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BLACKWOOD**

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Another sultry morning in Blackwood

In my 28 years in Blackwood I've always loved that the heat is dry & our nights cool down.

Not so this season!



EDITOR’S THOUGHTS...

Hi there,
Bringing you another jam-packed issue thanks to our regular contributors & community members who send me in their thoughts, poems & photos.
This year’s album (p4&5) is brought to you by our roving volunteer photographer, Peter Donnelly. It is fabulous to have our helpers on board doing their bit, it means I can focus on putting issues together rather than running around seeking articles.

I loved reading Tim Grech’s satirical article (p9) about litter through our area. Did you know that there is a free app (for mac & android) called <http://www.snapsendsolve.com/> where you can report litter (as well as other issues)? You snap a photo of the problem, the app sends it to the appropriate authority so the problem can be resolved. I’ve been told Moorabool has been very responsive to reports from the app.

Easter is very early this year, last weekend of March. Have you thought about who to vote for as the 2018 Royals? I can’t wait to find out who the King & Queen will be!



MEMBER 2018

A few calls for volunteers in this issue. Progress is calling for volunteers to help with the carnival & the CERT team needs people to help on the hot dog stand (p6) &, beyond Blackwood, the Art & Craft Show are desperately seeking new committee members as the show grows (p18 & 19).

~ Jinny Coyle (editor)

Thank you our HANDS-UP helpers – you are the reason we’re able to keep publishing... (along with our regular contributors of course!)	
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the BLACKWOOD TIMES info

The BLACKWOODTIMES invites submissions from the community. If you’re at a local event please take a photo or two & write a few lines to share in our community news. Deadlines are as follows

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Late breaking News		Mar 20

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WHO WILL WEAR THE CROWNS?

Get ready to vote for Blackwood’s 2018 King & Queen.



We want everyone (children & adults) to vote & you can be sure we’ll be asking if you have!

It is a popularity vote so the more votes a person gets the higher their chance of winning.

So if you badly want to win or badly want a mate to win, start canvassing for votes.

Entry containers & forms are in the Post Office & Hotel.

The 2018 Royal Couple will be announced at a Crowning Ceremony on Good Friday evening when the 2017 King Brendan & Queen Jenny will hand over their duties.

Crowning Ceremony to be held at 7pm at the Blackwood Hotel.

Come along & join in the fun. Free lolly bag to anyone who wears a tiara or crown.

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Blackwood Hotel 150th Bash

In 1867, Bridget Cruise lost her pub to fire, and then her husband died, leaving her with 4 children (and another 3 in the Blackwood Cemetery). The very next year she presided over a grand ball for the opening of the new hotel she built.

150 years later we’ll be taking our cue from this inspirational woman and celebrating Blackwood Hotel’s anniversary with a town fair. There will be music, magic, history tours, rides, art and artisan stalls, plenty of food, perhaps the odd glass of bubbles & the famous Carlton Clydesdales.

Keep Saturday, May 19 free for this family fun day.

Watch out for Margo Hitchcock’s history of the Blackwood Hotel in our next issue.



Emergency services day at Greendale

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)
Nov '17	*79.8	75.1	-1	32.9	24.5	8.5	15.8
Dec '17	*80.6	61.8	3.3	34.9	24.4	8.5	16



SUMMER DAYS IN BLACKWOOD

On cricket days Blackwood locals can be found down at the Rec Reserve cheering on our team (above & below). But at this game, 1st time Grandad, Kenny Cann, is more interested in watching little Jax (right) than the cricket. Jax James Quarrier (born Dec 1, 2018 weighing in at 7lb, 6oz). First child to Morgan Cann & Mitchell Quarrier & the beginning of a new generation for one of Blackwood’s oldest families.

BLACKWOOD CRICKET CLUB 2017/2018 FIXTURE

2018	Blackwood Versus	Where we’re playing ...
		1 days start at 1.00pm 2 days at 1.30pm
Feb 3 & 10	Rupertswood	Blackwood Rec Reserve
Feb 17 & 24	Romsey	Bendigo Bank Oval, Romsey
Mar 3 & 10	Sunbury	Blackwood Rec Reserve



***UNFORTUNATELY THE** official Trentham BOM monthly rainfall figures are unavailable. They have been used in the past few years as an approximation to the official Blackwood BOM monthly rainfall figures which were discontinued in 2015. Maybe Trentham is also being discontinued? The rainfall figures shown above were recorded by me and my annual rainfall measurement for Blackwood was 846.2mm which is below the long term average of 976.3mm.

WE HAD a very warm November which was about the same as for December .

~ by Don Owen



Ode to Barrys Reef

Did you hear the gum trees calling,
As they rustled in the breeze.
Did you hear the sounds entralling,
Of the song birds in the trees.
Did you hear the winds a-sighing,
Did you hear the laughter gay,
Of the kookaburra calling,
At the breaking of the day.

When the shades of night are falling,
And daylight soon will die,
Did you hear the mopoke calling,
Silver stars now light the sky.
Did you hear the voice that calls you,
From the past, of days gone by,
Happy mem’ries of the bushland,
Where the mountains reach the sky.

~ Win Pankhurst

24th Annual Australian Gold Panning Championships



Saturday Feb 17th 2018
Blackwood Cricket Ground
Recreation Reserve Road
Blackwood - Victoria



• BLACKWOOD SEES IN 2018 @ THE PUB •



• HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY PAUL •



Checking out his presents



Rolls Royce. Yeah

On Sunday January 7 Paul Gildea celebrated his 50th birthday at the Blackwood Pub attended by family, friends & half of Blackwood! People came from all over and as far as interstate. One of the highlights of the day for Paul was being picked up by a Rolls Royce (kindly supplied by Robert & Vincent, & arranged by Darren). He was taken for a drive to Greendale & back to the pub where he was greeted by all his guests with a big "Surprise!"

Paul has always had a great interest in cars & so the ride in a Rolls was something special, (dad also enjoyed it). Many thanks to all who attended or sent their best wishes.





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Bacchus Marsh Parish

Our Services 2018

- 8:30am: Holy Communion Service
- 10:00am: Holy Communion Service
- 10:00am: 1st Sunday - Cafe Church
- 10.00am: 5th Sunday - Combined Service
- 5.00pm: Contemporary Family Service

Christ Church, Myrning

- 11:00am Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays
- 10.00am Combined service at Holy Trinity on 5th Sunday

see www.bacchusmarshanglican.org.au or contact 5367 5362.

~ *Nina Harbison*

Blackwood Action Group (BAG)

see James Maws Blackwood Localised Septic Program update (p8)

Blackwood Crown Reserves Committee of Management

A CFA report on the Caravan Park has been submitted to Moorabool Shire as part of the process of slightly increasing the number of sites at the park.

A grant application has been lodged with DELWP for upgrades to the Mineral Springs rotundas which will include extra fire services.

A review is under way of insurance on all Crown Reserve buildings.

~ *Dave White*

Blackwood Caravan Park

For bookings & information please call Brad & Jenni on 53686539.

~ *Thanks Brad & Jenni*

Blackwood CERT

Happy news: Our small team of dedicated responders are ready for a full year ahead. Welcome back to service Leonie Braiser.

Sad news: We've already been to some sad cases this year & our thoughts are with families who've experienced the heartache of loss.

Interesting news: We've gone online to recruit for new CERTs in Blackwood. To find out more, go to: <https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/community-education/volunteers/become-a-volunteer/> and register your interest. This new system is a quick way to get your application moving. Of course, you can still call me on 0427 344 055. We've got 6 vacancies advertised. You don't need first aid experience, just a ready to chip in attitude. Perfect for a young person trying to get a bit of experience, or a local who'd like to try something new. We get huge support from the community & from Ambulance Victoria - which is amazing. Important info: If you need CERT call 000. We are always backed by the awesome paramedics from Ambulance Victoria.

Early defib & effective CPR are the best way to improve the outcome for someone in cardiac arrest. We have a defib in the CERT car, there's one at the pub. BUT we can't get to all calls, especially weekdays & nights, & the ambulance may take some time to get here, even with lights & sirens - that's why CERT needs you!

Fund-raising news: over to Jinny - thanks for the great work you & the committee do!

Friendly news: We'll be at the Blackwood Woodchop so come & say hi!

~ *Margaret McCarthy, CERT Team Leader, 0427 344 055*

Can you help us? We'd love some helpers on the Hot Dog Stand at the Easter Carnival, this is looking to be our major fund-raising activity for the year.

We have also been invited to co-ordinate the market stalls at the pub's 150th celebrations on May 19. Do you know anyone who could have a stall? See the advert on page 8 for the link to the application form.

~ *Jinny Coyle (president)*

Blackwood CFA

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!!

From all of us at the Blackwood Brigade we wish you all a happy & prosperous new year.

So far it has been quiet, We had full crews on standby at the station on the 6th of January for the extreme fire day which was a quiet day with the exception of our Strike Team crew being activated late in the day to attend a potentially serious large grass fire near Wyndham Vale.

Always keep an eye on the weather forecasts & any information regarding possible problems including the signs at the fire station.

On Thursday January 11 a community bushfire scenario event was held at the station with about 25 people attending. From feedback received people had a very informative night & even had a few laughs.

The Santa Run was on again this year which was, as always, a lot of fun. It is good to see people coming out to see Santa & having pictures with him. Santa was asked if he enjoyed his job, his reply was, "I love it, just the hours sleigh me!!"

Many people came up & thanked us for protecting them, which is always appreciated. As volunteers we do this not for recognition or reward, but to help others, to protect family, friends, neighbours and, in our case, the community of Blackwood.

A recent incident the brigade was involved in was the unfortunate vehicle accident in Newbury. Events like this highlight a fact we often have to deal with, on the way to an incident like that, many times your thoughts are, is this a loved one, a friend, a neighbour or a stranger?

Whatever the outcome is, we strive to help those involved regardless of the relationship.

Have a look in your street, where is the closest fire hydrant? Can you see the blue cats eye usually near the centre line & indicates the side of the road the hydrant is located? Are you able to see white maker with red striping & another blue cats eye? Is the area around the hydrant cover free from grass, dirt or other foreign material.

The brigade has a Facebook page which is Blackwood CFA.

Over the coming months we will be implementing a few activities so keep an eye out on this space as well as the Facebook page & the web site <http://www.blackwoodcfa.com/>

Take care & remember in the event of any emergency call 000 & look out for your neighbours.

~ *Karl Church, Brigade Community Safety Coordinator*

Blackwood Historical Society

Thank you to Sandy for the reminder, the weeks over Christmas have gone so fast.

The Society had a great Christmas lunch at the Ballan Commercial, thank you to all the staff. Our members came from near & far, it was great to catch up with members. Allan & Elizabeth would like to thank all for the best wishes on their 50th years married on the same day.

Allan, Mark & Lou are currently constructing a shed at the stables, thanks to all & to Phillip Skinner for cutting the grass over the Christmas break.

We're looking forward to a busy year & new ventures.

Meetings are held 1st Saturday @ 10.30am monthly & we are open from 11.30am on that day for information.

~ *Elizabeth Hall, Secretary*

Blackwood Progress Association

It has been a while since we have written but the Blackwood Progress Association has been very busy settling in new members & planning for funding community programs & the Easter Carnival. Everyone is enthusiastic about 2018 & the things we have planned.

Firstly we have launched a Blackwood Big Ideas project which asks our community to put forward ideas for a project which we can fund to the total of \$3,000. (read more on p7). We have also funded the establishment of the Blackwood Playgroup. The group founder,

Kirsty Vella, has advised us that there are 14 members already. They meet at the hall each Tuesday. We are thrilled to support our newest Blackwoodians & their parents & wish them success & lots of fun.

Our fund-raising activities this year will, of course, include the Easter Carnival but we are also going to run a sausage sizzle on the 2nd Sunday monthly from 10am on the block opposite the pub between the Merchant & the Hat Shoppe. We have designed t-shirts & stubby holders which you will see for sale in the next month or so. Our aim is to increase funds that we can then spend on other community projects.

The Blackwood Wood Chop & Easter Carnival plans are going well & we are looking forward to having another successful event. As always volunteers are needed to make it happen so if you have a few hours (more or less) to spare please give Bruce Butler a call on 0419 578 822 to register your availability. The Good Friday set-up at the oval will be as usual & all are welcome & encouraged to come & assist.

If you would like a stall at the carnival, please contact Rachel Palmer at rachpalmer2000@hotmail.com.

~ *Bev Butler, Secretary*

Blackwood Senior Citizens

Hi to all from Blackwood Senior Citizens Club we hope you had a wonderful Christmas & New Year. A big thank you to our Jenny & Deanne for the great Christmas lunch. We were a bit spoilt with another Christmas lunch at the Commercial Hotel in Ballan.

A few birthdays while we were away: Happy Birthday to Hank, Margaret & Helga with a big Happy Birthday to George who was 90 years young.

Bus trips will be bi-monthly with the 1st one to Werribee Zoo, \$65pp, this includes bus trip, safari tour & entry with BYO lunch. We hope you can join us on Tuesday Feb 15. The next on is to South Melbourne Market on April 26, cost \$35.pp for the bus. Then June 20 to Tarneit for the ABBA Tribute, cost \$50pp lunch & bus included. Please support our bus trips as Bev puts a lot of effort into planning these for all to enjoy. Until next time, stay safe & happy.

~ *Dianne Volpe, Secretary*

Blackwood Uniting Church

The Uniting Church Meditation Group at Blackwood House, is now meeting fortnightly (no longer the 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month) please contact Robyn on 5368-6792 if interested.

~ *Robyn Zanon*

This issue we have no report from Blackwood & District Landcare. If you would like to let your community know about your organisation, what your focus in the community is & how you would like support, please email Sandy at – galaxyss@hotmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.



WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA?

Blackwood Progress launched the "Blackwood's Big Idea" project early in the year. Here's a bit of background ...

• The Blackwood Progress Association have some funds that were raised from last year's Easter Carnival that they want reinvested in the community. They want to hear from Blackwood to get ideas for projects. The amount to invest is \$3,000.

• The "Blackwood's Big Idea" project will be open for ideas until Friday February 23. There are copies of the nomination form & a "nomination box" at the Blackwood Post Office or people can post their ideas to The Blackwood Progress Association, PO Box 217, Blackwood.

• The "Blackwood's Big Idea" project is designed to involve the community in Progresses in the decision making process as to how these funds should be spent as well as making the "Big Idea" itself come to life (if the person is willing and able).

• Progress are looking for ideas that are in line with our constitution. The key areas of the constitution are;

- Community Development
- Local Events
- Protecting Our Natural Environmen
- Young people in Blackwood
- Improving Town Assets
- Local Business/Economy

Progress will also be looking for opportunities to partner with Moorabool Shire Council and the Community Grants Program (if the chosen idea is applicable).

The winning idea will be announced soon after the closing date.



Left: George Stockdale celebrates his 90th birthday with his great grandchildren, Lachlan & Joshua (& family).

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Blackwood Localised Septic Program

2018 is off to a busy start for the Blackwood Localised Septic Program. Early in January, the first planning permit was granted for the construction of a new home on one of the vacant parcels of land receiving assistance under the Planning Assistance Program. Our consultants, Council staff, water authorities, CFA & the landowners worked in collaboration to find a suitable solution for development & all parties involved are excited to have found a solution for the landowner & we look forward to seeing a house built in the future.

Another 5 planning applications are currently being determined by Council for vacant parcels within the program with approximately 25 other parcels at varying stages within the program. If you have a vacant parcel of land in the program area & want to receive advice from our consultants, at no cost to you, time is running out as the program is set to conclude in June 2018. Our consultants need time to undertake investigations so I urge anyone interested in participating to contact me by the end of February to ensure you don't miss out.

To date, septic tank upgrades have occurred at 50 different properties including the Recreation Reserve & public toilet. We are currently in the middle of the tendering process for a contractor to complete works on the final round with works scheduled to commence from mid-February.

We are currently in the processes of scoping plans for the upgrade of the septic tank systems servicing the Blackwood Mineral Springs Caravan Park. The caravan park presents many difficult obstacles in relation to the management of wastewater & we are ensuring we come up with the best design that meets the ongoing needs of the park. Works onsite are currently planned to commence after the busy tourist periods once a public tendering process is conducted to engage a contractor.

If you would like to discuss anything relating to the program, please don't hesitate in contacting me on 0428 743 042 or jmaw@moorabool.vic.gov.au.

~ James Maw Project Manager, BLSP

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NEWS AT JINDARUP

Carol & Martyn have announced that they've recently paid a deposit for the purchase of the "freehold" of the Jindarup/Post Office land.

They are very excited about the purchase & are looking forward to growing the business & supporting the great community of Blackwood, neighbouring towns & tourists travelling into the region.

Still early days in the business, but they are getting good feedback from locals & visitors to Blackwood.

Carol & Martyn have many plans for the future. Firstly they would like to offer the backyard as a public space for people to enjoy the views of the Wombat Forest. They also have plans to extend the shop & the range of goods on offer. They now sell a range of frozen foods such as peas, beans, chips, chicken meals & sausages as well as cheese, dips, ham, carrots, potatoes & onions. For those who need a quick meal they will soon be offering pies & sausage rolls to.

In a short while, They have also announced that, in a short while, in partnership with Genevieve Messenger, they will be offering tarot readings.

To extend their range of gifts & jewellery, they now stock a range of stunning glass fusion & dichroic jewellery. This jewellery is made by Christine Stewart who is an award winning artist & author who runs master classes in this field.

They would sincerely like to thank the people of Blackwood for the support & encouragement they have received. They really feel at home in Blackwood & have made many friends since taking over the business.

~ Carol & Martyn

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One of the best things about living in Blackwood, is that it feels remote – but is merely 90km to the CBD of the "world's most livable city".

The Wombat State Forest is sometimes steep, often rugged & in some places, almost primeval. It can be at once both beautiful & frightening, especially in February, when the bush is tinder dry & the inevitable summer storms bring blasts of heavy lightning.

Its 70,000 hectares offers something to the bushwalker, the horse rider, the gold prospector, the trail biker, the camper & of course, the 4WD brigade, for whom inching slowly up a hill, at 0.2 kilometres an hour, while turning what was once a track into an open cut mine, has some bizarre appeal.

Sadly, its proximity to Melbourne & the satellite cities of Melton, Bacchus Marsh & Ballarat, mean it is becoming way too popular.

And the most prevalent evidence of this increasing & UNWANTED popularity is the amount of litter that is discarded along the sides of the road.

Cans, bottles, plastic bags & the ubiquitous waste generated by the blight that is McDonalds at Ballan, line the road sides, like a pathetic celebration of humankind's inbred & gormless lowest common denominators.

The road between Blackwood & Greendale looks like a garbage truck has sprung a leak while driving along it. I mean, what kind of person throws litter from a car? What kind of poorly raised spud thinks? "Oooo, I've finished my Victoria Bitter, I am just going to 'clean up' the car".

I know that container deposit legislation is only an end of pipe solution, but surely at least placing a nominal deposit value on cans & bottles would encourage people to collect them from the roadside? I have mates that carry plastic bags in their own vehicles, so that they can pick up the rubbish others have left behind.

EPA Victoria has a Litter Report Line, whereby if you see someone littering from their car, you can report them. I know this, because in the mid-2000's, I was responsible for a radio advertising campaign for said Litter Line, which got banned from Victorian radio for being offensive. Yep, I was even making trouble back then....

Imagine the first line being read by a ballsy Aussie bloke – like an Australian Russell Crowe. (The irony...) It went something like...

"Dobbing is un-Australian. So if you see someone littering from their car, pretend you're from New Zealand. Puck up the phone & rung 1 800 double sux, trubble sux, double sux....."

Three Kiwis complained & we had to pull the ads. But I "digress..." Even the most primitive of animals do not crap in their own nests, nor do they usually crap in anything else's. So just how fundamentally deficient must litterers really be?

If you are caught littering you should be placed in the stocks & pounded with basaltic gravel & rotting seaweed. & electrocuted in the reproductive organs. Just to be sure.

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/get-involved/report-litter>

~ Tim Grech

Editors Note: This is the edited version of a blog post. The unpurgated version can be found at www.illinformedandangry.com/2017/12/13/dont-take-a-dump-take-it-home/

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Port Sorell CERT Team Leader, Sue George, left, meets Blackwood CERT Team Leader Margaret McCarthy & compares notes. It was great to meet first response volunteers in Tassie on the recent exchange organised by Ambulance Victoria in conjunction with the Tasmanian Ambulance Service.



Darren & Darren at the pub found out that I had never caught a saltwater fish even though I had tried a few times. They invited me to Portarlington to go fishing. This is what we caught on January 10. We had a great day. When we got back on the Thursday we shared (our catch) with the locals & thoroughly enjoyed the feed.

So there's another tick off of my bucket list.

~ Fish

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NATURAL RHYTHM

Move with the Rhythm 3: A Prescription for Life

by Kathie Strmota



Being generally active makes you feel good & improves quality of life, but to gain the best long-term health outcomes, evidence shows that a certain degree of effort is required. The aim is to do enough activity to generate a total energy-output of at least 1,000 kcal (and up to 3,500 kcal) per week. Alternately, aim to spend 5-10 hours per week doing activities of moderate-intensity.

The 'intensity' of an activity refers to how challenging it is to perform, & 'energy-output' is the calories your body uses to perform it. For example, walking around at home is a low-intensity activity requiring minimal energy-output. Power-walking, by comparison, is a moderate-to-high intensity activity & burns a lot more calories per minute.

As fitness level differs from person to person, a low-effort activity for one may actually be a moderate-intensity activity for someone who is not as fit. To determine when your body is working at moderate-intensity, you can use the 'talk-test'. With low-intensity activities, chatting is easy. Moderate-intensity effort makes you huff-n-puff but allows some broken conversation. With high-intensity activities you'll find it difficult to get a word in between gasps.

For an average person, the minimum threshold of 1000 kcal equates to 3-4 hours brisk walking at 5-7 km/h, a moderate-intensity speed covering about 18-20 km or 25,000 steps in total. Broadly, this equals a daily 20-30 minute walk covering 2-3 km (3,500 steps), but you will usually tally up your moderate-intensity-minutes in a variety of ways.

For example, over a week you might mow the lawn (180 kcal), do an hour of spring-cleaning (250 kcal), go out dancing on Friday night (200 kcal) & get laid! (100 kcal), take a couple of 20m walks (200 kcal), take the kids for a swim after school one day (150 kcal) & play hopscotch with them on another (70 kcal). That's enough to bring you over the minimum calorie threshold (at 1250 kcal) & provides lots of moderate-intensity time (4 hours). If you do more, you'll multiply the benefits accordingly, & all the low-intensity movement you do through the week (getting about at home or work) will also provide general support & add further to your total energy-output.

If you can't cope with the numbers, simply aim to do between 45 & 90 minutes, of moderate-intensity activity (of any kind) each day, & you'll have it well-covered.

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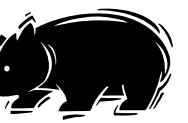
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• WHOSE TATT’S THAT? •

She liked the work of Angelique Houtkamp, a Dutch artist & tattooist; her style’s old-school & illustrative.

Her first tattoo was going to be big, but not on regular show, “just for me initially”, so a side-torso job seemed like a good idea.

“Ribs?”, cried a friend in disbelief, “I’ll show you ribs! Look. Mine’s unfinished & it’s going to stay that way! Ribs hurt like a m#*%!!”

Undeterred, she fronted up to Jakob at Chapel Tattoo in Prahran with the design, inviting him to make his own interpretation. “I liked it as a piece of art & wanted Jakob to feel free to add his own artistry.”

It was a long job, & all that needling away on her ribs did prove to be a m#*%!!

After a while though, the heavy-biker- looking bloke lying on the next bed turned & said “Yer doin’ alright”.

“How can you tell?” she asked.

“Been watchin’ yer toes. Not twitchin’.”

A: Rachel Palmer



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BLACKWOOD GARDENING CLUB

We had a really nice get together down at the Mineral Springs - such a lovely spot and I’m sure by Blackwoodians, it is under utilised. When did you last go down and wander around? Our February meeting will be a get together for seed sharing and giving away surplus produce or at least bringing something from the garden you’d like others to try. March plan is to all put our efforts towards a working bee in a member’s garden. It’s a great opportunity to learn what does well here and to give a hand. Remember we meet at the Merchant on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 am. We will be changing to the 2nd Saturday in April. Happy gardening

~ Jane Howat

BRICKBATS & BOUQUETS



Brickbat to the thief, **Bouquet** to the community

So many kind hearted and generous people in Blackwood.

Last week a range of beautifully crafted children’s knitwear was stolen from outside of Jindarup. The knitwear was knitted by Heidi, a pensioner from Greendale.

It didn’t take long for the news to get around and within no time at all some of the good people from Blackwood donated money for Heidi to buy more wool.

Heidi would like to thank the kind people who gave donations and

made glowing comments about her work.

Heidi said, “I was truly overwhelmed by the kindness of the people of Blackwood”.

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NEED SOMETHING OUT OF HOURS?

Our Blackwood Merchant recently added a new service to their offerings. This community service is not a profit generating aspect of the business.

Introducing the “Outside Hours Essentials Store” offering a list of 20 essential household items for family / household emergencies such as running out of milk, toilet paper, provisions for children’s lunches etc. The service is available 7 days a week.

To access the service one simply needs to telephone the store, before 9am or after 6pm. If they answer, they’re open & one is welcome to pop up. This is a great way for them to give back to the community, particularly as they now live on-site. It could save many a late, unplanned return trip to a large out-of-town store.

EFTPOS only after hours, or correct change. The information leaflet with products available is displayed at the cafe door. It includes such goodies as a 2L full cream milk \$5-, 10 slices of tasty cheese \$5- (that’s a mere .50c a slice!), 250g coffee beans \$13- &, when you run out of loo paper you can grab a roll for \$4.

THE ROUGHENED SHELL

In life, I touched a shell so large,
With points so rough, and skin so hard,
My touch was pain and plain disgust,
That such a thing was here to touch.

My wish was not to see that shell,
And never feel its pain again,
To keep myself away from where it was,
Or where it ever might have been.

Yet, there it stood, in front of me,
Rough, ugly, sharp and grey.
How dare that cutting, hurting thing,
Come back and be that way.

My hate was peaked.
My fear was marked.
My action un-withstrained.
And what my action was,
Was more than I had dreamed.

Strike once, and twice,
My words came down,
With might upon the shell.

But, what I saw beneath the rough,
I shudder, yet, to tell.
Inside that thing, I hated such,
That destruction filled my mind,
Lay smooth and fragile tinted parts,
Of an awe, and wonder kind.

And when I see the roughened shell,
Upon the beach of life,
I think of how beneath the rough,
There lies a beauty shrine.

~ Gordon Emmerson

This poem is from Gordon’s book, Life, Love, Family & Friends: Poems (2016)

UNDERSTAND THE RATINGS

THE REASONS ARE BLACK AND WHITE

There’s no questioning the facts. During summer, you should check Fire Danger Ratings daily via local radio, the VicEmergency website and app. The higher the rating, the more uncontrollable a fire would be if one started.

Ratings can be different across the state, so know your fire district. **Decide what rating is your trigger to take action.**

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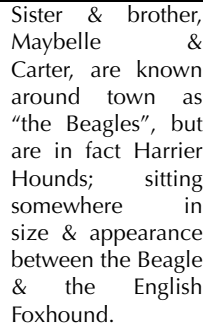


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BLACKWOOFs



All hounds are hunting dogs, that's their job. Harriers (from hare-ers) were bred to hunt hares. Maybelle & Carter are diligent

in their work; following their noses & hunting bunnies around the kitchen cupboards. No hares yet but over the years bags of rice, dry pasta & the occasional marinating steak have lain dying on the kitchen floor.

These dogs will eat almost anything until it's gone. Even when they're gorged & feeling ill, they won't throw up (and if they did, they'd just eat it again). Maybelle has been close to death on a couple of occasions because she's refused to surrender the box of snail-bait in her tummy (box included). Their breed is regarded as a cheerful lot, good with kids & other dogs; just don't introduce them to the pet rabbit. Carter (the dufus of the pair) is also musical, & surprisingly good at singing along to the accordian.

The pair came from Beagle Rescue Victoria <http://www.beaglerescuevic.org/> who seem to be doing a sterling job with the woofers, but may need a hand with the naming process– these two came to town as Tatts & Lotto. Oh dear.



Do you know a young person who has made a contribution to the Moorabool Community? If so, they may be eligible for an award!

The achievements & Community contributions of local young people will be celebrated at the 4th annual Youth Awards during April 2018.

The awards are open to anyone aged between 12 & 25 years as at April 30, 2018, who live, work, go to school or have other significant connections to Moorabool Shire & who have made a contribution to their community.

"This is a great opportunity to see our young achievers rewarded for their fantastic work across a range of different areas," Mayor Cr Paul Tatchell said. "Contributions can include an achievement in an area of interest sport, arts, voluntary service to the community or someone who has overcome significant adversity."

Anyone can nominate a young person, young people can even self-nominate. Nomination forms are available at Council offices or can be downloaded from www.moorabool.vic.gov.au

Nomination forms must be completed & returned to Council by 5pm on Wednesday, March 7. If a nominee is under 18 years of age, they must have parent or guardian permission to nominate.

WOMBAT BOOK CLUB

Hello & Happy New Year from the Wombat Bookclub. Throughout the holiday season (for some), I'm sure there has been time to relax & take time out with a good read. The book club meets the 3rd Sunday in each month at 3pm at the Blackwood Pub.

The last 2 novels we covered were 'A Passage to India' by E.M. Forster, & 'The Bronze Horseman' by Paullina Simons.

A Passage to India set in Chandrapore in the 1920's during British Colonialism. After a confusing incident when an Indian Doctor, Aziz, accompanied a British lady, Adela to tour some caves, Aziz was arrested for a crime either he did not do, & a crime which never occurred. He was later released, & Adela returned back to Britain. This book gave hints of what it was like for India after the British arrived, disrupting their lifestyle.

Sandy: This was often a convoluting & not a well explained book at times to read. However, it did give some insight to what it would have been like for the Indians, when the British decided India was theirs to occupy. A Passage to India is still regarded as a 'Classic'.

3.5 wombies 🦛🦛🦛🦛

Terri: I thought *A Passage to India* by E.M.Forster was not the smoothest of reads but I did enjoy seeing India in the 1920's through the world views of the main characters particularly Dr Aziz.

3 wombies.

The Bronze Horseman is a romance, set in Leningrad when Germany invaded Russia in 1941. Tatiana Metanova, a 17 year old, meets a handsome Officer from the Red Army, Alexandra Belov. The story entwines these lives during the hardships & struggle against the surrounding of Leningrad by the German Army, & tragic loss of lives.

Sandy: This was a very good & interesting read. A real page-turner. Carried the reader through the emotions of the characters & their lives.

5 Wombies     

Terri: The Bronze Horseman is a most romantic story which I couldn't put down. Lucky it's the beginning of a series. I fell in love with the characters & was spellbound from the first page. A must read for the romantics out there.

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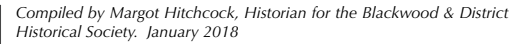
Jane H: Enjoyed it.

4 Wombies

Jinny: For some reason we seem to have read a lot of historical novels set around the holocaust. So reading about Stalin's reign in Russia during the war was a startling change. I was horrified to read about the horrors the people of Leningrad suffered!

It is a big book, the first of a series. I found the middle bit a bit over the top & got quite impatient with it. But it is one of those books where the story haunts you long after you read the last page.

3.5 wombies



Found on Trove - Bacchus Marsh Express - Saturday 25 March 1905.- HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF THE FIRST DISCOVERY OF BLACKWOOD. (By M. J. CROKER, Mining Registrar, Blackwood.) The great excitement caused in all parts of the world by the discovery of gold in South America & California had hardly subsided, when it was closely followed up, in 1851, by the wonderful discoveries of apparently

inexhaustible deposits of precious metal in the Australian colonies. As this is the jubilee year of the discovery of the Blackwood goldfields, a few remarks relative to that event have been asked for by the old pioneers here. In 1855, there were 15 goldfields in full operation, namely, Ballarat, Bendigo, Mt. William, Avoca, Maryborough, Tarengower, Anderson's Creek, Plenty ranges, Mt. Alexander, McIvor, Goulburn, Ovens, Simpson's, & Daisy hill.

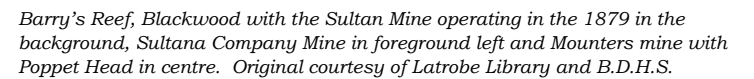
Gold was first discovered in Jackson's Creek, at Golden Point, Blackwood, in the summer of 1855. The historical discoverers are recorded as Messrs. Jackson, Densly, Haythorn, & John Swain (Uncle to Mrs. Murphy, of Trentham). Jackson, the discoverer, was a mate of **Matthew Sweet**, father of the present family of that name on Blackwood. He was working a saw-pit at Mt. Blackwood, cutting timber for house building purposes, before he discovered the Blackwood diggings; but he left Sweet, & started droving cattle from Harper's run at Woodend through the Blackwood Ranges to Ballan & Ballarat. In crossing the creek, now called Jackson's, to fill his billy with water, he picked out a nugget of gold. This led him to look for more which was soon found. He & his mates proceeded on to Ballan with their cattle, & returned to the new Eldorado with pack horses & provisions, & were followed up by a number of others from Ballan. The followers up struck the big flat now called Ballan flat, at Red Hill; & fairly riddled it with square paddocks, 12 x 12. Jackson sent word to Mr. M. Sweet to pack up & come on to Blackwood, saying there was plenty of gold to be found. Sweet made for the top of Mt. Blackwood, & located Jackson's position by the smoke from his camp fire. He started on the Sunday following to blaze a track to Blackwood. Having safely found Jackson & party, & marked out a claim, he returned to Mt. Blackwood to bring on his effects. Sweet was therefore the 2nd party to arrive on the field. When the knowledge spread that there was gold in the wilds of the Blackwood ranges, a big rush set in from all the other diggings, more especially from Forest Creek; & on March 13, 1855, my father & eldest brother arrived with Forest creekers, & camped on the side of Red Hill, 6 or a 7 weeks before the destructive storm which swept over Blackwood, which is so well described by G. Harvard, the American author, in one of his books, "The Rolling Stone." 16 lives were known to be sacrificed on that memorable night & day. 1 remarkable incident is told of the storm. A party of Yankees, 6 in number, were living on the Hard hills, Yankee range, in a large log hut. They had a 2 logged double bunks in the hut, 3 sleeping in each bunk. During the night a large tree fell across the hut, killing the outside man in each bunk. The other mates were extricated next morning, & found not to have a scratch on them. The 1st winter on the field proved to be a very trying one to the miners. Flood after flood swept them out of the main creek, & drove them to prospect in other gullies - Nuggety, Yankee, Tipperary Flat & hill, & Long gully. My father & party marked off a block claim, 12 x 12, on the rich gutter in Long gully, which proved to be a great success. 50 years have worked a wonderful change in the characteristics of Blackwood. Most of the old 1855 pioneers have crossed the bar, & a rising generation has sprung up. Mr. R. Cameron, storekeeper & Justice of the Peace, is one of



the few of the 1855 men who remain here. Mr. Cameron came from the Ovens to the Blackwood rush, & arrived some time before the memorable storm, joining the common quest of the precious metal on the Lerderderg Creek, between Break-Neck & Kangaroo. After meeting with good success, he abandoned active association with the pick & cradle & entered into business as a storekeeper at Golden Point. He is still hale & hearty, in his 84th year, & respected by all classes. The other pioneers who still remain are Mr. G. Sweet, who came with his father when he was 7 years of age. Mrs. Sweet was the first woman on the field, & is now in her 83rd year. Mr. John Pincombe, & Mr. B. G. Robinson (better known as "cast-iron George") who, with Cockney Charlie, opened Sardine creek in 1855. Mr. G. B. Carruthers (our Blackwood ornithologist) worked a good claim with his brothers at the foot of Davis's gully, when first opened. He is the oldest remaining link left of an old 1855 Blackwood family. The discontent that prevailed amongst the miners about the licence fee had quite subsided, but it is worth noting that it was not an equitable tax, as the miner who was unsuccessful paid the same fee as the lucky digger who found a prize. The tax was soon abolished & the pound miner's right substituted the best of all titles. An export duty of 2/6 per oz was also enforced. Councillor John Graham, our respected member for the East Riding, was the chief carrier to Blackwood in the early days. Often times, he was watched by the miners, winding his way down the steep declivity of the Bald Hill into Golden Point, with his splendid 6-horse team. The cry would go up "Here comes Graham; now, boys, for plenty of tucker." Provisions were dear. Potatoes, 2/6 a billy full; the 4lb. loaf, 5/; sugar, 2/ per lb.; salt, 1/6; flour, 2/6 a pannikin full.

The population on Blackwood was very large in the spring of 1855, when 30,000 or more people were camped on the field. The returns by escort were from 6,000 to 8,000 ounces a fortnight

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"* & *"The Billy Pincombe Tragedy"*. See – www.blackwoodpublishing.com For help with information on Blackwood ancestors contact Margot Hitchcock – email – margothitchcock@bigpond.com



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• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

FEBRUARY:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sat 3	10:30am-12:30pm	Blackwood & District Historical Society meeting	Blackwood Museum
	5pm	Kevin Smith Exhibition opens	Cosmopolitan
Sun 4	11am	Summer Pruning Workshop	St. Erth
Sat 17	10am	Blackwood Gardening Club	The Merchant
Sun 18	3pm	Wombat Book Club	Blackwood Pub
Fri 23	5pm	Last day for Blackwood's Big Idea Nominations	Blackwood Post Office

MARCH:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sun 18	10am	Blackwood Gardening Club	The Merchant
Sat 3	10.30am	Blackwood & District Historical Society meeting	Blackwood Museum
Sat 3	12-10pm	Macedon Music Festival	New Gisborne
Sat 3	11am	Glorious Garlic! Workshop	St. Erth
Sat 3	2pm	"This Goes With That" W/shop	St. Erth
8-12	All Day	ChillOut Festival (LGBTI)	Daylesford
10 & 11	10-4pm	Lost Trades Fair	Kyneton
Sat 10	11am	Vegie Patch Workshop	St. Erth
Sat 10	2pm	The Art Of Gardening W/shop	St. Erth
Sat 17	7pm-2am	Ballarat White Night	Ballarat
Sat 17	10am	Garden Club - Working Bee	The Merchant
Sun 18	3pm	Wombat Book Club	Blackwood Pub
Sun 18	9am-4pm	CWA Mad Hatters Tea Party / Autumn Festival	Ballan
Sun 18	9.30am-4pm	Ballan Vintage Machinery & Vehicle Club Rally	Old Ballan Racecourse
Sun 25	11am	Your Heirloom Seed W/shop	St. Erth
Sun 25	2pm	Wildflower Meadow W/shop	St. Erth
Sat 31	11am	Blackwood Easter Parade, Woodchop & Carnival	Blackwood Rec Reserve
Sat 31	All day	Trentham Easter Art Show	Trentham

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

• WEEK NIGHT STUFF TO DO •

DAY	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Mon	5pm	Old Fart's Night	Blackwood Pub
Tues	5pm	Tuesday Date Night	Radio Springs
Wed		Locals Night	Cosmo
Wed	5pm	Judder Bar Eats food truck	Lyonville Hall
Thur	6pm	Thai Night	Radio Springs
Fri	6pm	Pizza Night	Blackwood Merchant

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PET SHENANIGANS WITH SEAMUS



WOOF: With the Summer season upon us, our minds turn to a relaxing break. Travelling with family & pets & enjoying your holiday together. There are oodles of things to think about & pack when you're preparing for a holiday – children, husband, towels, clothes, food & toy supplies... & then there's the family pet. If you're lucky enough to find a holiday rental property that accommodates the latter, here are a few tips that'll help

things run smoothly.

- Ensure that your pet's microchip & contact details are up to date in case they wander off.

- Research your destination. You need to know if there is secure fencing at your accommodation as well as access to dog-friendly spots (beaches, parks, walking tracks). Try websites such as holidayingwithdogs.com.au and tourist information websites.

- If you're pet requires a specific diet or medication take enough for the holiday & a little bit more.

- Keep up to date with heartworm & paralysis-tick prevention. If you're unsure what's required or if your pet is due, consult your local Vet.

- Long car trips with children require a range of strategies – DVDs, games, toys, books & bribery, to name a few. Road trips with pets demand similar strategies & believe it or not, they are fairly similar (with exception of the movies & bribery!)

- A major issue when travelling with pets is motion sickness.

Strategies for dealing with this include:

- Don't feed for approximately 4-6 hours before travel

- Factor in short breaks to allow pets (and owners) to stretch their legs

- Ensure there is fresh air (an open window or air vent)

- Be mindful of loud music – what's loud to them is not necessarily loud to us.

- If you can, get your pet used to being in the car before the trip.

- Anxiety is one of the main causes of car sickness in pets. Symptoms include drooling, panting, yawning and, at worst, trembling. If your pet displays these signs when in the car, allow them time to become familiar with their surroundings. Spend time with them inside the vehicle while it's stationary. Once they feel relaxed in the car, take them on very short trips, say around the block, before progressing to longer journeys. During this 'conditioning' process reward them for calm, relaxed behaviour.

If these suggestions don't work or you need a faster solution visit your local Greencross Vet about homeopathic remedies or sedation medication for anxiety. For pets that are extremely sensitive to motion sickness, effective anti-nausea medication is available, generally with a consultation, from your local vet.

Finally, make sure your pet is adequately restrained. We wouldn't dream of driving anywhere without our seatbelts on & it should be the same for our pets. An unrestrained pet is a distraction to the driver & during an accident can become a dangerous projectile causing severe injury to both the pet & other occupants of the car. Cats & small dogs should be in cages while medium & large-breed dogs should have a secure harness that attaches to a seat belt. All animals should remain in the back seat or cargo area if you have a wagon & shouldn't be allowed to stick their head out of the window, as charming as it may be.

Have a wonderful summer

~ Woof for now, Seamus

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Dear Pet Guru,

My pet sloth and slowworm were both so excited by the report of the race between the tortoise and the Hehir in the last Blackwood Times that they want to race each other. Where and when do you think we should hold the event?

Baffled of Blackwood



Dear Baffled,

I suggest you get them to race the length of the cricket pitch at the Blackwood Oval and in view of their likely speed I suggest you make it a two day event.

Pet Guru

DEAR EDITOR

Never did I realise so many ancestors & relatives where part of this area. Although I have researched each one individually, I've never spent enough time until now to put them all together. No wonder that each time I visit - about 7 - would it give me a feeling of belonging. Do the spirits of your ancestors give you this feeling? Over 70 years of a part of me is there. Each family has a story of its own.

In the 1850's John Wightman came with a miner's right to Long Gully, Blackwood, living in a log cabin next door to John Gray, also with a miner's right, whose nephew, Alexander Thompson, married Mary Wightman & 8 children were born in Blackwood & Barrys Reef. The Neil family came in the 1860's – 4 issue being born there. Margaret Neil (nee Purves), being the sister of Barbara, who married August Emham, & later John Elliot. In the 1870's Thomas & Margaret McCracken, their 4 children & the orphaned Peart family, came to Barrys Reef from Coomoora. Both families' youngest were 3 year olds.. The last connection with Barrys Reef was Martha Wightman, who died & was buried at Blackwood Cemetery.

~ Win Pankhurst

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Closing date for entry applications: Fri 16 March

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Thurs 29 March: 7.30pm (all welcome)

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As the Art Show continues to grow, they really need more committee members (there are only 4 on the committee & 1 about to retire). Contact Bette on 5424 1127

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• The inaugural 2017 Gweneth Wisewould Portrait Prize will now be a permanent award (Thanks to Rose Wilson for instigating it & sponsoring this award again this year).

• Judges for 2018 will be: Art – David Bryant & Daniel Butterworth (& for Portrait) & Craft: Tina Lee

Funds from the 2017 Show have gone to sponsoring the "Only a Jockey" project at the old Trentham Racecourse (part of the Wombat Trail) in Mar/April 2018, also benches at the Stoney Creek Reserve, art installation of "Inter-stellae" & an 'Art & Craft' donation to the Trentham Kindergarten. As well as creating a website for the Art & Craft Show.

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