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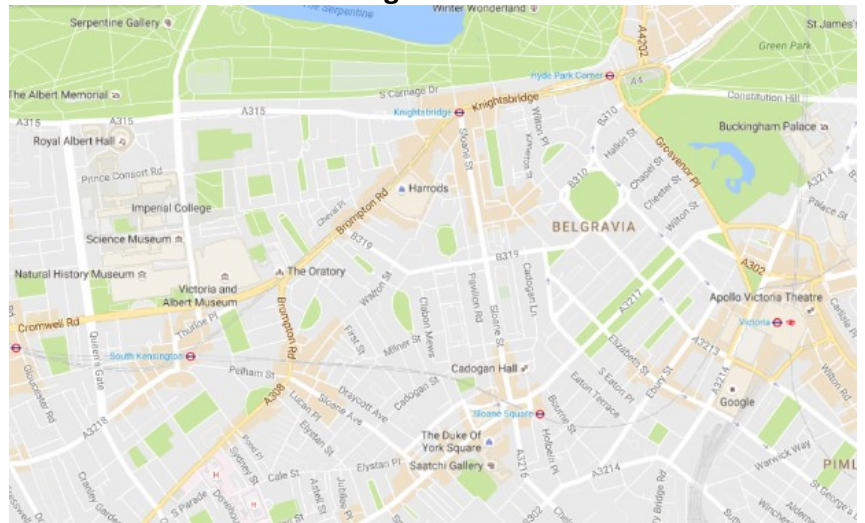
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One day in London – well maybe two or three

If you have a short time in London and want to fit a lot in, may I suggest RBKC (the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea).

The Science Museum, the Natural History Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A) are all within spitting distance of each other. From the V&A it's easy to walk down Brompton Road to Knightsbridge. It's a hop, skip and jump then to Hyde Park corner. Buckingham Palace is just a stroll from there. Many people think that the Queen is in residence when the Union Jack is being flown on Buck House – wrong! When she's home, the Royal Standard is flown.



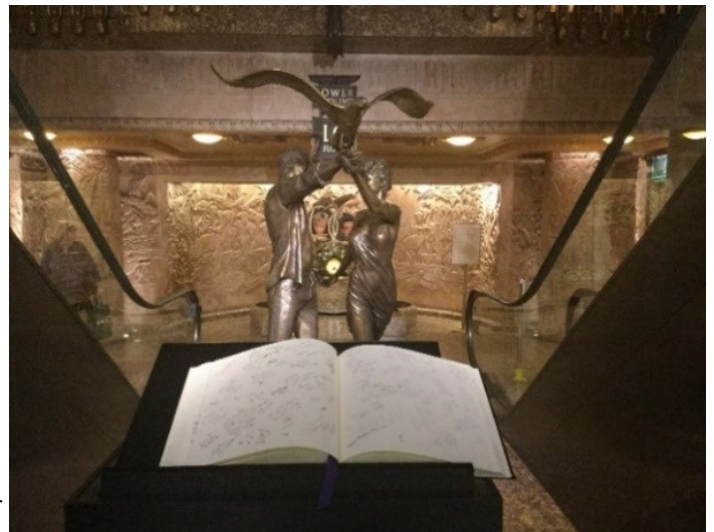
From here The King's Road will take you towards Sloane square and the Saatchi Gallery. Once a private road used exclusively by King Charles II, hence its name, The King's Road is one of Chelsea's main thoroughfares, filled with luxury boutiques, international designer stores, upscale high-street names and unique antique shops. The street was strongly associated with the Swinging Sixties and mod culture, but is now renowned for its high-end stores. The King's Road is a great place to pick up luxury buys and unique souvenirs and gifts. It is still the place to watch the rich and famous and the beautiful people 'promenade'. Overall it's a stress-free place where you can sit in a pavement café, pub or restaurant and absorb the atmosphere as well as shop.



If you do walk down Brompton Road, you will quite likely be tempted to pop into Harrods. Harrods is possibly the world's most well-known shop. With seven storeys, and covering five acres, it has one million square feet (90,000 sq. m) of retail space.

In the centre of the store is a set of escalators connecting each floor. These escalators have a real 'WOW!' factor. I reckon that if the pyramids had escalators, this is what they would look like. You could be forgiven for thinking that you were suddenly in Cairo.

In the basement, the escalator area is given over to a tribute to Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed



John Knapper

Vale - Gavin Whytlaw 17.06.1932 – 07.01.2017

The family of Gavin have very kindly allowed us to print Gavin's story as told to a gathering at Rafferty's Receptions recently to celebrate his life.

Gavin was born in Benalla in 1932, the eldest child of Dorothy (Arnott) and Robert Whytlaw. Gavin and his siblings Jean and Robert lived at 'Yacca', the family farm, where they spent all their early years. As a child Gavin and his sister Jean rode their horses to the local state school at Tatong and later to Molyullah and Emu Bridge. They rode miles from Yacca to visit friends and would often ride to the Bunworth's property on Kilfeera Road – a considerable distance – to visit Joan and Helen who became lifelong friends. Later, Gavin went to secondary school in Melbourne and then Benalla where he boarded with his aunt and uncle.

As a child Gavin travelled to England and Europe with his parents and returned later as a young man to visit family and see more of the world. After leaving school he travelled around Australia in a Holden – having some hair raising adventures along the way. On one occasion, in a particularly remote location, the car radiator needed some delicate repairs with chewing gum to stop it leaking long enough to get to the next town.

Gavin lived at Yacca for most of his life. As a young man he took over the running of the family farm from his father and formed a partnership with his brother Robert, known to most of his friends as Bob. They were a great team, their good working relationship lasted many years and their friendship lasted a lifetime.

Gavin was a wonderful father and loving husband. He was a kind and loving man who spent a lot of time with his family. When his children were young he made fabulous toys that were the envy of all their friends, especially the red pedal car that was so popular it survived a couple more generations of learner drivers. Life at Yacca was great fun, and his children were included in all the activities on the farm. They were taught to ride a horse, drive the truck, round up sheep, and help with lamb marking and hay making. Gavin was a patient man who always had time to talk, tell the family stories of their ancestors, some of whom were illustrious characters but there were also a few rogues amongst them.

Apart from his family, Gavin's greatest passion was flying. He learnt to fly as a hobby initially, gaining his private pilot's licence in 1954. He went on to gain his commercial and senior commercial licences and also became a qualified flying instructor, which involved a close association with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA). When his children were growing up they all sat around the dining table in the evening doing their homework, the children with their school books and Gavin with his maps, charts and logbooks. His family have fond memories of floating around in Gavin's first aeroplane – an Auster that he kept in a hayshed. The runway was a rather bumpy paddock.

As Gavin obtained more qualifications he got charter flight jobs all over Australia which enabled him to visit some spectacular parts of the country and meet many



interesting people. He even flew Mel Gibson to Tasmania to buy cows; though he had no idea who Mel was so didn't understand what all the fuss was about when they were mobbed by fans at every airport they landed at. He also took his wife Val and friends on flying holidays all over Australia. Gavin was the senior flying instructor at Wangaratta Aero Club for many years; he was considered a good teacher because he was patient, he didn't shout, and people felt comfortable with him. He loved what he did and he did it well.

There were many people who were close friends to Gavin over the year who influenced and enriched his life. They are relatives, flying acquaintances, school friends and local people he met during the course of a lifetime. He always enjoyed a glass of red wine and an evening with friends and family. He loved to eat out and has probably been to most restaurants in the north east. He was a modest, affable man and the family will miss his love and friendship but will always remember him and the good times they shared.

Thank you to Gavin's family for this interesting insight to his life.

On a personal level, I think the first time I met Gavin was at a Wild Dog League meeting in the Molyullah Hall – I think it was in the 1980's. I had heard of Val and Gavin earlier but in fact did not really get to know them until the 1990's. We shared many tree planting days along Sam's Creek and its tributaries and morning tea and lunch on the day we planted on Yacca were the most amazing picnics we had ever had. Dinner with Val and Gavin was an equally wonderful experience with fantastic food, good wine and wonderful stories of their farm life which must have had its difficult times but which they spoke of as happy years and times of much fun.

Janette Knapper

Tatong Community's Great BIG Garage Sale is BACK!
Sunday March 19
10am – 2pm
Tatong Tavern Grounds
Gold Coin Entry

Imagine how many bargains you can find at one or two garage sales on any given weekend..... Now compare that to what you could find at over TWENTY Garage Sales, all conveniently gathered in one beautiful location!

A very BIG thank you to everyone who supported our first Great BIG Garage Sale last year. There were so many people on the day who were keen to book a stall at the next TCGBGS – and now your chance has come. Please be aware that we are filling up fast - only limited spaces are left, so jump in now with your booking.

Stalls start from \$5 for a 3m x 3m pitch, or \$10 for a 3m x 6m pitch.
Charity Fundraising Stalls and Community Group Stalls are 3m x 3m and free.
Commercial stalls requiring electricity are \$25.
If you have any queries, or to book your spot, please contact Belinda on 57672117.

Shoppers are asked for a gold coin donation on entry.
At this stage the money collected is going towards updating and maintaining our equipment, signage and kids' activity gear, to ensure we are running the event to a high standard. Everyone associated with running the event is kindly doing so on a voluntary basis.

Why not team up with a friend or neighbour to make one large stall – that way you can tag team looking after your pitch, while the other goes shopping, picks up a coffee, a bbq snack, or even sneaks off for a cheeky pot in the Tavern!

Tatong Tavern will be open for lunch and dinner, too – so why not book a table in advance – their number is 57672210.

Remember – anything you would sell at your own garage sale, you can sell here. If your hobby is knitting, painting or sewing, and you would sell your work at your own garage sale, book yourself a spot, and bring it on down!

If you have large items for sale we have the Great BIG For Sale Board at the event.
Bring along a poster or write your For Sale Poster on the day, and hang it on the board for a coin donation.

Word of mouth is absolutely vital to our success, so please let your friends, family and workmates from outside Tatong know about Tatong Community's Great BIG Garage Sale on March 19 – last event we had visitors from as far afield as Albury, Melbourne and Shepparton.

It could be a great meeting point for friends from Melbourne, who might be after some vintage farm paraphernalia, or just an awesome day out!

It's been fun planning the upcoming event with a great group of locals.
We'd really love to see you all on Sunday March 19 for another great BIG day out bargain hunting.

Cheers
Belinda



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February 2017 Year of the Rooster

Welcome every-one to a brand new year. The Chinese New Year officially begins on 28th January with lots of celebrations for good health, wealth and romance, for the coming year. Chris and I have started the year well, with lots of activity from the gliding fraternity who have patronised our tavern for food and drinks throughout the couple of weeks of their stay. We have had a multi-cultural smorgasbord of visitors who have all been wonderfully cheerful and full of good humour with lots of stories of their own to tell. We also started the New Year with more celebrations with the arrival of our young cook Andrew's brand new baby girl who arrived on Friday the 13th January 2017. Mum, baby and Dad are all doing well. We have also been very fortunate with having rain consistently falling over the January period, which means I haven't had to water a great deal and the grass is still green. I'm not sure whether this means we are heading for a very dry autumn/winter period. Hope not. Altogether it has been a very interesting and lively start to 2017.

February of course brings us St Valentine's Day on the 14th, which we will have a special luncheon and dinner meal for all those romantics and not so romantics. Chris will be shouting all couples to a glass of complimentary champagne. Now that doesn't happen often so get in while the going is good.

February also means all kids have returned to school and parents breathe a huge sigh of relief. But it also means every-ones broke by now, what with Christmas, holidays, and putting your hand in your pocket 24/7, so usually everything starts to slow down here at the Tavern and Chris and I think about taking a week off. Not sure when but hopefully before February finishes.

Lastly the Big Garage Sale is coming to the Tavern again on the 19th March 2017. Last year we had over 20 stalls. So if you have any sheds full of accumulated Bric a Brac you don't need anymore, ring the Tavern to get more details about the day.

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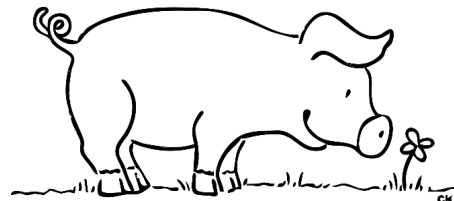
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Garden Daze

The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago - the next best time is now



Well - this Summer has certainly been different. More rain, lots of mosquitos and not so many hot days in a row. (So far anyway).

With only three months to go, It is time to be out in the Shade House getting the plants ready for the Molyullah Easter Fair. Needless to say - at this time of the year - keeping them watered becomes a priority. However, it is time to make up a wheelbarrow load of potting mix, clear the potting benches, and make sure I can find my secateurs.

The reason that many of us find it hard to keep plants in pots alive in this hot weather is that the plants become pot bound. This makes it difficult to water the plant properly, as the contents of the pot can shrink, causing the water to simply run down the inside of the pot and out the drainage holes without getting the root ball nicely moistened. (Dunking pots in a bucket of water until the bubbles stop appearing is a great life saver at this stage).



Slice through the bottom to remove all the pot bound roots.

Another problem with pots that need repotting is that slugs can make their way in through the bottom of the pot and start eating away at the contents, leaving large air holes around the roots allowing them to dry out quickly.

To freshen up a pot, shake out the plant, remove any grass or weeds that may have decided that this was a pretty good place to grow, and if the plant is pot bound, cut off the bottom inch or so of the clump of mix and roots (an old bread knife is ideal for this) then slash down the sides of the root ball - cutting in about an inch, give it all a good old shake - then pot up with fresh potting mix into a slightly larger pot. A prune where necessary, then up to its neck in a bucket of water with a dash of Seasol, worm farm juice or the like to refresh the plant and settle the new potting mix around the roots.



You may recall my attempt to make and grow a Kokedama. Well the making was a bit of a fiddle, but it looked more or less as it should, and I was waiting for the greenery to grow a bit more. To make sure it didn't dry out, I tied it to a beam in the shade house. However - it would seem that being regularly watered, caused the string I used to rot, and one day I discovered a blob of mud on the floor amongst the larger pots. Attempting to pick up the soft muddy remains of my Kokedama proved more or less impossible, and the blob has become a part of the greenery which likes to grow on the floor of the shade house.

A case of "Operation successful - patient dead" - so don't go looking for any Kokedama at the plant stall at the Moly Fair.....well.....not this year anyway.



Which reminds me to put forth my yearly request - to remember the Molyullah Fair - Plant Stall, when next you are dividing plants or wanting to free up space in the garden.

Donations of plants needed and much appreciated.

Barbarea vulgaris - A tip from Jerry on Gardening Australia that I thought worth passing on.

Jerry's Grandmother was an organic gardener, who always planted **Landcress**, *Barbarea vulgaris* (also known as Bittercress, Herb Barbara, Rocketcress, Yellow Rocketcress, Winter Rocket, and Wound Rocket), amongst her cabbages, which she said stopped the grubs from eating her crop.



Flowering Land Cress, Barbarea vulgaris

Barbarea vulgaris, is a biennial herb of the genus *Barbarea* - belonging to the mustard family. Indeed the leaves are quite "hot" when chewed.

Containing high amounts of Vic C and Vic A - having the ability to withstand quite cold temperatures it was a popular "Anti-scurvy" remedy in the days before Vic C was readily available in Northern Europe during the winter.

The leaves are best eaten while young and tender - finely chopped and added to a salad they add quite a "zing", as they get older, they are tougher, tangier and rather bitter.

The genus name *Barbarea* derives from Saint Barbara the patron saint of artillerymen and miners, as this plant in the past was used to soothe the wounds caused by explosions. The species Latin name *vulgaris* means "common".

Recent research at the University of Queensland has proven that this a perfect companion plant for cabbages. Cabbage White Butterfly and Cabbage White Moth are attracted to lay their eggs on the cress rather than the cabbages and kale. The caterpillars munch on it **and they drop dead!**

Planting **Landcress** amongst your cabbages and kale will ensure an unchewed crop.

Eden Seeds has *Barbarea vulgaris* seeds for \$3.90 for a packet of 300 seeds.

I find that if let go to seed - it will self seed readily.



Happy Gardening

Kathy Z

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Tatong Community's

Great BIG Garage Sale



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Bookings & Enquiries: Belinda 57672117

Molyullah Musings – February 2017

Not so much to report this issue – hopefully things will hot up as the year goes on.

The Christmas Barbecue was enjoyed by all who attended and thanks should be given to Santa who put on a great effort and is assured of a job for years to come!

The Games night held at the hall was also enjoyed by those who attended on “Friday 13th”. Look out for details of the next games night if you enjoy a game of pool, table tennis, scrabble, cards, etc. etc. or just a great catch up with your neighbours.

Don't forget that 17th April (Easter Monday) is the date for the Molyullah Easter Sports. It is probably a good time now to look out any items for the Jumble Sale and also check if you have any plants ready for the plant stall.

On the home front:

We have been looking after our grandsons' dog whilst they are away on holiday. It makes life confusing as her name is Molly and she is 14 years old. Some 12 years ago we welcomed a LabX from the RSPCA whose name was also Molly. So we have our dog Molly and the other dog Molly! The other Molly is an apricot spoodle and a very clean (no dog hair) and placid dog she is. Unfortunately, the grass seeds are a real trap for her and this holiday at the farm was no exception – despite a very close cut grooming session. After a day or so of her chewing her back paw we took her to the vet who thought she would probably need sedation and/or anaesthesia to enable him to cut the seed out. I reminded him of many years ago when he took one out of her ear as she sat quietly. He thought it worth trying without the drugs and was amazed that she sat being cuddled and let him cut open the inflamed area and wash out the seed. He commented that it is usually the so called tougher breeds that are the real wusses and that the wussy looking dogs are usually very brave indeed. However, she kept the offending rear foot under guard of her front foot when having the many naps a dog of her age enjoys.



The next **Molyullah Dinner** will be held on Thursday, 2nd February 2017. Please call the pub directly on 5767 2210 and add your name to the Molyullah table if you wish to attend.

Cheers,

Janette

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TATONG FIRE BRIGADE

The Tatong Fire Brigade is one of the last remaining organisations in the Tatong community and whilst it is a great asset we as a community need to keep this asset alive and well, now and into the future.

The Tatong community is surrounded by farmland and bush with a number of dwellings spreading out from the township and over the last decade or so we have seen more houses pop up in the areas of Tiger Hill Rd , Tatong-Tolmie Rd , Mitchells Rd, Tatong-Moorngag Rd and even the Benalla-Tatong Rd, this is great to see but the risk of the impact of fire on these premises has further increased and our local brigade is a big help in reducing that threat . If a fire were to break out in the Tatong area it would take a minimum of 30 minutes for another brigade to arrive at the scene, so that is why it is so important to keep the local fire brigade well equipped and well trained. The Tatong brigade is totally volunteer based and comes under the umbrella of the Victorian Country Fire Authority.

The CFA ethos is to PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY and that does not change at the Tatong fire shed.

Currently we have 3 mobile appliances, a 4wd tanker, an ultralite 4wd and a quick fill pump unit. The tanker has a water carrying capacity of 2700 litres and is equipped with a diesel driven pump and a diesel driven high pressure pump together with numerous hoses, fittings and nozzles. The cab can carry 5 fire fighters and has radios and other equipment. The ultralite tanker has a water carrying capacity of 500 litres with one pump and a variety of hoses and fittings, it has radios and can carry 2 fire fighters. The quick fill pump is mounted on a trailer and is equipped with suction hoses and connection hoses and is also equipped with lighting. The fire shed is housing for all our appliances and has a meeting/training room with a toilet. The brigade currently shows a fire fighter list of 55.

The function of fire fighting is to put wet stuff on red stuff but to achieve this there is a lot of things to learn, like how to start the pumps, how to roll out a hose, what nozzles are best to use in different situations,. Also important is how to protect yourself and what safety measure need to be used.

All fire fighters have gone through a process of minimum skills training and therefore have a basic knowledge of fire fighting but unless these skills are practiced they will be forgotten, particularly safety. All tankers in Victoria are now fitted with what's called a crew protection system and the understanding of this system is vitally important to the health and well being of fire fighters.

Brigade training happens on a rostered basis at 10am on a Sunday morning. We have tried to get people to come along so that we could do training to keep our skills practiced and up to date, this is just not working. Just like a footy team if you don't practice your skills you will not perform well on game day. It's not much different going to a fire to help someone, if you don't now how to start the pump your performance will not be good. So to help our 55 fire fighters maintain there minimum skills and learn about our equipment we will hold training sessions on a Thursday evening starting at about 7pm through to about 9pm starting on 2 February 2017 for a trial period of about 6 months (incidents permitting)

These training sessions will not be limited to current fire fighters but will be for new fire fighters that are wishing to

join our Tatong brigade.

For further information call Dennis Hevey 57672238 or email dghevey@activ8.net.au

Dennis Hevey

Brigade Training Officer

HIP OPS AND KNEE OPS

Wife Maeve is recovering well and walking without crutches, five weeks (at the 20th January) after her total right hip replacement operation in the Shepparton Hospital.

Maeve was apprehensive about the anaesthetic side of the operation due to the tragic death of a cousin from it when Maeve was much younger. As it happened she was able to have the spinal block plus mild sedation instead of "going under." Maeve found the experience to be surprisingly ok and almost "pleasant" in comparison to her worst fears. That "happy juice" sedation is good stuff!

We were told often that the hip operation is now considered "basic" and straightforward, the operation which surgeons "on training wheels" practice and that knee operations are the more complex. Our Swanpool friend Joan Reynolds was having her knee done at about the same time as Maeve, and not long afterwards, the Bald Archy "Masterchef" Peter Finney had both of his knees "renovated". If you're not getting a hip or knee done you are just not part of "the scene!"

What impressed me was the overall efficiency of the surgical systems; for instance how they manage to get the leg the right length and pointing in the right direction etc during the operation. The leg without a connected bone is very soft and irregular in shape not like a piece of 4x2 timber which is rectangular and easy to measure and align. Peter said that his operation at St Vincent's in Melbourne was robotically managed plus with the precision of laser guidance and measurement. Surgery is a far more reliable science than much of the "pill-popping" medicines which affect us chemically, the "cure" sometimes seeming to be worse than the disease. Probably the most stringent precautions for surgery are taken in the area of infection which can be difficult to eradicate.

The current hip and knee operation practice is to send the patient home as soon as possible, partly, we were told, due to a demand for hospital beds but also, it seems, so that the patient is active in their recovery, but not too active! I was told that I had to do everything for Maeve for 6 weeks; everything "needed" not "wanted", I thought! I have managed the daily blood thinning injections for Maeve plus daily "gourmet" meals, some cleaning and so forth. I am now practically a qualified nurse/chef. Anyway we have managed ok and I can't wait for Maeve to be cleared to drive, cook and work again.

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THE TATONG COMMUNITY GREAT BIG GARAGE SALE

The TCGBGS now has a thriving committee of nine members including myself as Secretary. John Knapper is President, Larissa Montgomery Treasurer and Sale Coordinator is Belinda Franks. The other committee members are: Sallie Hann, Andi Stevenson, Sue O'Brien, Deb McCabe and Adam Franks. Both Belinda and I will place articles in the Tattler and some overlap of information is ok as we want to keep our community well informed.

The TCGBGS which evolved after the winding down of the former Tatong Village Market has taken its place as a community event including inheriting its property plus, with name changes, the bank and incorporation accounts. Unlike the monthly market the Big Garage Sale will only take place about three or four times per year which allows stallholders time to sort and prepare their sellable items and gives the committee a breathing space.

We are currently planning and preparing for the next Big Sale for Sunday March the 19th and this entails the purchase of new equipment, commissioning new signs and the cleaning, painting and repair of our equipment. We have found that the witch's hats formerly used for traffic management by the market have disappeared plus two market gazebos. If anyone has "borrowed" these items could they please return them to a committee member or drop them to the Tavern or my place next door to the Tavern. While mentioning equipment I'd like to thank, on behalf of the committee, Greg Crowe who has donated barrier boards and stands for our traffic management.

Finally, if you have items to discard but don't wish to conduct a stall, those items can be given to the Tattler to sell as a fundraiser for the newsletter. Such items can be dropped to my place next door to the Tavern or ring me on 57672323 or 0428273613 and I will collect them.

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BENALLA BUSHRANGERS ARE BRINGING THE MAGIC OF THE PINK TEST HOME FOR MCGRATH FOUNDATION'S PINK STUMPS DAY

Benalla Bushrangers are participating in the spirit, energy and international phenomenon of the Pink Test by bringing the magic home. They're showing off their cricket skills to raise money for the McGrath Foundation's Pink Stumps Day, hosting the Tatong Pink Stumps Day Lunch and pink cricket match on Saturday 18th February.

Pink Stumps Day provides an opportunity for teams, businesses, friends, families and anyone in between to have fun playing cricket while raising money to fund McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia, and to increase breast awareness in young people.

McGrath Foundation Ambassador and Director, Tracy Bevan, said "Pink Stumps Day plays a vital role in achieving the Foundation's mission of ensuring every family experiencing breast cancer has access to a dedicated breast care nurse, no matter where they live or their financial situation.

"Our McGrath Breast Care Nurses are at the heart of what we do at the Foundation. They've supported over 49,000 families experiencing breast cancer. We're encouraging everyone to step up to the crease and make each run count by getting behind Pink Stumps Day to help make this our biggest and pinkest yet."

Benalla Bushrangers President Steve McCallum said the cricket club was proud to support Pink Stumps Day. "The Bushrangers is a family and community-focused club, so the Pink Stumps Day is a great fit for what we are all about," McCallum said.

Benalla Bushrangers is inviting friends, family and the local community to join them for Pink Stumps Day on Saturday, 18 February and get involved with lots of fun activities.

For more information about Pink Stumps Day or the McGrath Foundation, visit www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au.

Date:	Saturday 18th February
Time:	Ladies Lunch 12pm. Cricket 1pm.
Where:	Tatong Community Centre & Recreation Reserve
Requirements for attendance:	Wear pink on the day and have some cash on hand to donate to the McGrath Foundation! Tickets to the Ladies Lunch are limited and must be pre-purchased. Tickets cost \$40 and include nibbles, chicken and salad lunch, dessert, drinks and countless laughs. Tickets are limited and must be pre-purchased.
For more information, contact:	Larissa Montgomery, 0409 963 267

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About the McGrath Foundation:

Jane McGrath's personal experience has seen a team of passionate and dedicated people come together and step up to the challenge of making life for families experiencing breast cancer just that little bit easier.

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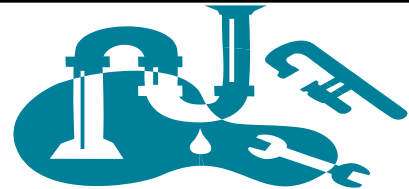
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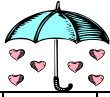
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WEATHER WATCH

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2007	30	35.1	62.5	31.3	108.6	30.2	92.4	25.5	30.3	34.3	88.6	69.8	638.6
2008	52.4	11.5	33.4	17.7	48.3	37	114.7	58.8	18.9	1.9	89.7	64.9	549.2
2009	3	5.4	38.7	80.7	30.6	107.9	77.5	65.5	76	48.6	72.3	18.9	625.1
2010	39	153.7	86.4	65.2	67.5	82.8	67.5	162.1	116.8	123.7	109.2	150.8	1224.7
2011	107	177.3	65.0	36.1	62.9	47.1	84.5	81.0	67.3	32.0	88.3	46.3	894.7
2012	82.5	94.0	184.9	18.1	35	57.6	115.8	92.1	35.5	34	28	30.1	773.6
2013	1.8	52.4	85.5	8.4	43.0	60.1	112.1	141.1	61.2	27.5	26.2	65.3	684.6
2014	33.9	16.4	86.4	89.6	82.8	146.5	98.8	9.8	68.5	20.4	58.5	64.2	775.8
2015	44.7	29.1	5.7	87.4	70	33.7	97.3	69.4	25.7	13.7	55.5	81.7	613.9
2016	69.7	11.9	36.9	38.5	117.2	110.5	142.8	108.4	172.1	91.4	50.1	101.3	1050.8
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WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

The regular and substantial rain continues to fall as it did last year which is good for growth but it means more weeds and mowing in the home garden. At my place it is like having spring all over again and it's mid-Summer.

The November rainfall total was 50.1mm and the total for December was 101.3mm. The rainfall till the 15th of January is 43.3mm. Currently, mid-January I am enjoying the very cool days and nights after a spell of high humidity and even when it has been hot the heat has not persisted – so far so good!

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During the holiday period we have heard two more examples of this “verbing” – both on ABC radio.

An interviewee was discussing comparing items and their equivalence. She stated that something didn't “*equivalate*”.

The other word suggested covering something or making it disappear – “*invisible-ise*”.

Janette and I agreed that in both instances we understood immediately what was being said while being very aware that this was a new ‘verb’. This is exactly how these changes happen.

To add to this phenomenon, it happens the other way too with the ‘nouncing’ of verbs. I can remember when ‘invite’ and ‘meet’ were only verbs.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	1 Whitegate Community Dinner at the Tavern	2 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res Molyullah Community Dinner at the Tavern	3	4 
5	6	7	8 Tatong Community Dinner at the Tavern	9 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res	10 Girls Shed 10.30am at Hall.	11 
12	13	14	15 Tatong Angler's Club @ the Tavern Tatong Community Dinner at the Tavern	16 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res	17	18
19 	20	21	22	23 Play group, 9.30, Rec Res	24 Girls Shed 10.30am at Hall.	25
26	27 	28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4

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What's Happening at Molly Rose,
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Hope everyone had a great Christmas & New Year. It was a bit too hectic here – too many things too close together. Feb's looking much the same, hoping March will be a bit slower.

You may have noticed the new name. Our place has the name of "Molly Rose". Our guess is that it came about when this place was covered in roses – there aren't many left as previous owners had them cleared away, still, I'm thinking that maybe we'll get some nice heritage roses and plant them along the front fence. I've kept this short as I just haven't had time this month to do much writing, even though I've got soooo much to tell you! As it is it's late, so I don't even know if it will get in the Tattler this month.

Among other news, Tim and I celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary in November! I'm looking into the possibility of restarting the Benalla Writers Group, and Tabletop Games at NEA (North East Artisans) is up and running for 2017.

Probably the most exciting thing that's happened at Molly Rose has been the addition of Ducks. Kael and I came home with 8 Muscovy ducklings on Christmas Eve. After the first four disappearing without a trace, these ducklings have been sleeping in a box in the laundry with Float, our odd chook (we think she's a bit brain damaged and she's a pet now) and all go outside during the day with our last remaining rabbit.



Muscovies are more closely related to geese than ducks which means they don't tend to breed with other ducks and if they do they only produce "mules". They're a primarily a meat duck, so they're going to be large.

At this stage we don't know how many drakes or ducks we've got – they are hard to identify, especially as this lot we got were all different ages. Although we had identified 3 that might be drakes. Drakes have bigger bodies, chunkier legs and feather up more slowly than the females. Muscovies don't quack, they peep, and eventually the drakes will only hiss.

They are amazing flycatchers, spending a great deal of their time actually chasing any fly stupid enough to fly into their pen, and they are liquid fertilisers on legs. We empty their "pond" water every day or two and the plants are loving it! And soon they will be too big for their box so we need to get their portable coop built and electric netting bought – they're already jumping out o.

Write you again next month,
Carla



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