it was a tremendous sight when the ships rolled sideways for us to be virtually looking down the funnels of the "Queen Mary". The awesome power of the sea was also displayed at the same time with the bow of this mighty liner dipping in to the huge swell in a tremendous cloud of spray, a never-to-be forgotten sight.

The trip to the Middle East was uneventful & the unit disembarked at Port Tewfik in Egypt to another world compared to Australia & travelled by train to Palestine where we encamped in tents at Hill 95, a few miles north of Gaza. Our training was stepped up & those of us in the Sound Ranging Battery were introduced to the intricacies of locating enemy artillery positions, a method dating back to 1914/18, then being used quite effectively during the siege by the Germans & Italians of Tobruk in the Libyan Western Desert. At the time, we expected that we would be transferred to Tobruk.

During our training, we enjoyed leave to Tel-a-Viv & Jerusalem, a fascinating place to visit with notable places of interest such as Bethlehem, the Wailing Wall, the huge gold domed mosque & the market place. By contrast, modern Tel-a-Viv, constructed mostly

during the previous 25 years, was vastly different as it was largely a Jewish city with up-to-date public amenities. We also had the pleasure of visiting a Kibbutz, a Jewish co-operative settlement that was largely self sufficient. The inhabitants were mainly refugees from Germany & the occupied countries of Europe.

With Germany preoccupied with the invasion of the Soviet Union, operations were commenced by the Allied Forces against the Vichy French which supported Germany in Syria & the Lebanon to forestall any possible movement of German forces south through Turkey to take over the Iraq oil fields. Because the Free French were allies & the authorities feared a perception of mixed loyalties, the Syrian military campaign was heavily censored. Our unit entrained as an attachment to a Red Cross train for southern Lebanon eventually settling in behind the front lines on the southern side of the Damour River, just a few miles from the town of Damour. The unit arrived at our position in the late morning & set up camp, if you could call it such, on the beach between the main coastal road & the Mediterranean Sea. There was no cover which was not of any great concern as it was mid summer at the time. Over the road from our position there were several 25 pounder & 4.5 inch howitzer artillery batteries which commenced firing on the Vichy positions during the afternoon. This was a somewhat unnerving experience as Jack's unit, despite the nature of its work, had not operated with artillery during training. That night, a disused pump house which was the Battery headquarters & accommodated the Unit's sound ranging equipment, was shelled by the Vichy French artillery. The pump house was not hit but busting shells showered members of the unit with sand. Fortunately, there were no casualties but the experience was nevertheless quite frightening.

The next day, a British naval squadron consisting of a battleship, a cruiser & several destroyers sailed up & down the coast just a few miles out to sea shelling enemy positions in & around Damour causing extensive damage which was inspected a short time later by Jack & other members of his unit. Later that day, a flight of French light bombers circled at low level over their position but, much to the relief of the unit, no bombs were dropped. It was assumed that the Vichy French simply wanted to let the Australians know that they were still a force even though they were to surrender several weeks later. It was ironical & so sad that French troops on both sides fought each other in such a bitter campaign that also caused many casualties among Australians who took part in the battle.

... to be continued next issue

## Vale Horace Allan Charles Skinner 1910-1992 Flight Sergeant 451 SQUADRON R.A.A.F. 1940-1945.



*These are the facts as my sister Faye & I remember them ...*

It was a lovely spring afternoon Oct 6, 1910 when a baby boy was born in a buggy on the side of the track near Simmons Reef. His mother, Minnie May Skinner (Hill) had been delivering the hot billys of stew to her husband Joe & father & brother who were working down in their mine. Min pulled off the track, had her baby, wrapped him snugly in her long white petticoat then continued on her way home. In time two brothers & a sister arrived. Horrie grew & flourished among the

Blackwood hills surrounded by a large extended family of Aunts, Uncles & many cousins.

We grew up listening to wild & wonderful tales of his adventures with his brothers & cousins, Jack & Harry Cann, & their beloved Uncle Charlie (Hill) ... fishing, shooting, camping & as dad often said just going for a wander. When dad was 11 or 12 years old the family moved to the dreaded city to the suburb of Brunswick. Dad had a very difficult time adjusting to school & after an undeserved & overly exertive punishment – 5 of the best on both hands with the guilty parties watching, he refused to go back to school. He said he would run away to Blackwood & hide in the bush! He wasn't made to return & he got a job at a local foundry as an errand boy & then later worked at 'Ramonds Box Factory' in Collingwood where he met his future wife, Mavis Watkins.

Dad was an accomplished musician having had formal violin & piano lessons when young. The whole family were very musical, Nana & Pop often played at local functions dressed as gypsy minstrels. Dad could move from 'Moonlight Sonata' to 'Mack The Knife' in the blink of an eye, without sheet music. He also played sax & banjo in the late 30's & early 40's. He often played with dance bands in various Town Halls around Melbourne. He also

*"He would laugh, clap his hands & say good on you lovey, you told the truth".  
Dad would love it that he's finally had the "last word"!*

played at 'The Green Mill', 'The Trocadero' & 'Leggets Ballroom' ...all disappeared now! In those days the ladies wore gorgeous long gowns & the men wore dinner suits, sometimes when Mum & Dad went of to a dance I thought they looked like film stars.

In the late 1920's Dad tried to join the Navy but was under age & Pop would not give his consent, he was later rejected on medical grounds, in Feb 1914 he joined the R.A.A.F. Dad used to say that it wasn't German bombs that knocked him out, it was a telegram about becoming a dad. He was also a mess cook & could never get enough supplies to feed the men properly. He couldn't stand waste of any kind but the men were often hungry because a lot of food went bad.

In 1944 the war was over & Horrie came home. He was lucky to get back on at Raymonds in Collingwood. We lived with our maternal grandparents as another baby girl had arrived. A few years later we moved into a beaut new brick house in Heidelberg West where dad was very happy growing vegies & beautiful flowers. We had chooks & a big woolly floppy dog that Dad named Rex as he said he was a king of all dogs. Dad had gun dogs in his younger days & showed us how to train dogs. He showed us how to cook, to garden. As time passed, Dad began to withdraw from

life, he suffered terrible nightmares & we now realize that he had sunk into a severe depression – I guess too many sad memories finally caught up with him! Dad became a heavy drinker, there are many people who thought of him as just an old drunk. Like any drug, he became more dependant on alcohol, it was cheap & gave him the peace & escape from the terrible nightmares he suffered. There is a quote from Patty Duke in her biography that I think is a fitting epitaph for our Dad ....she says "My father was a beautiful soul who never had a chance." Sometimes life throws us more than we can handle!

When we were young Dad was a wonderful, gentle, loving man & we have many happy memories. When the time came to say goodbye, we bought

dad home to Blackwood & scattered his ashes up near where he was born, Dad's only wish in life was to go home.

Horrie was just another country boy who went to war as so many did. We like to think that Dad was taken up with the Valkyries a fallen warrior, because the war never left our dad until his final sleep.

~ Bev Cooper & Faye DeMar (nee Skinner)

## My Service in the RAAF WWII Alan Wellsley Griffin 59697 LAC 30-7-42 to 4-3-46

I turned 18 years of age on the July 20, 1942 & by the July 30, 1942 I was officially in the RAAF as 59697 AC1 Griffin AW.

Basic training was at Shepparton Victoria & I had no trouble there as I had served 2 years in the Wesley College Cadet Corps. We were camped at the show grounds in tents – no electricity just hurricane lamps & under the floor boards lay about 1/2" of water.

I caught a heavy cold & sore throat, the cure for same, which was very effective, was to swallow 1 teaspoon of sugar laced with 5 or 6 drops of kerosene from the hurricane lamp, taken 3 times a day after meals – no prescription required!

It didn't take me long to write home to my Mother & Father to share my initial experiences in Shepparton with them, including a full description of the menu on the day of writing the letter. A week had not even passed! At that point, I was not to know that my time in the RAAF would amount to

*In times of stress & difficulty, recollection of our finest hours is a source of hope, courage & inspiration.*

3 years & 8 months & take me deep into the Islands well North of Darwin.

On the February 27, 1942 I was posted to RAAF signal school Point Cook & after successfully completing my signal course I was posted to WA HQ for about a month. The troop train that carried us was so massive that while crossing the Nullarbor, it was unable to keep moving up many of the small grades & everyone would have to get off & walk until the slope was negotiated.

On this troop train to Perth, I met up with a young RAAF chap who lived in Perth, the information I gained from him was that there was no RAAF accommodation at HQ or nearby – you had to find your own & my best bet was to contact a group of volunteer women who arranged accommodation for service personnel.

This I did & whilst in Perth I slept on the 2nd storey balcony of an old 2 story mansion in Hay street which had been converted into a boarding house – old world silver service breakfast & dinner!

**BROOME:** The next posting was to Broome on May 12, 1943. The trip to Broome was via the coastal steam ship M.V. Koolinda, which pre-war



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used to do the run to Singapore.

The passengers were made up of a few army boys & four RAAF – WT (Wireless Telegraph) Operators. Two of the RAAF WT's disembarked as I recall at Port Hedland & Hugh Whitford & I went onto Broome. We travelled 1st class – two to a cabin with a steward who came knocking on the cabin door when it was meal time & we ate at the captain's table.

Hugh & I arrived to a deserted township. All but essential civilians had been evacuated. The reason for the evacuation was under the assumption that after heavy Japanese air raids the 'Japs' usually followed the raid with a landing of ground troops.

The RAAF base, including ourselves, consisted of ten men "armed to the teeth" with the CO's 38 revolver & one .303 rifle between

two Met officers. There was also in the town a detachment of thirty army men with their issue .303 rifles & two Lewis guns. With this "formidable" array of armament the 'Japs' would certainly think twice about any landing at Broome!!!

The hanger at the town end of the air strip was a large corrugated iron structure & it bore bullet holes that ran diagonally across the front doors where on the 3rd of March 1942 Fl. LT Gus Winckel who had taken his machine gun from his LoLodestar aircraft, stood & firing his gun from the hip, was able to shoot down the Zero flown by warrant officer Osamu Kudo. The Zero crashed into the sea & Kudo was killed.

... to be continued next issue

**'I DEDICATE** this story of my 'R.A.A.F Service WWII' to my wife Phyllis & sons Glenn, Adrian & Paul, for without their constant requests & encouragement to record my personal experiences, it would not have been written.

**ALSO SPECIAL** thanks to Phyllis for her loyalty & lifetime support during & after the war, & my son Paul for his editing & valued practical assistance.'

**thank-you to Jack Rayner, Bev Cooper & Alan Griffin for sharing their stories**



**ST. MALACHY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BLACKWOOD** BY MARGOT HITCHCOCK HISTORIAN FOR THE BLACKWOOD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

November 2011 marks the year when the Catholic Church in Blackwood celebrates its 150th anniversary, to mark this occasion the following historical article is contributed here for the readers interest.

An application for a grant of land for a Catholic Church at Blackwood was made to the Lands Department in August 1860 & an acre allotment was granted on 10 January 1861.

St. Malachy's Catholic Church, Red Hill, Blackwood was built some time in the 1860's by the men of the Blackwood congregation.

A report in the Argus newspaper on, 7th July 1855 reported a Catholic chapel in Blackwood.

On June 6, 1874 another report said – "The Roman Catholics have taken down their chapel & are building a new one in line with the Episcopalian church. When finished it will improve the appearance of Red Hill. The place selected is between the Mechanics Institute (Blackwood Hall) & the Church of England (Anglican) & is one of the best sites for church purposes on Blackwood."

Prior to the erection of St. Malachy's Catholic Church at Mount Blackwood in May 1861, Mass was said in the old Purcell homestead at the foot of the mountain. The priest rode on horseback from Bacchus Marsh, celebrated Mass & then continued on to Blackwood to say Mass there. He was always accompanied by two other persons, also on horseback, to keep away the wild cattle which were quite numerous in the bush in those days.

The Blackwood Church had an attached room for the priest to stay in overnight should the weather be inclement or further duties were required of him. This room was removed in the 1920's & is still part of a house in Blackwood today.

There is a record of a previous Catholic Church at Blackwood before the present building was constructed. It took the form of a large tent & was known as St. Patrick's. Bishop Goold of Ballarat visited Blackwood in September 1855 & the attendance at his service in the tent was estimated to have been between 700 & 800 people. One of the earliest marriages was celebrated in the Church on 17 June 1855 between a John Mitchell & Catherine McGrath by a visiting priest, Father Patrick Maddern.

In later years, the Blackwood Church became part of the Trentham Parish and, as the attendances dwindled over the years, the services were reduced until, at the present time, there are only Masses during the holiday seasons. Mass at Easter is usually packed out. Over the past 30 years, there have been several Marriages, Christenings & a few Funeral Services. After having stood there for over 100 years, the building became very run down, the floor had sunk in one corner & it was in such a bad state of repair that restorative work was urgently needed. An ecumenical fund raising effort was launched & the local community & former residents of Blackwood to enable work to commence quickly raised sufficient money. The building had a complete facelift, was re-stumped,

given a new floor, carpeted & painted inside & outside until it looked almost as good as new.

Sunday March 22, 1981 was a momentous occasion for Blackwood with the visit of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Sir Frank Little. People came from far & wide to attend the Mass which was celebrated by His Grace. Visiting Clergy from neighbouring parishes & also Archdeacon Scheumach of the Bendigo Anglican Diocese & Pastor Clark of the Uniting Church were in attendance together with the Hon. Robert Knowles M.L.C., the Hon. Clive Bubb M.L.A., Ballan Shire Councillors & many former residents of Blackwood, including descendants of families who were parishioners of St. Malachy's in the 1860's.

Following the Mass, a reception was given to the Archbishop in the nearby Hall. His Grace congratulated all those who were involved in the restoration of St. Malachy's & expressed his surprise that so much could be done by a comparatively small community. The cost of the restoration work was \$5,588 which was raised through donations & various entertainments, High Tea was served & the Archbishop mixed freely with everyone.

Some information courtesy of the Blackwood website - [http://www.blackwoodvictoria.com/cb\\_pages/history\\_church\\_catholic.php](http://www.blackwoodvictoria.com/cb_pages/history_church_catholic.php)



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**THE RECYCLED GARDEN**

**Daffodil Dreams & Sulpher-crested nightmares**

by Heather Marsh



I remember my first southern Spring. I had moved to Victoria from Queensland in my mid-twenties with a small suitcase containing what I thought were suitable clothes. I had at least three long sleeved tops, shoes that weren't sandals & even a cardigan for

goodness sake. Really there is nothing that can prepare a born & bred Queenslander for the Melbourne winter. It hit me like a slap.

Still, after I survived some months of shivering inside my rapidly growing wardrobe of hats, scarves & gloves a wonderful surprise came – blossoms.

In Queensland the seasons lazily drift into one another. The only reason one might notice winter has arrived is that everyone has stopped drinking beer in the bath with a fan on. Spring there is no more than tepid water to a lobster until you suddenly notice you are being cooked & that it is summer.

Down here (yes, I still call it that) the promise of spring blasts out like a fanfare. It's the bare branches of trees suddenly gaudy in tufts of pink blossom like six-year-old girls in tulle at a fairy party. It's the almost offensively cheery daffodils lining the streets & in clumps under wizened trees.

Now that I have my own garden, of course, spring holds all sorts of treats that I watch & wait for to come & go in turns.

At the moment all of my winter hellebores are still flowering. I've been dutifully feeding & mulching them & this year, have been rewarded with a bumper crop of the most blousy & decadent blooms: double bruised purples, pea-greens flecked with maroon, a true single black with cadmium yellow stamens & variations of dusty pinks & soft yellows. Hellebores love to have babies & they freely cross-pollinate with one another, but their seed never falls far from the parent plant so if you have a shady patch with lots of leaf litter under a tree in your garden you can cultivate a little piece of late winter paradise in just two or three years, & they won't get out of control.



The next treat that I anticipate every year is the bud burst of an outrageous pink mollis azalea that gracefully sweeps to the ground just outside the glass doors of our lounge. The flowers always come before the leaves which means that I can still see through the cascade of blooms to the view beyond.

Daffodils have popped up everywhere. I don't love them ( I think I have admitted that in one of my previous columns), but they are a heartening sign that winter must eventually end. I have noticed that the local cockies seem to have even more of a vendetta against daffodils than I do. At the first sign of a flower they beadily snip it off at the ground. Nothing is safe in my garden at the moment from these local hooligans. They hate: leeks, broad-beans, snow peas, asparagus shoots (!), plum blossom, & have recently taken out every seedling in my new drought-tolerant border. I had lovingly planted euphorbias, sedums, phormium & other dry garden perennials to complete a project that had been two years in the making & the next day not a single plant remained.

Since then I have netted all of the new beds (thankfully I had a few plants in reserve & some kind friends donated divisions from their gardens). As well as netting to protect my plants from the birds I'm also netting any trees in fruit to protect the surrounding bush from the seed that wild birds will drop.

I got a call the other day from a local who had devoted decades to protecting our local forests from those other pesky invaders : weeds – in many cases our own garden plants gone feral. It was a great conversation to have, especially since it is only through sharing local knowledge that any of us get wiser.

I'm older & a little wiser this year than last, although there is something about this time of year that can make me as giddy as a baby on a swing. As the old song goes "I haven't seen a rosebud or a crocus, or a robin on the wing..." but it might as well be Spring.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

### Blackwood Crown Reserves Committee Of Management

Thank-you to Fred Moore for organizing the hanging of the curtains at the Hall. It looks very good.

Thank-you to the Senior Citizens we have two new mats in the kitchen.

Have you visited the Mineral Springs to see the new look? With painting & the clearance of all the dead trees & a new office it looks great, thanks to Nicola & Lachlan.

The new toilet block is about to commence & with the resurfacing of the ground it will be a great venue to hold functions.

The Crown Reserve would like to thank the band of workers who worked on Saturday & who this town would not be without:

M. Boyd, T.Pywell, A. Pywell, B.Moore, M.Allen, A.Hall, E.Hall, T.Bellette & special thanks to the boys with the machinery, I.Stewart, P.Sweet & K.O'Neill. Thanks to Hans & Angie for sending drinks down. We achieved so much.

We have had a grant help lately from D.S.E., the Moorabool Shire Council & State Government & without these we could not keep the Hall, Springs & Sports Ground up to standard.

Thank you.

~ Elizabeth Hall, secretary

### Blackwood CERT

no report this issue

~ Bruce Henry, Team Leader

### Blackwood Cemetery Trust

no report this issue

### Blackwood CFA

With the hot, dry & windy weather approaching, now is the time to update your Fire Plan & prepare for the Fire Danger Period. When burning, before restrictions, any debris & leaves etc make sure that the area & weather conditions are safe to do so. Do small portions at a time, preferably in an incinerator.

Sunday November 20 is CFA Day & the Fire Station will be open from 10:30am for any enquiries etc. Also Fire Gerard will be meeting at the hall, all welcome.

Congratulations to two Brigade Members, Natalie & Owen, who were married recently & best wishes for the future.

Brigade training is held on the first Sunday of the month, new members welcome.

~ George Stockdale

### Blackwood/Barry's Reef LANDCARE

Rainfall, August 1 – September 15: 67 mms. Sincere appreciation to Moorabool Shire & staff for their detailed actions towards ensuring the safety of all local residents in anticipation of the forthcoming bushfire season, also to Vic Roads' prompt response in destroying invasive weeds along the Greendale/Barry's Reef road reserve.

The tragedy of September 6, 2011 which began as a joyous occasion at Barry's Reef, with tiny wrens, robins, finches, golden whistlers & swallows busily darting across the skyline to feed their hungry chicks & ended at dusk with eerie screams from currawongs & a butcher bird. September 7: Before flying away, the two parent swallows forlornly inspected their empty nest. Although kookaburras still survey the grassy soil for worms & magpies vociferously burst into song, those magical golden days illuminated by tiny birds are no longer.

25th Anniversary of Landcare: In celebration of this occasion,

the State Minister for Environment & Climate Change, the Hon. Ryan Smith has announced a special allocation of \$60,000 to the Port Phillip & Western Port Catchment Management Authority to enable on-ground actions that commemorate this significant anniversary. Our proposed Weeds Forum is aimed at environmental protection of where local residents are domiciled, ie. in the Wombat State Forest or the Lerderderg State Park. Hopefully this application by Blackwood/Barry's Reef Landcare Group, A 0011936 S will be successful.

~ Pat Liffman, secretary.

### Blackwood Historical Society

no report this issue

### Blackwood Playgroup

no report this issue

### Blackwood Progress Association

With a new President, Lou Henderson & Secretary, Judith de Groot, the plans are setting for next Easter. So if you have any ideas or something you think we could do, please advise Progress. Phone Judith 5368 6697 or drop a note c/- Post Office Blackwood.

~ Judith de Groot, Secretary

BLACKWOOD NEWS thanks the Blackwood Progress Association for their kind donation to support the work we do in publishing the community news..

### Blackwood Senior Citizen's Centre Inc.

What a relief - Spring is here- & some warmer weather to look forward to, although we have had a rewarding Winter with quite a lot of rainfall.

The Blackwood Seniors are going ahead with plenty of activities & outings - also we are pleased to welcome our new members, namely, Wendy, Deanne, Hank, Jim & Lana & of course the welcome return of Neil Heather.

Our much loved member Linda Cameron, celebrated her 90th birthday just recently, we helped her eat a very nice sponge cake made by Phyl. What a great milestone to reach.

We had a trip to Vic Market on the 11th August, the bus was full & we had a great day, the club will be organizing more bus trips in the future.

The AGM was held in the Seniors Club rooms on the 17th August. Manda & Robin from the Moorabool Shire attended & officiated at the election of the new office, bearers & committee elected were:

Max Manning, President. Ken Ashton, Vice President. Helga Weiss, Treasurer. Barb Sweet, Secretary. Bev Herd, Ass. Secretary & Treasurer.

Committee: Betty Ashton, Phyl Manning, Cobi Sholler, Maria Stone, May Burling, Cathy Lynch, Barb Darwin, Betty Banks & Neil Heather.

Our prayers & love are with Dot Williams who is still recovering from major surgery.

Our Vice President Ken & wife Betty have just celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary, what a wonderful achievement.

Our club would welcome any new members who would like to join us each Wednesday in the Blackwood Hall between 10:30am - 3:00pm. Pool & board games prior to lunch- then 3 course meal, followed by bingo & carpet bowls. Membership fee - \$8.00

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Until next issue

Kindest regards,

~ Barb Sweet, (Hon) secretary

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## ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH, BLACKWOOD 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In September 1855, when Blackwood was part of the Bacchus Marsh Parish, Bishop Goold of Ballarat celebrated Mass in a large tent known as St. Patrick's church. Some 500 people attended the service. That same year a visiting priest, Fr. Patrick Maddern, celebrated one of the earliest marriages between John Mitchell & Catherine McGrath in the church.

Prior to the erection of the present Church, Mass was also said in the old Purcell homestead at the foot of Mount Blackwood. Priests rode on horseback from Bacchus Marsh, celebrated Mass there & then continued on to say Mass at Blackwood. Two other persons, also on horseback, went along to protect them from the numerous wild cattle in the bush in those days.

An application for a grant of land for a Catholic Church at Red Hill, Blackwood was made to the Lands Department in Aug 1860 & the existing Church site allotment was granted on Jan 10, 1861. In anticipation of approval of the grant, local parishioners commenced construction of the Church in 1860 & the project was completed in 1861. Most of the work was done by voluntary labour one of whom was the late Grace Rayner's grandfather, Robert Power, a miner at Barry's Reef, who was involved in the Eureka Stockade at Ballarat. The design was quite simple with a gable roof & a small porch at the front, similar to churches of the various denominations still seen today in small country towns. There was an attached small room for priests to stay in overnight should the weather be inclement or to undertake further duties required of them. This room was removed in the 1920's & is still part of a house in Blackwood.

In later years, St. Malachy's became part of the Trentham Parish & Mass was said in the Church every Sunday & later on, the first Friday & each Sunday during Jan, Easter & holiday weekends. Missions also took place from time to time.

In 1980, an inspection of the Church showed that the building was in such a bad state of repair that remedial work was needed urgently. An ecumenical fundraising effort was launched to raise sufficient funds to renovate both St. Malachy's & the Anglican Church. The St. Malachy's renovation involved re-blocking of the whole structure, the provision of a new floor & external & internal repainting. New carpet, the same as that in the former Collingwood Football Clubrooms, was laid in the Church. Opportunity was taken to rearrange the Stations of the Cross which are unique in that they include inscriptions in four languages, English, French, German & Italian.

On Sunday, March 22 1981, the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Sir Frank Little, re-dedicated the Church at a Mass following which a reception was given to him in the nearby Hall.

As the Church was last renovated 30 years ago, it was expected that the condition of the building, especially the exterior, would have deteriorated since then. This was confirmed during an inspection of the Church & it was obvious that the building, particularly the exterior, needed urgent renovation & a more effective drainage system to be provided. In addition, some of the interior fittings required to be repaired.

The 150th Anniversary of St. Malachy's Church is an important milestone in the history of Blackwood. In recognition of this, a Committee known as "The St. Malachy's Renovation Fund Committee" was appointed to initiate an appropriate renovation programme & to raise funds to ensure that the Church & surroundings will be in a pristine condition for the re-dedication of the Church on November 27 this year by Bishop Tomlinson who will represent the Archbishop of Melbourne. There will then follow a get-together in the Blackwood Hall. It is anticipated that this special occasion will afford the opportunity for a "Back to Blackwood" event to take place as part of the celebrations.

In the meantime, the Committee has been busy seeking donations of money or goods in kind to enable completion of the project. All donations will be acknowledged. Special commemorative postcards have been printed & are now available for purchase. Garage sales have been organised & a major raffle with prizes totalling \$1,500 is about to be launched.

~ Jack Rayner



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 discuss.


**WHAT'S THE DOC UP TO?**  
 The Doc has been silently busy down the end of Whalebone Road over the winter months. On top of a busy work schedule he is also involved in a steamy French liason, stay tuned. He has a big smile on his face.  
 Breaking news ... Sunny & the Doc are about to be added to the list of famous Blackwoodians. Penguin books in October are to release a book of "Amazing Dog Stories" including Sunny & the Doc. It contains stories about adopted dogs & how they add to the lives of people. All proceeds will go towards dog rescue. Buy one for Christmas & support the dogs. Buy some for presents & support more dogs.  
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**

**GREAT EDITION,** & what a fabulous cover photo! Well done!  
**CHEERS**  
 ~ Elaine Boucher

**I WAS** very interested in the story of Henry Gribble ... he & Julia were our great-great-grandparents on Dad's side. Their daughter Julia married Joseph Skinner. They had Joseph jnr, who married Minnie Hill – they were our grandparents.  
 ~ Bev Cooper

**I HAVE** just been on the phone to Moorabool council re feral/wild cats, & wondered if it would be appropriate to put something in the Blackwood News??

**I WAS** talking to my neighbour on the weekend & we have both been noticing the high number of cats in our area of late - they have been howling & making all sorts of racket in keeping with mating season (eek) - My partner & I spotted 3 across the road the other night when we were coming home - we didn't see any collars.

**SO, TODAY** I rang the council to report it to the compliance officer. Apparently they don't have the resources to catch feral cats, so the person reporting it must take responsibility for hiring a cat cage, catching the cat/s & returning them to the council where they will either be euthanased or returned to the owner or rehoused.

**I WAS** appalled & upset to find out that it is up to me to catch the cats - & pay to do it. I've never had to trap anything before in my life & find it really a distressing idea.  
**IT COSTS** \$10 a week to hire the cage with a \$50 deposit - plus the petrol to & from council - plus

having no idea what the hell I would be doing & the distress of trapping the cat.

**ANYWAY,** I am not sure what I want - maybe to see if there is anyone interested in getting together to work out a plan to help catch/control the wild/unfettered cat population in Blackwood, as we have such lovely little birds here that are in danger of losing their lives?

**I AM** still a bit upset about finding out this is the only solution to eradicating wild or roaming cats & not sure the most effective way to deal with it - obviously council has only one approach - the one where they don't take any responsibility or put any funding aside for it.

**THAT'S MY gripe!**  
 ~ name supplied

**THE BLACKWOOD** News was a big hit at the Lerderderg Library opening lots of comment from people about "oh we can get a real good idea of what's happening from this"

**THANKS FOR** your support to the Blackwood presence on the day.  
**TAKE CARE**  
 ~ Mike Allen

**HI JINNY**  
**THANKS FOR** the renewal. It must be hard being a one-woman band. Obviously your readers appreciate it. Wow -- up to 12,000 downloads!

~ Regards Helen  
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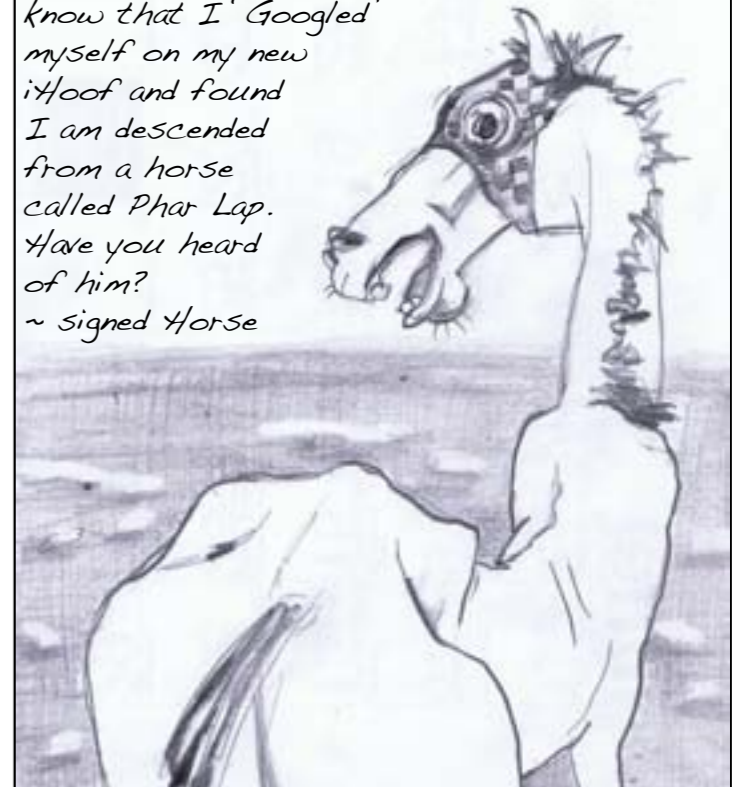


EVEN AS a puppy Katya was of geological bent & would proudly bring into the house her latest stones, occasionally making selection from her collection to mouth & lick a stone. Time has taken the edge off her zest for geology but her latest piece of quartz is still dear to her heart.

~ Robin Bradley

## Dear Pet Guru,

You may remember me. I am the old broken down horse in the Blackwood paddock. Now that the spring racing carnival is here again, you may be interested to know that I 'Googled' myself on my new it/loof and found I am descended from a horse called Phar Lap. Have you heard of him?  
~ Signed Horse



Dear Horse,  
What a delight to hear from you again. Indeed I have heard of your most illustrious ancestor. Forget about racing, but I hope that this spring your Blackwood paddock is filled with the most beautiful wildflowers.

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Please contact the Transport Connections Coordinator on 5366 7100 if you would like further information.



Mike Allen set up a table at the Lerederg Library opening to promote Blackwood and its attractions. On display were brochures from Woodbine, St Erth, The Merchant, antiques, books, Fiddlers Acoustic Music. He spruiked the joys of Blackwood. The Blackwood News was a big hit.

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### ALICE SPRINGS PHOTOGRAPHER SUPPORTS KYNETON FUNDRISER



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Alice Springs Photographer Peter Carroll waited 20 years to capture rain on 'the rock', & he was in the right place at the right time in October 2010 when the rain came bucketing down. Peter was at Yulara, near Uluru when the rain woke him up.

"It had been a 20 year dream to see Uluru with water pouring down her flanks," writes Peter in his blog, 'so there I lay tossing & turning praying the rain would continue til the crack of dawn. I had to calm myself a little bit. It was pretty momentous," says Peter.

Emma Sleath of Alice Springs A.B.C. wrote:

The result of Peter's work is a spectacular collection of images that show Uluru in a whole new light. Barely recognisable with silver lines snaking down the surface & eerie fog hovering - the images will no doubt find a large audience. Several have already appeared on the front page of The Australian.

Most of the shots were taken near the Mututjulu waterhole, says Peter, & what he heard that morning was just as powerful as what he saw through the lens.

His exhibition "Uluru Rain" was part of the "Head On Photo Festival" in May in Sydney & now Peter has donated an enormous photograph from this Sydney exhibition to Artists for Orphans

in Kyneton Vic. Measuring 156cmWx106cmH, it is beautifully framed under glass.

The photograph will be auctioned at "A Night to Remember", an evening of art & music for Artists for Orphans, Kyneton, at Stockroom, 98 Pipet St, Kyneton on Sat October 8. Bookings via Stockroom. 54223215. Proceeds go to Go Vap Orphanage & Tu Du Peace Village in Ho Chi Minh City.

Many other stunning works of art have been donated also including an original Chagall lithograph, a Peter O'Doherty original, Reg Mombassa limited edition print, indigenous art, modern Vietnamese art, lots of local talent & even a skivvie signed by all The Wiggles!

For more information on Peter Carroll:  
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### HEALTH BASICS: THE BOTTOM LINE ON BOWEL REGULARITY



by Kathie Strmota

Some people 'go potty' several times a day, others only weekly. Going every day is usually best for regular waste elimination, high energy & a clear head. Water is absorbed from intestines to maintain hydration & faeces become firmer as they move to the 'exit'. Too runny (diarrhea) means you're going too often, losing water & precious nutrients. Too hard (constipation) means you're not going often enough. Faeces putrefy & dry out, causing tissue damage & toxicity. The ideal poo is soft & well-formed, sliding out with no effort.

You should never ignore a signal to 'go', but it's best to have a regular toilet routine, every morning or night, undisrupted by the day's activities. Maintain hydration by drinking plenty of water, & increase dietary fibre (raw fruit&veg, bran cereals) for good stool consistency & regularity. Fibre also keeps intestinal flora happy & balanced, which is crucial for good bowel function. Chronic constipation, diarrhoea, poor diet, & antibiotic use, encourage 'bad' bacteria to flourish & disrupt bacterial populations. Replenish 'good' bacteria with fermented foods (eg. pickled cabbage, yoghurt, kefir) or take a live pro-biotic supplement for more concentrated support.

Diarrhoea can be triggered by infection, food sensitivity or poisoning, or adrenalin released in fear or stress. Metaphysically, it reflects a pattern of anxiety or overwhelm, wanting to get rid of something quickly, instead of digesting it. This is obvious with infection or food poisoning, but can also apply to confronting life circumstances, esp. if you feel the possibility of being controlled or trapped (eg. contemplating a long-term commitment or having to take an unwanted job). If you can recognise that external pressures are really only 'suggestions', & you're always free to choose, you don't need to fear entrapment or run away from people, ideas or experiences. When you make choices, be calm & discerning, & listen to your heart. For gastro-related diarrhoea, avoid food while the body cleans out, but drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. Combat body weakness by replenishing electrolytes with a 'sports

drink' or, in more serious cases, with a balanced electrolyte powder like Gastrolyte.

Constipation reflects a metaphysical pattern of 'holding on' (to possessions, people, situations, beliefs, emotions). You may find it difficult to express views or emotions, forgive past issues, or accept new ideas. Don't resist your natural evolution. Let go of what is finished with & embrace your new becoming.

Liquorice root tea/extract (not the fake sweet) or Flaxseed oil, regularly, can help soften & remove dry old faecal matter. Olive oil can improve bowel movements if gall bladder problems are causing constipation. Eat prunes & apples to keep things moving. For more urgent cases, use a natural herbal laxative like Senna pods (as tea, soaked for a day) or Cascara Sagrada bark (as capsules) which work gently & don't cause diarrhoea. Taken at night, they give a strong urge to go in the morning.

Hemorrhoids usually result from the combination of anal tension (fearing pain) & 'pushing' that accompany constipation. Metaphysically, they indicate feeling pressured, like there isn't enough time & space to do what you want, whether that's literal 'time' or feeling crowded by the needs of others. Prevent hemorrhoids by increasing softness & regularity of bowel movements. Applied externally, astringent herbs like Witchazel & Yarrow (strong tea / extract / cream) can tighten up loose, stretched tissues & help shrink inflamed haemorrhoids. Use essential oils Chamomile, Cypress, Geranium, Lemon, or Patchouli in the bath, or dilute & massage in.

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These generous artists are keen to help the forgotten children in Vietnam. Some of these children are 3rd generation Agent Orange victims.

Photos of the children we help via the Vietnam Volunteer Network are available on the 'Gallery' page.

We hope 'Artists for Orphans, Kyneton' will continue to grow. Painters are not the only contributors to this cause. Normie Rowe, Mary Doumany, Marcie Jones, Maggie Millar & Keith Potger are some of the performers who also support A.O.F. Normie Rowe, Denise Drysdale & Marcie Jones are our Patrons.

We need performers & artists to continue to support 'Artists for Orphans, Kyneton'.

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