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### COOINDA MURAL

Speaking of the "good ol days," as I was in my previous article and my wall mural for Cooina is now fixed to an internal walkway wall at The Cooina Village. The mural features many aspects of the Benalla district as requested by the consulting group of residents and it may be of interest to many of our Tattler readers. It took about four months to complete and I am grateful to Cooina for asking me to do it because it revived my painting activity, for the moment! My 'affliction' is to have far too many interests and activities.

While this mural is not strictly 'public' it is ok to go into the Village and 'check it out.' The main restriction being that people should not visit with an infectious illness. Also access may be denied due to a 'lockdown' because of illness within the Village. (Visitors are asked to always wash hands at the entry foyer station.)

The mural is 1200mm high and just over 6 meters long and is situated along the covered walkway near the Activities room. Two photos are included here of the first and last panels. The first panel photo features Aborigines, Gum Trees, hills, the Broken River and includes about half of the second panel which depicts farming. The first panel ends just on the left side horse's nose. The last panel, in the second photo, depicts the demolished Benalla Hotel (which was situated where the Reject shop is now), a sunset and the well-known in his day, Reg White, on his cart drawn by two Clydesdales.

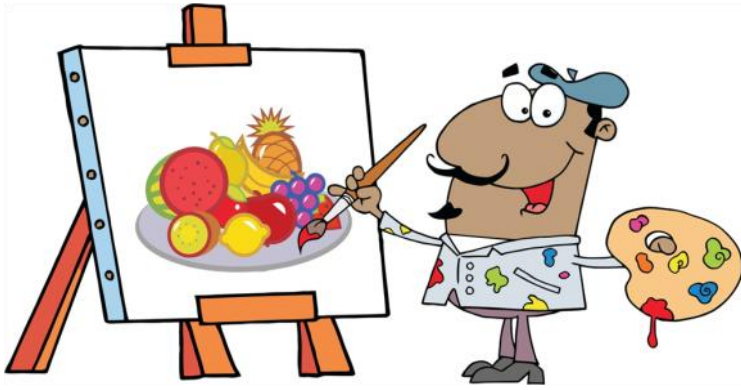
I have used 'artist's licence' in order to make workable and interesting scenes so things may not all be as they actually are or were but virtually everything in the mural is of, or relates to, Benalla and district. For instance the big gum tree in the photo is in a paddock near the Molyullah turnoff along the Benalla-Tatong Rd. and the river scene is from the headwaters of Lake Nillahcootie, but it is still our Broken River!

These imperfect and small photos give only an indication of the actual scenes so it's best to view all 6 panels in line together and on site. At the time of writing this article I myself have not seen it on the wall, but it won't be long till I do! I was only able to paint two panels at a time in my studio due to the large size.

Mike Larkin



## I'm full of excitement and hope you are too!



Plans for the Tatong Art Show are progressing nicely and I thought you might like an update on what we are doing behind the scenes to make this a great show for you and of course your friends and relatives, as well as visitors from far and wide!

This year we decided to change the catering arrangements for opening night, and Tara Henry and Esther Cavies (they have a local business in Benalla which provides a family friendly café with homemade food suitable for adults and children). I won't overload you with details about what they are providing, but I can assure you it will be yummy! We would love to see you on opening night or anytime throughout the event really!

Please come.

Our sponsors for the event have begun to respond and we are very grateful for their support. In particular we would like to thank Laurie and Lynn DeFazio and Ruralco for their generosity! And as you already know we are indebted to GMCU for their INCREDIBLE ON GOING support and this year we hope that we will have a few new sponsors on board.

Beth Gregory has been busy calling around to ask people if they would like to volunteer during the event and she is receiving a FANTASTIC response. Thank you to all who have indicated a willingness to be involved and I look forward to seeing you again this year!

We have some really GREAT raffle prizes this year which you might like to know about. We are tickled pink to let you know that this year the lucky raffle winners will take home either a queen size quilt with a rose motif, accompanied by 4 pillow slips; a voucher for dinner at Georgina's; a gift voucher from Samaria Farms; a gift voucher from a local merchant Lucy Lu and a mixed dozen of quality wines! Tickets are only available at the art show.

On a daily basis the RCH committee have organized morning and afternoon tea – their prices are incredibly reasonable and their food is really yummy!

I think that is all for now. We really look forward to seeing you at the show!

deSales Turner



## Australia Day 2018

Put your thinking caps on! Nominations for the Tatong Achiever of the Year and Young Achiever will be OPEN soon.

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### Tatong RCH Good Friday Appeal Meeting

Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm

Tatong Recreation Reserve / Community Centre

All most welcome to attend.





## Tatong Tavern

2581 Tatong Road Tatong Vic 3673 Phone 57672210

**OCTOBER 2017**

Well the time has come for all good things to come to an end, and sadly this will be our last Tattler Newsletter for the Tavern.

Our time over the past three years at the Tavern has been a whirlwind of events, from learning how to pour a beer, to feeding 150 people for Christmas lunch. Chris has gone from having a coffee face, (Hated using the coffee machine), to actually enjoying and being very good at making a damn good cappuccino "Maybe a barista for his next job"? Maybe not.

I myself have to get a new pair of feet, as they seem to have worn away, from constantly walking on them, morning, noon and night. Best of all Chris and I have found new lifelong friends, from all over the country side, from all the Whitegate, Tatong and Molyullah groups, who always made us feel so welcome, to the visitors who became regulars, to the locals who have all made our days so much more fun and interesting, right down to the man who delivers our beer kegs.

Not to be forgotten all the amazing workers we have had, who have made an impact on our lives. Who can forget Jules, who with her caring and fun loving style wooed the locals with her beautiful smile, "Shame on you Hans for taking her away to Tasmania". We now have Tracey and Bel, who together, make a fantastic team and have been amazing with their work ethics, and just seem to make everyone feel at ease when they walk through the front door. I can honestly say we could not have got through this last year without them. The saying "There bloods worth bottling" is so true with these two.

We can't forget our Nicole, better known as "Nickers", who has been the Beautiful face you would have seen every Friday night. Nicky has been a part of the Tavern for quite a few years now, so her fair face has been a delight to all the locals and visitors, and hopefully will still be there for many years to come.

We have recently hired two incredible kitchen hands, who have blown us away with their work and skills. Firstly Cassie Mennen who we have discovered is very handy at cooking, and has picked that talent up very quickly, we have suggested to her, maybe she should change professions. Young Laura Grima is a very serious worker and just gets on with it, even when she is surrounded by a mountain of dishes, she just gradually works her way down to the very last dish, unfortunately for the new owners, Laura will be leaving to go to University, next year, so good luck Laura, love your work.

I need to make one more mention about our Staff and that is to Lyn our long serving Tavern Cleaner, who never looks for congratulations, or a thank you and probably will be cringing right now when she reads this, but it has to be said, she has been our saviour throughout our three years here, because who else would clean up after a 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party or open the toilet doors and not think twice about cleaning up after a Hens party session. Lyn has come week after week, without fail and people ask us how we have such a clean Tavern, well we say we have the best worker in the district and we could not have done it without her, so thank you Lyn for making our time at the Tavern pleasurable and workable.

I could go on to talk about all the funny and sad things that have happened to us over the three years but I don't have enough paper, maybe I will write a book. Needless to say Chris and I have had quite the adventure, and are about to start on a new venture of just living and smelling the roses.

Now I haven't forgotten about Johnny, I just left the best to last. John our Chef, as you will know by now will also be leaving The Tavern for his own adventure, which I 'm not at liberty to tell you yet, as Johnny still wants to keep it all hush hush, you will just have to wait and see!

We have always talked about having a ghost night to celebrate Mrs Worrell the original owner of the Tavern and our resident ghost, so before we depart, there will be a special night of storytelling, sightings and a walk through on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, starting from 6.30p.m. Come along and share your own ghost story.

Our last day will be held and celebrated on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October with the band Rattler who we have become very special friends with.

Chris and I decided to have a BBQ instead of serving meals, so that we could join in the festivities and say farewell properly, so it's open house to one and all during the day until 6p.m. Then the Tavern will shut the doors, until New Lessees Shirley and Pedro reopen for business.

Chris and I want to thank one and all for supporting us and helping us feel a part of the community from day one, we won't be going very far and we won't be saying goodbye, just see you later.

- Chris and Deb



## Prospect Hill Open Garden

2239 Benalla-Tatong Rd, Tatong

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> - Sun 5<sup>th</sup> & Sat 11<sup>th</sup> – Sun 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 4pm

**All proceeds are going to the Greta Valley Primary School & McGrath Foundation**

With Mount Prospect as a backdrop, this 3 acre garden features meandering paths that wander through a mixture of rose and cottage gardens, fruit trees, vegetable beds and both native and deciduous trees and shrubs. Extensive lawn areas, water features, farm animals and lovely views over the Tatong valley all add to this garden which continues to evolve.

Light lunches and afternoon teas available for purchase. Animal nursery and kids activities.

VB Challenge Race Ute on display. Raffle with prizes including a ride in the Value Automotive Group Falcon GT R-spec Race Car.

**Entry: Adults \$5. Children gold coin donation for kids activities.**

Buses welcome by appointment.

**Any donations of potted plants or seedlings for a plant stall would be much appreciated.**

Please contact Larissa on 0409 963 267.



**Birth Notice** - The Tatong Tattler is introducing a new column: "Cheers and Jeers". If you have a comment on local community matters, send in a Cheer or a Jeer. Bear in mind most of us will more quickly Jeer than Cheer; so do send in some Cheers as well as Jeers.

Please do not mention any business by name. The writer's identity must be revealed to the Editor, but on request can be put in the Tattler signed "Anon". Email the Tattler (or drop written piece in mailbox at Tavern) with "Cheer" or "Jeer" heading your submission. - Cheers!

A **Jeer** about the use of the phrase **larscheeah** instead of **last year**, a manner of speaking that annoys me when spoken by mainly young radio or TV reporters/announcers, especially those on the ABC who should know betterah! - Mike Larkin

**Very Best Wishes to Tatong Tattler  
Editor Geoff Rintala - Get Well  
Soon! Geoff we all hope you are back  
to full strength as soon as possible.**

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## Companions for People Living with Dementia

### "Love is Listening"

In 2015 I was privileged to attend a retreat in beautiful Bloomington Indiana where I along with 13 other participants from around the world had the opportunity to practice being present and take the time to listen and attend to people living with dementia. As a group we discovered how powerful and effective this is and how necessary it is for people living with dementia to feel they are loved and accepted.

As Michael Verde, the founder of Memory Bridge says

"I think there's something vital to our well-being in the world that might boil down to our need to be in emotional vibration with at least one person who loves us."

As a result of that experience I committed to developing a volunteer visitor program and with the support of Cooinda Village have completed the second training which is based on the Memory Bridge philosophy "Life is a Bridge." People living with dementia need us to be a bridge of connection to the community and that bridge is created by a willingness to simply "be with" the person and listen empathically with the whole thinking, sensing, feeling body.

The program has been very successful and if being a companion interests you or you would like to support the ongoing program, please come along to the fundraiser on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> at Swanpool Community Cinema. See Flyer.

Maeve Larkin

## TATONG TENNIS CLUB

We would like to invite all junior tennis players in the Tatong and district to come

and join us on Thursday afternoon's between 4.30-5.30 pm. Starting Oct 12th-

Dec 21st and recommence in term 1 2018. Cost per child per session is \$2 or

become a Tatong junior member for \$30.

For more information contact Rhiannon 0419 803 457 or find Tatong Tennis Club

on Facebook.

This is being jointly run by Tatong Tennis Club and Tennis Vic Danny Grima

## Wild dog meeting

Sorry to disappoint most of you – this was not a meeting attended by wild dogs – rather it was a meeting about wild dogs. The Cheshunt Wild Dog Destruction League Inc. met at the Molyullah Hall, 27<sup>th</sup> August. This Group was actually formed by farmers, whose stock was affected by wild dog activity, close to a 100 years ago and the concern is ongoing and still relevant.

In attendance was Neil Gaudion, the dog controller for this district. Neil is employed by DELWP (the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning). Neil is the expert we call on when we have a dog 'problem'. Anyone who has seen what dogs do to lambs and kids knows what I mean by 'problem'.

Over several years now the number of dog controllers has reduced and the areas they have to cover have increased. Where Neil was full time in our area, he is now 0.5. The department say they move people around and/or bring in casuals to help as needed.

As a group we make representation to relevant bodies for an increase in the number of dog controllers employed. In the last 12 months Neil's results in this area were – dogs 39, foxes 16 and cats 1. Two of those dogs were on the Knappers'. Four others were caught on the Knappers' by a casual called in because Neil had to go to another area. All entrapments and disposals are carried out in a humane way.

His report also shows 54 reported incidents. These are mainly attacks on stock, dog sightings and dogs heard. The number of reported incidents is a way to add weight to need for adequate dog controller coverage. Because of this it is imperative that everyone reports everything they see and hear regarding wild dogs.

It's as simple as giving Neil a call – 0409 792 829

Thank you  
John Knapper

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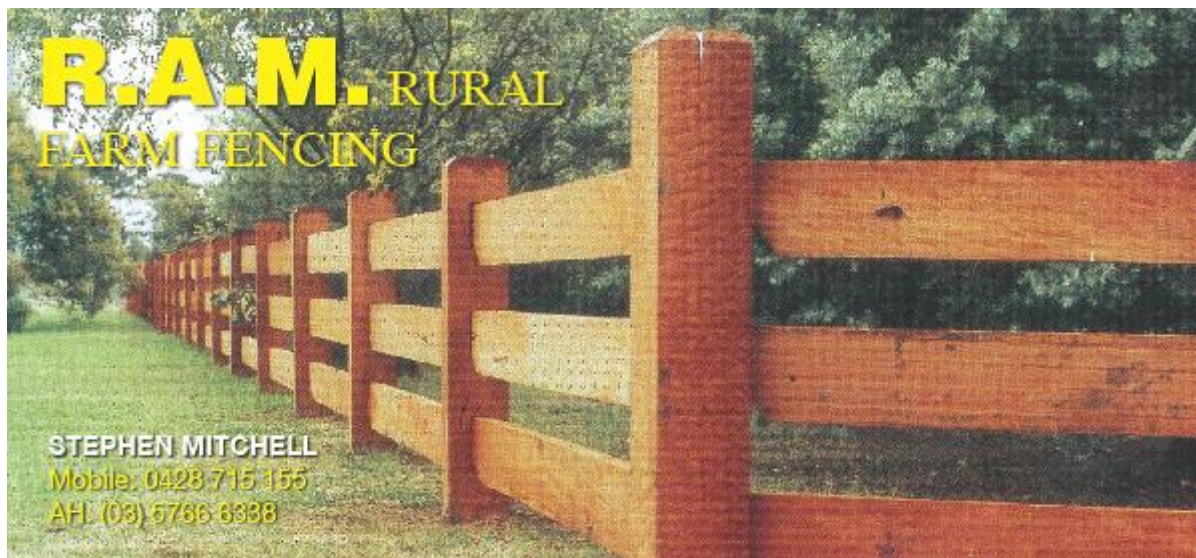
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## Garden Daze

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



**Warmer Weather at Last...** surely that was the frostiest winter we have had since we came here 26 years ago! Brrrr

We have a dam that is shaded by large old pine trees during the winter months. One morning in June (before the rain started and when the water level was down to less than half) the overnight temperature of minus five or six - caused the surface to be completely covered by a thin film of ice.

**Wicking Beds** - Having positioned our vegie garden between a small orchard (with a fig tree against the fence) and a Paulownia tree to shade the adjoining chook yard - we have tree roots running through the vegie beds!

Last year I spent quite a bit of time - not to mention energy - removing tree roots as a part of getting the beds ready. However, this year, because of the tree roots, kikuyu grass (unfortunately introduced with a small clump of garlic chives a few years back) and as a water saving method - we decided to invest in some wicking beds.



My choice of birthday present this year was a couple of *Intermediate Bulk Containers or IBCs*. (Hands up anyone who knew this was what they were called.)

Peter Z was the "builder" and he followed the instructions given by Sophie Thompson on *Gardening Australia*.

(Fact Sheet - Wicking Works Series 28 Ep 2)

First - Cut the IBC in half with an angle grinder.

Separate the two halves and undo the screws that hold the metal cage to the plastic.

Turn the metal cage upside-down so the sharp cut edges are facing down.

Re-insert the plastic inner into the metal cage, to ensure the smooth, un-cut edges of the metal cage are at the top.

Peter Z added another step when he made a wooden frame for the base of the metal cage.

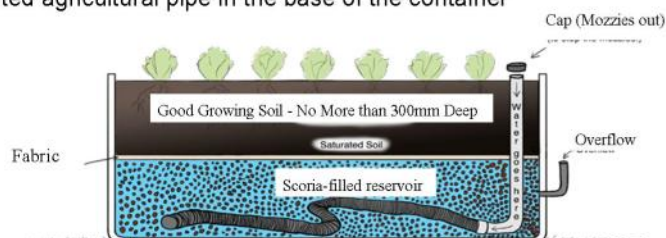
Position the IBC in the full sun and ensure it is level.

Create a 19mm drainage hole approximately 200mm from the bottom of the container. This will be the depth of the water reservoir.

Insert a 19mm irrigation joiner into the drainage hole and silicone into place.

Attach a 200mm length of 19mm irrigation pipe to an elbow and attach to the drainage outlet. The adjustable elbow allows you to change the amount of water contained in the reservoir. When the elbow is facing upwards, the reservoir remains full but in periods of heavy rain, it can be positioned to drain freely.

To create an inlet to fill the reservoir, position a length of slotted agricultural pipe in the base of the container



and attach to a vertical pipe that extends the full height of the container.

Secure the inlet pipe and fill the reservoir with a layer of scoria gravel with the finishing level approximately 50mm below the drainage outlet.

Place a sheet of geo-textile (permeable fabric) over the scoria. This stops the soil washing into the reservoir layer. (This can be purchased from hardware stores.)

Add the soil mix to a depth no greater than 300mm. To act as a wick, the soil needs a high proportion of organic matter; a 50/50 blend of organic soil and compost works well.

Fill the water reservoir via the vertical inlet pipe until water drains from the overflow outlet. Secure a piece of fly-mesh or a cap on both to prevent mosquitoes breeding in the reservoir.

Mulch the bed, with about 50-70mm of organic mulch, such as straw.

Water the bed well, to start the wicking-action. With young plants, it's a good idea to continue watering them from above until they become more established and their root systems have grown, enabling them to access the water from below.

Once wicking well, the reservoir might only need a weekly top-up in summer.

To see when you need to top up the water, check the overflow point on the side of the bed. If the water has run out, it's time to top it up!



Here is our first bed - planted out with broccoli and celery and complete with wire mesh cover (and an old bird cage) to stop the bower birds from having a feast.

The beds take a bit of filling. We used four or five wheelbarrow loads (maybe half loads - scoria is heavy!) and as many of sieved compost (barrow a bit fuller this time). The compost was put through a sieve to remove larger stones and miscellaneous "bits".

We have an old swing frame where we hang the sieve - this can then be shaken back and forth without having to hold the sieve at arm's length - and a wheelbarrow fits underneath.



John Knapper had a bath going "free to good home" and here it is sitting in the frame made by Peter Z'. Plan is for a strawberry bed that can be harvested from a standing position.



Enjoy the Spring



Kathy Z



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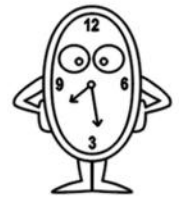
Quote from the *Guide*:

**Bistromathics** itself is simply a revolutionary new way of understanding the behaviour of numbers. Just as Einstein observed that time was not an absolute but depended on the observer's movement in space, and that space was not an absolute, but depended on the observer's movement in time, it is now realized that numbers are not absolute, but depended on the observer's movement in restaurants.



The first non-absolute number is the number of people for whom the table is reserved. This will vary during the course of the first three telephone calls to the restaurant, and then bear no apparent relation to the number of people who actually turn up, or to the number of people who subsequently join them after the show/match/party/gig, or to the number of people who leave when they see who else has turned up.

The second non-absolute number is the given time of arrival, which is now known to be one of those most bizarre of the mathematical concepts, a *recipriversexclusion*, a number whose existence can only be defined as being anything, other than itself. In other words, the given time of arrival is the one moment of time at which it is impossible that any member of the party will arrive.



*Recipriversexclusions* now play a vital part in many branches of math, including homework, statistics and accountancy.

The third and most mysterious piece of non-absoluteness of all lies in the relationship between the number of items on the check, the cost of each item, the number of people at the table and what they are each prepared to pay for. (The number of people who actually brought any money is only a sub-phenomenon in this field.)



The baffling discrepancies that used to occur at this point remained uninvestigated for centuries simply because no one took them seriously. They were at the time put down to such things as politeness, rudeness, meanness, flashiness, tiredness, emotionality or the lateness of the hour, and completely forgotten about on the following morning. They were never tested under laboratory conditions, of course, because they never occurred in laboratories - not in reputable laboratories at least.



And so it was only with the advent of pocket computers that the startling truth became finally apparent, and it was this:

*Numbers written on restaurant checks within the confines of restaurants do not follow the same mathematical laws as numbers written on any other pieces of paper in any other parts of the Universe.*

This single statement took the scientific world by storm. It completely revolutionized it. So many mathematical conferences got held in such good restaurants that many of the finest minds of a generation died

of obesity and heart failure and the science of math was put back by years. Slowly, however, the implications of the idea began to be understood. To begin with it had been too stark, too crazy, too much like what the man in the street would have said "Oh, yes, I could have told you that." Then some phrases like "Interactive Subjectivity Frameworks" were invented, and everybody was able to relax and get on with it.



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*A man came to the edge of a volcano. He looked over and saw the creator smoking.*

*Jesus healed ten leopards and the one that lost his spots came back to thank him.*

*Get the hens Satan.*

When being taught the "Hail Mary" as a child dad said that my version of *blessed art thou amongst women*, was, *blessed art thou a monkey swimming!*

Mike Larkin

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### Samaria Suns V Bendigo B52s - White Ribbon Round

The Samaria Suns played the Bendigo B52s for their last game of 2017 in the White Ribbon Round at the Benalla Friendlies (All Blacks Ground).

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day, helping the girls set up for the High Tea function, then working the bar until well after the game.

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The Masters were proud to donate money to the White Ribbon Foundation, as pictured President Felicity Munro Handing Cheque to White Ribbon Ambassador Neil Stott.

The Suns started the game started strongly with a strong breeze causing the players to have to work hard, however a goal off the boot of Berry would see the Suns first on the board.

Keen to get back on the winners board the Suns would take a nine point lead into the first break, the second term saw the Suns score just two majors but managed to keep the B52s scoreless allowing them to have a 23 point lead into the half time break. In true Masters style Suns player Paul Wallace would pull on the jumper for the B52s to help



them out and would have

an immediate impact, with the B52s the first to score in the third. Coach Richard Bull was once again good creating plenty of opportunities for his charges and the Suns would pull away after kicking three majors, one of those goals came off the "boot" of Dirk Ring, much to the delight of his team mates. The last quarter would see the Suns really hit their straps not allowing the B52s to get any run on and starving them of opportunities, mainly thanks to the Suns back line which has been outstanding all year. The Suns would finish the season with a big win which was a great way to end season 2017.

The Suns have Presentation Night Saturday 9th September at Georgina's Restaurant. AFL MASTERS playing in the Carnival will be training at Benalla Friendlies (All Blacks Ground) on Sunday September 10th. Alistar Crook and Damium Cassidy will be representing the Samaria Suns.

Samaria Suns 11 . 13 . 79

Bendigo B52s 3 . 1 . 19

Awards: BOG P. Wallace (Awarded by Bendigo) Pink Shop Award: M. Levy, D. Morrison. Royal Hotel Award: R. Bull, D. Cassidy Hollywood Cafe Award: S. Richardson, A. Crumb. Tool of the Week: A. Crumb

# Molyullah Musings

October 2017

## Hall Meeting:

At the recent Molyullah Hall meeting it was decided to arrange to have the deep fryer wired up in the kitchen so it can be used more often. It is currently in the Food Shed for the Sports each Easter but could be better utilised in the kitchen all year around. There will be "Fish & Chip" nights held for local families at around \$5 per head. It is hoped we can arrange to have speakers on these evenings for those interested. The children will be well catered for – there is always table tennis etc. No dates at this stage but as soon as the deep-fryer is in place I should be able to advertise date/time etc.

## **Visitors to Molyullah:**

Wangaratta Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club of Wangaratta are attending the hall for lunch on Saturday 23 September. At the time this is going to press (20 September) the event has not taken place but I can advise that the response for assistance to make sure this fundraiser is a success has been fantastic. Thanks go to all those who agreed to help.

## **What's on in October:**

Birchwood (O'Dea Rd) will be holding their regular Open Garden in aid of the Cancer Council Victoria on the week-end of 7 and 8 October. This year they are including works from local artisans and local musicians will perform. What with their reputation for a great morning/afternoon tea or lunch it is sure to be a great event and a very pleasant day out for those who go along.

The Molyullah Community dinner will be held at the Tatong Tavern on Thursday, 5 October at 6.30 pm. This will be Chris & Deb's last dinner with us before they venture forth to new horizons. Best wishes Deb & Chris and thank you for your friendly service.

Cheers,

Janette

[knapper@bordnet.com.au](mailto:knapper@bordnet.com.au)

# White Gate



# Dates

## White Gate Dinner @ the Tavern

The October "White Gate" Dinner @ the Tavern will be on Wednesday 4th. Book yourselves in for a nice night by the fire; won't be too long until a fire seems irrelevant.

## Breakfast @ Samaria

Break your Fast at the lovely Samaria Farm. Spectacular views thrown in free with every meal.

## White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Terry Trounson	1 Oct	Bruce Burgess	5 Nov
Laurie Defazio	8 Oct	Laurie Defazio	12 Nov
Lewis Vallender	15 Oct	Alan Stafford	19 Nov
Bill Sykes	22 Oct	Hamish McMillan	26 Nov

*Only when going to insert the fire brigade roster, did I realise that I had put this month's roster in last month's Tattler. Did anybody notice?*

*Apologies if the wrong person drove off in the truck...*

## Situation Available; Tattler Delivery

Currently I am delivering in White Gate, (including Emu Bridge Rd, West of the bridge), then North to the freeway overpass.

If anyone round the White Gate area fancied delivering perhaps a dozen Tattlers once a month, I might be more inclined to do the North end by bicycle....

Remuneration is by way of Appreciation, doubled when its raining. Applicants could contact myself, Andrea Stevenson, 0429 439 336 / [andistev@yahoo.com.au](mailto:andistev@yahoo.com.au), or Mike Larkin, he being the Tattler Printing & Distribution Coordinator.

## Tatong Art Show:

\* November 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 – 9:30pm Opening Night. Admission \$5 pp. Finger food provided, beverages available for purchase. Raffle tickets available.

\* November 4-5<sup>th</sup> AND Nov 10-12<sup>th</sup> 10am to 4pm. Admission \$2 pp. Raffle tickets available.

This fund raising event supports local community groups!



# YES – IT'S ON AGAIN

## THE TATONG COMMUNITY GREAT BIG GARAGE SALE



The Tatong Community Great Big Garage Sale is back again! The third TCGBGS will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November in the picturesque grounds of the Tatong Tavern. Stall bookings are rolling in so it is shaping up to be another great big garage sale. Come along to find some hidden treasures and bargains to take home from the many stalls that will all be conveniently in one location. There will be plenty to do in the Tatong area as part of the Benalla Festival so why not make a day of it. Entry is by gold coin donation and any profits will be donated back into Tatong community groups or projects.

### Book your site now!!

Spring is the perfect time to clean out those cupboards and sheds that you have been meaning to do for years. Get your unwanted items together to sell at the Garage Sale and make some money out of your unwanted clutter – one person's trash is another person's treasure. Get in quick to book your site - call John on 57666268 to book your 3m x 3m site for only \$5 (or \$10 for a double site).

## Open Garden fundraiser for cancer research

Julie and Gary Campbell of Birchwood Near Benalla, Molyullah, are running an Open Garden in their one acre garden this October 7th and 8th. Their passion for gardening has seen three annual Open Gardens raise \$10,000 for Cancer Council Victoria and Wangaratta and Benalla Hospitals. They have high hopes that 2017 will be a great fundraising success.

This year Birchwood has support from Artists' Cooperative; North East Artisans. Deb Dodd, mosaic artist; Garth Hughes, sculptor; Marg Zaal, botanic artist and Cathy Pianta, garden ornaments and Noor Natural Skincare will donate to the charities from sales proceeds. Sales Commissions are to be donated to the charities. Benalla College music students will be performing acoustically on Sunday and Northern Rivers Academy of Music on Saturday. Children's activities will be provided and the "Teas" stall will provide sandwiches at lunch time as well as home baked scones, jam and cream, delicious cakes and slices.

Each charity is providing a team of helpers over the weekend as well as assisting in distributing fliers. The lead up to this event has already involved the wider community with five local businesses donating money to fund the production of fliers. Cancer Council Victoria's Head of Fundraising and Communication Andrew Buchanan said the organization is thrilled to have such passionate supporters.

"We work to reduce the impact of all cancers for all Victorians, but it simply isn't possible without the hard work of people like the Campbells and their enthusiastic support groups."



This weekend event shows how a love for gardening can be used to support charities and promote health and happiness for all involved. The Campbells love their local hospitals and as family members and friends have had cancer, it is very important to them to support Cancer Council Victoria.

For further information about this event please contact Julie Campbell, 0357 666275 email: juliecampbellcecil@gmail.com Facebook: / Birchwood Near Benalla

For additional information, interview requests or images, please contact: Thea Cargill on 03 9514 6585 or thea.cargill@cancercouncil.org.au

### THERE WAS MOVEMENT AT THE TAVERN

Son Johnny Larkin is leaving his employment at the Tavern for, as yet, unknown places and I'm sure he will be missed by regular customers with his reliable and skilled food presentations.

He started as a kitchen hand at the age of 15 till now at 27 wants a break till the next big thing comes his way. In those years of work and study he qualified as a chef and innovated with menu changes and along with popular managers, Deb and Chris, introduced half serve meals.

No doubt Deb and Chris will update our readers about plans for their future as they will also be leaving the Tavern behind soon. Deb has already started some work with Mansfield Elderly people and Chris will probably catch up with some well-earned rest and recreation. They have been model neighbours to us and will also be missed at the pub.

Mike Larkin



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# Gawn to Town

When we lived at White Gate, we were subject to Mud rather than Flood. Now we have but one paddock, and it goes under the Hollands every now and then. (So I named it "Majiyanga", for the platypus, which also goes under water every now and then.)

I will need to monitor the height of the creek, as should the Hollands flood, some things might need moving to higher ground. Like the dog. Told that I can access online the daily measurement at Kilfeera & at Wrightly, I spent an hour going round in circles... thank you BOM. It didn't help that they list the "Holland" (no 's') at "Kelfeera" (the old spelling) which ducked my original search. I found the number & location of the Kelfeera station (hi Ross & Chris) before I finally found where to get the daily reading.

But then, maybe what I need is irrigation equipment; that device which sends a message when it has got wet. Which is more than my poor old dog is likely to be able to do.

DRUMETT PL. at DRUMETT WHEAT	2.40pm WED	11.0.13"	steady
Holland Ck at Wrightley	1.54pm Wed	0.73	steady
Ryans Ck at Loombah Head Gauge	2.42pm Wed	13.93	steady
Holland Ck at Kelfeera	2.44pm Wed	0.73	steady
Broken R at Benalla	2.14pm Wed	1.60	steady

While I searched I did get a hit which took me not forward but backwards, about 114 years. From Trove, a report on a picnic held in October 1903:

"KILFEERA PICNIC. The third annual picnic in connection with the Emu Bridge and Kilfeera State schools was held on Friday, Oct 16th, at Holland's creek, and passed off most successfully. The weather, with the exception of a slight shower which fell in the morning, was all that could be desired. The catering was in the hands of the parents and Thomson and Co., of Benalla, and the tables presented a most attractive and appetising Appearance. Mr. Uren, head teacher, Mr. Gunn and Mr. J. Boyd arranged a sports programme, which proved most interesting. The proceedings terminated with an enjoyable dance."



Life in town has its plus-es and minus-es. I miss the solitude and the call of the mopoke. I don't miss woolshed work. I'd like to say my dog misses sheep work, but she has long since forgotten what sheep are, and when trotting is a bit inclined to fall over.

Here by the Hollands, downstream from Tatong, we are still visited by a white-faced heron - I like to fancy that is it the same one that visited us at White Gate. I think it's trying to find where we've hidden the fish-pond.

- Andrea Stevenson

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## Samaria Suns Season 2017

Presentation Night was held at Georgina's Restaurant to wrap up Season 2017 on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>. As with everything the Suns do it was 20% serious 80% fun and that was shown with the awards given out again this year.

We had eleven games in total this year, seven of those were away games including trips to Kerang and Geelong, something we are hoping to change for next year. Always trying to see the fun side of it all we did have some very entertaining and memorable Bus Trips. It was a privilege and honor to bring country footy back to the Tatong and Swanpool grounds and we were appreciative of both communities and committees getting behind us and supporting the Samaria Suns.

With thanks to Julie Richardson we also saw Masters Netball at 3 of our home games, this was a great initiative and fantastic once again to see our facilities being used.

We were once again blessed to have amazing sponsors and volunteers who have supported the club again this year. PA & HJ [Dennis Builders](#)

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We will see President Felicity Munro and Treasurer Cameron Gray stand down from their positions next year and we thank them for their hard work and commitment for the past two years and beforehand getting the Suns up and going. The AGM date is yet to be decided we will let everyone know, if you have thought about getting involved may it be playing, supporting or helping out this could be your chance to put your hand up.

## Awards for 2017:

Coaches Award: Dirk Ring Best Defender: Damiun Cassidy

Best Team Player: Barry Edgley Leading Goal Kicker & MVP: Richard Bull

BOB: Barry Edgley Cougar Award: Heather Dennis

Where's Wally Award: Michael Levy BAP Award: Adam Pearce Tool of the Year: Phil Rouvary

## PRESIDENT's SIGN-OFF:

And just like that the season is over! We've had a bit of a tough run this year with so many away games but with a fantastic group of blokes that put in at every opportunity we were able to make each round count.

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Lastly, there are many people that work behind the scenes on game days as well as contributions to committee throughout the year. Jade Kirk makes an invaluable contribution to the club, and while the official title is media officer we all know she does a hell of a lot more than that! Tania Cassidy has been a fantastic support as secretary keeping me on track all year. VP Wes Stafford has stepped up in my absence many times this year and shows all the makings of a president in waiting. Cameron Troy, Phil Dennis, Heather Dennis, Alan Haslam, and Carole Haslam have continued to work tirelessly getting the job done. Allan Crumb, Barry Edgley, Brett Warnock, Cameron-Tania Kego, and Damiun Cassidy have represented the players very well this year, and All managed to make majority of meetings which is just unheard of for a footy club committee!



### THE NEED FOR TATONG WRITERS

The Tattler team would like more Tatong people (there is about 25 ex district residents who have the Tattler delivered in Benalla) past and present, to send in articles for our editions. It just would not do for the 'Molyullah mob' to fill too many pages! Probably the most popular articles are memoir style and history, especially your own family's history.

During our AGM at the Tavern wife Maeve entertained and intrigued the table with some anecdotes about growing up in Benalla from the early 50's. Her brick-layer dad was a Lakeman of which there are still a few around the area and her mum a seamstress. She said that living west of the river made the east seem to be a faraway place for a child and the BARC hut migrant camp was "another planet" away because it was

largely self-contained. Contact with the migrants in that era mainly happened when the migrant kids went to secondary school and the parents went out to work.

The Tattler could probably have a regular column about the "good old days" because, for instance, there would be so many stories about how much better it was than today!

Speaking of the past and the current climate of anxiety, especially about the safety of children, is caused by social evolution and is not the fault of modern young parents whom I feel sorry for. Much of their concern seems ludicrous to today's grandparents when remembering the strong communities of the recent past and the freedom we had to roam and take risks. On the other hand a 'downside' to that era was that there was not much room to express individuality and many post war migrants had a hard time because they were different and were expected to assimilate quickly.

Mike Larkin



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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
2017	67.6	36.2	49.1	61.7	52.5	6.5	92.1	112.4					488.1

### WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

Our winter is being extended till half way into September with cold and wet days. Until the 15<sup>th</sup> of September we have had 19.9mm of rain and for the whole of August an excellent 112.4mm. - Mike Larkin

### *What's Happening at Molly Rose?*

Wow, in a blink of an eye we're already more than halfway through the first month of Spring! And as usual, I'm not anywhere near as prepared as I want to be! I'm blaming my elbow, that, and a lack of motivation.

Still, I have twice as much front garden to work with than last year, and it's ready now, not November, and if I get another trailer load of organic soil from Mark Foletta's I could have a whole front garden! I really thought one trailer load would do the whole front garden, but I was wrong!

We're also expanding out the back garden so it fills in the space to the edge of the dog track we've made and turning it more into a keyhole design so everything is within easy reach. The mini hothouse is up and running and lots of seeds have been planted in polystyrene boxes, so far only the Cavalo Nero (Tuscan Kale) has come up.

Chooks and Ducks are laying. But we have had one disaster! The incubator packed it in while cooking those expensive Araucana eggs I'd bought and sadly I lost the lot! On the upside, we found someone who'll supply us with Frizzle eggs, we just need a new incubator, or a chook to go broody.



The permanent chook sheds (breeding pens, broody pens, growing out pens and rooster homes) are beginning – we measured out the first chook pen and made some adjustments. I was hoping to fit 6 small pens per shed, but after seeing it on the ground realised that will be too small so will now only have 4 pens per shed and the runs are all going to be another metre or so longer. The last few days have been spent cleaning the site and researching how to build a shed. Tim's also been researching the electric netting for the rest of the flock who will be following around after the sheep. It's all getting closer.

So I pickled some purple eggs. Just gotta remember to eat them! And I've been making lots of Grandma's Egg & Bacon Pie and doing some baking too.

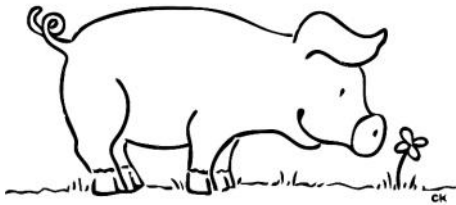
Currently Peach and Cherry are away in Greta in a paddock with some boys leaving Strawberry at home alone. She's not very happy and only content if I let her out while I'm gardening and then she keeps close by.

The boys were hoping we'd get snow, but it didn't quite happen, although it certainly got cold enough, and now it's time to get the mosquito nets up before the mozzies start biting!

Write you again next month! Hopefully it doesn't come round quite as quickly as this one did!

*Carla*





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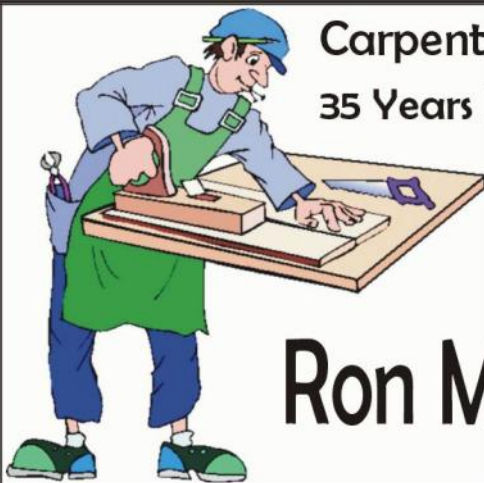
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# What's on this month

## October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving!	2	3	4 Whitegate Community Dinner at the Tavern	5 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res Molyullah Community Dinner at the Tavern	6. 	7
8	9	10	11	12 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res 	13 Girls Shed 10.30am at Hall	14
15	16	17	18 Tatong Community Dinner at the Tavern	19 Play group, 9.30am Rec Res	20  	21 Tattler Deadline Fundraiser for Dementia Swanpool Cinema 1.30pm
22	23	24	25	26 Play group, 9.30am Rec Res	27 Girls Shed 10.30am at Hall	28 
29	30	31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3 Tatong Art Show Opening & Winner Announcement. Tatong Hall 7pm—9.30pm	Nov 4 Tatong Art Show. Tatong Hall 10.am-4pm 

Thank you to the team which produced the spectacular Tattler number 300.


Mr Larkin, could you get one copy of number 300 into the local history museum?

Thank you to all the contributors to the 301st Tattler. Such variety: and isn't variety the spice of life?


And congratulations to the tree-planters, and to the young lady on Buster. May I salute with admiration a great eulogy by Geoff McFadden to his veterinarian Dad. Words well-spoken about a life of service and honour, well-lived. May the principles by which Don McFadden lived resonate in our lives, just as the brief mention of Ken Fraser, with whom I went to High School, echoes in my memory.


In stark contrast to the efforts of politicians who make promises that they cannot keep, and to the work of our local representatives who are often thwarted by politics from serving their own communities, Dr McFadden's achievements in family and social life, show clearly the compassion, empathy, understanding and humanity which together, are the foundation of the call, from a very famous person, to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. Vin Masters.

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 or post to: Darcy Hogan, 150 Mt Joy Rd, Tatong, 3673.

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