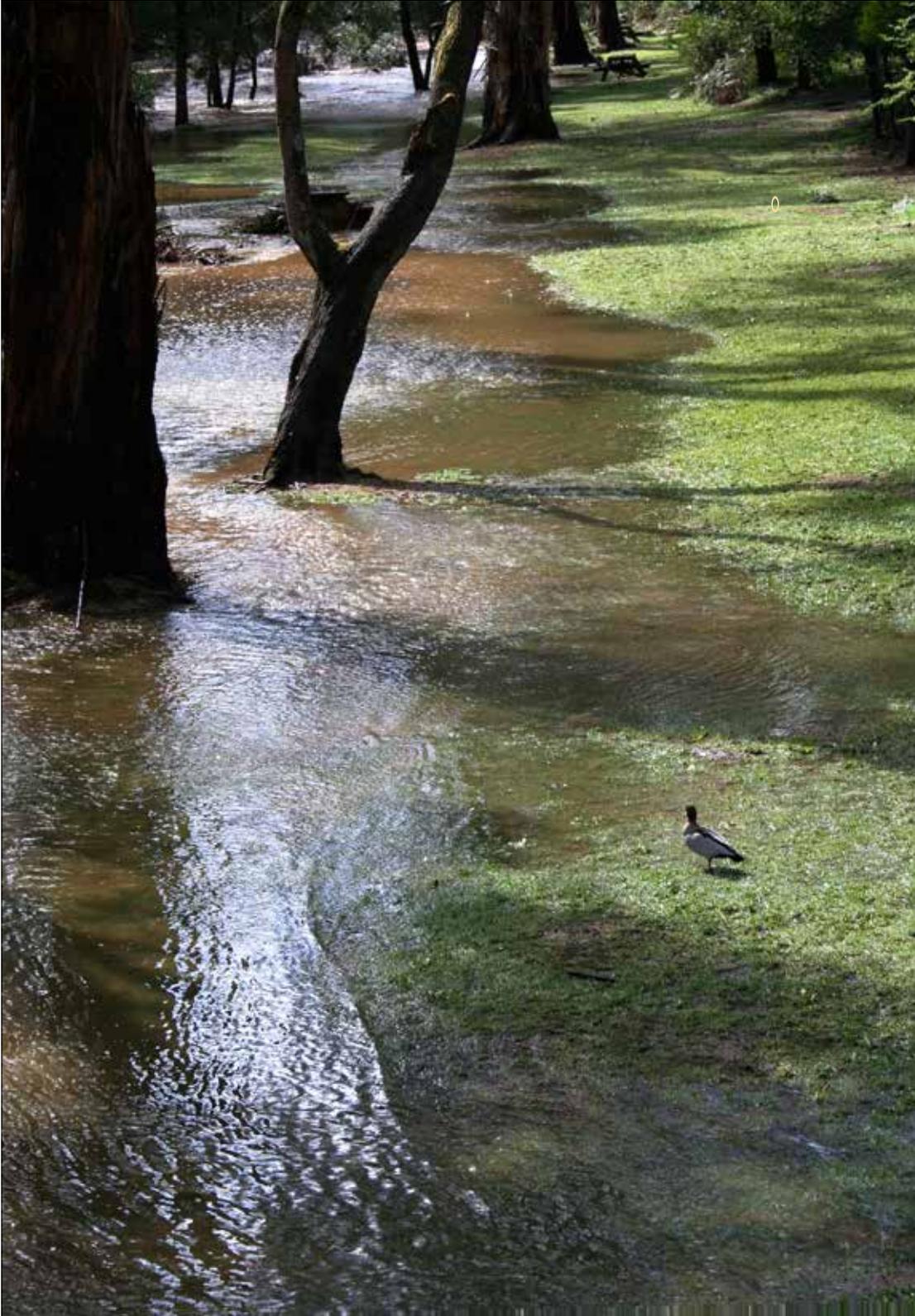


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DUCKS FINALLY CONCEDE,
“Too much of a good thing. Bring on the sunshine.”



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EDITOR'S THOUGHTS...

Hello Dear Readers,

I don't know about you but putting this silly season issue together is quite weird, it seems like only yesterday I was planning for last Christmas & here we are again, busily planning pressies, menus & the December round of get-togethers!

I hope every single one of you has a brilliant Christmas catching up with friends & family. Stay safe & we'll be back next year.

~ see you in 2017 Jinny Coyle (editor)

UPDATE ON THE BLACKWOOD LOCALISED SEPTIC PROGRAM - 18 NOVEMBER 2016

The Governance Committee for the Blackwood Localised Septic Program are excited to announce a number of important milestones within the program. These include:

- Interested landowners wanting to develop their vacant land will be able to work with the BLSPP Project Manager from December as part of the Planning Assistance Project. A panel of Town Planning Consultants & a domestic wastewater Consultant will be appointed by December to assist landowners. Funding within the program has been made available for eligible landowners to:
- Subsidise the costs of engaging a specialist Town Planning expert. The consultants will be able to undertake the initial town planning feasibility investigations to give landowners certainty concerning the feasibility of their development; and
- Prepare a Land Capability Assessment (LCA) to review specific domestic wastewater constraints & determine site specific wastewater solutions.
- The advertisement of a public tender seeking to appoint a contractor to install new septic tank systems at eight properties in Blackwood & Barry's Reef. The successful contractor will be appointed in mid-December with the eight new septic tanks installed by the end of February 2017.
- The second stage tender will be advertised in January seeking to appoint a contractor to install new septic tank systems at approximately 30 properties. It is anticipated that these installations will occur prior to the wetter winter months of 2017.
- The Project Manager is undertaking onsite assessments throughout November & December. Including:
- Properties with existing failing septic tank systems to determine solutions for future stages of the program;
- Onsite meetings with landowners of vacant land to commence the Planning Assistance Program; and
- Meetings with homeowners who want advice on how to better maintain their existing septic tank systems.
- A series of information booklets & community education materials are almost complete & will be released in December to all community members.

Regular updates on the progress of the program will continue to be provided to the community during its roll-out.

For further information or to book a suitable time to meet at your property, please contact James Maw at the Moorabool Shire Council on (03) 5366 1365 or 0428 743 042.

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OKAY, SO CAN WE BUILD YET?

"I'm glad that we have been able to deliver for the community of Blackwood & provide a solution for existing households & a way forward for those landholders who wish to build on blocks of land they own in the area."

~ (Lisa Neville, Water Minister, Nov.30 2015)

So, a year on, how are we looking? The sizable crowd attending the 4th annual BAG public meeting were left feeling decidedly underwhelmed. The core issue, Blackwood's inability to build, rebuild & develop, appeared marginalized during the night's official presentation of the Blackwood Localised Septic Program.

BAG met with Project Manager, James Maw, a few days later to voice the community's concerns & to ask for clarity on the issue of building under the BLSPP. The program's Governance Committee's response:

"On behalf of the Blackwood Localised Septic Program Governance Committee & the respective agencies involved in the program, I am excited to announce the commencement of the Planning Assistance Program in December 2016. Through this program, all interested landowners with vacant parcels of land will have a **greater opportunity to explore possibilities to find viable solutions in securing future development** within the town in collaboration with all agencies & with the assistance of our appointed planning & wastewater specialists".

"The town planning consultant & domestic wastewater specialist will review all relevant town planning & domestic wastewater issues specific to individual landowner's properties, including consultation with the relevant water authorities & the Moorabool Shire Council with the aim of formulating strategies to assist them in building within the town. This service is provided at no cost to eligible landowners".

~ James Maw – Project Manager Blackwood Localised Septic Program



The Community Responds

Local, Ken Whiffin, at the public meeting, said that any scheme which did not deliver a resumption of building would be viewed in Blackwood as a failure. Later adding, "If they really have no intention of letting us build, why don't they just come out & tell us? There are blocks of land being sold right now to unsuspecting buyers. More people will suffer. My large block is being hit with council rates 3 times the regular, as an inducement to get me building, but I can't build! It seems that the rates department don't know what the planning department are doing. \$2.6M is a lot of money, why can't it provide new-tech systems for all of Blackwood, new-builds included? It'll be really interesting to see what happens when someone tries to go through the planning process.

ABOVE: Cr Jarrod Bingham, Mayor David Edwards & General Manager, Growth & Development, Satwinder Sandhu at the BAG meeting.

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Another local, Shane Scanlon, responds to the BLSPP as presented at the public meeting:

It's great that some money is being spent to bring Blackwood's failing septic up to scratch, but the scheme outlined to us on November 16 doesn't take the town forward. Only changes to the EPA's view of what constitutes a compliant wastewater treatment plan will allow Blackwood to build again. On the night, representatives of the authorities made it very clear that no such changes to regulation are contemplated. But without this, nothing will be achieved. Technology that does not rely on sub-soil irrigation lines is available & could be safely used in Blackwood on small blocks. The environment can be protected. Blackwoodians could build on small blocks. But the key is to add these solutions to the EPA's list of compliant systems. That the government is not willing to move in this direction begs the question of what the Blackwood Localised Septic Program is for? \$2.6 million is a lot of money to throw at a problem with no likelihood of success. Is it guilt money from the state for failing to deliver the scheme announced in 2005? This final iteration of this scheme was a state-of-the-art membrane bio-reactor which would have allowed Blackwood to build as well as bring water security into the future. The EPA blocked that scheme, even though best international practice demonstrated its credential. Following the 2005 announcement, former Melbourne Water chair, Eleanor Underwood, was employed as a consultant to tell us why our local wastewater treatment systems would have to go. Now she is back, courtesy of the new scheme, telling us why we have to keep them. Locals have a right to be cynical. Blackwood should demand amendments to the relevant regulations.

Have Your Say...

To keep up-to-date on the BLSPP rollout, or to let us all know of your experience under the scheme, join us on the BAG facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BlackwoodActionGroup/>

Do you already have your own home in Blackwood & think that this issue doesn't concern you? Two words: Wye River. A year after the fires & none of the 116 lost homes have been rebuilt. We as a community need to work to avoid the same fate.

Oh, & one more thing

Planning permit application fees have increased by nearly 2.5 times. This is what they are now charging, as from the 13 October 2016: <http://www.dtpi.vic.gov.au/planning/about-planning/legislation-and-regulations/fees-under-the-planning-and-environment-act> You need to scroll down to "table 2" on the website for the application fees relating to new builds.

Following are couple of examples of increases:

Application fee for a single dwelling worth \$10,000 – \$100,000
Old fee = \$239 | New fee = \$592.50

Application fee for a single dwelling worth \$100,000 – \$500,000
Old fee = \$490 | New fee = \$1,212.80

The fee schedule is set by the State Government, who are funding the planning assistance under the BLSPP.

So for the planning assistance offered under the BLSPP for new buildings, by the time you have paid the fee when submitting your planning permit application you will have helped to contribute a fair bit back towards subsidising the program. Particularly if the new build is more than \$100,000 / fee = \$1,212.80. You cannot afford to have the application fail at that price!

Have fun building, everyone!

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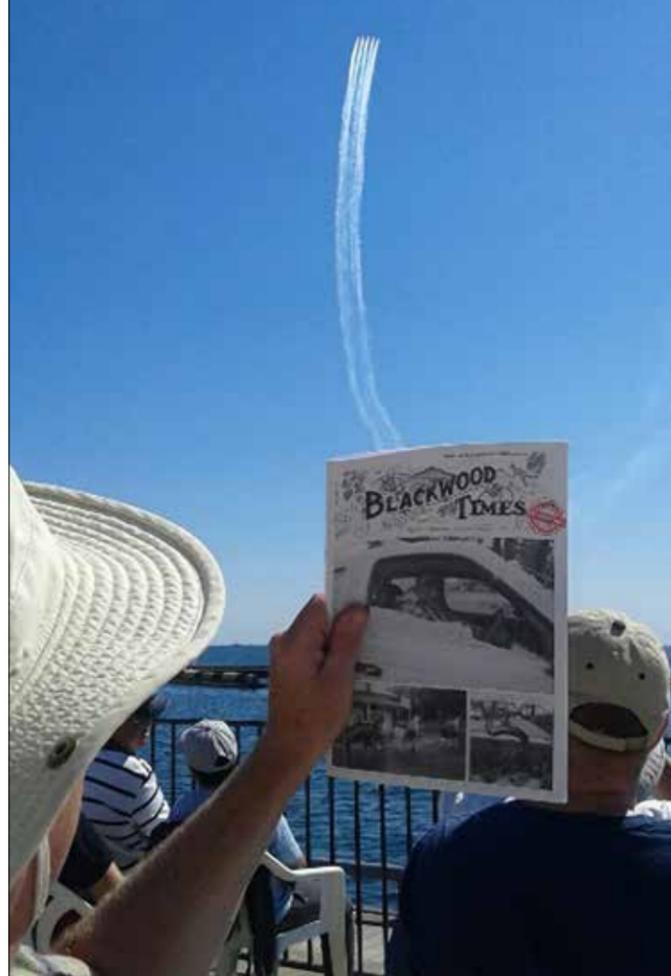
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The Blackwood Times visited the Toronto Air Show with Ivan Johnston's friends, John & Lori Rork.



During a recent medical emergency callout, Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) tried this landing spot in Dales Creek. HEMS normally use either the Greendale or Blackwood oval this might be a good spot in future emergencies.

HOW'S THE WEATHER BEEN?

MONTH & YEAR	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall historical average (mm)	Temp monthly min (deg C)	Temp monthly max (deg C)	Temp average daily max (deg C)	Temp average daily min (deg C)	Temp average for month (deg C)
Sep '16	*192.7	102.4	-0.1	18	12.9	4.5	8.4
Oct '16	*167.6	93.4	-1.3	23.2	16.1	3.6	9.7

BEER, CRICKET, FOOTY & AUSSIE HUMOUR!

~ by Ewan Cameron



Beer has never played much of a part in my family life & that has been a good thing. But beer & pubs have been central to the culture of country & sport in this nation. Considering that in the days of the NSW colony alcohol (rum) was traded as an official currency, then it's not so surprising.

The late Slim Dusty, our iconic country & western singer, sang of "The Pub With No Beer" & "I Love to have a Beer with Duncan". Our language is full of jargon like pub crawl, tinnies & in my teenage years, even technicolor yawn. As for my family, we drank copious amounts of tea. Indeed, it was often remarked that if tea was an alcoholic beverage then all of the family would've been under the table by lunchtime. However, through going to the footy regularly & to the cricket occasionally, we quickly became aware of the role beer played in the Australian culture & psyche.

In my early teens on a beautiful Autumn day in May 1962, I went to the old Punt Road oval to watch Polly Farmer take on the Tigers. The small outer with its earthen bank was packed out. It soon became tiring for me to stand on tiptoe in the crush of standing bodies. I thought I'd be inventive & find half a dozen cans to perch on whilst steadying myself against Dad's shoulder. The cans in those days were steel & didn't cave in like the aluminium ones of today. After a couple of minutes I struck gold! Seeing 6 opened cans standing upright next to a lady perched on a stool, I began to help myself. I then looked up to see a very aged, kindly female face, beer in hand, who said, "Don't touch those luv! They're me full ones."

The same year I stood in the crush at the torrid VFL Preliminary Final between Geelong & Carlton. I was somewhat distracted, fascinated even, as two middle-aged men carried in a dozen brown bottles in a flimsy cardboard box. I remember one remarking as he plonked them down prior to the first bounce, "None of these little beauties'll make it home." He was right. I left the ground wondering how they'd get home or if indeed they'd get home at all, considering they would have consumed twenty-four 7 oz glasses each!

As an 18 year-old I took a trip through the outback. At one stage, I visited a huge open-cut mine at Leigh Creek in South Australia. A bloke whose job it was to tell us all the facts & figures of the place proudly told us that the average weekly beer consumption was 5 1/2 gallons per man, per week. Doesn't sound much but today we would say almost 25L per week. Maybe they needed to drink that much because, boy was it hot! There again, if 25L was the average, I'd love to have known how much the champion drinker put away.

A few short years later I went to a country oval to watch a team of local cricketers take on the mighty West Indies who were at the peak of their power with names like Michael Holding, Malcolm Marshall, Clive Lloyd & so on. It was an unbearably hot afternoon & the listless crowd watched Larry Gomes & Alvin Kallicharran lazily knock the country boys all around the park & often right out of it. Remember, in those days there were no plastic cups & scant attention paid to limits. I pushed my way to the counter of a small beer kiosk that was doing a roaring trade. "One small can of Vic, please," I ordered. A bloke pushing his way out with a dozen cans perched on his shoulder stopped dead in his tracks. Spinning around, he stared at me with a look of mixed horror & ill-disguised disdain. Open-mouthed, he finally spluttered, "One bloody can?"

But you can't beat the humour of the footy wag in the outer when he's as full as a goog. I was watching the West Indies/Australia Test Match at the "G" through a set of binoculars which had belonged to my late father. So they were very sentimental to me. When I clumsily dropped them they clattered down under the row of seats in front. In horror, I muttered a couple of angry adjectives. I retrieved them & straightened up. Still muttering, I came face to face with a big bloke sporting a well-developed beer belly & a cheeky grin. "Jeez mate, calm down," he said to me, "you're lucky it wasn't a can!"

* NOTE: Rainfall recorded at Trentham which is normally slightly higher than Blackwood.

WE HAVE experienced a much cooler October this year compared to last year which was exceptionally warm.

~ by Don Owen

MUSIC IN THEM THERE HILLS!

Once again Blackwood turned it on for locals & many from throughout the land with the 3rd Blackwood Festival of Music & Culture.

It was the biggest event so far & showed what can happen when a small community puts the effort into promoting this beautiful place in which we live. Hundreds enjoyed the great weather that bathed them in music, markets, costumes, fabulous food & an all together great vibe.

Many first-timers vowed to come back to Blackwood for a visit or to stay & soak up the Blackwood feel in the near future.

Such a success means that next year should be a cracker of an event.

There are to many people for the committees to thank individually but thanks our thanks go out to those who administered, volunteered, fed, played, built, packed-up &, of course, to all those who attended creating a friendly, happy & diverse community & family-friendly event that should only get better in the many years to come.

~ Clint Dylan O'Gradey

Editors note: I think there's a tune in there ...

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11.30pm Midnight Service

Christmas Day Sunday 25: 9am Bacchus Marsh

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~ Nina Harbison

Blackwood CFA

After a welcome wet winter, we have had a delayed start to the fire season this year. The brigade's main callouts in the past few months have been to powerlines down & trees over roads. Although the forest is still damp, the leaf litter is drying out rapidly & grasslands to our north & south have had prolific growth. When the fire season does arrive it may be shorter, but more intense.

Keep an eye on the Fire Danger signs at the CFA station for when the Fire Danger Period is declared & burn-offs are no longer allowed. Until that time, if you are having a bonfire, please take the time to register your burn-off with ESTA (Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority) on 1800 668 511. They will ask for your address, nearest cross street & name/phone number. Registering your burn-off reduces the number of false alarms that the Blackwood brigade is called to. More information can be found at <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off/>

Fire restriction information can be found at: <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions-during-the-fire-danger-period/>

A reminder to everyone to make sure you have fresh batteries in your smoke alarms.

Never hesitate to call the brigade in any emergency.

~ Ross Hall, Blackwood Captain

Blackwood Action Group

see article on page 3

Blackwood CEMP

Have your say on the DRAFT Blackwood Community Emergency Management Plan

The DRAFT Blackwood Community Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) has been developed by the Blackwood Community Emergency Management Planning Group on behalf of the local community. All feedback & opportunities for greater community participation to implement & improve this DRAFT plan will be gratefully received.

Once finalised, the priority for this plan will be to support the Blackwood community to become safer & more resilient to the impacts of natural hazards, including bushfire, flood & landslide. A range of other potential emergency situations for Blackwood residents include fallen trees, car accidents & search & rescue operations in the bush.

Through the efforts of the Blackwood Action Group, discussion to develop this CEMP started in 2014 in consultation with the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee & Emergency Management Victoria. As a result, the Blackwood CEMP Planning Group was formed, which also includes community members involved in the Fire Refuge community engagement steering committee & a draft plan was completed in November 2016 & launched at the recent public meeting. Further consultation & engagement with the community including a Scenario Planning Day is being planned for March 2017.

The DRAFT Plan can be downloaded from <http://theblackwoodtimes.com.au/home/2016/11/28/cemp-have-your-say/>

Hard copies of the DRAFT Plan will be available from the Blackwood Fire Station, which will be open between 9:00-9:30am on the FIRST Sunday of each month prior to the Fire Danger Period; & between 9:00-9:30am each Sunday during the Fire Danger Period. Please contact the Captain, Mr Ross Hall on 0413 997 225 should you wish

to arrange to pick up a copy of the DRAFT Plan at other times. Your comments on the Draft Plan can be returned to the Blackwood Fire Station. Could you please put your submission in an envelope & label it "Blackwood CEMP".

Feedback & submissions on the DRAFT Plan will close at the end of April 2017, when comments following the Scenario Planning Day will also be incorporated.

~ Blackwood CEMP Planning Group

BLACKWOOD CERT

After 3 years as Team Leader of our CERT team, it's time to hand over the reins. During this time, I've learned a lot & met some fantastic people. We've gone through a few changes with members coming & going, uniform updates, added procedures, medication & capabilities. Also, work towards building our much needed station began & will continue.

I'd like to thank our great team of dedicated members for their efforts, the community for your support & Ambulance Victoria for the opportunity to be part of this valuable service. I'll continue to be part of the team with Margaret McCarthy taking the lead role. Margaret is perfect for this position & will bring fresh new energy & great ideas to our team.

We've recently elected a couple of new committee members who are eager to take care of all things CERT. Jinny Coyle is our new President, Caroline Parker will continue as Vice President, Jane Elliot as Secretary & Kathie Strmota as Treasurer. A big thanks to our former President, Leonie Brasier for your excellent work & dedication & to Margaret McCarthy for your hours of work behind the computer as outgoing secretary. You made a difference & we appreciate your hard work!

~ take care, Ivan Johnston

Blackwood Progress Association

With Christmas fast approaching & all too soon it will be Easter & our minds are turning to the Blackwood Woodchop & Easter Carnival. The committee is firmly focused on making the 2017 carnival another great event for Blackwood.

All the annual favourites will be back, including the parade, great food, bar, treasure hunt, tug-of-war, gumboot throw, children's games & novelty races, market stalls, pet show, jumping castle & of course the Victorian Woodchopping Championships.

New for 2017 will be the following workshops - Backyard bee keeping, raising & loving chickens, gardening & craft.

Also will be gold panning, stake your gold claim, children's woodwork table & the Great Blackwood Bake-off (details to be announced shortly).

This is going to be a fabulous day, so keep April 15th free.

Kids, why don't you decorate the family car & enter it in the parade - there will be a special prize for the best decorated car.

Enquiries regarding the carnival should be directed to Sue Donnelly 0419 527 990.

The association has been discussing with the Blackwood Cricket Club the idea of having a "come & try it day" for junior boys & girls with the ultimate aim of getting a junior cricket team together. This will take place hopefully in February 2017 when school holidays are over & all is back to normal.

Unfortunately the relaunch of the Blackwood Tennis Club scheduled for the Sunday 13th November had to be cancelled due to poor weather. A new date will be announced shortly. The plan is to refurbish the two courts & incorporate a netball court. This will be a great asset for the town. Any inquiries to David White 0418 272 203.

That all for now,

~ David White, President

Blackwood Senior Citizens

The Blackwood Senior Citizens have had their AGM & office bearers are as follows - President Barbara Sweet, I must say our 1st female President, congratulations Barb! Vice President May Burling, Secretary Dianne Volpe, Treasurer Helga Weise & Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Bev Herd. On Committee are Phyl & Max Manning, Ilona &

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Blackwood Cricket Club

We haven't had a very good start to the season...although we have come close we have yet to win a game. This year we are missing 5 of our usual players due to work commitments & player trading. We do welcome Corey White, Lee Coolman, Nick Ward, Nash Robinson & Bodhi Robinson as replacements & we are very excited to see them settle in & show us their talents.

The weather has been really up & down, there was a time we thought we wouldn't even be able to make it to the ground due to the river flooding over the bridge, & then the time the boys played through a hailstorm at home.

From everyone at BCC we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, & a safe & Happy New Year, we will be having a Xmas break-up for the last game of the season at home, so if you could come down & join us on Sat 17th December that would be great.

A reminder that our PINK STUMPS day is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2017, keep an eye out for our signs closer to the date.

Keep up to date with all of our breaking news on our facebook page.

~ Jodie Bantz

Jim Usher, Hank Kaindl, Kathy Lynch, Bev Bennett & Jackie Weltzer, congratulations to all.

Newcomers are most welcome, so please come & join us on Wednesdays from 10am to 3pm, annual fee \$10.

Christmas is fast approaching & our last meeting will be on December 14, when we return next year is to be decided.

Please be safe, healthy & happy over the break & we hope to see everyone back in 2017.

~ Dianne Volpe (Secretary)

Blackwood Uniting Church

Meditation at Blackwood House at 7pm, on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. All welcome. ~ Robyn Zanon

This issue there has been no report from Blackwood Crown Reserves Committee of Management, Blackwood Historical Society, Blackwood Cemetery Trust or Blackwood & Barry's Reef Landcare.

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DECEMBER:

Table with 4 columns: DATE, TIME, EVENT, VENUE. Lists events for December including Christmas Carols in the Park, Trentham Whole Town Garage Sale, Blackwood Historical Society meeting, Christian Meditation, and Wombat Book Club Xmas Brunch.

JANUARY:

Table with 4 columns: DATE, TIME, EVENT, VENUE. Lists events for January including Blackwood Historical Society meeting, Blackwood Swap Meet, Wombat Book Club, and Australia Day woodchop.

To the best of our knowledge all information correct at time of publication, it's advisable to check times, dates & venues with event organisers.

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The History of Blackwood - Mining in Blackwood SOME EARLY HISTORY OF THE EASTER MONDAY MINE, BLACKWOOD



1851 in Karinga, South Australia to Elizabeth Wicks of St. Gluvious, Cornwall, England.

Edwin & Elizabeth Skinner (nee Wicks) had 9 children – Two of their sons founded the Easter Monday mine. - John (Joseph) Allen Skinner, born 1860 Ballarat, married Julia Gribble (born Blackwood) 1881 & Alfred Skinner, born 1868, Kyneton, married Louisa Alcron 1890. (Info. from Robyn Marx)

Information from Mining & Geological Journal, Volume 2, No.3, September, 1940. By J.P.L.Kenny B.C.E. Reprinted by Mr Hocking, Victorian Mines Department for Margot Hitchcock, Official Historian, Blackwood & District Historical Society, 23rd of February 1977.

The Easter Monday reef, was worked from shafts to a depth of about 60 ft. & carried rich stone. 137 tons of stone crushed in 1907 yielded 558 oz. of gold. An adit, No. 1, was driven westerly to cut the reef at a depth of 155 ft. below the outcrop. In driving this adit, this new reef (No. 1) - 1 to 2 feet wide & carrying payable values, was cut at 310 feet, from the portal. The adit was continued west, & the second reef (No.2) also payable, was intersected 40 ft. west of No. 1 reef. The crosscut was extended west to 240 feet from No. 1 reef cutting the Easter Monday reef with 4 inches of quartz at 180 feet, & a fourth reef, 3 inches wide at 240 ft. Good stone went underfoot below No. 1 adit & No. 2 adit was driven 100 ft. below No. 1. It intersected a lava dyke at 280 feet, & followed its course to the No. 1 reef at 645 feet. & No. 2 reef 20 ft. to the west. The No. 1 & No. 2 reefs where were worked to No. 2 adit level, & whinzes below showed good values on No. 1 reef. To this time (1911) the reef was worked by the finders who had won 2,656 oz. of gold from 2,475 tons of ore.

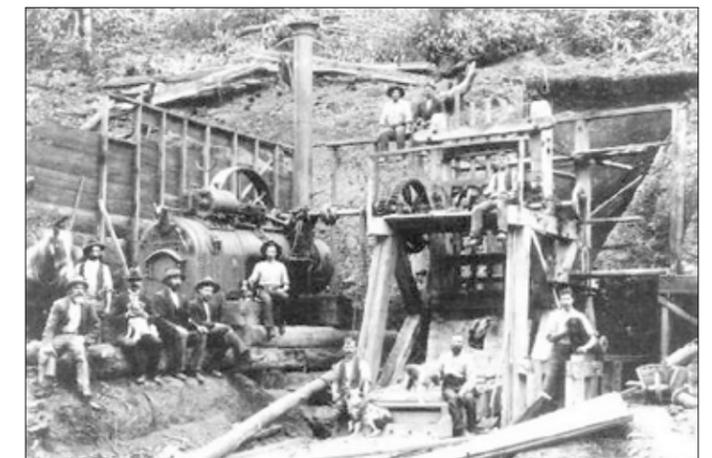
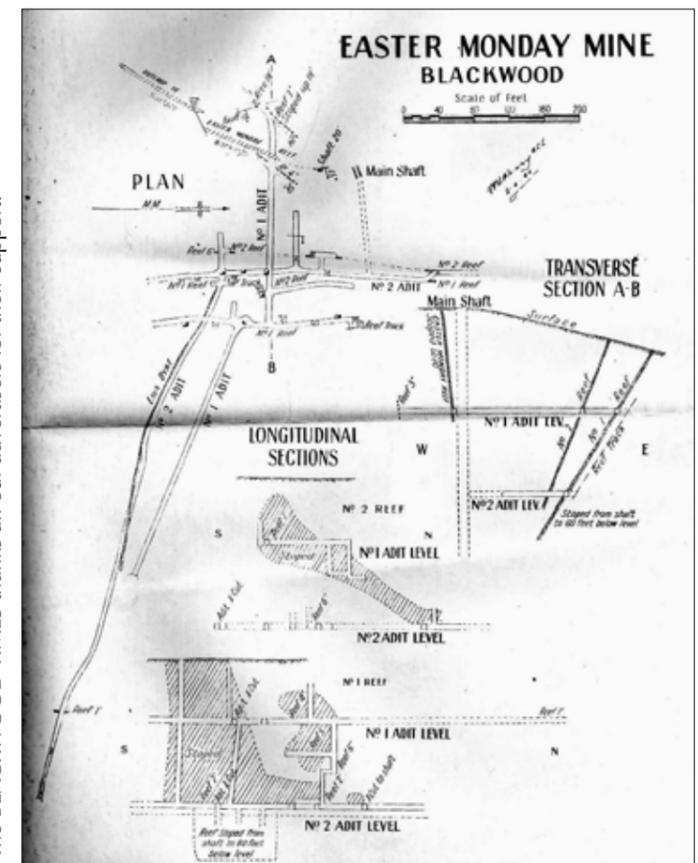
The Easter Monday Goldmining Company was formed, & a main shaft sunk, was still being worked 255 ft. above the No. 2 adit level. A connection was

made with No. 2 adit. & a level driven 100 feet below at a depth of 375 feet. In 1914 it was reported that the company had found on sinking to greater depths that the shoots were shorter & values poorer, but work was continued until 1918. The company crushed 2,681 tons for 2,475 oz. of gold.

In 1934 a syndicate was formed to prospect than mine. A drive north on No. 1 reef at No. 1 adit level revealed payable stone 18 inches wide 50 ft. north of the old shoot. A six head battery with an oil engine & a cyanide plant were erected & the shoot which was 50 ft. long was stoped to 40 ft. above the level & from a winze to the same depth below. The No. 2 adit was cleaned out & the drive extended north. The reef was stoped to a height of 35 ft. for a length 50 ft. beyond the old stopes, values here being about seven dwt (pennyweight). Between 1934 & 1938 the syndicate crushed 769 tons for 668 oz. An average of 17.4 dwt per ton. It was then decided to extend the drive north on No. 1 reef at No. 1 adit level. With the assistance of a government advance the drive was extended to about 370 ft. from the adit crosscut. Near the face, a reef one foot wide was found, but it carried no values. The party transferred to No. 2 adit, where the old drive was closed at 270 ft. north of the crosscut. The No. 1 & No. 2 reefs here were 10 feet apart, & the walls continue north without meeting.

The accompanying plans had been compiled from a survey of the accessible workings, & the plans by Messrs. H.Foster & F.N. Horsfall. Wherever it was worked the Easter Monday reef strikes north 25° east & was nearly vertical. The surface workings extend for 210 ft., with a right-hand cross-course displacing the reef for 20 feet. North of the workings, near the main shaft, the reef turns to a north & south strike with a dip of 85 deg. East. At a point 40 feet south of the shaft, a rich patch was struck & a shaft sunk to 20 feet. A yield of 86½ oz. from 9 tons recorded in 1908 probably came from this shaft. ©

Researched by Margot Hitchcock from her forthcoming book 'The History & Pioneers of Blackwood', hopefully to be published soon. Other books published by Margot Hitchcock – "Aspects of Early Blackwood", Some History of Simmons Reef, Blackwood"and "The Billy Pincombe Tragedy". Books available at the Historical Society Museum, Blackwood Post Office & the Garden of St. Erth. See – www.blackwoodpublishing.com



LEFT: A copy of the plan for the Easter Monday Mine, Simmons Reef, Blackwood from the 'Mining & Geological Journal', September 1940 courtesy of Mr. Hocking, Victorian Mines Department, February 1977. TOP: The Easter Monday Mine c. 1908. Joseph Allen Skinner Jnr. with beret top right, & his son Bert Skinner on second level right of wheel. Others miners are sons, in-laws & cousin. (Photo courtesy of Don Grogan)

• MARKET CALENDAR • MARKET CALENDAR • MARKET CALENDAR •

Table with 8 columns: 1st SATURDAY, 1st SUNDAY, 2nd SATURDAY, 2nd SUNDAY, 3rd SATURDAY, 3rd SUNDAY, 4th SATURDAY, 4th SUNDAY. Lists various markets and their locations and times, such as Ballan Market, Daylesford Market, Kyneton Farmers, etc.

To the best of our knowledge all information correct at time of publication, it is advisable to check times, dates & venues with the market organisers.

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PROUD FINALISTS

In October Blackwood Times editor attended the 2016 conference for the Community Newspapers of Victoria (CNAV).

The Community Newspaper Association of Victoria (CNAV) is the peak body representing not-for-profit community newspapers across Victoria. The Blackwood Times has maintained membership since it began publishing as Blackwood News in 2007.

CNAV works actively with its members to enhance the capacity and standing of community newspapers, to enable them to fully realise their vital role in communities.

This year, we were honoured to be finalists in not 1 but 2 categories.

Best community content – Finalist



This category recognises the breadth and depth of community news publishing. The judges will be looking for a publication which understands and reflects its community.

Judges Comments: "The Blackwood Times is a great newsletter that reflects the wonderful character and spirit of the town it represents. A fascinating and fun publication to read."

This is the award I covet as it is really what The Blackwood Times is all about. Our diverse community contributions capture the unique nature of our village & surrounds. Each & every article, letter, photo & advertisement make up the whole &, as editor, my role is simply to curate & collate what is given to me. So this award goes, not to the Times, but to the community. Congratulations.

Check out AprilMay16 issue (<http://theblackwoodtimes.com.au/home/2016/04/02/april-may-issue-2016/>) to see what the fuss is about. The featured story by Margaret McCarthy uncovers the world of the mine shaft explorers.



Janette & Janine having a hoot at the Blackwood Festival.

Best history story – Finalist

Community newspapers are renowned for their coverage of local histories. The history story is a narrative style story documenting an aspect of the region's history. It might be about a person, a building, an aspect of the region's character, or a particular occasion in the history of the town.

Judges Comments: 'Cyclone Pat Runs Out of Puff'

"I was tossing up between a few articles for this position but I kept coming back to a story and obituary on Pat Liffman of Barry's Reef. She was a community activist who involved herself in 'just about every aspect of Blackwood Society'.

Firstly, Pat is an interesting subject who led an interesting life and this article made me want to know more about her.

Secondly, Pat is an example of a 'new comer' moving into an area and deciding to get involved and make a positive contribution to the town and I like people like that."

See the full article in JunJul16 issue. (<http://theblackwoodtimes.com.au/home/2016/06/02/june-july-16-issue/>)

Thank you Shane Scanlon for contributing this inspiring story which captured Pat's wily spirit perfectly.



RIDE ON



Blackwood Special School's 2016 super ride. This years ride tested riders limits

The ride is fully supported by Victoria Police, local shires, local Service Clubs, St John's and the local communities of Blackwood and Trentham.

FROM CATHERINE'S DESK VOLUNTEER GRANTS AVAILABLE

Federal Member for Ballarat, Catherine King today urged not-for-profit community groups to apply for grants of between \$1,000 & \$5,000 under the Volunteer Grants 2016 scheme.

"These grants will allow community groups to support their volunteers through the purchase of equipment, the reimbursement of fuel & transport costs, & contributions towards training costs," Ms King said.

"Volunteers carry out important work within our community & it is important to support them in any way possible.

"Feel free to contact my office at 5 Lydiard St North, Ballarat or on (03) 5338.8123 if you need assistance in relation to your Volunteer Grants scheme applications."

The Volunteer Grants 2016 Application Pack is available from the Department of Social Services' website at www.dss.gov.au/grants. Alternatively, you can contact the Volunteer Grants 2016 Hotline on 1800 020 283 or email grants@dss.gov.au.

Applications for Volunteer Grants 2016 will be open until Tuesday, December 20 @ 2pm.

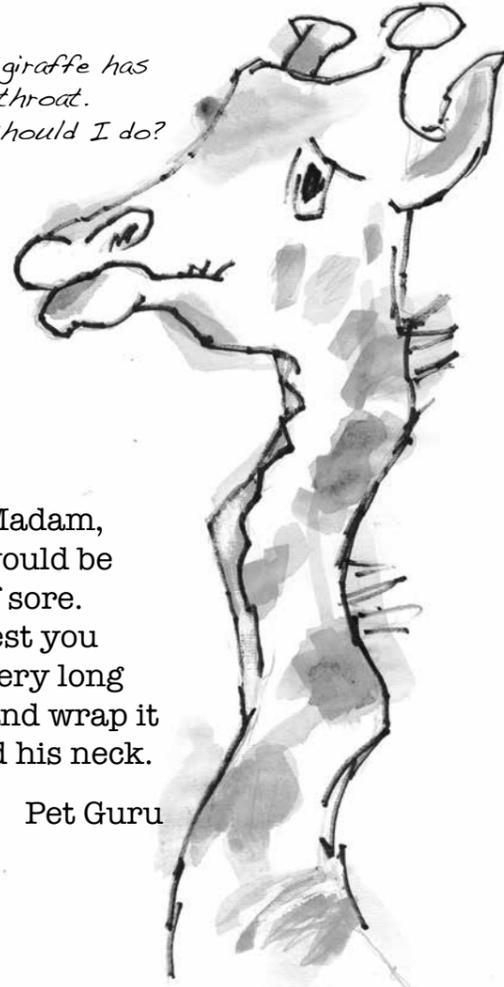
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My pet giraffe has a sore throat. What should I do?



Dear Madam, That would be a lot of sore. I suggest you get a very long scarf and wrap it around his neck.

Pet Guru

PET SHENANIGANS WITH SEAMUS



WOOF: In this month's edition as we approach the festive time of year & all that yummy human food, upset tummies & vomiting may not be a joyful experience. Dogs & cats are described as natural purgers, meaning they will vomit quite easily to empty their stomachs of unwanted food/material/fur, etc. It is a safety mechanism to remove things that they feel cannot be digested.

When is vomiting serious?

Just like us, vomiting is often precluded by a feeling of nausea. Signs of nausea included drooling, licking of lips or excessive swallowing. Vomiting should not be confused with gagging or retching as vomiting involves the stomach muscles contracting ("heaving").

Dogs will especially vomit when they have eaten something that disagrees with them ("garbage eaters"). In these cases vomiting is usually not continuous & the dog is bright.

What you can do at home:

1. Withhold food for up to 24 hours. If vomiting persists during this time you need to consult a veterinarian.
2. Don't let them drink large amounts of water, but continually offer small amounts. If vomiting persists after a small upset tummy consult a veterinarian.
3. After fasting, try a small amount of a bland diet (rice & cooked white meat). If there is no vomiting after 2 hours, continue with some more bland food every 2-3 hours. Gradually change back to a normal diet over 3 days.

BLACKWOOF'S



A REMARKABLE working dog, the Border Collie is widely regarded as the most intelligent of breeds. With its boundless energy, athletic, even acrobatic skills & an utter dedication to work, it's easy to see how the breed has made it from the hills of the Scottish/English border country to herd flocks of sheep the world over.

SO WHAT does a supreme working dog do when it lives off- farm? It's a Frizbee Fanatic, of course, but also a star of trial & performance competitions. Cooper has demonstrated, to some fame, his skills on the soccer field. With a nose that can exquisitely control a ball, he would regularly join in games at the local ground, intercepting the ball, taking passes, showing great skill even as a goalie. Torn cruciates & 3 knee surgeries later, Cooper's promising career came to an end.

YOUNG JACKSON, not so much the sportsman is, however, a star herder, easily controlling a flock of 30 with his stare (he demonstrates above). He's a regular & enthusiastic visitor to Beloka Kelpies <http://belokakelpies.com.au/> where working dog breeds can holiday & do their thing on the farm.

BACK AT home, Jackson does his thing each evening, when he reminds Mum that it's time to put the chooks to bed & that he's just the boy to help.

A foreign body in the stomach or intestine & bacterial or viral infections can cause serious continual vomiting & will not stop on fasting & diet change

If vomiting starts again, go to the vet! Also go to the vet if:

- Vomiting is frequent or continual
- There is blood present in the vomit or it has the appearance of coffee ground
- Your vomiting animal is a puppy or kitten need extra care & caution
- Your pet is lethargic
- Your pet appears to have a fever - if they are panting or feels hot to touch.
- There is abdominal pain (stretching, groaning) or your pet is restless.
- Diarrhoea develops

What you need to tell the vet:

- How often your pet has vomited
- When it last ate & what it ate
- Describe the vomit (digested? food? grass? colour?)
- If diarrhoea is present & when it started
- Samples of vomit & or diarrhoea are often helpful.

Wishing you all a great Christmas & New year. See you all in 2016!!

~ Woof for now, Seamus



BLACKWOOD SWAP MEET

15 JANUARY 2017 | UNITING CHURCH GROUNDS

A perfect opportunity for a New Year clear out of unwanted stuff. Bring along clothes, shoes, books, records & anything else you want to off-load & take home some treasures from someone else's haul!

We'll kick off around midday & will have some sweet tunes provided by 3 Triple Wombat.

You can take any left over stuff home with you, or it will be donated to a charity/op-shop. Check the public Facebook event where updates about the swap meet will be shared - <https://www.facebook.com/events/681742585330045/>



BLACKWOOD GARDENING CLUB

October's Working Bee was great fun & showed just how much a group can achieve in a couple of hours & we were served a morning tea to die for all freshly baked...yum. We have plans for more working bees around Blackwood- areas that need attention.

We now have a plan of action calendar for 2017 with plans for posters to remind Blackwoodians of projects, & who might like to join in for a particular activity. We are not just about our own gardens, but also enjoy walks in our forest to share our knowledge of indigenous plants & to learn of spots where particular species abound.

Remember we meet monthly on the 3rd Saturday at the Merchant.

~ Jane Howat

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WOMBAT BOOK CLUB 2016

Hello from the Wombat Bookclub. We are a vivacious group, who love to read, & love to talk...more the latter. We have lively discussions about the book we have just read, although due to group dynamics we often get reminded to stay on topic. Now Summer is nigh...well supposed to be, time for those lazier afternoons in the sun, & for those who are fortunate enough to have the Christmas off to laze with a good book. We meet the third Sunday in each month, alternating between the Blackwood Pub & the Merchant, sometimes subject to change. For more information please contact Jinny on editor@theblackwoodtimes.com.au.

Until Next time Merry Christmas to you all from BookClub.

Golden Hope by Joanna Nichols

Clytie Hart known as the 'Knife-thrower's Daughter' had known the circus all her life. Her mother, Dolores raised her with the support of the circus family & her volatile partner, Vlad. Clytie never got to her the truth of her birth father.

Travelling to Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat & around the golden triangle of Central Victoria, money dried up as did the circus leaving Dolores & Clytie to their own plight. With the help of a friend, Rom Delaney, they end up with a house to live in the town of Hoffnung (loosely based on Blackwood).

Clytie knew love & tragedy. Through it all, she managed to find love again & learn the truth about what had occurred.

SANDY: The author paints a picture of the landscape & towns which those of us who reside in are familiar with.

A well-told story which keeps the reader engaged to the end.

5 wombies

TERRI: Golden Hope was an enjoyable way to read about local history & the years shortly after the gold rush had finished when the Boer War was at full tempo. The story kept me guessing & I enjoyed some of the twists & turns the characters took. I felt it was a modern day exploration of an old time world with a love story to boot.

3 wombies.

JANE: This was a great story with really well crafted characters set in the area we all know so well. It begins in the circus, life on the road, the circus family with the central characters a mother & daughter horse riding performers. It's gold mining days & many are doing it tough. The circus goes broke, so Clytie & her mother settle in a small country town like Blackwood & carve a new life for themselves, though not all the townsfolk are pleased to have the newcomers. Clytie falls in love with the good looking likeable rogue...?

The only thing I thought didn't always gel was some of the language used, which was too modern for the times

4 wombies

JINNY: I really enjoyed this romantic historic novel. Particularly because it is based in such familiar territory for me. I enjoyed trying to pick places & character traits.

4 wombies

The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett.

Norman Seakins, a travelling library worker struck up a conversation with a most unlikely future customer, when she came across his van near Buckingham Palace, when her corgis yapped around the van.

The Queen asked one of her usual questions, 'Where are you from?'

This led to Norman becoming one of her staff-in-waiting.

The Queen became so absorbed in reading books she had never read, it carried her off to a different world other than one she knew. This influenced the way she thought & acted. We often visualise the Queen of England to be well-read & very much contained in her manners - which she is. But this book gives the reader another surprising side to the Queen other than the institutionalised behaviour which the Royal Family exhibits. As to the authenticity, it does get your thoughts into thinking Elizabeth 11, is human after all.

SANDY: I loved this book about the Queen, I was surprised how differently I felt about her after I read this book. It is a quick, easy read, I did often wonder what the Queen really thought about her life, this answers part of that question. We will see if she really does write her own book.

5 wombies

SUE: I loved this. Pure joy; a good laugh & easy read.

5 wombies

TERRI: The Uncommon Reader was a delightful short novel about the love & addictive nature of reading. Not sure what to expect, I was surprised to find that it was set in the recent times. It was a great travel companion on the train. Short & sweet can be good some times.

5 wombies

KIRSTY: The Uncommon Reader was a delightful little read, but carried with it the sad undertones of "one's" life being directed for by other people that expected "one" to behave a certain way. It makes you appreciate freedom of choice & the joy that reading brings for pleasure...much like being part of this bookclub!

4 wombies

Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts

SUE: Haven't finished this yet, but am persisting. Worth a try even if you only read part way. You will feel like you've been to India.

4 1/2 wombies

JANE: I loved this book. A huge read, slowing up in the final quarter but what an inside view of life in Bombay. The author's ability to capture the language, the innate Indian mentality, mannerisms & beliefs was fantastic. A must read for all those who plan to visit India. It was well written & told by the author who really understood & loved Bombay.

4 1/2 Wombies

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Dear Jinny,
Thank you for your efforts over the last years in producing such a fine newsletter. Could you please acknowledge Ivan & Margaret Members of our local CERT team who recently promptly attended my 4am call to 000. Their skill & grace in attending to me until the ambulance arrived was much appreciated. We are so lucky to have community minded volunteers providing this service

~ Yours Sincerely Norman Sterling

WHO'S TATT'S THAT?



You might remember Janine O'Keefe's memorial tattoos which featured in our Aug/Sept edition. A couple of days ago she proudly revealed the freshly-inked tribute to her father, Alan. For Janine, that makes a full set, it's sad to say.

Creating a collection of memorial tattoos is always going to be a work-in-progress, & one best left incomplete. A tattoo sprouted on this bloke's leg soon after the death of his best friend. He then included lost family members (each with an individual leaf motif) & today, 4 years later, the tattoo retains a defiantly unfinished look about it.

A: Kazi Crowther

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DRIVING - PRIVILEGE, RIGHT, OR NECESSITY?

~ by Paul Tatchell



A couple of weeks ago I needed to renew my driver's licence. My file photo was over 20 years old, so a trip into Vicroads was the order of the day. I have to say if you're planning a day out of fun & frivolity you would be better off having an appointment with your proctologist.

Putting aside the fact that sitting at Vicroads waiting for your number to come up on the big screen is like waiting for happy hour at the funeral parlour; it's fair to say that just about anything to do with motor vehicular activities can be done online. A small blessing for those on anti-depressants or those that still consider small pleasantries as a good way to start the day.

Another tip for those filling out Vicroads forms, make sure you get someone to check your work, because if you inadvertently tick the wrong box, a slip of the ballpoint & you will get the rough end of the Vicroads officer; a look that would scare farm machinery!

Back to the point. So I go in to get my licences renewed, get a new photo & exchange pleasantries with the Vicroads staff, get the paperwork wrong, get chastised by the officer for not knowing that the form they sent out wasn't the form I was supposed to fill in, & apologised for being an inconvenience; for basically existing.

It probably didn't help that in my poor attempt at humour, sarcasm probably more to the point, I suggested that the customer service sign on the counter was probably talking it up a bit. I am glad I didn't say what I really thought.

Whilst I am sure there are some friendly officers at Vicroads, I always get the grumpy one, maybe that's what the number system is all about. I reckon the machine takes a photo of me & directs me to the "don't mess with me, I'm having a bad day desk".

It's probably a good thing they don't have a customer complaints desk; they would probably run out of tickets & you would have to go to the "having a bad day desk" to get a ticket to the customer complaints desk.

It's not like the cost of renewing your license is a token gesture to the State Government coffers, it cost me \$467 for my truck & boat licence. Whilst I don't expect scones & coffee for my donation, a civil discussion is a small price to pay for my custom.

The upside is I don't need another renewal for my driver's licence for 10 years, & my boat for another 5; but I seriously question the cost. It's not like they check to see if you can actually drive or not, they simply give you a quick eye test &, as long as you not Mr Magoo's second cousin, you're right to go.

My last 2 licences were sent to me at no charge. Apparently I didn't lose a point for 20 years so under an old scheme you got your licence for gratis. They no longer do that; there must be too many good drivers on the road, & it was costing them too much money.

So thank you to all the bad drivers on the road over the last 20 years, you have saved me a fortune; I still haven't lost any points, but just because I'm paying shouldn't suggest that I should be playing. The fact that I have probably been driving my wife's car when the camera picks me up is a minor consideration.

Having said that, I have held a licence for the best part of 40 years, & I have never been tested to see if I know the road rules, or even whether I can drive a motor vehicle. Even when I got my B-double licence I didn't do a test at Vicroads; just did a course, & the Army gave me my first licence without doing a test; so I have literally been driving around untested for 40 years.

Back in the day, the local country policeman used to issue a licence, & you used to drive there to get it. The fact that you made it there without hitting anything was justification enough to take to the road & never look back.

Country kids seem to all learn to drive before they can reach the pedals, but I am not sure being able to drive a vehicle & being a good driver belong in the same sentence. My own kids all were taught how to drive before they were teenagers; the youngest has been backing B-doubles since he was 12.

There is no doubt living in the bush presents a number of transport logistical problems. When I was a kid, young people took the back roads to get to work, because they weren't old enough to have a licence. Imagine if you did that today?

You have to feel for young people that leave school to get an apprenticeship that have to rely on mum or dad to get them to job sites. With all the different P-plates & L-plates, maybe we should have an A-plate for apprentices to drive to & from work when they turn 16.

Country kids are isolated in terms of transport, & if they have no way of getting to work until they are 18, their opportunities are limited by local employment, & they are disadvantaged into the future.

If we are serious about supporting youth & giving them an opportunity to contribute, we need to provide the basic tools to contribute with. If they are old enough to build the houses & factories we work & live in, they are old enough to drive themselves to work. We just need to teach them properly.



We've received an email wondering if anyone could help with info about the old engine this photo which was taken in the 1970's in Blackwood. The story the emailer has been told is that it was pushed in an old mine shaft around the 1970's.

Do any of our older locals remember seeing it around Blackwood or any info on it would be greatly appreciated.

~ regards Wayne Pitt



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FROM DELWP'S DESK

Facilities upgraded at Blackwood Mineral Springs Reserve

The popular Blackwood Mineral Springs Reserve has been upgraded thanks to a Victorian Government Mineral Spring Reserves Grant.

The Blackwood Committee of Management has used its grant of \$24,500 to replace ageing barbecues & weathered picnic tables in the Mineral Springs Reserve.

Blackwood Committee of Management Chairperson Brian Moore said: "We are delighted with the grant from the Victorian Mineral Water Committee."

"As a Committee of Management it is our role to ensure that the Blackwood Mineral Springs are well-presented & accessible to everyone.

"The grant has given us the opportunity to improve facilities in the reserve & provide the community with a great mineral water experience when they visit," Mr Moore said.

The mineral springs grants program complements the Victorian Mineral Springs Strategic Master Plan 2015-2024, which was developed by the Victorian Mineral Water Committee to provide strategic direction for the management of mineral springs reserves in Victoria.

Recreation & visitor education are two priorities in the plan, which also emphasises the importance of educating visitors about the environmental & historic importance of Victoria's mineral springs.



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We are a community uke group open to anyone who wants to rock up to the Trentham Neighbourhood Centre on Friday mornings (gold coin donation to TNC) from 10.00am - 12noon.

Beginners are most welcome, & we usually have a few spare ukes if you just want to come & give it a try. Phone Mez for more info on 0403 007 761 (some Fridays we play at the Trentham Aged Care centre if you can't find us at the TNC).

Hope to see you there!

TRENTHAM WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE!

Trentham Neighbourhood Centre will once again be hosting the Trentham Whole Town Garage Sale on December 3. This very popular event is now in its 6th year & gets bigger & better every year. Over 30 households in the Trentham area have already signed up to be added to the map so there will be many treasures & bargains waiting to be found. The Garage Sale is a major fundraising venture for the TNC - we will be selling maps with the locations of all the individual sales from 8am down at the centre. You will also be able to pick up a delicious sausage from our sausage sizzle & join our mailing list to receive regular email updates about our programs. The funds raised by selling maps & sausages will go directly towards the wide range of courses & activities held at, or by, Trentham Neighbourhood Centre.



If you are able to assist us on the day by helping man the sausage sizzle for an hour or so we would love to hear from you - 5424.1354. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated & ease the load on our small band of Committee of Management volunteers. Alternatively we would love to see you at the TNC on Saturday December 3rd purchasing a map to help you make your way around our whole town event - wear comfortable shoes, it will be a big day!

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Quartet features a stellar cast including Maggie Smith, Billy Connolly, Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins and Michael Gambon along with numerous singers, musicians and non-actors in supporting roles.
The film was actor Dustin Hoffman's directing debut. At age 74, he developed a great rapport with the cast of actors, musicians, singers and non-actors, most in their 60s to 90s.
Pauline Collins said, 'I've learnt more from him than I have in the rest of my working life.' Comedian Billy Connolly, who plays Wilf in the film, said that, 'Every day is a masterclass with Hoffman'.
A genuinely 'feel-good' film to end the year.
The Society's 2017 program of films will be released shortly. If you like good films consider joining.
The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday each month at Woodend Community Centre. Film notes and an informal supper are part of the evening.
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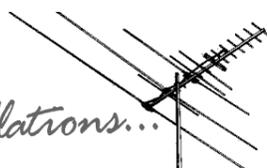
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