



**Clever Blackwoodians**

top: Blackwoodians, Cat & Clint, kicked off the “Breaking up Christmas Variety Show” at Lerdies in December. The next Blackwood Revue will be held on April 15 – venue is yet to be confirmed.

~ photo courtesy Megan Cardamone

left: Young Rufus (he was our first Blackwood babe, of course he was much smaller then!) proudly accepted the second-place award for his colourful cup cakes at the inaugural “Big Blackwood Christmas Bake-off”. Other Blackwoodian winners in the Kid’s categories were Rosie & Matilda. See more photos on p2, 5 & 22.

~ photo courtesy Caroline Parker

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### EDITOR'S THOUGHTS ...

Hello Blackwoodians, young, old & in-between, 2012 brings with it new adventures & resolutions as well as challenges. To the casual on-looker Blackwood appears to be a peaceful & calm village, unseen is an undercurrent of tension rippling through a small town undergoing change.

Sadly, we saw Blackwood Cobb & Co close in December & then Lerdies in January. Having run a number of businesses in Blackwood with Brendan some years back, I remember how tough it was to keep our head above water! As we were putting this issue to bed we were informed that Blackwood has lost the Fiddler's Convention to Lyonville. I, for one, will miss it - it was fun having the grey beards around town each year!

The next few months will be busy ones for those of us who like to get out & about... this issue brings a full page of gigs & events on p11. On p7 a new market calendar replaces the centre-fold calendar which we gave the chop last issue - a difficult decision but as the township changes so must Blackwood News. For those who miss the garbage dates, we have included them on p16.

Dan Anderson, the presenter of "The Saturday Show" on Bacchus Marsh local radio station, AppleFM, has asked me to regularly contribute to the show as the Blackwood correspondent (1st Saturday monthly). So tune into 98.5FM on February 4 at 10am for all the Blackwood news. If any locals or community groups would like to have a natter about up-coming events or goings-on please contact me on 5368 6444 or by email.

On p23, I review the CD Radio Springs Hotel has produced as a fund raiser for the CFA. Ken has generously offered Blackwood News a couple of CD's to give away. We invite you to have a bit of fun writing Easter limericks which will be published in the April/May issue. The 2 most creative entries will win a copy of this great fundraising CD.



We are always looking for articles, photos & events, so please take note of the deadlines below & put pen to paper for the next issue. Cheers for now...

~ Jinny Coyle,  
editor@blackwoodnews.com.au

### HOW'S THE WEATHER BEEN?

by Don Owen

Month & Year	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall Average (mm) 1879-2007	Minimum Temperature deg C	Maximum Temperature deg C
Nov '11	89.2	74	3.4	29.4
Dec '11	69.6	62.2	2.6	30.1

**DUE TO** the high rainfall we had in January & February, the 2011 yearly total was 1019.1mm, which exceeds the long-term average of 975mm. The highest recorded yearly rainfall of 1482.3mm occurred in 1916.

Rosie & Rufus discuss their winning recipes at the Blackwood Bake Off. photo courtesy Lois Lane



### IN AN EMERGENCY ...

Blackwood residents packed into Blackwood Hotel on the evening of Dec 14, 2011 to the Evacuation Planning community meeting. Another meeting had been held at the hall that afternoon.



Inspector Mick Myers delivering presentation. He is supported by panel (left to right) including Moorabool Shire Council Mayor Cr Pat Griffin, CFA Neville Britton & Moorabool Shire Council CEO Rob Croxford. Photo courtesy Rachael Murnane

### BLACKWOOD EVACUATION PLAN FINALISED

Blackwood's evacuation plan has been finalised, ready for the 2012 bushfire season.

Victoria Police, Moorabool Shire Council & the Country Fire Authority held two community consultation sessions in Blackwood in December to assist with the development of the plan.

More than 100 community members from Blackwood, Barrys Reef, Dales Creek, Golden Point & Simmons Reef attended the two sessions.

Moorabool Local Area Commander Inspector Mick Myers thanked the community for their involvement & said they provided highly valuable, local information including the identification of vulnerable community members & areas of interest such as private bushfire bunkers & shelters.

"This information has been captured in the evacuation plan & will provide significant local knowledge for the incident controller when managing an evacuation," Insp Myers said.

"As a result of the community consultation process there have been two key outcomes - these relate to testing the plan & advice to owners of private bushfire shelters.

"We will test elements of the plan, including driving the routes to ascertain the time required to issue evacuation advice, so the community can expect to see increased police activity in the area towards the end of January.

"This process is for operational purposes, a full test of the evacuation plan including community participation is being considered.

"During the consultation process we learnt that some people were still planning to seek shelter in private bushfire shelters & bunkers.

"We are particularly concerned given that a number of these shelters were built prior to the introduction of new building regulations in 2009 & may not meet the required standards.

"On extreme & code red fire days, the safest option is to leave early. A private bushfire shelter should only ever be a last resort," Insp Myers said.

The Building Control Commission provides valuable information about the construction & retrofitting of private bushfire shelters. For further information visit [www.buildingcommission.com.au](http://www.buildingcommission.com.au).

For further information please contact: Victoria Police: Sergeant Ken Tingate, Ballan Police Station 5368 1303

~ media release, Victoria Police - Jan 12, 2012

### MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below  
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow  
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear  
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.  
I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear  
But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,  
For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.  
I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart  
But I am not so far away, We really aren't apart.  
So be happy for me, dear ones, You know I hold you dear.  
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.  
I sent you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above.  
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.  
After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold.  
It was always most important the stories Jesus told.  
Please love & keep each other, my Father said to do.  
I can't count the blessing or love He has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas & wipe away that tear  
Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.



This poem was written by a 13 year old boy who died of a brain tumor that he had battled for four years. He died on December 14, 1997. He gave this to his mum before he died. His name was Ben.

It was read at the funeral of John Henry "Jack" Stringer.  
March 4, 1925 - December 13, 2011  
His story can be read on p16 of this issue.

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### THANK YOU FROM LERDIES

Lerdies Restaurant has sadly shut up shop again after 11 months operating under manager & chef Brad Cassidy.

Brad is now focusing fully on his garden maintenance business again & his partner in the kitchen, Sylvia, is off to Uni. Their son (and Lerdies mascot) Tyler, just misses the pizzas & bar snacks.

We'd like to thank everyone who supported us. It was a pleasure getting to know some of you better & we truly appreciate everyone who came to Lerdies.

To all our bar & kitchen staff who worked for us during our time there, we give our deepest gratitude. We simply couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you to Mike for renting us the place.

To everyone mentioned, best of luck with your lives to come & we look forward to seeing you around the place.

Sincerely,

~ Brad Cassidy, Sylvia Hollis & Tyler



### GRAVES IN THE BLACKWOOD CEMETERY: THE GRIBBLE FAMILY

BY MARGOT HITCHCOCK HISTORIAN FOR THE BLACKWOOD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Annie Bawden in 1852 (Ann born 1830 in Cornwall). Anne's father was Christopher Bawden. Anne Gribble nee Bawden, died age 97 years in 1927 and was buried Blackwood cemetery.

Charles Gribble came out to Australia in approx. 1852 on the ship 'Prince Arthur', & went to the Ballarat goldfields. Anne Gribble & baby Elizabeth followed Charles out a year later on the 'Mermaid'. (Info courtesy Ian Gribble)

Charles Gribble went to the new Mt. Blackwood goldfields in 1855 & Ann & baby Elizabeth followed in 1854 & they were also joined by Charles Gribble's brother Henry Gribble & his wife Julia.

Children of Charles & Ann Gribble were -

1. Elizabeth born 6.9.1852 in Cornwall married Phillip Maynard Broad.
2. James - 4.8.1855 born Blackwood, married Bessie Muir, (later went to Albany)
3. Julia - 26.11.1857 born Blackwood, married William Davies Broad.
4. Charles - 4.11.1860 born Blackwood, married Ada Helen Mackie (father of Viv Gribble)
5. Annie - 15.2.1862, born Blackwood, married Warren Travena Williams (mother of Edgar Williams)
6. William - 1.6.1864 born Blackwood, married Elizabeth Davies, (Winnie Simpson's mother)
7. Jane - 17.10.1866 born Blackwood, (owned corner store (Cobb & Co Tea Rooms) died Blackwood age 56 yrs 1923. Jane Gribble is also buried in the same grave in the Blackwood cemetery.

James & Julia Gribble were both born on the banks of the Lerderderg River at Frenchman's Bend sometimes Frenchman's Point - below Golden Point, Blackwood, & Charles, William & Jane were born in Simmons Reef. Charles & Henry Gribble worked at alluvial mining at Frenchman's for some 24 months after the rush began in the area. The Gribble brothers were most likely involved in the construction of The Tunnel which was driven between the river banks at Frenchman's Point near Gribble's Track, possibly around 1856. (Info courtesy Ian Gribble)

Before 1860 the family moved to Simmons Reef where 3 more children were born. Their first investment was as owners of the unprofitable Lerderderg Mine & later shareholders in the more successful Crown Mine. Henry Gribble died in an accident in the Crown Mine in 1866 & is also buried in the Blackwood cemetery.

The Crown Mine produced considerable gold which enabled Charles to buy land & retire from mining in 1869. In 1867 Charles Gribble bought land at an auction of Crown Land Allotments in Blackwood & at Ballan Flat near the present day Sports Ground.

Charles & Anne Gribble lived on the flat land before the sports ground over the ford at Blackwood, They had an orchard which Charles established in the 1870's & Charles operated a commercial enterprise for some 40 years. The orchard specialised in berry fruit, supplying Blackwood & its hinterland. He grew raspberries, gooseberries, black currants etc & potatoes. Anne Gribble used to keep her preserves & bottled fruit & jam on shelves in an old mine tunnel on the property as it was cool in there. Will Gribble owned the property after they died. Later owned by the parents of Ern Terrill of Blackwood. (Info courtesy Ian Gribble). So ends a small part of Blackwood's early pioneer history.

Researched by Margot Hitchcock from her forthcoming book 'The History & Pioneers of Blackwood', hopefully to be published soon.

For help with information on Blackwood ancestors contact Margot Hitchcock - email - margothitchcock@bigpond.com, or P.O. Box 43, Blackwood Post Office, Blackwood, 3458.



Annie Gribble before she died age 97 in 1927. (Courtesy of the late Edgar Williams.)



Charles Gribble. C. 1887. (Courtesy of the Ian Gribble.)

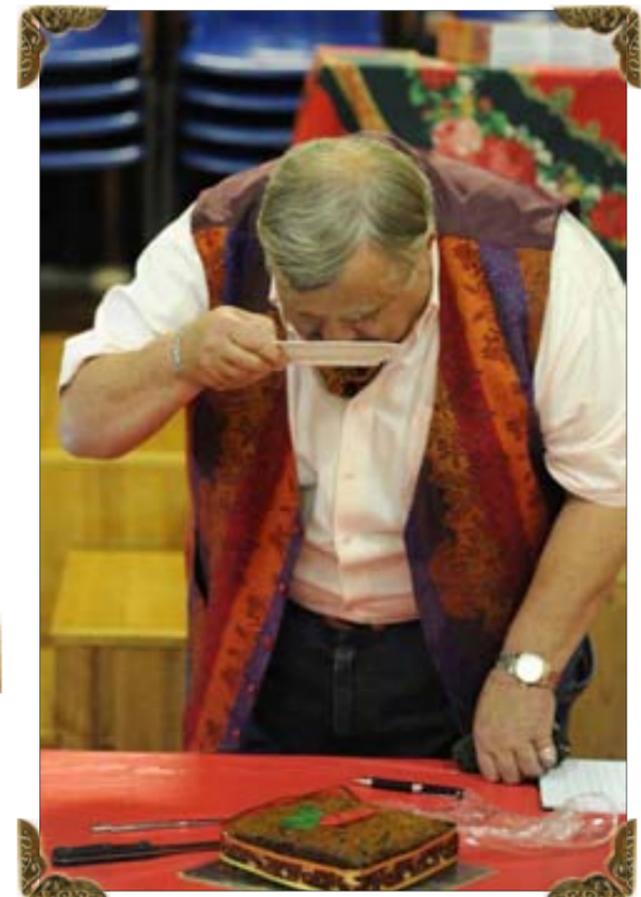


Grave of Charles Gribble died 1887 age 67 & his wife Ann Gribble (nee Bawden) died 1927 age 97 & their daughter Jane Gribble, died 1923 age 56 in the Blackwood cemetery. (Photo courtesy Margot Hitchcock)

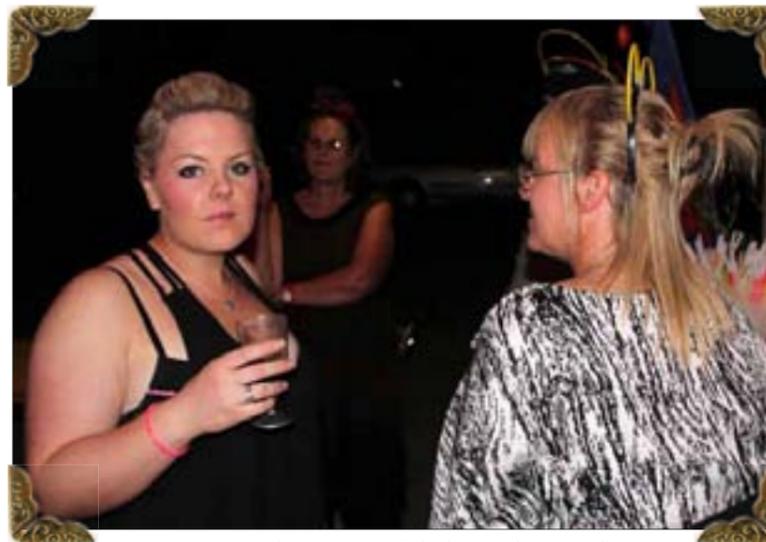
### BLACKWOOD SOCIAL ALBUM: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER '11 LADIES DAY



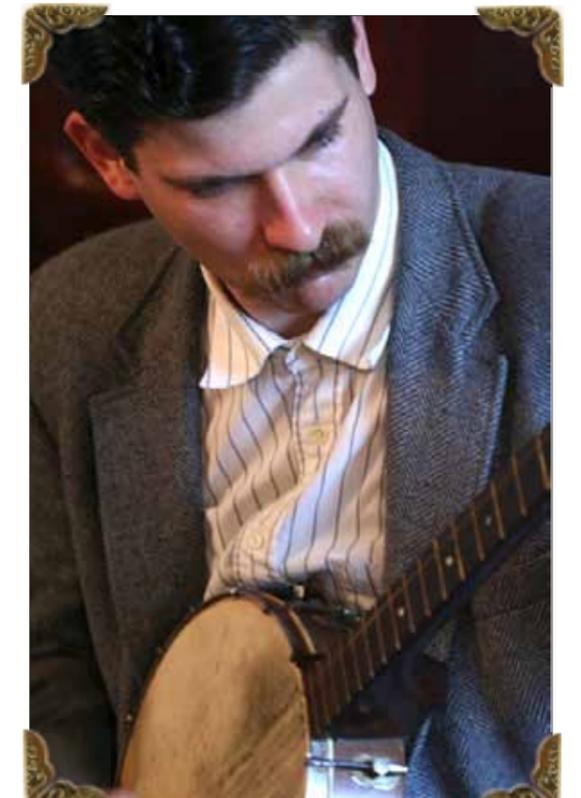
At Blackwood Hotel with Tommy, Julie practices her New Year salutation "Live Long & Prosper". photo courtesy Lois Lane



Mike gets intimate with a slice of Christmas Cake at the Bake Off Photo courtesy Caroline Parker



New Year glamourpusses Tabetha & Helen at Lerdies. photo courtesy Lois Lane



USA's Frank Fairfield brought the house down at the December Blackwood Revue. photo courtesy Megan Cardamone



Bake Off judges, Elizabeth, Mike & Rob put their sweet teeth to the test.. photo courtesy Caroline Parker

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## Bruce Henry

On behalf of myself & Tabettha, I would dearly love to thank the Blackwood CERT Team (Trevor & Linda), Aaron Speak, Nicole Brown, the Paramedics (one who happened to be the trainer of the CERT Team), & the Police helicopter for all their hard work & dedication in getting Bruce stable, into the helicopter & down to the Alfred Hospital on the night of 23rd November, 2011, when he had a stroke. It was traumatic for Tabettha & me but it was also very traumatic for his fellow CERT Members having to look after their Team Leader. A lot of people don't have good things to say about some of our kids in Blackwood, but let me tell you how mature & capable Aaron Speak was in helping Trevor with Bruce while Linda kept radio contact with the paramedics. He might be young & sometimes impulsive, but he showed more maturity on this night - far beyond his years.

Thank God for my boss - Glenn Townsend - as when I rang him to tell him what had happened, he told us to stay put & he was on his way to pick us up & take us down to the Alfred to see Bruce. He did not get us back home until after midnight & then he had to travel back to Bacchus Marsh & work in the morning.

Another thank-you to all the people in Blackwood that have sent cards & wishes to Bruce - he does love receiving these, & the people that have gone in to catch up with him at the Alfred & now Caulfield Hospital.

A huge thank you goes to the people of Blackwood that have helped me

out with maintaining the property, doing tip runs, some ironing & cleaning, & the occasional meal (on wheels) & the mail drop off at home. Also to the treasure who helped me get the shower curtain down to wash (yes, you know who you are). No names for these angels as they all know who they are.

Thanks also to Tabettha's partner Mitch for chopping up the wood & kindling & all the other bits & pieces I get him to do.

Bruce stayed at the Alfred for 12 days, 5 days in ICU, & then was moved to the Caulfield Hospital Rehabilitation section. He has been there since 5th December, 2011, & at the time of writing this, I think his discharge date will hopefully be sometime in February. (Originally was going to be 23rd January but various issues with Bruce has put his discharge back). I know he misses Tabettha & me, Blackwood & also his beloved CERT - which hopefully, God willing, he can get back to.

If you would like to send him a card or perhaps you would like to visit him, the Caulfield Hospital is in Kooyong Road, Caulfield, Rehabilitation B, Bed 24.

And to finish off, for the people that keep asking how I am coping - it is called remote control - you keep going because you have to & you know if you stop - you might not get going again. This includes going through pleurisy, infection in right lung & 2 broken ribs - yes I have had all this since Bruce had his stroke.

Bye for now & I will keep you informed.

~ Lynda Henry

## BLACKWOOD TELSTRA TOWER: MOORABOOL MAYOR SAYS HONOUR PROMISE

TELSTRA should honour its promise to regional Victorians to put up mobile phone towers in bushfire-prone areas, Moorabool mayor Pat Griffin has said.

Cr Griffin's comments follow the announcement of a new SMS bushfire warning system for Victoria from next summer.

The project will see Telstra customers living in & travelling through bushfire-prone areas in Victoria receive a warning text message on days of high fire risk. The system is expected to be operational across Australia by the end of 2012.

However, Cr Griffin said the system left out mobile phone black spots like Blackwood.

"Telstra have been promising for a long time to put up a mobile phone tower in Blackwood," Cr Griffin said. "It is a very serious situation because there is no (mobile phone) coverage there. So some people are very difficult to communicate with in case of fire."

Cr Griffin said he urged the telecommunications company to not let financial considerations stand in the way.

"I call on Telstra to get on with it," he said.

The mayor said the state & federal government-funded SMS bushfire

warning system was a fabulous initiative.

"It is really good but it is not going to help those in bushfire-prone areas like Blackwood unless Telstra puts up a mobile phone tower there," he said.

Member for Ballarat East Geoff Howard said the new system was a great win for the community in bushfire-prone areas. But, he said, it left out those in rural communities without a mobile phone coverage.

"I would love to see many people in rural communities with better mobile phone coverage," Mr Howard said. "It is the case for many people across my electorate."

However, he said, the new SMS opportunity improved warnings for some.

"If you are in areas where your mobile phone is registered in that address, you can be contacted ... & you can be advised on potential threats," Mr Howard said.

Mr Howard said people should continue to listen to the radio & be aware of the dangers.

Telstra could not be reached for comment.

~ BY NEELIMA CHOAHAN The Courier 19 Jan, 2012

<http://www.thecourier.com.au/news/local/news/general/blackwood-telstra-tower-moorabool-mayor-says-honour-promise/2425007.aspx>

## • MARKET CALENDAR • MARKET CALENDAR • MARKET CALENDAR •

1st SATURDAY	1st SUNDAY	2nd SATURDAY	2nd SUNDAY	3rd SATURDAY	3rd SUNDAY	4th SATURDAY	4th SUNDAY
BALLAN MARKET 8am-1pm Inglis St	DAYLESFORD MARKET 8am-4pm Railway Station	KYNETON FARMERS 8am-1pm St Pauls Park	DAYLESFORD MARKET 8am-4pm Railway Station	CRESWICK COMMUNITY 9am-1pm Victoria St	DAYLESFORD MARKET 8am-4pm Railway Station	BREAKFAST BAZAAR from 9am Hepburn Springs	DAYLESFORD MARKET 8am-4pm Railway Station
DAYLESFORD FARMERS 9am-1pm D'ford PS	CASTLEMAINE ARTIST MARKET 10am-4pm (not Jan) Theater Royal		MALMSBURY VILLAGE MARKET 9am-3pm (Sept-May) Gardens	RIDDELLS CREEK FARMERS 9am-3pm (not Dec) PS	TALBOT FARMERS 9am-2pm Scandanavian Cres	LANCEFIELD & DIST FARMERS MARKET 9am-1pm High St	LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY LIONS 8am-2.30pm (not Jan, Jun, Jul) Main St
DAYLESFORD MAKERS 10am-3pm Town Hall	CASTLEMAINE FARMERS 9am-1pm Mostlyn St			DARLEY MARKET 8am - 11pm Gisborne/Grey St Darley	TRENTHAM FARMERS 9am-1pm Town Square		TRENTHAM SUNDAY MARKET 9am-2pm Main St
TRENTHAM INDOOR 9.30am-1.30 TNH Centre	GISBORNE OLDE TIME MARKET 9am-2pm Hamilton & Aitken				TRENTHAM MAKERS 9am-1.30pm Cosmo		
DARLEY MARKET 8am - 11pm Gisborne/Grey St Darley	GISBORNE ALL SEASONS 9am-3pm Brantome St				WOODEND 9am-3pm High St		

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## COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

### Blackwood Association of Commerce

We have been active with below-the-radar activities related to grant funding, one of which was a grant to support the Fiddlers Convention, we are pleased to be able to report that the grant application that we made to the Shire has been successful & we have secured a \$3000 grant for the Fiddlers to assist with the cost of bringing out two noted Bluegrass musicians & teachers to perform & run workshops at the event.

Whilst the conditions of the grant are stringent, we believe this grant is a step in the right direction in terms of supporting groups who will meet our requirements & fulfil their grant obligations.

As always we are looking for interested people to join us to build the economic development that our village so badly needs, if you would like to learn more please call me or email me mike@cfod.com.au to get the lowdown.

~ Mike Allen

### Blackwood Crown Reserves Committee Of Management

As we start a new year, we look differently at how quickly you can lose something, a few weeks ago the caravan park was to be closed by the 23rd December after council & fire inspection early in December 2011.

This we could not let happen so thanks to Lou & some town people who worked around the clock to clean rubbish bins with disinfectant, signs taken down had to be put back, rocks removed, gutters cleaned out, fences for safety put back, door re-hung, cutting of long grass in gardens, banks of river around caravans, rotundas, & note boards put back.

Thanks to these people: Norm Phil Nichols, Phillip Skinner, Lou, Colin, Allan, Brian, David, Scott Unstead, Bruce & Steve for organizing spraying & Bill for kitchen repairs, Bill Evans electrical, & Tony for the fire plan & Allan O'Keefe for helping.

We cannot say thank you enough for giving up your holiday period & family time.

We finally received our Registration of Caravan Park on Xmas Eve. It is easy to complain about things but this time we have to realise that the town needs the Caravan Park & Mineral Springs & Sports Ground to survive.

Thank you so much  
Blackwood Crown Reserves

~ Elizabeth Hall, secretary

### Blackwood CERT

At last some good news! Ambulance Victoria has agreed to commence training mid February with eight CERT volunteers & three Ambulance Community Officers. Training will alternate between Blackwood & Daylesford. To those people whose names have been on the books for a long time, thank you for your patience.

Most readers will be aware that our Team Leader was recently airlifted to the Alfred Hospital after suffering a stroke. Bruce is responding to therapy & should be home mid February. Team members wish to thank Aaron Speak for his invaluable assistance at the scene & for collecting the keys to the sports ground enabling ambulance access to the helicopter. Thanks Aaron!!!

On a lighter note, one our members was extremely embarrassed recently when on answering a page at night, dressed & walked outside to the road. Vehicle pulls up, he jumps in & is asked, "answering a call out?" He looks to the driver & realizes he has jumped in to a police vehicle. CERT vehicle arrived at that moment saving him from further embarrassment.

~ Trevor Hill

### Blackwood Cemetery Trust

~ no report this issue

### Blackwood CFA

~ no report this issue

### Blackwood/Barry's Reef LANDCARE

~ no report this issue

### Blackwood Historical Society

In the last issue we reported a number of projects the Society has undertaken. This is an update on some of those projects:

Cricket Ground – the plaque at the Rock Face depicting the history of the holes has now been passed onto the Crown Reserves Committee. The Society has provided, via our Historian Margot Hitchcock, a comprehensive report about this site which appeared in the last Blackwood News.

The gravestones at our Cemetery are being cleaned by our committee members Alan, Lou & Phillip. Thanks also to Lou & Phillip for the repairs to Little Doaty's grave.

Barries Reef /Mineral Springs Avenues of Honour restoration of sites. We received information back from council directing us to the relevant groups that may assist in this project. We will keep you updated via reports through Blackwood News.

Our next meeting is Saturday Feb 4. New members are most welcome.

Monthly meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at the Police Stables.

The museum is open for the public to view from 10.30 am on the first Saturday of each month.\$2 entry fee.

~ Michael Boyd (secretary)

### Blackwood Playgroup

Hello to all you super cute Blackwood babies & your awesome parents! We want to invite you to join our playgroup. Like most things around here, we are very relaxed. We are happy to adapt to any new ideas parents may have to make our group better, but we have fun! For a while the playgroup was pretty quiet due to a lack of numbers but now we are growing & welcome any new faces who want an excuse to get out & meet us.

Our regular care group members are really friendly & amazing people who love chatting & playing with all the children. We've recently started meeting up at various local spots such as the Greendale Reserve Playground, Blackwood Caravan Park playground & the Blackwood waterhole. Great friendships are emerging & the occasional coffee meets through the week have been happening too.

Playgroup is great for the kids, especially those living in such an isolated area, because they get to know the children who live close enough to form easy friendships with. Parents can appreciate the convenience of making their own local friends with kids too. It's a win – win!

So if you live anywhere in or near Blackwood, you have child/ren aged anywhere from newborn to pre-school & would like to take this opportunity to be part of something that's good for you & your little one/s, then please give us a call so we can arrange when & where we'll meet up for the week. (So far it's been every Friday at 10am but we're flexible).

Call Mickal: 53686647 OR Moorabool Shire Council.

### Blackwood Progress Association

Australia Day Community Event of the Year: Mayor's Award  
The Blackwood Progress Association Inc., wishes to advise that they were nominated & have won the Mayor's Award 2012

"Australia Day Community Event of the Year"  
We were very proud to accept this award & we thank the community for their efforts in making our Easter Carnival a success.

Hoping everyone had a nice Christmas & a great New Year. Hope everybody is putting their thoughts to our Progressive Garage Sale, 11th March 2012. Refer to advertisement.

Blackwood Easter Carnival on the 7th April, refer to advertisement.  
Can you please spare an hour on the 6th for setting up, 7th & the

running of the day, 8th & cleaning up, thanking you in anticipation.  
Further information please ring Judith 5368 6697 or Elizabeth 53686537.

Yours sincerely

~ Judith de Groot, Secretary.

### Blackwood Senior Citizen's Centre Inc.

Well here we are again at the start of another new year – we hope that it will be a happy & healthy one for all the readers of the Blackwood News.

We resumed activities in our club on the January 11 – & the good news is that we have 3 new members already.

We have had a couple of enjoyable outings prior to the Xmas break. Our first one was to the Shell Club in Geelong where we were entertained for 2 hours with nostalgic music from The Crooners, plus quite a lot of comedy added which kept us amused. This was followed by a 2 course meal.

The Burrembeet Hotel was our choice of venue for our Xmas Break-up. We have been there several times & always enjoyed their hospitality – we were pleased that Catherine King was able to join us.

We were pleased to see Harry Rowe back with us. Last week he had a nasty fall before Xmas & was in hospital for 10 days – he is making a slow recovery.

The Blackwood Seniors Club meet in Blackwood every Wednesday 10.30am – 3pm. Any new members would be made most welcome.

Membership fee - \$8.00 All inquiries – 53681561

Until next issue, Kindest Regards

~ Barb Sweet, (Hon) secretary

### Blackwood Cricket Club:

~ no report this issue

### Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc.

Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. would like to welcome both Erica Credlin & Kate Bourchier to Blackwood. Throughout 2012 Erica will be working full time at the Centre, helping to implement weekly programs, bike events, fundraising events & everything else associated with the Centre.

Erica & Kate have moved to Blackwood from Mildura, where Erica was working at the Mildura Special Schools while Kate taught Outdoor Education at Mildura Senior College. Both Erica & Kate enjoy the outdoors, travelling, fitness & challenging themselves in endurance events. While in Mildura they were both regular participants of the Port to Port Challenge - riding bicycles in teams from the Port of Mildura to the Port of Echuca over a two day period. Throughout the first few months of 2012, Kate is training for the Port Macquarie Iron Man, a Triathlon Event involving a 3.8km swim, 180km bike ride & a 42.2km run - the event will take place on Sunday 6th May. Everyone associated with Blackwood Special Schools wishes Kate all the best in her training & throughout the event. Kate has already discovered the difference between training in Mildura & Blackwood when she has gone for a ride or run in the area!!!!

Erica has a wealth of experience working with kids with special needs. Throughout her time at Mildura Special School Erica was involved in a variety of programs, events & areas of education involving all the students at the School. During her time at Mildura she further developed her involvement within the area of Physical Education which lead to her participating in a variety of camps - including camps at Blackwood. As well as participating in camps at Blackwood Special Schools, Erica has participated in the past 3 Blackwood Super Rides & 2 Blackwood Alpine Rides in Myrtleford. In 2010 & 2011, Mildura challenged their students to ride the 55km Ballarat to Skipton Rail Trail on Melbourne Cup Day prior to participating in the Super Ride two days later.

We are looking forward to welcoming the students back to camp for 2012. It will be fantastic to work with Erica in 2012.



Harley has not left Blackwood Special Schools. Harley & Elise have decided to take 12 months leave in 2012 & travel around the world. They are currently travelling through Asia. They will return for a couple of weeks in May before heading to North America for the second half of the year.

~ Tony Bellette

### All Saints Uniting Church

Our normal service time is 8am on 1st & 3rd Sundays, but on Sunday, 29th January we will be having a SINGLE PARISH SERVICE at WOODEND: an outdoor service at the rostrum between the BP Garage & the Bowling Club, beginning at 11am.

This is the site of the first Anglican services in Woodend, in Caroline Chisolm's "shelter shed".

All are welcome: please bring a chair & a thermos!  
Our HARVEST FESTIVAL will be on Sunday, 19th February, at the normal time of 8am. Gifts of non-perishable food will be given to assist asylum seekers at the Resource Centre in Melbourne.

~ With warm wishes, Fr Malcolm

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For further information please contact:  
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**FEBRUARY 2012**

when	what	where
Thur 2 pm	Andrew Winton & Liz Frencham	Radio Springs
Fri 3 pm	Truly Madly Deeply	Radio Springs
Sat 4	LYONVILLE WOODCHOP p23	Lyonville
Sat 4 lunch	Tusa Tali	Radio Springs
Sat 4 pm	The Sitting Ducks	Radio Springs
Sun 5 lunch	The Dear Family *	Radio Springs
Sun 5	Temple of Tunes	Cosmo
Sun 5 pm	Little Red Blues Bag	Radio Springs
Sun 5 pm	Kujo Kings with Afro Junk vs Koala Grunge	The Palais
Thur 9 pm	Schades of Jazz	Radio Springs
Fri 10 pm	Family Farm	Radio Springs
Fri 10 pm	Open Mic Night	Cosmo
Fri 10 pm	DJ St Mel & Burlesque dancers	The Palais
Sat 11 lunch	Lily P.	Radio Springs
Sat 11 pm	Phil Jamieson	The Palais
Sat 11 pm	Mr Geoffrey Williams	Radio Springs
Sun 12 lunch	Gillian Eastoe & Terry Murray	Radio Springs
Sun 12	Western Union	Cosmo
Sun 12 pm	Liz Frencham & The People We Know	Radio Springs
Thur 16 pm	The Ciderhouse String Band	Radio Springs
Fri 17 - Sun 19	LYONVILLE FIDDLER'S CONVENTION p13	Lyonville
Fri 17 pm	Goyim	Radio Springs
Sat 18 lunch	Anam Chara	Radio Springs
Sat 18 pm	Mr Geoffrey Williams	Radio Springs
Sun 19 lunch	Zeptepi	Radio Springs
Sun 19	Shotgun Shack	Cosmo
Sun 19 pm	Grumpy Neighbor	Radio Springs
Thur 23 pm	Schades of Jazz	Radio Springs
Thur 23 pm	National Save Australia's Live Music Day	The Palais
Fri 24 pm	Tania Doko	The Palais
Fri 24 pm	Family Farm	Radio Springs
Sat 25 lunch	A Little Left of Centre	Radio Springs
Sat 25 pm	The Dear Family *	Radio Springs
Sun 26	Mustered Courage	Cosmo
Sun 26 lunch	Table Hill	Radio Springs
Sun 2 pm	Karm	Radio Springs

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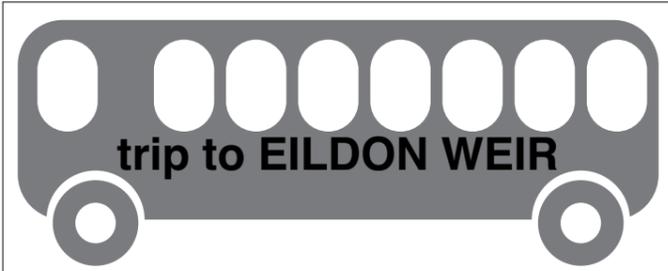
when	what	where
Thur 1 pm	Charlie Steel & The Doc	Radio Springs
Fri 2 pm	Grumpy Neighbor	Radio Springs
Sat 3 Sun 4	10th Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life (see p	Lancefield
Sat 3 lunch	Zeptepi	Radio Springs
Sat 3 pm	The Sitting Ducks	Radio Springs
Sat 3 pm	Steve Lane & The Autocrats	The Palais
Sat 3 pm, 6.30pm	LYONVILLE FIREMANS BALL p25	Lyonville Hall
Sun 4 lunch	The Dear Family *	Radio Springs
Sun 4	Bon Scott's	Cosmo
Sun 4 pm	Little Red Blues Bag	Radio Springs
Thur 8, pm	Cat & Clint *	Radio Springs
Fri 9	Open Mic Night	
Fri 9, pm	Truly Madly Deeply	Radio Springs
Sat 10 lunch	David & Martin	Radio Springs
Sat 10 pm	Mr Geoffrey Williams	Radio Springs
Sat 11	BULLARTO TRACTOR PULL	Bullarto
Sun 11 lunch	Gillian & Terry	Radio Springs
Sun 11	Crosswind	Cosmo
Sun 11 pm	Goyim	Radio Springs
Mon 12 lunch	Tusa Tali	Radio Springs
Mon 12 pm	Jali Buba Kuyeteh	Radio Springs
Fri 16 pm	Lily P.	Radio Springs
Sat 17 lunch	Anam Chara	Radio Springs
Sat 17	Melb Food & Wine Festival - Reservoir Frogs	Cosmo
Sat 17 pm	Ciderhouse String Band	Radio Springs
Sun 18 lunch	Table Hill	Radio Springs
Sun 18 pm	Travelling Concessions	Radio Springs
Thur 22 pm	Schades of Jazz	Radio Springs
Fri 23 pm	Truly Madly Deeply	Radio Springs
Sat 20 lunch	A Little Left of Centre	Radio Springs
Sat 24 pm	Mr Geoffrey Williams	Radio Springs
Sun Mar 25	Ballan Autumn Festival	Ballan
Sun 25 lunch	Gillian & Terry	Radio Springs
Sun 25	Bakehouse	Cosmo
Sun 25 pm	Liz Frencham & The People We Know	Radio Springs
Thurs 29 pm	Charlie Steel & The Doc	Radio Springs
Fri 30 pm	Little Bog Horn	Radio Springs
Sat 31 all day	Private Function	Radio Springs

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**Day 2:** Breakfast at 8.00am then departing for lookout, morning tea, Spillway, lunch, checkout the Museum, & onto "Bonny Doon" & back to Motel for tea.

**Day 3:** WE go to Jamieson for Tour of the Jamieson Brewery & lunch, we then visit Historic buildings & Museum, then returning to our Motel.

**Day 4:** We visit the Trout Farm have lunch & then back to "MIMI JANE" houseboat museum, some spare time to go for a walk or relax.

**Day 5:** We leave our Motel & travel to the "Kerrisdale Railway" where we will have lunch, & travel up the mountain after lunch on the train, after this we will board our coach & head for home. Please book with Judith 5368 6697 or Victoria 5424 1354

### BLACKWOOD COMMUNITY LINK PROGRAM

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Greendale	8.40am	9.25am	
Ballan	8.50am	9.35am	
Gordon		9.50am	

All trips will be departing at the above times. Bookings are essential Mrs. Judith de Groot 5368 6697 or Mrs. Vicki Wells 5424 1356

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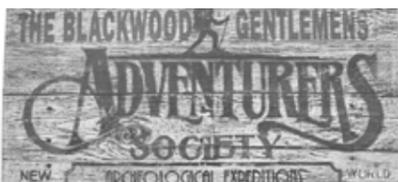
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### THE BLACKWOOD GENTLEMEN'S ADVENTURERS SOCIETY



**BY RODNEY LUNSCHALOT BGB VD & SCAR**

Well, gentle readers, another year has started which is always a source of

celebration for our members, average age 68, as many of them harbour a fear of waking up dead & not being able to continue with the mortal adventures that so enthuse them.

On a recent trip in convoy in the club Land Rovers they travelled to a small town over the hills & far away & on route came to a fork in the road.

If they went left, they would go to the liars' village. If they went right, they go to the village of truths - which is where they want to go. However, they didn't know which way is which.

They didn't have time to go both routes, so they approach a

stranger who is standing in the middle of the fork. The stranger says they may only ask 3 questions & he will answer them.

They ask, "Are you from the village of truths?" The stranger says, "Yes!" However, they are still facing a dilemma: If the stranger was from the village of truths he can only tell the truth, but if he was from the village of liars, he would say he was from the village of truth.

So then they ask the stranger, "Are you telling the truth?" The stranger says, "Yes!" But sadly this leaves them in the same position as before.

So, after many hours at the side of the road, assisted by appropriate refreshment they decide that Blackwood is.....

**Can you work it out?** They finally realize that what they must do is ask the stranger the path back to his own village. If he was from village of truths, he takes him there. Even if he is from the village of liars, he will still take him to the village of truths.

So they decide that, given the recent goings on in downturn Blackwood, theirs could be an apocryphal tale & thus you come to read about it gentle readers.

### 1st Lyonville Fiddlers' Convention 17-19 February, 2012



### Blackwood Fiddlers Convention is relocating to Lyonville, a mere 15 mins away!

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See photos of previous Blackwood Fiddlers' Conventions at [www.australianbluegrass.com](http://www.australianbluegrass.com) (search Blackwood photos)

"It is with deep regret that the organisers of the Blackwood Fiddlers Convention have been forced to move the event to Lyonville. The unavailability of the cricket ground made a change of venue necessary. The Blackwood Crown Reserves Committee offered the caravan park but the change, coupled with bringing in necessary infrastructure, has made the event in Blackwood untenable.

We would like to thank the people of Blackwood for hosting this event over the last few years & are disappointed with the lack of support, help & understanding in current Crown Reserves Committee of Management"

~ Ken McMaster, Jan 22, 2012

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### THE KIDS MANIFESTO

1. The proper place for any item is on the floor, irrespective of whether its original place was in a cupboard or hanging up.
2. After removing the lid from a jar, it is important to ensure that it remains off to allow bacteria a chance to breed.
3. Milk & juices etc., once removed from the refrigerator, should never be returned to it, as the "off" taste of un-refrigerated milk & juices is a real bonus.
4. If there is an opened container, it is important to open more before the first one is used up.
5. Energy must never be expended by taking soiled clothes to the laundry, as they will always find their own way there.
6. Stereos, lights & TV sets should never be turned off as it saves time when they are next required & to hell with the cost & greenhouse effect.
7. Plants never need watering & if they die, they didn't deserve to live anyway.
8. It's an extremely difficult task to remove an old finished toilet roll from its hanger & put a new one on, so it's best to leave the new one on the floor.
9. Cars never need maintenance as oil, water, air in tyres, brake fluid etc once put in last for the life of the car.
10. Remember that telephone calls are free, so it's important to utilise this service efficiently by making as many calls as possible.

~ Don Owen

"The kids manifesto" was born out of frustration when our kids were in their teens. Nowadays they are responsible adults, but it may strike a chord with many parents who may be experiencing similar traits with their offspring.

### The winners of the St. Malachy's Restoration Raffle were:

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Works are expected to be completed by June 2012.

During construction there will be increased heavy vehicle movements on Thurgoods Lane North and Cummings Lane, Barrys Reef. Some weekend work may be possible during the project.

It is expected that traffic disruption will be kept to a minimum during the construction period. Please ensure you obey all signage and be aware of construction traffic at all times.

This project is being delivered as part of CHW's 2008-2013 Water Plan for the Blackwood community.

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**TREE CHALLENGE**  
**Good-bye Summer**  
*by Genevieve Messenger*

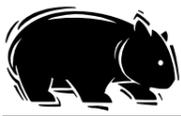
Well it's been summer in Blackwood - when it's not raining.  
Well there was a week when it was bloody cold, but from memory that was in Trentham, didn't reach Blackwood. Blackwood is a sunny town: right now as I'm writing this, the sun is arching over the treetops & is that fabulous golden colour you get at the end of the day.  
I'm happy sitting here: because if you read the last article you'll know I had a few problems with my septic.  
I had a few local heroes fly in on their capes & save my day.  
One was a guy called Jim who works for the Turd Burglar. Even though he stole my turds, I didn't call the police. In fact I was so happy I paid him.  
I mean lets face it now there's no sh# in my life. It's a clean slate for 2012.  
I didn't need any new year's resolutions, I just needed to flush out the old & make space for the new!  
Finally I got my pipes cleaned. A local plumber flew in on his cape as well (it was an astounding sight) & landed on my lawn, complete with pipe equipment & a TV monitor taking live footage of the pipes in my septic system. Watching the screen was more exciting to me than watching Federer play tennis. I could see live action: water rush down the pipe & I felt like I was there as if on a mini water slide at a fun park. I told the plumber he should be a film maker, it was so exciting.  
I'd never seen my pipes on the screen like that. It reminded me of my friends' ultrasound movie of their baby. I was just so proud of the pump action the plumber created after a bit of water jetting through the hole.  
It just goes to show a bit of patience (what's that) & a bit of research can get any problem solved.  
So I hope you've all got any problems solved for 2012 & your life flows as wonderfully as mine is right now. Have a great year.  
Have a very fertile summer everyone & try not to get too wasted. Good tidings to you all.

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# SOME EARLY MEMORIES OF BLACKWOOD

John Henry (Jack) Stringer was born in Richmond on 4th March 1925 to English migrants, William Charles & Hilda Amelia. An interesting fact from those times was that Hilda was in the military police. Jack had a sister Joan & a brother Bill. Jack's father, William, was a night porter at various Melbourne hotels, including the Menzies.

At the age of six, Jack & his family moved to Blackwood. Jack's parents separated, but his mother & the three children stayed in Blackwood. Jack was educated at the Blackwood State School & was dux of Year 5 in 1934 & was presented with a book by the Blackwood mother's club.

After completing his schooling, Jack moved to Melbourne & lived for a short time with his father. He worked as a "lolly boy" at various Melbourne theatres, then as a teenager he worked in numerous country sawmills, including Marysville.

Jack & Daphne met at the age of 12, after being introduced by one of Daphne's brothers. Jack had a passion for timber & learned the art of stacking & sorting & continued to work in the timber mills until the age of 17. Shortly after turning 17, Jack put his age up & enlisted in the RAAF. He became a leading airframe fitter & served in New Guinea for three years, where sadly members of his own unit lost their lives. During his teens & time served in The RAAF, Daphne & Jack's relationship blossomed & upon his return to Australia they were married at St Joseph's church in Collingwood, on Valentines Day (14th February) 1945. Jack was discharged from the RAAF in 1945. During the early part of their marriage they lived with various members of their family, including Daphne's parents, who had 17 children, Daphne being the second eldest.

Following Jack's discharge from the RAAF, he returned to working in various timber yards around Melbourne. After their first child Terry was born, they lived in Blackwood for a short time. Whilst living at Blackwood, & obviously being new parents & not wanting to leave Terry with babysitters, they would put Terry in the pram & go to the dance hall at the Royal Mail Hotel at Golden Point, where Diane's father, Gordon, played the piano & they danced to their favourite song "The Cuckoo Waltz". Gordon would also take Jack on his motorcycle around Blackwood & the surrounding countryside. Gordon & Jack's friendship continued until Gordon's passing in 2010.

Jack & Daphne had two more children, Helen & Dennis, & during the

children's early years, they lived in Sackville Street, Collingwood. During the family's time in Collingwood, they became very close to the Cray family who lived in their street. Beverly Cray became part of Daphne & Jack's family, due to her not having parents of her own. This relationship continued with Beverly, until Jack & his family moved to East Bentleigh in 1955. Beverly then went to New Zealand where she met & married Tom.

One of the reasons Jack & Daphne moved to East Bentleigh was that Collingwood was becoming an unsuitable environment for raising a family. After the move to East Bentleigh, Jack formed a partnership with Bernie Seep & together they had numerous contracts to stack & sort timber, which included yards in Port Melbourne & Bangholme. They were extremely well known for their expertise in this area. During this time Dennis, Jack's nephew, Brian Taylor & Jack's brother-in-law, Peter Driscoll, worked with Jack & learnt the art of stacking & sorting from him. Brian continued the tradition after Jack finished. Due to ill health, Jack's father, William, came to live with them in East Bentleigh, until his death.

Jack was heavily involved with Terry's football career from the ages of 14 to 20 at the Melbourne Football Club & would transport Terry & numerous team mates in an Austin A40 to training & match day games. Jack was well known around the club because of his contribution to the juniors who were coming through at that time. He would often jump the fence to break up various melees, which included players who eventually represented the Melbourne Football Club at a senior level. Terry remembers that his father was a great supporter & guardian of the team. He also remembers many

fishing & camping trips on the Lerderberg river with Jack & Dennis & they watched their father "tickle" a trout & then put it straight into the pan. Their main bait was mud eye, which they caught in the creek. On other occasions, Jack made up his own water "bombs" to kill the fish.

Helen fondly remembers her dad bringing her in a cup of tea most mornings, but the tea was so strong the spoon could stand up on its own!

Jack always had a passion for Blackwood. Jack, Dennis & Jack's nephew, Ian Hansford, spent many weekends building "chook pens" with the intention of starting a small poultry farm &, such was his nature, he gave away more eggs than he sold.

~ submitted by Diane Stringer

"He also remembers many fishing & camping trips on the Lerderberg river with Jack & Dennis ... they watched their father "tickle" a trout."

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

## CONGRATUALATIONS JINNY!

THAT IS an amazing achievement! I hope you are celebrating in true Blackwood style! It is always fun to read what is happening in that tiny township/ village/ so far away. It transports me right back to the sound of kookaburras & cockatoos, morning coffee sitting overlooking the bush, strolling along the Lerderberg, drinking gallons of my favourite mineral water - not the horrible sulfur stuff though! What a world of difference from Hither Green with its little Quaggy River & all the busyness of living in London!

AS I have followed the Blackwood News almost from its inception I have seen it develop more & more into a truly polished & professional newspaper mostly due to the incredible efforts of you, its editor,

supported so magnificently by the local community.

**WELL DONE** on such a well deserved & prestigious award!

~ Alice, (London)

**CONGRATS FROM** Eva & me on the award so well deserved.

**WE ENJOY** the stories

~ Stephen (Ringwood)

**WELL DONE** - another fantastic edition & such great news about the well-deserved award.

**WE HAVE** just grand-parented again as Maria & Daniel have a little boy born yesterday! Very exciting.

**BEST WISHES** for a very happy Christmas & for 2012.

~ Elaine Boucher

**LOVE YOUR** pet guru xmas wishes - many thanks. Our customers love the Blackwood News-and so do we!!

**ALL THE** best to you & your family & have a great break-I know we will!!

~ Sue Pearson (St Erth Cafe)

**PS: LOVE** the drawing & script guys - cute as!!

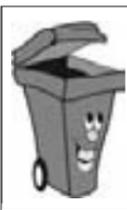
**IN MY** article "Some early memories of Blackwood" (Dec11/ Jan12 p9) I used the name Tyrell, it should have been Terrill. Maybe an apology is required to be included in the next news???

~ Don Owen



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# A COLLECTION OF WAR MEMORIES (CONTINUED)

## JACK RAYNER'S war experiences (CONT)

They were then posted to 464 RAAF squadron which, together with 487 RNZAF & 21 RAF Squadrons, comprised 140 Wing, 2 Group of the Second Tactical Air Force based at Thorney Island near Portsmouth. Whilst there, air-crews were set operational tracks that took them across the North Sea to enter Holland at Egmond. Once across the coast, they proceeded at a height of up to 3,000 feet to their patrol area running the gauntlet of the formidable German light 20mm Flak guns that fired a mixture of deadly 3.6 -5.2 oz. solid, explosive & incendiary shells at the rate of 480 rounds per minute. Not far from Hilversum, they heard in their headphones a sweeping sound of varying intensity which indicated that they were under radar detection. Suddenly, a blue radar controlled searchlight switched onto their aircraft &, almost immediately, two white searchlights lit up & they were coned by all three. Even though their night vision was seriously impaired & they had great difficulty in reading their instruments, so essential for flying aircraft at night, they were able to commence evasion by corkscrewing their aircraft in a steep dive, so as to present a difficult target to German night fighters that often operated in co-operation with searchlights. The two Jacks then proceeded to seek out & to bomb and/or strafe railway trains, more particularly locomotives, marshalling yards, shipping on rivers & canals, motor transport, tanks, etc., in good visibility, particularly half moonlight, in which they were quite successful. One pitch black night, they passed by chance right over a Luftwaffe night fighter airfield that was protected by no less than 150 Flak guns. There were green & red lights clearly showing the approaches & landing runway in use which indicated that there were German night fighters in the circuit area, even flying on both sides of their aircraft, thus preventing the flak from firing.

When making a steep diving attack on a target it was essential, upon commencing to level out, to allow for the aircraft to sink as much as 1,500 feet (this was known as "mushing"). On night attacks, it was

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

I mentioned earlier that we swam at Cable Beach & often used the abandoned "La Sale" car for transport until it was burnt in the hanger fire. After that we relied on a RAAF truck to take us along the two wheel track that lead to Cable Beach. Good functional transport, but not quite as stylish!

It is worthy to note that the offal from the local meat works was dumped over the cliff & into the sea near Gantheaume Point late every afternoon. The sharks knew when it was dumping time & they could be seen travelling south, parallel to Cable Beach & just outside the breaking waves, until they rounded the corner to Roebuck Bay, where the dumping point was situated. Therefore, when we arrived at Cable Beach to swim, we would first fire a half a dozen rounds of .303 into the surf to frighten the sharks away - some of them were big - big - big! 10 to 12ft long in length & well-fed, that well-fed that I feel that is one of the reasons why we were not bothered by them.

### HOT BATH & JOY RIDE IN HUDSON BOMBER

Between the township & the sand hills on the beach near Sheba Lane, was a large, round tank sunk into the ground. This is where the bore water that supplied the houses emerged from deep in the ground. The water was so hot that you had to lower yourself in very slowly & many a hot bath was had there.

Early in 1943, a Hudson Bomber had engine trouble & a new piston

absolutely vital for Mosquito crews to complete levelling out their aircraft at least 500 feet above the ground. On one such attack as they commenced to climb, they noticed the silhouettes of trees rushing past their aircraft. The reality was that they were a split second from disaster & oblivion. Nevertheless, for the remainder of their tour the two Jacks tried to quell their enthusiasm when operating at low level. As they gained experience, their tasks took them deeper into Germany, commencing with the Cologne/Ruhr area where they caused havoc in a railway siding, strafed a train & blew up a locomotive. Barges on

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the River Rhine were attacked, a light river transport was strafed & another driven aground. Their most memorable attacks were during the 1944/45 winter German ground offensive through the Ardennes area. The strategy of the German High Command was to split the Allied armies & recapture the Belgian port of Antwerp that had been taken intact but could not be used until the Sheldt Estuary was cleared of enemy troops & mines. This German attack was the last throw of the dice & was unsuccessful. The situation on the ground was so confused during the first few weeks that

air attacks were not permitted for a distance of 100 miles (160km) to the west of the original front line. Nevertheless, with the use of "Gee" bombing attacks on enemy troop concentrations, tanks, etc. from above cloud were fairly accurate & lowered enemy morale, as subsequently proved in intelligence reports.

On Christmas Eve, one of 464 Squadron air-crews strafed a light that was the open fire box of a locomotive at the head of a stationary goods train in a railway siding. A large fire was started. On the way to their target area, the two Jacks were called up by radio &, on arrival above the siding that was in a deep forested valley, were dismayed to find a huge fire with red hot artillery shells spewing for a considerable distance to land on the surrounding hillsides where they in turn exploded. They immediately dropped their four 500 pound bombs & strafed the fire with cannon & machine-gun fire. ... to be continued next issue

was fitted to one of the engines. When the job was completed, Hugh & I happened to be off duty at the time. We were asked if we would like a ride in the plane when they took it for a test run - the answer was "yes" & off we went heading north along the coast. A couple of hundred miles went by when our luck ran out & one engine ceased. We had to limp back to Broome on one good engine - what happened to the plane I don't know, but after that experience I wasn't looking for another joy ride!

Occasionally the army operated the old Open Air Sun Theatre. The seating was in deck chairs, & the projection equipment was antiquated & often would not work. They would on such occasions announce "There will be no show tonight", to which (even though it was free) there would be a loud groan go up from the crowd. It was always something to look forward to. Some time later, when the RAAF unit was much larger, we had our own pictures operating on a vacant block of land in the town.

One night, coming back from the pictures, I was stung on the right foot (big toe) by a scorpion. I got a razor blade, cut a cross on the sting & squeezed out the poison. My tent mates insisted that I be medically checked & I was taken to hospital where I spent the night under observation. None the worse for wear, although I did develop a large ulcer about the size of a fifty cent piece on the right foot which took quite a while to clear up. ... to be continued next issue



After the "La Sale" car was razed in the Broome Airport hanger fire, transport of men to cable Beach for a swim & relax was by this RAAF truck



### Blackwood Sewerage Project



#### So what is happening in town during this phase of the project?

The Water Infrastructure Group (WI Group) project team will be undertaking a range of activities in town, including survey works, to prepare for the next stages of the project.

Letters have been sent to property owners regarding these activities, however we encourage owners to contact WI Group on 1800 724 925 if you have any queries.

Construction is scheduled to commence as soon as all the necessary approvals are received.

What other work is currently being undertaken?

Central Highlands Water (CHW) is currently using Land Victoria information to clarify boundaries & titles for each property to be serviced by the Blackwood sewerage project. This is a lengthy process, as historical records & data require clarification.

CHW is continuing to respond to a range of individual property enquiries. We will provide further information about the shares process and property assessments in future communications, however if you have any questions in the interim please contact CHW on 1800 888 663.

When will further information be provided?

We will provide further information in the next edition of the Blackwood News. Project information is also available on the CHW website [www.chw.net.au](http://www.chw.net.au)

### HEY KIDS ... BY BEV COOPER



This month I have a guessing game for you. See the drink-can angel ?

1. How many cans make the angel?
2. How was she made?
3. How long did it take?
4. Will she blow away?

Can you think of something you could make out of flattened drink cans?

*see the answers on p21*

### BLACKWOOFs:



**THE ARISTOCRACY** admired the French Bulldog's tidy proportions & its readiness to sit still & look pretty, to be an ornament. These lapdogs would have been given names such as Frou Frou, Gaspard or Pompette, so perhaps Isa Boo Boo's own moniker is not as outlandish as it first sounds. Perhaps.

**SHE WOULD** tell you, however, that she is no courtly lapdog. She eats blowflies.

Unusually for her breed, she not only swims, but dives for rocks in her beloved Lerderberg. After returning home she may attack the hated vacuum cleaner before tucking into her all-time favourite treat - spaghetti.



**BABBA** (POODLE/SHIH TZU) at this point will pamper his princess with the daily facial - a thorough licking of her eyes & ears & ... "what's that on your snout, my dear? Bolongnese? Allow me." Babba himself is not keen on grooming. He despises the brush & will grow handsome dreadlocks when left to it. Babba also chases blow flies but his enduring passion, his obliterating obsession, is chasing the lizards who live in the backyard.

*~ Jimmy Olsen*

### WHAT'S UP DOC?

Doc was recently asked if he was still seeing animals. He was heard replying with..."yes I am still in practice seeing animals & people. It is just that hard work kills people, so I take it easy & don't do too much!"

A client in Trentham with a Miniature Poodle named "Harvey" is very grateful. Before xmas "Harvey" had been back & forward to the vets with a liver tumour. He had severe weight loss & had stopped eating for two weeks. He was being force-fed, which was very upsetting & demoralising to him. Doc was called in for a one-hour consultation. Since then "Harvey" has completely returned to normal in all ways & is apparently becoming too much to handle, he gets so excited! Congratulations & thanks go to Doc for another miracle without drugs.

A Blue Swedish drake was recently seen leaving doc's place. It had a proliferating mass on its foot pad that bled from time to time. Some cell salts drops were prescribed & drake & owner left with smiles on their face & beak. The local vets told the owner they were not bird specialists.

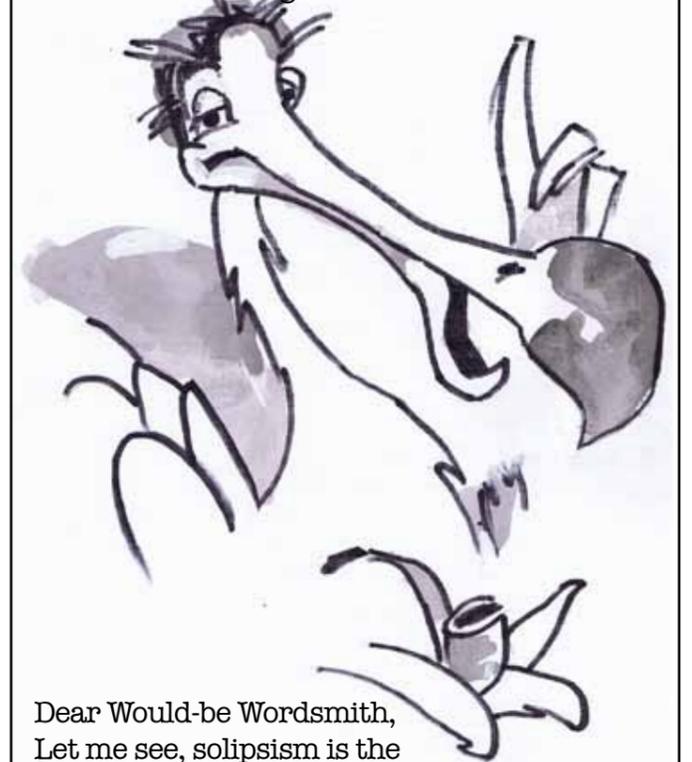
It seems Doc still has a calling from South Dakota & is making plans to return & spend more time with the American Indians. Rumour has it that he is going to teach intuitive animal communication in Santa Fe, New Mexico & in the south west of France on his way home.

Doc has been asked to share some pearls of wisdom.... He says, "If you are unhappy....who cares?....give it up & the world will be a better place for all!"

### Dear Pet Guru,

*I was having an argument with my pet dodo & he was winning. Angry, I said "anyway you are extinct so how can you win this argument?" He said "I happen to know I exist but I'm not sure about you." Is this solipsism a valid ontological precept or merely a pusillanimous muddying of the disputational waters?*

*~ signed Would-be Wordsmith*



Dear Would-be Wordsmith, Let me see, solipsism is the belief that only self can be known to exist, ontological means pertaining to the nature of existence, & pusillanimous means mean-spirited or petty, so the answer to your question is definitely the latter.

*signed Pet Guru*

*Love Pet Guru? The whole series (24 cards) is now available as individuals postcards look for them @ The Blackwood Merchant, Blackwood PO & Garden of St Erth cafe @ \$2.30 ea or \$13.80 for a set of 6. Series 1 were published in Blackwood News in 2008/09, series 2: 2009/2010, series 3: 2010-2011*

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The event has so far raised almost \$870,000 for the Cancer Council Victoria. It is not too late to register or make a donation. Alternatively, you can help the cause by supporting the many team fundraisers in coming weeks.

Magician Anthony De Masi, better known by Channel Nine viewers as Magic Tony, is bringing his hilarious show, 'Spaghetti Spaghetti', to Woodend. His performance in Romsey in 2010 was very well received.

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The family magic show will be held on Friday, February 17 at St Ambrose Hall, Templeton Street, Woodend. Show time is 7pm, with tickets available pre-booked or at the door for \$10 each. (NB: Seating is limited so bookings recommended.) Proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Council Victoria by The Ones That Got Away team. Contact Nadine on 54271571 or 0439 399 838.

The Romsey Birdies are again running a Charity Golf Day at their home club on Sunday, February 19 to boost their fundraising tally.

Entry is \$80 per team or \$20 each, which includes a traditional barbecue lunch.

The day will feature a 4-player Ambrose competition over 12 holes, with novelty & fun events.

Players are welcome from 9.30am for a 10am hit off. Entries close on February 10 & will be accepted on the day if the field permits.

To register ring Beryl on 5429 5411 or Jan 0402 905 982.

Info about the Relay For Life at Lancefield Park & to register a team or individual, or to make a donation, visit the website www.relayforlife.org.au & follow the prompts to Lancefield. Or ring Melissa McCarthy on 0438 831 427 or email tmac31@bigpond.net.au.

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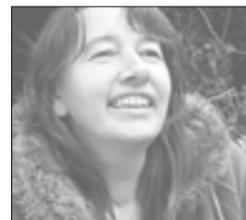


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HEALTH BASICS: PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE

by Kathie Strmota



Your immune system is your best friend, serving as bodyguard, housekeeper & damage control. It continuously removes external & internal threats to the body's harmonious operation. It fights infections, balances body flora, clears dead tissue, wastes, & abnormal cells, & generally maintains quality of life. You'd be shocked

to know how many infections, cancers & other diseases have been silently averted behind the scenes by your hard-working immune system. You can support immunity when you're sick, to speed recovery, but it's far more important to support immune health every day. Prevention truly is better than cure.

Metaphysically, immunity is strongly influenced by your attitudes & outlook. Your approach to life defines its operation. If you dive into life fearlessly, nip problems 'in the bud', stand your ground, & act with confidence, your immune system will also operate fearlessly, efficiently & confidently. If you procrastinate & avoid dealing with problems, so will your immune system. This relationship is complex & I'll explore it more fully later in the year.

Physically, good nutrition is central to immune health. Much is said about vitamin C & zinc, but immunity relies on all basic vitamins & minerals, as well as other crucial antioxidant & anti-inflammatory substances, so a varied diet of wholefoods is better than a multi-vitamin supplement.

The 'life vitality' of foods greatly impacts their immune-supportive ability. Fresh foods, buzzing with life, go a long way to lifting your immune system's energy & enthusiasm. The toxic load of foods is another consideration. The more 'crap' you put into your body, the bigger the job of clean-up & protection you give your immune

system, increasing the likelihood of infective agents or abnormal cells being missed & allowed to take hold. Choose home-grown, whole, unprocessed foods wherever possible; fresh, ripe fruit & vege, at least 30% raw, or lightly steamed; fish & fish oils; lean, organic whole meats & a variety of whole grains, seeds, nuts & legumes (beans, peas, lentils). Throw in a mix of fermented & pickled foods, as well as some pre-digested dairy (good quality cheese, unsweetened natural yoghurt) & you're on your way.

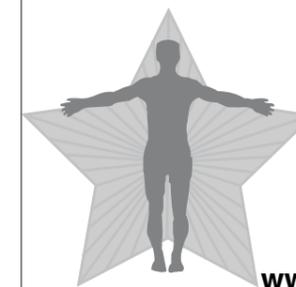
Processed & 'fast foods' are not only deficient in nutrients but also contain inflammatory fats & chemical additives which cause all kinds of havoc in the body. Sugar, in particular, depresses immunity, so avoid 'added-sugar' packaged foods & soft drinks. Sweeten cakes with fruit, juice or honey. Sugar also disturbs our 'friendly' bacteria, some of which function as part of the immune system. Keep bowel flora happy with probiotic-rich yoghurt or supplement. Some plant foods (asparagus, bananas, leeks, onions, garlic, dandelion) supply prebiotic fibre (oligosaccharides), which nourishes good bacteria.

Regular exercise & physical activity support immunity by improving lymphatic flow & waste removal, heating & oxygenating the body, & stimulating the activity of immune cells. However, pushing the body too hard can depress immunity because it over-stresses the body. Have a generally active lifestyle, without going to extremes. Do lots of walking in lovely environments, chop wood, hang out the washing, swim, visit the gym for half an hour a couple of times a week, etc.. Spread activity out, rather than 'going hard' & then doing nothing for ages. The body also needs adequate rest, so the immune system has extra time & energy to do its complex work. Try to get 7-9 hours of deep, undisturbed sleep, every night.

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There's no real story behind this beautiful photo of Matilda at the Blackwood Bake Off. Thank-you Caroline (Barry's Reef) for sending it to me!

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Our own Lauren Lee Williams (I still lay claim to her in the hope she will return to Blackwood) plays "Fire Blues", a song she only recently recorded, but wrote after her experiences evacuating during Daylesford fires just after Black Saturday.

Available at Radio Springs, the CD sells for \$20 (that's a mere \$1 per track), with all proceeds going toward getting a fire appliance & shed for the Lyonville Annexe of the Tretham CFA. All production fees were donated to the cause.

The album's Executive Producer (& hotel owner), Ken Parfrey, says he is "very proud of the project & looks forward to volume 2 being completed soon. Some of the new tracks have been recorded live during gigs at the Radio Springs".

Blackwood News has 2 CD's to give away to the most original & best-structured limerick themed around "EASTER". Limericks & winners will be published in the April/May issue of Blackwood News.

A refresher on the rules of limericks...

Limericks are 5 lines long & follow these rules:

- lines 1, 2, & 5 rhyme
- lines 3 & 4 rhyme
- limericks possess a galloping rhythm, they try to be funny & are often bawdy (but in this case they must be suitable for publication

- for example ...

There was a young boy in fifth grade  
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