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**& then some**



### EDITOR'S THOUGHTS...

I have to ask, where did the year go? As a young girl each year went by so slowly but, as a grown up, they just keep wizzing by! We're nearly into the Spring Racing Carnival & before we know, it'll be Christmas Silly Season & our little village will be teaming with visitors!

I have a few people to thank... firstly, all our regular contributors who take time every 2 months to write articles for our interest, education & enjoyment. In this issue thank-you (I don't dare try to name every contributor over the years, as I would surely mess up). Don for the weather, Margot for her historical articles, Kathie for her health articles, Alan & Jack for their long running war stories & our newest contributors, Margaret, for her 'Line of Enquiry' & Robin Bradley for his wine writings. I'd also like to thank Barbara Sweet who, without fail, sends me her Senior Citizens update & has an uncanny knack of knowing every-thing that is going on in Blackwood, even though she now lives in Ballan! And not to forget Jane for helping me to contact our advertisers & Sue. for doing a masterful job of collating events this issue.

The Blackwood Times would not continue without our advertisers' on-going support, so a special thank-you to all of you. I hope our readers will support our advertisers. If you use their services, please tell them you saw them in the BLACKWOOD TIMES.

Finally to everyone who sends letter, photos, bits & bobs, thank-you. My role as editor of The BLACKWOOD TIMES is to collate your thoughts, comments & images .... the life of Blackwood, its ups & downs... to represent the voice of the community, as well as providing a historical document for our future generations to enjoy.

I do hope you enjoy this issue. As usual it's jam packed with an eclectic collection of articles. And remember, your donations help us to continue publication , so when you pick up a copy, please pop a coin in the box. with thanks...

~ & 'til next issue, Jinny Coyle

### HOW'S THE WEATHER BEEN?

~ by Don Owen

Month & Year	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall Average (mm) 1879-2007	Minimum Temperature deg C	Maximum Temperature deg C
July '13	143	102.8	-2	15.2
Aug '13	131.5	110.7	-1.3	16.4

COMPARED TO last year we have had a cooler June & warmer July & August making the average winter temperature averaged over the last five years slightly warmer. The rainfall up to the end of August for the year has been 601mm which is about 40mm less than the long term average.

### CROWN RESERVES

Friday September 20 marked the deadline for those wishing to apply for a position on the Blackwood Crown Reserves Committee of Management under the Department of Environment and Primary Industries' new selection process.

The successful nominees from July's overturned election did not reapply because, despite their repeated requests, DEPI has still not offered any explanation for its repudiation of the valid election.

The community continues to protest this outrage with letters to the State Ombudsman, the Governor, the Minister & Department heads among many others.

To sign the online petition, go to <http://tinyurl.com/oh3ue5b>  
A paper petition is available at the Hotel, Post Office and Blackwood Merchant. Unfortunately, some pages full of signatures have gone missing under suspicious circumstances.

Thank you to Moorabool News which continues to cover this issue (See Blackwood Times online for these articles).

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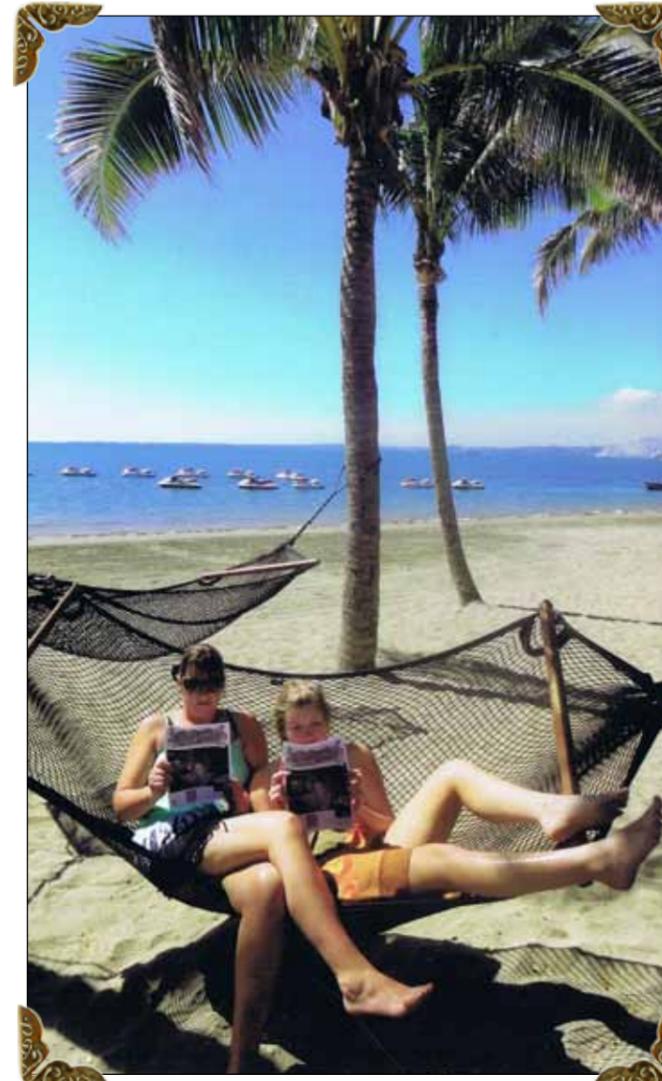
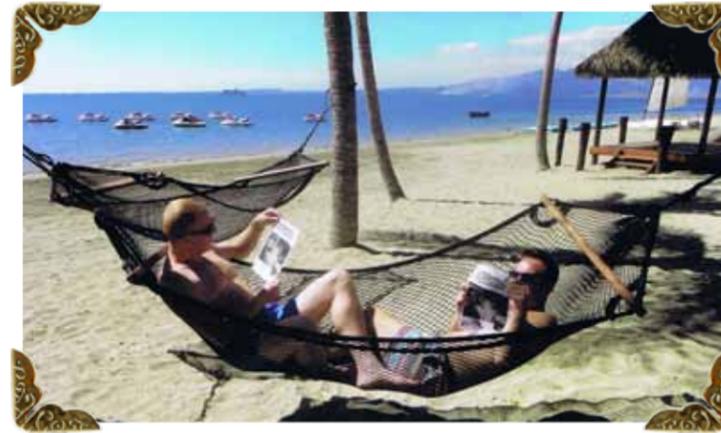
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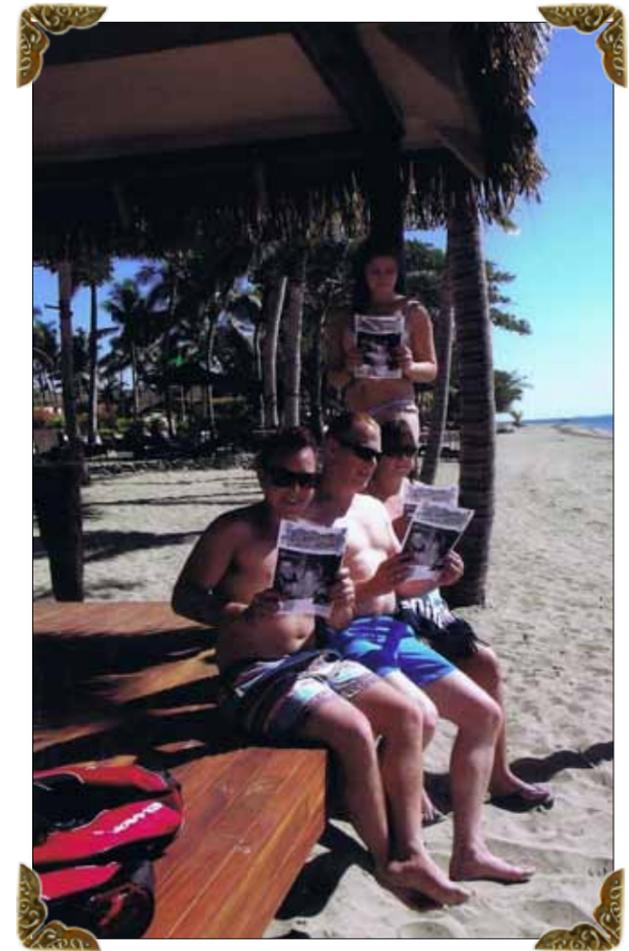
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top right: Daniel, Mick, Janette & Monica;  
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## COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

### Blackwood Action Group

- Mayor Pat Toohey informs us that a planning permit was issued for a 3090sq m property in Wall St on 12/7/2013. He encourages Blackwood land owners wishing to build to apply to the council for a permit. (see Moorabool Shire website Greenlight section)
- More encouraging noises from the Planning Minister, Matthew Guy, who continues to promise that the second tranche of Planning amendments, due to take effect in late October, will shift power from referral bodies such as the CFA & water boards to local councils. Nobody seems quite sure how this will play out in practice – we can only wait and see.
- The action group continues to gather information although answers are hard to come by when the planning environment is in such a state of flux. No-one it seems, including the authorities, know where they stand.
- The group has sent details of alternative waste water management systems, Evapocycle and Ceramic Ozone Filter systems to Central Highland Water. We continue also to communicate with other action groups around the State.

Info as we get it via theblackwoodtimes.com.au, including The Dandenong's fuel break project, press releases & updates.

~Brendan Hehir, member

### Blackwood/Barry's Reef Landcare Group

Blackwood & Barry's Reef Landcare Group conducted its third annual Weeds Forum on August 13.

There was a record attendance this year with representatives from Melbourne Water, the Department of Environment & Primary Industries, Vic Roads, the Shire of Moorabool, Powercor, Vemco, Country Fire Authority, Parks Victoria & Western Land Services.

The Weeds Forum is well regarded by participants as it gives the various parties involved in weed control an opportunity to come together annually & discuss how they can work together in Blackwood & district.

Information is exchanged & collaborative exercises planned.

Blackwood Landcare benefits by understanding the activities & constraints of the participating parties & also through the opportunity to focus attention on the specific issues affecting our area.

Blackwood & Barry's Reef Landcare Group thanks Don Nardella MP for chairing the meeting, the Port Phillip & Western Port Catchment Management Authority for funding it & Elizabeth Hall for catering the event.

~ Shane Scanlan

### Blackwood Senior Citizens' Centre Inc.,

The AG meeting of the Blackwood Senior Citizens Club was held in August. There was a good attendance with over 30 people present. Manda McDermott (Shire Rep) was officiating & the results of the incoming office bearers are as follows - Jim Usher (President), May Burling (Vice President), Barb Sweet (Secretary), Bev Herd (Assistant Secretary & Treasurer), Helga Weiss (Treasurer), Sheela Tori (Public Officer) Committee – Alex & Phyl Manning, Jenna Usher, Barb Dawson, Cathy Lynch, Maria Stone, Hank Kaende, Deanne Volte. Manda then congratulated us on having a well organised club & financially very sound. Past president Max presented Ken & Betty Ashton with their life member badges & then we all congratulated them on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, what a wonderful achievement. Retiring president Max was thanked by us all for a job well done over the last 2 years.

Our club had a day out recently at the Fisk ville CFA training centre which was most interesting as a demonstration was in progress as we arrived – then we enjoyed an excellent meal – thanks to Bev Heard for organising this outing & Greg Orr our excellent bus driver. We have had a visit from Chris CFA – after having lunch with us she gave us an informative talk about dangers of fire in the home.

The Blackwood Seniors meet in the Blackwood Hall every

Wednesday 10am – 3pm. Any new members would be made most welcome. Kindest Regards from

~Barb Sweet (Hon Secretary)

### Blackwood Cemetery Trust, BLACKWOOD CERT, Blackwood Crown Reserves Committee Of Management, Blackwood Cricket Club, Blackwood CFA, Blackwood Junior Cricket Club, Blackwood Historical Society, Blackwood Progress Association, Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc.

~ no reports submitted

### Victorian Associations Need to Review their Rules

The Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 ('Act') commenced operation on 26 November 2012 & this means there are substantial changes to the rules of all incorporated Associations in Victoria.

#### What this means for Incorporated Associations?

Some of these changes include mandatory changes to the rules. If changes are not made, & there is a conflict between the new Act & an Association's existing rules, then the Act applies. An example of some of the changes are:

- The role of Public Officer has been renamed to become the Secretary. Provisions for appointment & replacement of the Secretary must be included in the association's rules.
- A tiered reporting structure for financial information has been introduced. An Association's financial reporting requirements now vary depending on the level of the Association's income.
- Minutes must be taken of the AGM & committee meetings & must include set information. How members can access AGM minutes (and if they can access committee meeting minutes) must be covered in the rules. If this is not covered, the provisions in the model rules will be read into an Association's rules, & this provides for full access to committee meeting minutes.
- There are now express duties & obligations imposed on the committee of management (similar to directors' duties).
- There are new rules relating to when a poll may be taken.
- There are new rules around grievance procedures.
- The statement of purpose is no longer a separate document but incorporated in to an Association's rules.

Incorporated Associations need to be aware of this new Act & its impact on the way an Association operates. The Act may require changes to the rules of an Association to bring their rules into line with the Act. If nothing is done, the new model rules will be implied into any gaps in the rules or inconsistencies with the Act.

~ with thanks to Scott Amberley of Lewis Holdway Lawyers for permission to publish this article

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## FEDERATION DAY WALK 2013

Sunday, 13 October

Each year a different bushwalking club organises an event in which members of clubs affiliated with Bushwalking Victoria can come together for a social occasion that involves walking & enables members of different clubs to meet each other. This year, the Boroondara Bushwalking Club, based in Kew, Melbourne, is hosting the event. We have chosen to walk in the Lerderderg & Werribee State Parks, the Wombat State Forest & the Brisbane Ranges National Park. Parks Victoria at Bacchus Marsh & the Department of Environment & Primary Industries at Sebastopol have been very helpful in their advice & support in the organisation of the event.

Myrniong was chosen as an ideal place to be the hub for the activity. This is where all participants will meet to check-in on the day, car pool, & to return to for afternoon tea after the walk. The afternoon tea is being organised by the Bacchus Marsh CWA, & this has already received favourable comments from walkers!

We would like to ensure that everyone in the Blackwood community is aware of this event, & we hope that it does not impact too much on your Sunday activities as there will be more vehicle traffic & more parked cars in the area. There are five walks starting at Blackwood, one from the Blackwood Mineral Springs Reserve, one from the town itself, two from the Jack Cann Reserve car park & one from the sports oval car park in Blackwood. As we are carpooling from Myrniong there should only be about four cars for each walk.

We would very much enjoy having anyone in the community come along on one of our walks. If you are interested in joining us on the day you will need to register through your local Bushwalking Club as a visitor on the day. To know more about what walks are being offered please refer to www.boroondarabushwalkers.org.au & then go to Federation Day Walk 2013.

If you want to find more about Bushwalking Victoria & its affiliated clubs, visit www.bushwalkingvictoria.org.au.

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... please email Jinny at editor@TheBLACKWOODTIMES.com.au

## BLACKWOOD COMMUNITY FIRE REFUGE

Construction of Blackwood's new co-located CFA Fire Station and Community Fire Refuge is well underway.

The Blackwood Community Fire Refuge Working Group would like to invite you to an information session to learn more about the fire refuge and its operation.

At this meeting the Group, along with emergency services representatives, will share with you the guidelines for how and when the refuge will operate. This is important information and we encourage you to join us.

When construction of the new station and refuge is complete we will hold an open day for all to come and see first hand how the refuge will operate. We will advise closer to the time of when the open day will be held.

Thank you from Blackwood's Community Fire Refuge Working Group



### Invitation to information session

Date: Thursday 21 November 2013  
Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm  
Location: Blackwood Hall

A brief presentation will commence at 7.30pm followed by time for questions. A light supper will be provided.

Please contact Rachael Murnane on 0410 455 027 for further information.

Leaving early is the safest option



### HEALTH BASICS: GOUT ... LIVE & LET LIVE

by Kathie Strmota

Traditionally, gout is associated with a 'rich diet' of meats, sweets, & ale. The combination of high protein & alcohol puts a big load on kidneys & can lead to damage if not balanced with nutrients provided by fruit & vegetables. Gout is characterised by a build-up of uric acid, a waste metabolite excreted by kidneys, which collects in extremities & crystalises. Uric acid crystals lodge in joints (commonly thumbs, big toes, sometimes knees, elbows) & cause irritation, swelling, pressure & pain. Good circulation & kidney function are key factors in clearing uric acid & reducing gout symptoms. When gout is acute (extreme swelling & inflammation), rest the joint & don't use it. Elevate the limb to encourage fluid drainage from the area.

Metaphysically, gout suggests you've been inflexible/rigid for a long time, trying to control life & change, & also other people in the process. Of course, you cannot control life or other people, & any attempts to dominate only meet with rebellion, so you become angry, irritated & frustrated. Try to cultivate an attitude of allowing & acceptance. Acknowledge that change is a river that cannot be dammed or re-directed, & release your futile attempts to control it. Instead, flow with change & use it to take you where you want to go, & allow others the freedom to change according to their own journey.

Support kidney function by drinking water & avoiding drinks which load the kidneys (alcohol, coffee/tea, sugar-rich soft drinks/cordials). Reduce meat intake to 3-5 serves/week (a 'serve' is the size & thickness of your palm). Parsley is a kidney tonic (and multivitamin). Add it to everything you eat.

Gout is an 'acid' condition, improved with an alkalisng diet (discussed in earlier issues) which basically means 'no packet/junk foods & lots of fruit & veg'. This diet also supplies antioxidants which reduce inflammation & clear tissue wastes. Make each meal & snack 'rainbow-coloured'. Good gout-reducing antioxidant foods are onions & garlic, parsley, apples, grapes, berry fruits (esp. cherries & cranberry juice), broccoli, cabbage, lemons, celery. Supplementing fish oil can also help.

Some foods contain 'purines' (converted to uric acid in body). Theoretically, reducing purine foods (anchovies, asparagus, organ meats like brains, kidneys & liver, cauliflower, game meats, gravies, herring, sardines, scallops, sweetbreads) may help reduce uric acid production. Some texts recommend avoiding molybdenum (converts

purines to uric acid). I disagree. Molybdenum breaks down many toxic substances. Uric acid is safely excreted by kidneys, while unconverted toxic substances cannot. Better to reduce the toxic dietary load, not remove nutrients which manage it. Avoid molybdenum supplements but not foods. A similar suggestion is made about vitamins B3 & B12, which can also raise uric acid levels. Again, supplements can be avoided, until kidney function improves, but not foods, as these nutrients have many metabolic functions.

The homeopathic tissue salt NatPhos (sodium phosphate) can reduce acidity & clear uric acid deposits. Use as directed. Silica acts like a 'jackhammer' which breaks up & clears crystals. It's found in the rough parts of plant foods (skins, stalks, seeds, husks, pithy bits) we usually throw out. Leave these on & eat the lot.

The herb burdock root is a blood cleanser, supportive for slow kidneys & gouty pain. Make a medicinal tea of burdock & oatstraw (both high in silica) several times a week. Just steep 5-10 minutes & gulp it down!

Affirmations: I release all attempts to control life & surrender to change. I honour freedom for all. I let go. I allow. I am at peace.

~ this info is repeated from Herbal First Aid newsletter articles

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Darcy & Jack Simmonds are travelling to Malaysia next years as part of a 4 week educational expedition which involves working with the local community, assisting with conservation, educational or labour intensive tasks. This is being organised through Daylesford Secondary College & World Challenge. **The boys are holding a trivia night on October 19 at the Blackwood Hall** to help pay for this trip. It will be starting about 7pm, \$15 per person. Flyer will be put up closer to date with all details

### ALAN WELLSLEY GRIFFIN 59697 LAC 30-7-42 TO 4-3-46 (CONT)

#### BOAT TRIP

Occasionally we would swim at a small protected cove which was situated roughly at the eastern end of Wama Air Strip. One day a small open boat about 16ft was moored in the deep water about a hundred yards from the shore. Six of us swam out to the boat & climbed aboard. It was powered by a small four-cycle motor which we were able to start & we headed north.

As there was a box of hand grenades & necessary fuses we decided to try out luck at fishing – plenty of bangs but no fish! By this time we were seven or eight miles into Japanese territory when one of the boys said "I hope nothing goes wrong with the motor", talk about being a 'Jonah' – we blew a cylinder head gasket shortly afterwards. We were two or three hundred yards from the native village "Doeo", which was in Japanese held territory. So we rowed ashore & pulled the boat up on the sand to see if we could do anything to the motor. The natives just melted into thin air as they did not want to have any thing to do with us for fear of reprisals from the Japanese.

There were some spanners in the boat & after removing the head of the motor we decided that it was impossible to repair at this point, so we pushed the boat off & had to row all the way back to the cove. We were perhaps lucky that there were two oars to row with, otherwise we would have been in big trouble. We removed the motor & took it back to camp to work on. We needed gasket material & enquires at several workshops proved fruitless.

When all else fails, try the dump &, sure enough, I came across a fibre travelling case & was able to cut a gasket to fit. When finished it started up like a charm &, with no silencer fitted, it could be heard for quite a distance - & sure enough the boat owner (a RAAF Flying Officer) heard it & tracked it down to our tent. It appeared he had seen the boat when we had headed north along the coast & had followed in his jeep as far as the perimeter fence, but was unable to go any further.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment at night was pretty good as there were movies at several open-air theatres & quite often a live show. Gambling tables were usually set up near the entrance to the theatre & they were promptly dismantled before the show started & therefore there was no conflict of interest. The live show that impressed me the most was Gracie Fields at the Boomerang Theatre & you can see by the programme it was quite a big deal.

For several days before the show the organizers had Jap POW's spreading shell grit at the entrance to the theatre to give the area a touch of class. Living in primitive conditions was tough & it was important to run such shows. It gave us a chance to "kick back" &, for a short while, forget the woes of the war. The shows were something to really look forward to & gave us all a big boost in morale.

#### END OF WAR

I was on night shift when the news came through that the war was over. I remember hearing a lot of noise & on going outside seeing Vary Pistols (flares) being fired in the sky. The war had finished & General Blamey in his address to the troops at the signing of the Japanese surrender said, "Now sit back & enjoy your stay on Morotai".

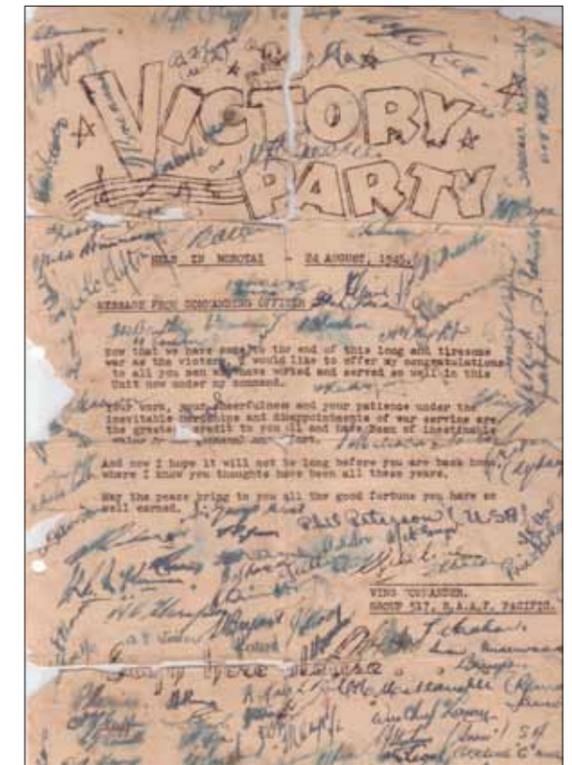
Without a doubt you would realise that every one wanted to get home as soon as possible, but first there was a lot of equipment to be dismantled & cleaning-up to be done. We pulled down 110MFCU & removed all the tents in the banana plantation & moved into tents at the end of Wama Air Strip. On either side of the stage of the open-air theatre our unit operated were curtain material drops. About 3ft wide & 12ft long, these were a desired item by the local natives, so I sold them the material for two grass skirts. The natives were frightened of the Dutch & indicated they wanted proof of sale, so I wrote out the following on a piece of paper:

"This is to certify that I, Leading Air Commodore Griffin of RAAF Morotai, have this day 10th Sept 1945, sold to the bearer of this document two sections of material 3ft wide by 12ft long for the barter price of two grass skirts – signed:

59697 L.A.C. Griffin A.W  
Commanding Officer

With the war officially over, Wama air strip was turned into a large parking lot with row upon row of army vehicles. Every day these vehicles were being pushed out to sea over the coral & into deep water. It was an amazing waste to see equipment disposed of in such a way.

... to be continued next issue



The Victory Party for 110 MFCU was held in the camp canteen on 24th August 1945. It was as much to celebrate the Allied forces worldwide victory as it was to salute our fallen comrades. We exchanged our Victory Party invitations & secured as many signatures of the servicemen that attended as we could. This is the result of my circulation. My signature is highlighted in the bottom left corner.

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## THE HISTORY OF BLACKWOOD – THE BLUE MOUNT CEMETERY



**BY MARGOT HITCHCOCK HISTORIAN FOR THE BLACKWOOD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY. 2013**

North of Blackwood on the left hand side before Garlick's Lead, Newbury & Trentham is the Blue Mount Cemetery near the

property of 'Kattaminga', but only accessible via Tower Track, Newbury.

Early records show families, miners & people living in the Blue Mount area. The Blue Mount cemetery was gazetted as a public burial ground on the 18th June 1875 after a petition was received dated August 20th, 1874 & signed by 42 inhabitants of the Blue Mount District. The petition started off by proclaiming the following - "The humble petition of the inhabitants of the Blue Mountain District - the want of proclaiming a burial ground in this district - shortly after the Blackwood diggings were opened, deceased persons in the Blue Mountain district were interred on the Blue Mountain & have continued to be interred there up to the present. The number of interments amount to about sixty, & the inhabitants here would like to be interred when they die near their friends, & your petitioners respectfully request that you will proclaim the ground referred to on the Blue Mountain a public burial ground & your petitioners as are duty bound will ever pray etc." (Courtesy of the authors friend, Helen Harris O.A.M.)

Early Digger records of Blue Mount show the first birth recorded in 1857 was that of James Embrey born to Jacob & Susan Embrey. A lot of early birth records showed Blue Mount just as Blue or Blue Mt, Blue Mtn or Blue Mts. There were 804 records of birth, death & marriages in variations of the spelling of Blue Mount between 1857 & 1888 & 134 births for Blue Mount in that time, with 21 deaths recorded. Occupations of the men who signed the petition were farmer, carpenter, miner, cooper, butcher, labourer, teacher, blacksmith, & storekeeper.

On researching back through the author's copies of The Blackwood Historical Society's magazine, 'The Blackwood Recorder' of which the author was the Editor she found in Vol 8 - No. 2 October 1982 the article she wrote on the Society's trip to the Blue Mount Cemetery on August 29th 1982.

This visit was following their general meeting where the members had a picnic & barbeque in the cemetery, followed by indexing of the names on tombstones in the cemetery onto index cards. Some headstones were badly cracked & broken, but the members were able to obtain some data below.

### Names on Headstones in the Blue Mount Cemetery. 1982.

- Beach - no other names or date.
- Bowes - Timothy(uncle) died 27 Sept,1952.
- Fletcher - Charles died 8 Oct, 1891. 63 yrs.
- Fletcher - Ellen died 22 Feb 1929. 84 yrs.
- Fletcher -- Esther M. died 9 Feb 1969. 83 yrs.
- Fletcher - John died 5 Jan 1950. 78 yrs.
- Fletcher - Margaret died 16 June 1962. 85 yrs.
- Fletcher - Maria died 11 July 1961. 86 yrs.
- Higgins - Jane died 29 March 1938. 74 yrs.
- Higgins - Thomas died 18 July 1942. 83 yrs.
- Lightly - Edward died 3 Feb 1957 82 yrs. (buried with Higgins)
- Lightly - Ellen Elizabeth died 21 Aug 1966 80 yrs (as above)
- Miller - Eliza died 1 Feb 1890. 69 yrs.
- Miller - May Gibson died 19 Nov 1880. 10 yrs.

Miller - William died 16 June 1905 (Sexton & Undertaker, Cemetery records all burnt in his house)

Robson - Catherine died 17 Oct 1962. 83 yrs.

Robson - Henry died 4 Sept 1880. age 18 yrs.

Robson - James died 19 June 1940. 68 yrs. (Engine Driver at Trewhella foundry - died on job)

Robson - Rhoda died 23 May 1883. 6 yrs. (parents, Thomas Robson & Charlotte Withel)

Trewhella - Lucy died 17 March 1871 age 12 days

Trewhella - William died 18 Aug 1874 age 5 yrs & 10 months. (children of Matthew & Ann Trewhella)

The author also wrote of some information on the cemetery she was given by the late Mrs Maud Noble from an address by Mr George Trewhella to the Kyneton Historical society courtesy of Bruce McKenzie of The Trentham Historical Society. The interesting information states - "Blue Mount cemetery almost on the mount, is 3,000 feet above sea level. The first person buried there was a Mrs. Garlick, wife of the founder of the locality known as Garlick's. The year before she died, at a picnic held on the spot, Mrs. Garlick said that she would like to be buried there, & being the first to die in the district her wish was granted. Burial at the time were free." (In the digger records there are many Garlick names but none give the place of death as Blue Mount of a lady who could be the Mrs Garlick. Most of the Garlick births in Blue Mount are to John Richard Garlick & Martha Davie with their first child recorded as early as 1861 in Blackwood, & the last child in 1891.)

Also recorded by Mrs M. Noble was the fact that in 1969 a Mr. Clarry Arnold of Newbury stated that a Mrs Garlick was buried under the big laurel tree to the right of the Blue Mount cemetery gate. She was the first woman buried there, but no sign of the grave remains & the records were burnt many years ago. They had records from 1932 it is believed, & Mr. Arnold was caretaker of the cemetery in 1969. Barry Thurgood also stated that as a boy he remembers

finding Chinese pottery under the laurel tree.

For info on deaths at Blue Mount see Australian cemeteries web site - <http://www.australiancemeteries.com/vic/hepburn/bluemountaindata.htm>

Researched by Margot Hitchcock from her forthcoming book 'The History & Pioneers of Blackwood', hopefully to be published soon. For help with info on Blackwood ancestors contact Margot [margothitchcock@bigpond.com](mailto:margothitchcock@bigpond.com).

## INAUGURAL SMALL BUSINESS DAY

Victoria's inaugural SmallBusinesses Day will be held on Saturday 19 October. Innovation, Services & Small Business Minister Louise Asher called on small business people & consumers to support the event.

Ms Asher asked people to express their interest by registering online at- [www.supportsmallbusinessday.com.au](http://www.supportsmallbusinessday.com.au)

"The Victorian Government is committed to bolstering small businesses & our inaugural Support Small Business Day aims to raise awareness of & boost trade for local small businesses across Victoria," Ms Asher said "On Support Small Business Day, Victorians will be encouraged to buy from their local small businesses, including retailers, cafés, restaurants & other service providers.

"There is now an opportunity for Victorian small businesses to register to participate on the Support Small Business Day & create incentive offers for customers to visit their shop on the day," Ms Asher said.

Consumers can also register on the site & gain access to shopping vouchers, special incentives & locate participating stores.

Ms Asher said by supporting local businesses, money circulates within the local community, keeping small businesses in operation & creating much needed local employment.

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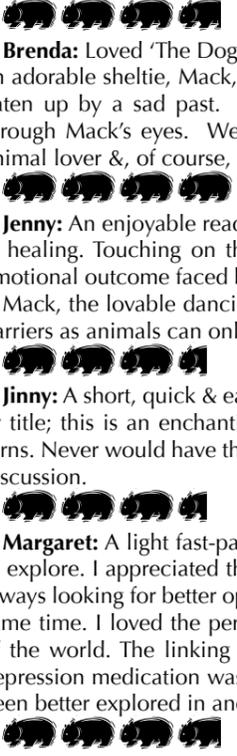
DON'T GET SCAMMED!

Consumer Affairs Minister Heidi Victoria warned people to avoid lottery scams after victims were duped out of thousands of dollars. Ms Victoria urged Victorians to be suspicious of emails, texts or letters claiming they have won or could win money and other prizes. Last year, Consumer Affairs Victoria recorded 360 cases of lottery scams and recent reports included consumers who lost as much as \$50,000. "Lottery scams often use names of legitimate overseas lotteries, so they seem genuine. "Scammers tell victims they have won something such as a large amount of money or a holiday, and that all they need to do is send money to claim the prize; often labelled as tax or administration fees. "Once the victim sends the payment overseas, the scammer pockets the fee and the prize never arrives," Ms Victoria said. One scam this month is circulated in the name of an airline 'QATAR AIRWAYS. The email says the prize of \$1m comes from an airways grant 2013. It says: "To claim prize login to our official website below. website: http://www.qatarairways.onboam.org/Ref-Number:QGF712 Pass-word:f371 and signed off by Mrs Meriem Alsaid. Ms Victoria said once money has been sent overseas it is very difficult to get it back. "These types of scams can cost people a lot of money and cause heartache." Ms Victoria said fighting scams was difficult due to their international nature, so educating consumers was the best way to prevent people from being cheated. "Consumer Affairs Victoria works with the community to fight scams across Victoria, as well as working to inform the public about new and emerging scams as they arise. "Check whether you have previously entered the lottery or prize draw, and whether an offer is legitimate by contacting the organisation directly. "The best advice is to never give out personal or banking details or send money overseas to someone you do not know and trust. "If you think you have been scammed, let Consumer Affairs Victoria know so they can warn others." Consumer Affairs Victoria recently launched a new series of Stevie's Scam School videos to educate consumers about the tricks scammers use to rip them off through romance, lottery, online selling, investment, rebate and rental scams," said Ms Victoria.

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WOMBAT BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets every month to discuss our chosen book. We're two books in, but you can join us anytime. There is no charge, however a refundable deposit is due on borrowing a book. Next meetings are: Sunday 3pm, October 6 at the Blackwood Hotel & November 10 at the Blackwood Merchant. The October book is 'And The Mountains Echoed' By Khaked Hosseini & the November book is 'Gone Girl' by Gillian Flynn. Thanks to the great people at Central Highlands Library for making our books appear, to Brenda for collecting from the Mobile Library at Blackwood, & to Jinny for distributing & keeping track. August: 'The Dog Who Danced' Author: Susan Wilson Published 2013 by St. Martin's Griffin ISBN: 1250023289 Down on luck with family, love & life, Justine is travelling to visit her dying father, when she becomes separated from her beloved dog, Mack. Grieving couple, Alice & Ed, find this talented canine who works to bring them together in the way only a good sheep dog can. But will Justine & Mack ever be united? Sue: An enjoyable read, some complex issues explored, such as loss & betrayal. Story told from different characters' perspectives, including Mack the dog's - found this particular 'voice' a bit odd, but interesting nonetheless. Definitely one for dog lovers. Brenda: Loved 'The Dog Who Danced', an easy-to-read story about an adorable sheltie, Mack, lost by his owner, Justine, a lonely woman eaten up by a sad past. Some of the story is told, rather cleverly, through Mack's eyes. Well-drawn characters, plenty of tears for an animal lover &, of course, a happy ending. Jenny: An enjoyable read. A tale of loyalty, friendship, perseverance & healing. Touching on the issues of depression, insecurities & the emotional outcome faced by Alice & Ed grieving for their daughter. Mack, the lovable dancing dog, manages to break down all human barriers as animals can only do, with trust & unconditional love. Jinny: A short, quick & easy read. Don't be discouraged by the cover or title; this is an enchanting tale full of moral dilemmas & twists & turns. Never would have thought 350 pages could encourage so much discussion. Margaret: A light fast-paced book with many hearty, familiar issues to explore. I appreciated the limitations of Justine as a single parent - always looking for better opportunities, but making things worse at the same time. I loved the perspective of Mack & his dog understanding of the world. The linking of Alice & Ed's daughter's death with her depression medication was problematic - I think this part could have been better explored in another book.



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September - 'Sarah's key' By: Tatiana de Rosnay Published 2008 by John Murray 1250023289 Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a ten year-old girl, is brutally arrested with her family by the French police in the Vel'd'Hiv' roundup, but not before she locks her younger brother in a cupboard in the family's apartment, thinking that she will be back within a few hours. Paris, May 2002: On Vel'd'Hiv's 60th anniversary, journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article about this black day in France's past. Through her contemporary investigation, she stumbles onto a trail of long-hidden family secrets that connect her to Sarah. Julia finds herself compelled to retrace the girl's ordeal, from that terrible term in the Vel'd'Hiv', to the camps, & beyond. As she probes into Sarah's past, she begins to question her own place in France, & to re-evaluate her marriage & her life. Brenda: 'Sarah's Key' is a horrifying story about a little girl caught in the Vel'd'Hiv round-up in Paris by the French police in 1942 where children were separated from their parents before being sent to extermination camps. A heart-breaking but important story very badly written which spoils it for me. Writer, Tatiana De Rosnay, tells the story through journalist, Julia, & makes much more of Julia's rather boring story, than that of Sarah. I wanted much more of Sarah & the wonderful couple who took her in & protected her when she escaped. So unsatisfying not to have more about Sarah as an adult. I found the writing stilted & awkward & would have loved this very good plot to have come from another author. Sue: Interesting fictional, two-part story that examines one of WW2 lesser-known atrocities against Jews: France's Vel'd'Hiv Round-up, & links it to the present day. I found the historically-set part of the story to be compelling & authentically portrayed, however the contemporary story in contrast, seemed contrived & extremely shallow. Margaret: Deeply moving historical story, but I found the contemporary quest framing the story - for independence, love & family connections - trite against the horrors Sara & the other children faced. Jinny: I found this a gripping & disturbing story, taking me well out of my comfort zone. It held my interest at all times, opened my eyes to such tragedy endured by so many people & particularly little Sarah's struggle against the atrocities of war & finding her way home. How the power of survival & family is so strong, it can take you beyond suffering. I felt that Sarah's story could have been more compassionate & expanded upon, not trivialized by Julia's present day dilemmas. Jenny: A heart-breaking story of a girl who had the weight of guilt hanging over her from the age of 10, through no fault of her own. I had never heard of the round-up in Vel'd'Hiv & was dismayed how the French were betrayed by their own people. I found Julia's journey to be self-indulgent as a backdrop to such a tragic tale.

Thanks Blackwood for warm welcome and support of the Home Haircutter! My customers report they love avoiding the hassle and expense of travel, by having their hair done at home. So I can afford to keep servicing Blackwood on Tuesdays, I'm reluctant to announce prices need to be raised. From November, home haircuts in Blackwood are from \$25 for men, and \$35 for women. Please feel free to call Margaret on 5368 6858 to make a booking. Home Haircutter



### MY KITCHEN WINDOW

#### ~ Mr & Mrs Magpie

Those magpies, they think I'm their supermarket. Sitting there with their little yellow piercing eyes, "come on, we're hungry, where are the scraps? I say hello through the window & try to mimic their call & slice some meat off Jesse's bones for them. The reward is often the same, there right in front of me Mr Magpie calls in his beautiful song-warble & I say to him, "that's beautiful, I wish I could do that". They've been feeding "baby" for some time now over the last months of winter. I've watched them fly up to their nest in the topmost branches 50 metres west of the house, & with binoculars have seen "baby", a full-size bird flopping around & standing up, all fluffy, & so far above the ground.

She's flying now. I saw her a week ago, & flying is obviously a skill that one has to learn. Like all youngsters, she played & hopped; from the top of my garden gate to the post & back again a number of times. I kept saying "you're doing well, that's it, keep going &, when I put some scraps out, I was privileged to see her all-innocent & unwary flop up to the deck & peck at the bits I had put there.

Young magpies seem to have one call in their vocabulary. We all do it some time, so you can do it too. If you concentrate on a nasal, back-of-the-throat sound & stretch it out, just say "mum" (or maaam.)

I think it's a her only because my friend told me that females are usually speckled on their back & baby is speckled & still fluffy in patches. Other times over the years I've seen a "baby" following mum around my garden squawking maaam while mum keeps hopping away with the obvious message, "get your own dinner". This one has learned quickly. Perhaps the supermarket has had some effect?

~ Bob Ebdon ... to be continued

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### PENCIL TO PAPER:

#### Creative Writing in Blackwood



Last call for Creative Writing Group - set to begin in Blackwood. There's been a few changes in setting up, so sorry for any confusion. Our group will be held at the Blackwood Uniting Church, on Saturday afternoons from October 20th, 2.30 – 5pm for 6 weeks. \$60 for each member, with funds collected going towards notes, tuition & the hire of Church.

We will go ahead regardless of numbers. All enquiries to Margaretmccarthy9@bigpond.com

### NEW BLACKWOOD CFA STATION: A FIRE REFUGE FIRST

Minister for Bushfire Response Kim Wells today marked the start of construction for Victoria's first co-located CFA fire station and Community Fire Refuge in Blackwood.

Mr Wells said Blackwood, in the Moorabool Shire, was a high-risk town in a fire-prone area and that the upgrade would incorporate designs to increase shelter options for the community in a last-resort emergency situation.

Mr Wells said the upgrade would be completed under the Victorian Coalition Government's Community Fire Refuge Pilot Program which incorporates new policy, building standards and design, operational procedures and vegetation management, all with the safety of community members in mind. Mr Wells advised that these works were taking place as part of the Coalition Government's commitment to upgrade 250 CFA stations.

"The existing Blackwood Fire Station was opened in 1987, and the upgrade we're commencing today aims to not only provide last-resort protection, but improve the operational capability of the Blackwood Fire Brigade to respond to and manage major fire and other emergencies in the area," Mr Wells said.

Mr Wells said this would be the first time a CFA fire station would be built incorporating the latest designs and specifications to qualify it as a Community Fire Refuge, with funding of \$1.5 million.

"A Community Fire Refuge is designed to be a last-resort option for communities and individuals who find they have no other survival options in a significant bushfire," Mr Wells said.

"However, construction works must be complete and the operating procedures tested before the upgraded station is ever designated for use as a refuge."

Community fire refuges are also under construction at primary school campuses in East Warburton and Ferny Creek. All three refuges are due for completion later this year, but all will undergo stringent testing before being designated as places of last resort.

"The process to design, test and build Community Fire Refuges to stringent standards has never been undertaken in Australia and has proven to be incredibly complex," Mr Wells said.

"Ideally, we'd never need to use a Community Fire Refuge because leaving early remains the safest option in a high-risk bushfire area."

Mr Wells said the work that is being done will ensure that Victoria will be a world-leader in the development of Community Fire Refuges, benefitting not only the state but also other high bushfire risk communities in Australia and around the world.

Searle Brothers, a Ballarat company, has been awarded the contract for Blackwood.



L-R: Moorabool Mayor Pat Toohey, Minister for Bushfire Response Kim Wells, Fire Services Commissioner Craig Lapsley (speaking)

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### LINES OF ENQUIRY – PAESANI OF BLACKWOOD

by Margaret McCarthy

A bunch of shy strangers – that's what a fresh class of adults in a neighbourhood house looks like. They glance around the little computer room & pretend to read their notes while I take the roll for the first time. In my most recent group, a thin, grey-haired man in a pale suit & tie sat quietly near the back. He fiddled with a pen, & when I called his name, Peter, he didn't look up, just nodded.

To make things a little more personal, I tell the class a little about myself – mostly that I live in Blackwood. Students who know where this is respond with comments about cold, distance & danger (driving conditions, mostly). But this time, Peter's face brightened. He rose to his feet & opened his arms towards me the way a game-show host does, but with more genuine warmth. 'Ah-ha!' he said, in recognition of something I had no knowledge of yet. 'Paesani!'

Paesani (pay-zaani) in general terms in Italian means 'countrymen'. It comes from Paese – the country, the lands. It was a bit like him saying: 'Ah! Fellow Italian!' (which I'm not), or 'Fellow Australian' (which I am). Paesani can be interpreted as from the same regional, from the same town or village, or even the same street. More than 'neighbour', my Italian friends tell me, it's like being called 'brother' when in fact you are not related. Being Paesani has its benefits – I'm reliably informed – being paesani can stop you being shot at in parts of the world. But less dramatically, it's helpful as a form of connection to place & people.

It turns out, this man lived forty years ago across the road from my current house. He had been a farmer in Trentham on arrival from post-war Europe, then moved to Blackwood, where he lived for many years before retiring to the city. Even though the years had passed, & my time

in this town has been short, he still considered us fellow Blackwoodians. Good for my sense of belonging, & great for his connection to our class – we have now a quite a bit in common.

In six months in Blackwood, I've met people who live here full-time or part-time, who grew up here & moved away, & those who holidayed here as children & returned in retirement. Blackwoodians are renting, owning & visiting & returning. There are young babies on the scene & the tracks of the miners, bushrangers & the traditional indigenous owners show the age of our paesani. Blackwood people, it seems to me, connect through geography & spirit of place – even though half a century or more might divide them.

My student & I, the two of us who shared same street in different eras, are paesani – so, in keeping with the word questions: it is possible to have just one country man or woman. Do you know what the singular form of paesani is?

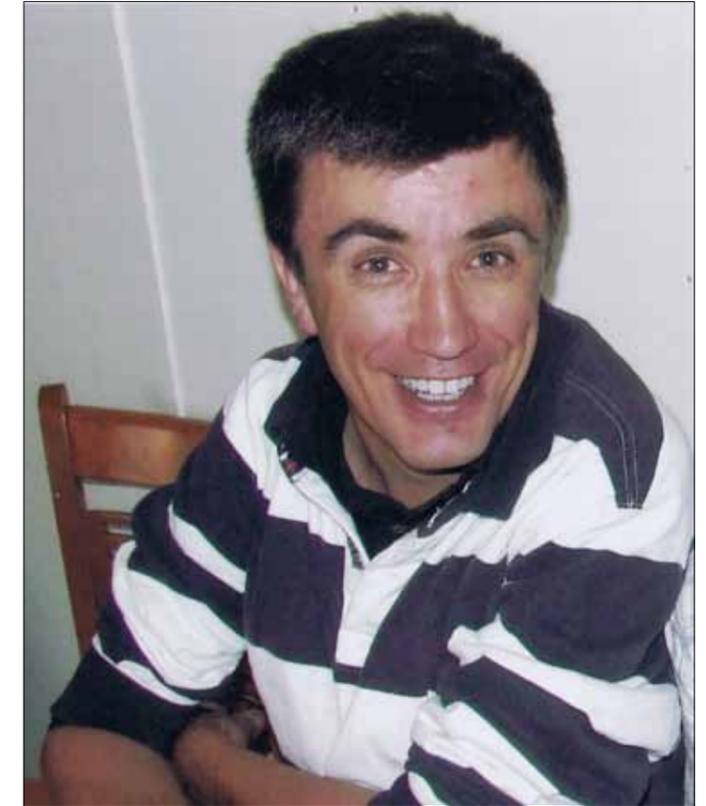
Answer from last issue's dictionary game: The definition of Hooroo: An Australian word for Hooray.

~ margaretmccarthy9@bigpond.com

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We were blessed & fortunate to have known Kendall, he was a true gentleman with a ready grin.

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He passed away on August 11 after spending 16 days in the ICU at the Royal Melbourne hospital, having suffered a cardiac arrest at work.

We, Arthur, Frances, Matthew, Kate & Bindi, would like to thank everyone for their help & support during this tragic time. We received so many thoughtfully written cards & beautiful flowers.

He will be so dearly missed.

# BLACKWOOD & DISTRICT PROBLEM WEEDS

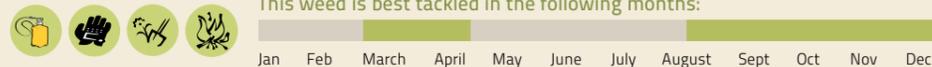
## Gorse (ULEX EUROPAEUS)

Weed 5/9

- STATUS:** Regionally Controlled Weed
- STEMS:** Green when young and turning to brown and woody. Ridged and hairy and covered with spines up to 5cm long and bearing short branches with spiny ends.
- LEAVES:** Often dark green, narrow and spiny, 1-3cm long, stalkless, occurring in whorled clusters along the branches.
- FLOWERS:** Bright yellow pea like flowers 2-2.5cm long. Produced in leaf axils and terminal clusters between July to October and March to May.
- FRUIT:** A dark coloured ovoid pod, 1-2cm long, densely hairy, containing two to six seeds enclosed by tan coloured bracts.
- SEED:** Green to brown, about 3mm long, and triangular in shape. Smooth and shiny.
- INVADES:** Heathlands, hillsides and embankments, unimproved grazing land, neglected sites, roadsides and forest margins.
- DISPERSAL:** Vegetatively, birds (internal), water and animals, other than birds (internal)
- CONTROL:** Hand pull seedlings, removal by digging or grooming, chemical spraying, cut and paint or burning.



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Blackwood and Barry's Reef Landcare Group has identified nine priority weeds that threaten the Wombat State Forest and Lerderberg State Park. The weeds are gorse, broom, blackberry, holly, blue periwinkle, Himalayan honeysuckle, radiata pine, galenia and Spanish heath. The group is committed to protecting the forest and needs assistance from all Blackwoodians. Your involvement and support is most welcome. Talk to president Shane Scanlan on (phone) 0419 542 625. The Group gratefully acknowledges the generosity of Blackwood News in providing this space.



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"My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people: those who do the work & those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there."  
(Indira Gandhi)



### HOW TO BUY A BARGAIN

Many years ago, a very fine vineyard & winery in the Barossa Valley changed hands. The enviable reputation it had built up over the few years preceding the sale was particularly exemplified by the respect in which its flagship wine – a magnificent Shiraz – was held. (Names are being withheld to protect the guilty.) This Shiraz retailed in my area for some \$4.65 per bottle & was good value.

Well, the new owners were not interested in the wine stocks held, merely in the vineyard & winery itself so the whole lot was bottled, labelled with the traditional labels, & flogged for a ludicrously small price to one large retailer. The net result was that Melbourne was stunned one morning by full page advertisements offering the Shiraz at \$1.25 per bottle. Longish queues formed outside the retailers' shops before opening, & in the next day or so reported 25,000 cases of this wine was sold. A bargain, wouldn't you say?

Well you'd be wrong. The wine was from the disastrous 1974 vintage & stank like a compost heap; it was as brilliant as a spoonful of Yarra water; & to cap it off had a thick tartrate deposit the unexpected swallowing of which would be enough to make a billy-goat gag.

Disgraceful, you say, what a rip-off. But why – the new owners are surely entitled to buy the vineyard but not the wine stocks; the vendors were surely entitled to quit those stocks; the retailer is entirely blameless in making an extremely favourable purchase & passing on the savings to the public, & no one could seriously suggest that a retailer should be responsible for the quality of the wines inside his bottles. So who was to blame?

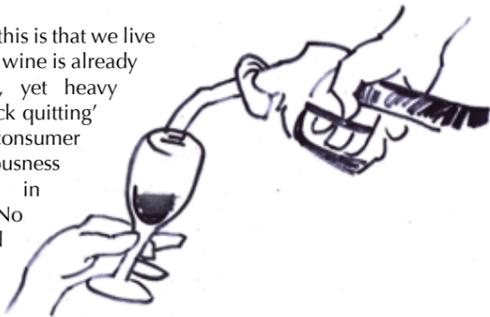
The answer is, of course, the purchasing public whose greed for a bargain obfuscated their intelligence & clouded their judgement. Did they really think that a price could drop from \$4.65 to \$1.25 & the quality be unchanged?

The silly part of all this is that we live in a country where wine is already much too cheap, yet heavy discounting & 'stock quitting' has generated a consumer price consciousness unrivelled even in supermarkets. No one complained about the price of wine in 1960 when the average good bottle cost one fortieth of the average weekly wage. Now, when it costs about one hundredth, people will go to extraordinary lengths to save a few cents, often to the detriment of their cellars, & of their palates.

How does one buy a bargain? A good starting point is to make a clear & definite differentiation between 'price' & 'value'. Wine you can neither drink nor cook with is unwarrantably expensive at ten cents per bottle, unless you can use it for poisoning blackberries or scouring drains. Whereas Grange Hermitage, to use the market leader as an example, is good value at its full retail price \$13 & simply because the quality is there. You can greatly enhance the 'value' of your purchases by cellaring the wines till their optimum drinking age. It seems foolish to drive to the other-side of town to take advantage of a few dollars savings on a case of wine only to drink it all long before the maximum quality is achievable. You can also improve matters further by devising somewhere adequate to store your wine to potentiate this degree of improvement. And you can serve it in the circumstances, surroundings & company which will bring the most pleasure. After all if we define a 'bargain' as being measurable as a ration between what you get & how much you pay, you can do much more about the former than the latter, so why not do it? And if you are going to do so, you might as well make certain that the wine itself is worthy of your efforts, so avoid 'bargains'.

Which rather brings us back to where we started, & suggests that my 'Winestate' article this month - 'How to buy a bargain' - could really consist of one word – don't. Do, however, make certain that you derive a maximum of satisfaction from your vinous dollar, bearing in mind that what you pay for is what you get. Or to put it another way – caveat emptor.

~ Robin Bradley



### BLACKWOODS



"MICKEY IS the most placid of dogs", says his best mate, Bruce. "He turns 14 in November, his eyes are a bit foggy & his sense of direction has never been much good" (Mickey can still be found wandering lost just a couple of doors away) "but he still jumps & plays like a pup."

MICKEY WAS chosen from a litter of 8 miniature Jack Russel X Terriers. Bruce's daughter, Tabettha, sat away from the litter, waiting to see which pup would approach her.

WITH HIS brothers & sisters milling fecklessly about him, Mickey's sense of direction briefly awoke & sent him bounding off towards his future family.

### Dear Pet Guru,

My pet snapping turtle has bitten off 4 of my fingers. What should I do?

Signed Stumped, Smeaton



Dear Stumped, Well, I suggest that when visitors come to see him & ask where he is, don't point. And if children come to see him, warn the boys not to urinate in his bowl.

- Pet Guru

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### EVENTS & GIGS • EVENTS & GIGS • EVENTS & GIGS • EVENTS & GIGS •

#### OCTOBER 2013

Table with 3 columns: when, what, where. Lists various events and gigs for October 2013, including Penny Weight, HDCS, Mr. Scott on Piano, etc.

Table with 3 columns: when, what, where. Lists events for October 2013, including King Maxwell, The Duck Down Pickers, etc.

#### NOVEMBER 2013

Table with 3 columns: when, what, where. Lists events for November 2013, including HDCS, Lost Colonies, Louis & the Cocktail Shakers, etc.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTER TO the Editor, Moorabool News

RE: MOORABOOL News September 17, Blackwood election & the Mayor Cr. Toohey's comment.

TYPICAL POLITICIAN, he has either missed the point totally or doesn't care. The good people of Blackwood would not be so presumptuous & attempt to tell the Department of Environment & primary industry how they should select the Crown Reserves Committee of Management, nor did they. Quite to the contrary, following an advertisement in the Moorabool News on the 16th of July taken out by the Department, we all attended the election in good faith, conducted by a Council appointed Chairman, to follow the Department's model to choose the Committee members. We understood the process, or thought we did & the point is, we had the election, it was fair & proper & now some faceless person or persons who did not like the result are interfering with the democratic process, which all good Australians hold dear to their hearts. Nobody in their wildest dreams thought that the "process" would be changed mid stream. If this is the way that future Union, Sporting Club, Government Department, Council, State or Federal elections are, or could be conducted, please tell us up front & we'll either leave the country or won't be bothered voting. Who is hiding what.

AGAIN THIS is the point. It doesn't matter who won or who lost, it is the process which is being bastardised.

IT'S LIKE Mohamed Ali's left leg, it is not right & not fair.

NEXT STOP Current Affair media ~ NAME supplied

WHAT A debacle! Democratically elected committee overturned by Bully Boy Beauracrats. Let's now see if these same Beauracrats can provide audited accounts for public perusal.

~ Robert Bridger Irate Rate/Tax payer

HI JINNY.

SORRY TO hear of your unfortunate accident, hope you are improving (health-wise) every day.

GLAD TO hear that the store has new owners, & that Donna & Dennis are off on exciting adventures! Thanks for another really interesting edition of the Blackwood Times.

~ Regards, Elaine

DEAR ED

LOVED YOUR latest edition.

THE COVER design is great.

LIKED YOUR picture in pub. Sterling effort considering your condition.

DEPI OR DOPEY??? Just signed the petition. Also looked up their site under Crown land part & note that there are a lot of changes in the CoM administration.

THERE IS a Box Hill address for any suggestions. Perhaps one of these could be closer accountability & transparency by the department to support these entrusted with their important duties to the public & the department.

~ Stephen (Ringwood)

MY NAME is Michelle Cummings & I currently live in Blackwood. On 8/8/13, my English Staffy puppy went missing, we have combed the forest, through town & even down by the river yet nothing.

I AM writing in desperation that you may be able to help me find my little man. He is only 6 months old, he name is Bear & is wearing a blue leather collar. I would like to say a massive thankyou to the majority of the town who took time to help me even when it was pouring with rain, really shows what a tight knit community that I now reside in. Only disappointment was to know that my bitter & anti-dog neighbor chose to plaster inappropriate signage around our land outlining all the recent dogs at large in Blackwood... To my ignorant neighbor, next time, maybe speak to us, our little dog had never been off property until night of 8/8/13.

~ Michelle Cummings

BETTER PAPER than Western Australian Times

HELLO BRENDAN & Jinny, just thought I would tell you your small paper in Blackwood is something you should be proud of, better than most papers from Melbourne to Perth. Anyway having a grand time seeing whales, mad people, wayward friends & red dirt. Say hello to the Dears, as we are in Busselton for the country Festival & thought of them.

CHEERS, TAKE care

~ Love me xxx (Donna Shannon)

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS on another great edition & the magazine's new name is most appropriate.

I WAS both interested in the contemporary issues & moved by the nostalgia of the historical material because I have a strong, four-generation family connection & love of Blackwood.

YOUR COVER of Shaw's Lake past & present is of particular significance to me. I would never have been born if my father, Freddie Parsons, had not been saved from drowning in Shaw's Lake as a teenager one New Year's Day by his childhood friend, Edgar Williams.

MY DAD was the son of Rev. Frederick Parsons, an early minister of Blackwood All Saints Anglican Church who, with his wife, my grandma Rosie Parsons, loved Blackwood so much they

built a holiday home, 'The Rest', when Grandpa was transferred to other parishes. Thus their sons, Freddie & his brother, Gordon, both grew up in Blackwood. (My Dad went on to have a long, successful career as a comedy-writer).

ON MY last visit to Blackwood in August 2012 (thanks to Mike & Val McColl Jones) I was delighted to find that some residents, including Alan Hall, remembered my grandma Rosie & shared delightful memories of her. A widow for many years, at 75 Grandma married Jack Nelson at All Saints Church Blackwood & she continued to live at 'The Rest' until she was in her late 90s. (Details below of attached wedding photo).

BLACKWOOD WAS at the heart of my sister Donna's & my childhood holidays & I was reared on Dad's colourful stories of the godrush era, Captain Moonlite & Blackwood historical identities which inspired my love of Australian history & led to my current career as author of Australian historical novels.

I HAVE another strong link with All Saints Anglican Church, Blackwood. I flew from Sydney with my then baby son, Nicholas Michael Fredric Cassim, to have him christened by Rev. Alfred G. Austin in 'Grandpa's church'. (Attached photos of that memorable family day show baby Nicholas with grandparents Freddie & Dorothy Parsons; & with his great-grandma Rosie



Grandma Rosie (Parsons) Nelson's wedding day with Jack Nelson. From left, Jack's best man, son Charlie Nelson, and grandma's teenage bridesmaid, granddaughter Johanna. The story of the wedding was published in 'Woman's Day'.

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### MILLIONS FOR CFA RADIO UPDATE

The Victorian Government is spending \$24.6million on a new radio system for the Country Fire Authority (CFA).

Environment and Climate Change Minister Ryan Smith said installation of 6000 new communications radios in firefighting vehicles, aircraft, incident control centres, fire towers, and work centres throughout Victoria had started.

"New hand held radios will also be provided for use by operational staff.

"Each radio unit will be equipped with a GPS tracking system enabling incident managers to track the location of vehicles and firefighters in real time, improving fire ground operations, logistics and firefighter safety.

"Two thousand radios are expected to be installed during the next six months, with the remainder scheduled for installation ahead of the 2014 - 2015 fire season.

"I am proud of the progress the Coalition Government has made in preparing the state for bushfires.

"There has been a lot of hard work done in response to the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, including projects such as this," Mr Smith said.

The Government's burning program hit a 30 year high this year with 253,000 hectares of bushfire prevention burning completed.

Nelson, Rev. Alfred Austin & parents Michael Cassim & Johanna).

DURING MY August 2012 visit I attended a lovely service at the church & was delighted to see it had been beautifully restored & cared for. So you can imagine, Jinny, how truly sad I was to read in The Blackwood Times that All Saints Anglican Church had ceased regular worship & was now 'in recess'. Knowing how involved the Blackwood community is in retaining its history, I can only hope that people will rally around to keep it an active church.

I REMEMBER how proud Grandma Rosie was of the ecumenical spirit in Blackwood & the way that many people attended each other's church services to keep the numbers up & give heart to small congregations.

I FOUND that same Blackwood spirit & friendliness alive & well in all I talked to during my stay at the Blackwood Hotel - a holiday made memorable by the great food & hospitality of mine hosts Heinz & Ange; plus a fascinating visit to Greendale, where the new owners of the old church have transformed it into an arts centre. As always, I explored Blackwood's historical cemetery, drank from the Mineral Springs & climbed up to Shaw's Lake - which is still a beautiful place, but I was

~the Ed

saddened to see it was fast being invaded by 'bullrushes'.

ONE OF the great highlights of my visit was being 'rescued' by a young couple, residents of Simmons Reef, while I was searching in the bush for Povey's 'lost' grave that Uncle Gordon had once seen but could never find again. When I asked the couple for directions & explained I had come from Sydney several times over the years to search for it in vain, the gallant young man piggy-backed me across a creek & took me to the grave, while his wife photographed the whole adventure for me. Now that's a prime example of the Blackwood spirit of kindness & respect for history!

MY THANKS to your magazine & the Blackwood community's valiant determination to keep Blackwood's past alive & flourishing for future generations. God willing, 'Grandpa's church' will flourish along with it.

WITH MY warmest regards to all at Blackwood - till we meet again!

~ Johanna Parsons Nicholls

THANKYOU FOR this special letter & photos Johanna. The Blackwood TIMES loves getting readers Blackwood photos & memories. Please email them to editor@theblackwoodtimes.com.au.



Rev. Alfred G. Austin holding baby Nicholas Cassim. Left, Grandma Rosie (Parsons) Nelson. Right, Nicholas's father Michael Cassim and his mother Johanna.



Freddie Parsons holding grandson Nicholas Cassim, with his wife, my mother Dorothy, after the christening.

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In the last edition of the BLACKWOOD TIMES, OAMPS Insurance Brokers spoke about the potential impacts for Blackwood residents after the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission Findings. The article touched on the increased costs of rebuilding to the new standards & for increased costs of obtaining permits. We are continuing discussions with the marketplace in regards to appetite or capacity to insure the Blackwood area & as updates arise we will inform you through the Blackwood Times.

The recent wild weather has shown us that bushfire season is approaching us at a rapid rate. If you're not already prepared, now is the time to act.

OAMPS Insurance Brokers have been researching how to best ensure that your home or business is adequately insured. The Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) website has a wide range of content including checklists & calculators to help navigate what can seem complex.

**How do I get started?**

The Insurance Council has a helpful bushfire checklist – to download it, simply go to [www.insurancecouncil.com.au](http://www.insurancecouncil.com.au), click on 'For Consumers' in the navigation at the top, then in the left hand navigation click 'consumer tips' & you'll find 'bushfire preparation' in the list.

**What can I do to protect my home & contents from bushfire?**

- Prepare & follow the advice of your local fire service. Make sure you have the appropriate insurance cover, to avoid severe financial loss in the event your home or contents are destroyed by bushfire
- Make sure valuable assets are adequately protected & ensure the sum insured matches the value of these assets
- Now is the time to reassess the value of your home & contents, vehicles & any outbuildings you have on your property & the level of cover you need to financially protect them

**How do I know if my assets are covered for bushfire damage?**

- Make sure you understand what coverage you have, as well as any exclusions that may be a part of your insurance policy. It is important to be aware of these exclusions & to query any part of a policy you don't understand

**BOUQUETS & BRICKBATS**



**BIG THANK** you to Margo, Steve & Lucy for taking Bruce to an Indian feed in Ballan. He loved it.

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~ Linda Henry

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## GREENLIGHT

IT WAS pleasing to see eight local youths take part in the two day Greenlight Youth Driver Education Program offered through Trentham & Districts Community Bank® Branch. The students committed to taking two days from their holidays to undertake the course. Started out from Trentham sports ground reserve, the students toured around on local roads & further afar.

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## FILM SOCIETY LOOKS BACK

A YEAR of films at the Macedon Ranges Film Society would be incomplete without something by that masterful film director, Alfred Hitchcock. In August, the film was Rear Window. It explores not only the notion of what to do if you suspect a crime has been committed, but also the fine line between righteous investigation & voyeurism. Hitchcock dallies ably with these two ideas, demonstrating the conflict between them, yet pushing us further into the mystery with his usual blend of suspense & drama, employing his signature cinematographic style, choice of main characters & evocative music. James Stewart plays "Jeff" Jefferies who is assisted in his venture to solve the mystery by his girlfriend, Lisa Fremont, played by Grace Kelly, looking gorgeous in a range of outfits designed by Edith Head.

IN SEPTEMBER, the film society continued in its efforts to show films of a broad genre. Four short films made up the screening, beginning with Adam Elliot's Harvie Krumpet, an Australian clay animation featuring the voices of Geoffrey Rush & Kamahl. In 2003, this won the Academy Award for Animated Short Film. This will be followed by three short films by New Zealand-born director, Jane Campion. This is a departure from the normal format of screening one film only, although the viewing time adds up to be roughly similar to that of one feature.

THE MACEDON Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes are provided & for those who wish, there is supper kindly supplied by our members, following the screening. Email [mrfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mrfilmsociety@gmail.com) or call Christine on 5429 5452 or Lorraine on 5427 0921.

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Love & sympathy to Sandra & family. I hope Jinny & Ange's injuries are healing okay. Many years ago I broke the little finger on my right hand (aww!) The 4 kids were all at school & the cow had to be milked, the wood chopped & hay spread etc., & a bandaged hand will sure slow you down a tad. Apart from being somewhat painful I hope they are on the mend.

On a lighter note, a good deed has born fruit as the saying goes. My sister & I have recently received our dad's WW2 service medals from Canberra War Museum, where they have been for some time. About 1954, Dad was mugged one Anzac day & his wallet & medals stolen. In the 1970's a man returned the medals to Canberra. While researching Dad's war records, there was a letter amongst this info, telling us this. So, after much exchange of info we now have Dad's medals back in the family where they belong! Our dad was never the same man after he came back, who would be after 3 years of hell? His great-grand kids are most interested in his story & are going to wear his medals to school on Armistice Day (see Blackwood News OctNov 2011 – story about this Blackwood boy H.A.C. Skinner, Flgt Sgt 451 Sqrdn RAAF 1940-44).



After 3 days of wind, rain & sleet, which knocked everything flat, the daffs are struggling upright to last another week. Maybe the blossom stripped off the fruit trees has not put-to future fruiting we hope. And now out & into the tidy-up & top-up of the bonfire. It will soon be Halloween, any excuse for a party to celebrate the end of winter.

Cheers to all from Tassie!  
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