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## Computer Tat-Tap-Tips

### Cleaning your Desktop PC

You can run all the virus cleaners you like, but they won't do a thing for the dust that builds up inside a desktop computer, eventually overheating it. The dust build up is faster if the "box" lives on the floor. (*Tip; do not keep you PC on the floor.*) And faster still if you have pets. (*Tip; discourage your cat from perching on the computer. Also, discourage your dog from perching on top of the computer.*)



Fans that keep air flowing in, to cool the machine, also cake up with dust. If the computer gets too hot it does not run well, may spontaneously re-boot; and over time will

acquire physical damage.

To clean your computer; FIRST take a photo (or note down) what is plugged in where at the back. Then, unplug everything. Carry the box to somewhere you won't mind having dust blowing around. A side panel will be designed to remove or slide back; have a look for which screws are holding it in place, and try not to unscrew the fans etc. Once the screws are removed, the panel may just fall away or slide back; or might need a specific wiggle. Avoid dropping the box on the concrete while you work this out. The panel may have an attached fan to disconnect before getting the panel out of the way.

Once you have exposed the interior of the PC, carefully blow out the dust. An air compressor is very good, at LOW pressure. No more than 20 pounds. Generally, point the gun away for the first burst, and

once the pressure drops, cautiously direct it at the machine. Avoid de-populating the motherboard. Direct the stream of air under and around where you can. Hold the fans still while you blow the dust off them.

If you don't have access to an air compressor, a can of compressed air can be used. I once tried one, but found it kept wanting to squirt water and foam as well as air. Some vacuum cleaners can be made to blow instead of suck, which is handy - but DO NOT use the suction of a vacuum cleaner to remove the dust, as the build of static is not good for the computer.

Do NOT wipe the electronic bits. Carefully use a damp cotton-tip, or a small paintbrush, to get dust off the blades of the fans.

For an amateur that should be enough. Those who know what they are doing remove some parts.

For comprehensive instructions, a good guide is at [www.howtogeek.com/72716/how-to-thoroughly-clean-your-dirty-desktop-computer/](http://www.howtogeek.com/72716/how-to-thoroughly-clean-your-dirty-desktop-computer/)

Myself, once the side panel is back in place I don't bother screwing it up again.

You may wish to take this opportunity to clean where the PC sits; then re-instate it, and plug those cables back in. If USB cables do go back in different places, the operating system will eventually sort it out.

A computer-repair person will probably do the job for you if you would rather. Either way, a desktop pc ought have it's dust blown out at least once a year.

Happy computing - Andrea Stevenson.



# Tatong Tavern

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Hope to see you all soon.

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## Frauded

From Darcy Hogan

Is that a word? Is now!! English (as she is spoke) is a growing language.

Anyway, at the Tattler committee meeting the other day I mentioned that I had been in battle with A bank (one of the four) about money being taken from an account without my consent. They said I should write an article to share the information so here we go.

Theft / Fraud. Call it what you like but it was money stolen from me. It had been taken in five transactions and added up to just under \$3,000. (I keep a firm track of out monetary dealings for just this purpose and receive monthly statements for that purpose).

I called that bank ("*please hold – you call is important to us – blah blah blah*") and was transferred to the section that dealt with such matters ("*please hold – you call is important to us – blah blah blah – again*") and after some discussion it was agreed I had had money taken illegally and it would be returned. Sure enough money came back but not enough and it just covered one of the five transactions.

It took me four more phone calls to get the whole amount back and each time the person I spoke to assured me the whole amount would be returned. This whole process took over a month of calls and watching online for money to be returned.

A friend of mine who used to actually work in that area told me that that bank allows for over \$20 million to be stolen from it and would never return the money unless 'pestered'. True or false? Dunno, but I am going for true!!

So, given that that particular bank closed its Benalla branch I no longer deal with them. They kindly sent me a letter to say the branch was closing and I could happily attend to my business in Wangaratta. WHAT!!!!!! Probably some Sydneysider office worker looking at Google Earth and saying – 'that's not far to drive'.

So the old saying is true – *The squeaky wheel gets the grease.*





### CHOCOLATE, ALMOND AND DATE TORTE

With so much sadness from the bushfire season, the floods and now the Coronavirus I thought maybe a little chocolate and sugar sweetness was needed to put smiles back in our lives.

This recipe can be made with either almonds or walnuts. It keeps well in the fridge for 4-5 days. It's gluten and dairy free. Use the egg yolks to make an indulgent custard, ice cream or Portuguese custard tarts. If you don't want to use the yolks on the same day cover with water or milk to stop them drying out. Tip – I always check the dates even if the pack says pitted – invariably there will be at least one rogue pit!! I cut the dates in half to make sure. I like to chop the chocolate, almonds and dates separately and then combine. This is quite a sweet recipe.

300g dark chocolate I use 70% Lindt  
300g almonds, skin on and roasted  
250g pitted dates  
6 egg whites at room temperature  
150g caster sugar

Grease and line a 22-23 cm cake pan with baking paper. Set oven to 150 degrees fan forced, 160 degrees normal heat.

Chop chocolate, almonds and dates separately in a food processor until they look like coarse breadcrumbs. Combine in a large bowl.

In a separate very clean and dry bowl whisk the egg whites with an electric beater until soft peak stage. Add the caster sugar gradually until firm peak stage. Gently add the chocolate mixture and fold in until well combined. Tip into cake pan smoothing the top. Lightly tap the filled cake pan on the bench to knock out any air bubbles. Bake for 1 hour and 20 minutes. Cool in the pan. Store in the refrigerator and bring to room temperature before serving.



### SIMON'S TOMATO CHUTNEY

Tomato season is peaking about now so it's a good time to make some ketchup, relish or chutney.

I call this recipe Simon's Tomato Chutney as I used to make it for a café in Berry NSW owned by a very nice kiwi chap called Simon!

It's super easy and can be turned into a spicy version with a little tweaking. See end of recipe.

Main tip for making chutney is to watch it like a hawk. Don't walk away and leave it on the heat. Stir constantly or it will stick and burn, especially the sultanas.

Always pot into hot, sterile glass jars and preferably use new, vinegar proof lids. Fletchers next to Bunnings in Wangaratta have a large size range of new lids.

2kg tomatoes, chopped  
500g apples, peeled, cored and chopped. I use Granny Smith apples  
500g onions, peeled and chopped  
300g raisins  
300g white sugar  
300ml white vinegar  
Salt and pepper to taste

Chop all vegetables equal in size, for a smooth chutney chop small but I prefer a chunky style so cut vegetables approx 1 to 1.5 cm in size.

Place all ingredients into a large wide preserving pan or casserole. Bring to the boil then turn down heat and simmer until most of the moisture has evaporated. You should be able to "draw a line" with a wooden spoon through the mixture. The time for this to happen really depends on the ripeness and juiciness of the tomatoes and apples. Test for seasoning and adjust to your liking.

Pour into clean, hot jars. Tap on a wooden or cork board to remove any air pockets. Lid whilst hot.

Label and date. Store out of direct sunlight. Fabulous with a sharp cheddar cheese or cold meatloaf.

For a spicy version add 1 teaspoon of chilli flakes, 1 tablespoon of freshly grated ginger and

1 tablespoon of mustard seeds at the beginning of the cooking stage. Substitute malt vinegar and brown sugar.

Yellow leaves crackled underfoot as I walked through the paddock down to the dam – frost covered everything - white and crunchy and slightly slippery – the cold air made breathing deeply, a challenge. The gentle morning breeze kept my eyes crying and nose running.

Beautiful – and breathtaking.

The birds called on their I-phones, letting each other know –probably with photographs – that they were having wonderful bugs – worms – berries – seeds, for breakfast. Great name Twitter, when all the birds spoke together - and – Tweet, when one had their own personal message to give to the world.

In the middle of this wonderful noisy cold morning there was a definite, defined, distinctive quiet – in the midst of all, Peace - a stillness of the inner being – listening to the world – in the world – on the world – of the world – but a life force beyond the world – a much greater I AM presence – here and now.

The 'walking in open eyed meditation' shattered by a mob of wallabies crashing out of their cover, frightened by my presence –

Sorry –

I checked the gates and pump – satisfied I wandered back to the house.

Bags in the car and off to Melbourne for the flight to Ho Chi Min City.

Our son lives there so we often visit.

The Melbourne terminal was the crushing opposite of the morning – no quiet - no peace – no stillness – no crisp breathing in this cavern of hot windmilling life force sapping vital activity from within – only an abundance of electronic Twitter and Tweeting - Passengers checking in - - - -and - - - - waiting – through the electronic 'read your face' and passport stations - - - - waiting – watching and listening to many Viet Nam bound passengers practice their 'Olympic standard' nose and throat clearing and sniffing routines.

Two teenage girls sitting on the concourse floor - about 3 meters apart – showing much more of their anatomy than they should – talking to each other on their mobile phones – incredible –

Can no one talk face to face anymore? Maybe difficult for younger people to feel the human presence of others in this, instant disaster notifying, and, violence glorifying. new millennium [or whatever it's called nowadays]-

Maybe we are trying to diminish our touch sense, without appearing to be retreating, so we can fool ourselves that we are very resilient and in control of the pain within us by not being 'here and now' and conscious of the overloaded burden of the 'disconnect' that we see all around us.

Maybe the thrill of owning and operating a 'device' has lured them across to the dark side – never to return!? Maybe, as they pay for data, they are determined to devour it all –down to the last bite? – eating every little bit.

The flight was pleasant enough until I looked out the window at the setting sun.

The aircraft was cruising at 42000 feet in the clear and freezing -62 degree air. The cloud, way below us, appeared, in long strands, very thread like and translu-

cent, and was covering the earth's surface from horizon to horizon.

Fragmenting the cloud even further, by colouring the various layers quite differently, was the most indescribably magnificent orb of luminous and iridescent light.

The emotional wash that bathed me into being overwhelmed, was paralysing, and more than I could absorb – a visual and body tingling sensation beyond my ability to describe.

The sunset was very rapid [as it is in the tropics] – but – fantastically, the sun set twice.

The first sunset happened through the top layer of cloud – the bright upper diminishing disc was from another dimension – a deep golden violet red. The growing disc under the cloud was rainbow brilliant, amazingly it rain-bowed all the surrounding cloud.

Hovering for a moment, which seemed like a dreamily long time, it then descended into the cloud, and again, although not as bright as before, turned the lower layers into greens and golds and reds and blues and violets – a massive hovering disc of wonder – then it slowly disappeared through the cloud and behind the earth's slightly curved surface.

The light quickly faded to nothing and darkness, like a soft and comforting cloak, gathered us in and the world seemed to change its gears.

I was left with all the wonderful 'consciousness opening' thought and feelings that I allowed myself to have – very grateful for the ability to not only be able to see what I had just seen, but to be able to integrate and appreciate everything for what it was.

Arrival into Ho Chi Minh City will definitely shatter any lingering feelings of tranquillity.

The heat, the smell and the noise jump into your being and they leave very little room for relaxation and quiet contemplation.

But it is life – it is fantastic to feel everything.

It is great to accept that your own, and other people's worlds, are as they are, and everything, is what it is.

The yellow leaves that crackled underfoot as I walked were now a forgotten memory.

However, surfacing at odd times, feelings of guilt and a little sadness that I startled that peaceful mob of wallabies –

Was that only this morning!

Andrew McFarlane



Australia Day Raffle



## Pre-Loved Children's Books for PNG Village Schools:

### From Little things, Bigger Things Grow

In December 2018 we hosted two University students from the PNG Highlands here in Benalla, Gita Korimbo from Eastern Highlands Province, and Vivian Kiyo from Enga Province. Both had been awarded Leigh Grant Vial Memorial Scholarships in 2014 for their final school years at Goroka Grammar. During their visit they mentioned that their respective village schools were short of supplies, especially story books and



readers in English.

With the help of friends, we collected some 45 suitable pre-loved books, and in April sent them to Sogopegu, Gita's village near Bena.

Coincidentally it is near the place where my relative Leigh Vial died in a plane crash, in April 1943, while guiding a US Air Force plane, dropping supplies to an Australian Commando Patrol.

Last June, while in Goroka for the Scholarship awards, I was invited to visit Sogopegu. The village welcome and thanks were overwhelming. Warriors, young and old in traditional costume, and a long avenue of 250 young school children all very smart in their school uniforms. At the far end of the avenue was a dais of local dignitaries, including the Inspector of Elementary Schools, and the Inspector of Primary Schools for the Eastern Highlands Province. Lots of speeches and gifts, all watched by scores of villagers, sitting on the grass under their colourful sun-umbrellas - all in gratitude for a gift of 45 second-hand children's books.

On my return home, with pictures from the village, I suggested to the Friends of Benalla Library that we ask the Benalla community for suitable children's books for elementary and primary village schools.

The response from Benalla and surrounds has been wonderful. The three collection points (Benalla Library, Benalla U3A and the office of Steph Ryan MP) overflowed in no time, with children's books from the



library, grandparents' cupboards, the four local primary schools, and the four opportunity shops. Between August and mid-November we received several thousand books, and we had to pause collecting any extra. One year seven student from Cathedral College, Wangaratta collected

over 400 books and has some great ideas re further support in the form of computers/notepads and setting up email "pen pals".

Our objective is to help introduce English early in village student's school years, so that when they reach high school, where teaching is all in English, they are not at a disadvantage. In the towns, English is commonly used, but in the villages most conversations are in pidgin or the local dialect. All teacher training includes English, but they have few resources to read from, or teach in English.

Of the 35 boxes dispatched so far, most have been in cartons of some 90 to 100 books to be given directly to a village school.

Collecting books turns out to be easy, and having multiple contacts in several Highland areas helps with distribution to suitable villages. The hardest part is finding an affordable transport solution. This January, we were able to send 20 cartons in a charity container from Brisbane, which was a wonderful help. With most of the transport industry was still on holiday there were hiccups, but between Bill Sykes, Renee from Project Yumi, Georgie from LinFox and Carmel from StarTrack, the boxes got through.



From my two tourist and six scholarship visits to PNG since 2010, I can only agree with the ABC Correspondent describing it as a land of smiles. I have found a people very favourably disposed to Australians, and hoping for opportunities to work together.

I have also been heartened by the interest and support this program has received from the Benalla community. It is regrettable that Australia seems to have forgotten the long and close relationship our two countries shared in war and peace, not so long ago.



Many thanks to all the community members who contributed so many children's books, and to Treasure Hunter, Benalla for saving sturdy cartons for shipping books to PNG.

*Brian Vial*





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## More Memoirs - Nita McCauley 1999

60 years ago - January 1939 - The summer of the worst bush fires ever in south-eastern Australia, when a total of 71 lives were lost in Victoria, 50 of them on Friday 13th — still known as "Black Friday" throughout the state.

The Tatong area also had its share of fires, although, thankfully, no lives were lost. I was at home following completion of my first stint of twelve months nursing at the Eye and Ear Hospital, and waiting to commence my General Nursing Training at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in February. I found myself back in the cowyard helping my 60 year old mother with the milking, while my father and brothers were away fighting fires, together with other men of the district. We milked 25-30 cows by hand in those days, probably fewer in January as the cows were "going out", but nevertheless, quite an arduous task.

Extracts from a diary kept by my mother may be of interest, and convey some idea of conditions prevailing at the time, and the concern felt by all country residents.

The summer of 1939 followed 2 years of drought, only 334mm (13.36 inches) being Benalla's official rainfall for 1938, and 543mm (21.72 inches) for 1937. Annual average for this area 28 inches (700mm.).

Diary extracts as follows:

### 1938

Dec 22: River stopped running in front of our place.

Dec 31: Very hot and smoke all round at 2pm.

### 1939

Jan 1: A very hot day.

Jan 2: A very hot and windy day- the worst this summer.

Jan 3: Dad, Tom and Bill went to the fire above Woodbury's (south-east of Dodd's Bridge) which is burning well. A north wind.

Jan 4: About 1 point of rain fell, a little thunder and very close.

Jan 6: A very hot day with hot north wind.

Jan 7: A very hot day with hot wind blowing.

Thunderstorms at 11pm, but no rain.

Jan 8: Sultry morning with strong wind from northwest. 12 noon - fire started at Coghill's (now Larkin's) through engine backfiring at the well. Got under control in 1 hour's time. Still very hot - hottest day since 1903 (109° (43°C) in Melbourne.).

Jan 9: Smoke all over the place - can only see as far as pigsty (probably about 100 metres). Noon smoke clearing away. 6pm strong south wind comes up and goes down - a lot cooler.

Jan 10: A very hot day - 105° (41°C) - at Coghill's coolest spot. A very hot night and about 100° (38°C) till about lam, when there was a terrible dry storm from the north with wind. It did blow for about 5 minutes, with a few drops of rain.

Jan 11: Another very hot morning with a strong north wind, clouds are getting up and a wee bit cooler.

Jan 12: Cool in the a.m., wind coming up from the south, cloudy and smoke everywhere. The night not so hot.

Jan 13: Black Friday 11am coming up very hot - windy from northwest. 1pm. dust storms - a very hot wind blowing - it is just like a furnace. Fires everywhere. Wood's Point was burnt out, only 3 out of 150 homes were not burnt to the ground. A special train conveyed about 150 to the Seymour camp.

Jan 14: A bit cooler with south wind blowing - the fire at the break got away again at 4pm - under control again

about midnight - a cool change. Bell's Mill was burnt down.

Jan 15: Cooler - a light wind blowing from the south. 3am started to rain and kept on light rain until 2am. Monday. About ½ inch of rain fell - nice and cool.

Jan 16: Rain failing - about ½ inch. Nice cool night - all slept well.

Feb 2: Very hot day NW wind blowing - a warm night - 110° in Store (44°C).

Feb 13: Very hot day 108° in school (42°C).

Feb 14: A very hot day with a north wind blowing 110° at the Store. Clouds coming up and looks like rain.

Feb 15: A cloudy morning with 2 drops of rain.

Feb 17: About 1 ½ inches of rain fell before 7am - a nice cloudy cool morning. A heavy shower at 4pm.

Feb 25: Saturday, Tolmie Sports Day. Showers off and on all afternoon, till 7pm, then rained all night, also Sunday morning.

Feb 27: Monday - rained nearly all day up till Tuesday a.m. A good flood in the river about 6 inches of rain fell.


April 12th & 13th (Wednesday and Thursday) A cloud burst Wednesday night over near Lurg. Flooded Winton area and Barkly Street Benalla. A Goods Train collapsed and turned over near Winton. 4½ inches rain fell through the night.

The severe dry summer was followed by substantial autumn rain producing a bountiful season. The total rainfall for 1939 recorded at 1093 mm (43.72 inches.) Yet another example of the extreme weather conditions which so frequently prevail in this area of the world.


The following additional information was contributed by Mr Fred Crowe. The fire above Woodbury's (diary entry of 3/1/1939) started from a fire lit by a sleeper cutter to boil his billy, although the area was cleared and on swampy ground. Crowe Bros and Bob Campbell were first to the fire and attempted unsuccessfully to beat it out. This fire continued to burn through to Whitfield. Smoke mentioned in diary (31/12, 9/1, and 12/1) was blown in from Alexandra, Wood's Point and Mansfield areas.

These heavily wooded hillside fires could only be fought by men raking a break around the perimeter with hand tools, beating with wet bags, some use of knapsacks, and allowing the fire to burn itself out - a far cry from the equipment available today.

Best wishes for a happy 1999 with no bush fires,  
Cheers, Nita McCauley 26/1/99.




A big, big  
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to our neighbours, & all the fire fighters  
from Tatong, Swanpool & Whitegate fire sheds,  
in responding & dealing with the lightening struck  
tree & logs on our property early this month.

Also thank you to DWELP for  
excavating the tree after it was discovered  
that the roots were still burning.

Thanks also to Bernie & Claire Evans  
for bringing the fire to our attention.



Very much appreciated,  
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## Garden Daze

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



### Oh My—What a Summer!

From wondering whether we would be needing to pack up and evacuate, to trying to keep the garden alive, to regrading the driveway after a deluge gouged large ruts down its length. And should I have mentioned the storm and fallen trees?

All things considered - we have been lucky - it hasn't been necessary (fingers crossed) to evacuate, some of the garden is still OK, only three trees landed on the fences (this time) and Peter Z has been busy with his grader blade on the driveway.

We bought two carry cages for the Guinea Pigs—should it become necessary to leave. Tho it really doesn't bear thinking about a car trip with four dogs (we are minding one for our son) and a Guinea Pig contingent!

### Wider Open Spaces



It was with regret that we watched two 6 meter Acacia Floribunda trees in the garden die. We had planted these over 25 years ago and they shed some nice shade. Removal was quite a job and there is now a wide open space where they once resided.

We seem to have two different cultivars of this tree. The ones that I brought with us when we moved up here are much larger and more of a tree, and have lived for at least 25 years than the ones that we have bought since, which are more of a multi trunked large shrub and more inclined to "call it at day" around 15 years.

It has been sad to see so many of the smaller trees/shrubs in our plantations dying. Up on the hill at the back—three years ago it was really beautiful—now only the larger eucalypt seem to be surviving, and many of the smaller acacias which were "self sown" are bunches of dead sticks. Let's hope that some more benign weather over the next few years gets a few more sprouting and filling the gaps.

### New Tree Plantations . . Not Good News

A while back I was talking to Geoff Brennan just before he retired from the Goulburn Broken CMA. We were discussing tree planting and Geoff remarked that



these days the biggest problem they had when it came to getting new plantings established was the destruction caused by deer.

### Feeding the Wildlife

A small wallaby has decided that our place is his home and has eaten all the leaves that he can reach in our small orchard and any flowers that I was trying to grow either in the ground or in ornamental pots. This is during the night and sets the dogs off barking.



There is a family of possums living behind a wooden wall in one of the sheds. Either for the view or ventilation they have gnawed holes in the panels and will change position to watch us through these holes when they hear us on "our" side.

These nocturnal marsupials find rose buds and various other garden shoots quite delicious.



The King Parrots like the geraniums and can shred a small bush in no time. They also like apples, pears and nectarines.

The large goanna that has been hanging around for the past month, was suspected of getting more eggs from the chooks than we were, causing the chooks to be moved to a completely enclosed area. Likewise the guinea pigs were rapidly relocated to the "maximum security runs", when I sur-



prised the goanna (actually this was a mutual feeling) when I came across it in the vegie garden right next to the more open runs.

The goanna is also number one suspect in the sudden disappearance of one of the guinea fowl, especially since it has been seen high up in the Chinese Elm tree where the pair of guinea fowl used to sleep at night, and immediately after the

disappearance of its mate the remaining guinea fowl went into the shed with the bantam chooks to sleep.

**Time to Plant** - Beetroot, Broccoli, Cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Kohl Rabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Parsley, Parsnips, Silverbeet, Spinach, Turnip.

### Easter and the Molyullah Fair Monday 13 April

If you have any spare cuttings you may have grown or something that could be dug up from the garden - (daffodil bulbs are a good seller) your donations are most welcome and help make the Stall a success.

Happy Gardening Kathy Z





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**Dates**

**White Gate Dinner @ The Tatong Tavern** in March falls upon Wednesday 4th. Splat. If Wednesday survives this, we will meet for a banquet at the Tavern. Book yourselves in, peruse the Specials board and organise some alcohol.

There are some Significant Birthdays happening; but when is a birthday insignificant? Happy Birthday to all celebrating summer birthdays, and let us applaud and honour their mothers (they did the hard work).

### **White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:**

Andrew Marriott	23 Feb	Angus McMillan	22 Mar
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# Gawn to Town

## Are You Prepared for Death?

Sorry; I'm not enquiring about your spiritual reconciliation, or suggesting the end of the world is nigh. And no, moving into town isn't that bad. In fact with no drought-stricken sheep gazing woefully at me, I've had time to do some genealogy. Took a plunge in the gene-pool. Nearly drowned there.



Seeking more information about a great-great-grandmother and her family, I forked out for her Death Certificate. Online "Births Deaths and Marriages" provides basic information for free, if asked the correct questions, preferably with the correct spelling. (A trap, that.) But to eyeball the actual Death Certificate costs about \$25.

Recorded there in 1879, by Deputy Registrar Catherine Langam, was the Fitzroy address where Sarah McAlister died (of "Chronic Bronchitis and weakness of Heart"); that her father was Joseph Butterworth, a soldier; her mother's name unknown; that she was born in Leeds, Yorkshire; was in New South Wales 6 years, then in Victoria 25 years. Under "Issue" are listed the names and ages of her children (which is mostly what I was after). This valuable information would have been provided by Sarah's husband. But great-great-grandfather James McAlister was either grief-stricken, or didn't have a good birthday-calendar to hand, for the age he gave each his 'issue' is a few years out from the BDM records. Typical father; I bet Sarah knew how old each of her children was, and her mother's name. But Sarah was dead. Shortly after acquiring Sarah's death certificate, I spoke with a friend who was preparing for a funeral. She was asked much the same questions as James McAlister had been 141 years before... and she wasn't sure about some of the answers. Made me wonder about histories mis-filled on death certificates over the centuries, either through ignorance, or deliberate obfuscation.

Some Black Trivia, imagine that someone near to you has just 'Eaten the Salmon Mousse' (ie died). The funeral director is asking you the following questions about them:

- \* Deceased's full name    \* Date of birth
- \* Place of death (full address of hospital or residence)
- \* Residential address
- \* Occupation during working life
- \* Place of birth (city and country)
- \* Marital status at time of death
- \* All marriages (place of marriage; city, state & country, full name of spouse, age at the time of marriage)
- \* Parents' names and occupations, including mother's maiden name
- \* Children's names, dates of birth and ages
- \* Place of burial or cremation
- \* Religion (if applicable)
- \* Your relationship to the deceased



I'm considering adding my information to my will, in case at the time I go daisy-pushing-up, no-one knows those answers for me. Then again, the tax office probably knows more about me than I do. After all, there is nothing surer...

Andrea Stevenson

## Upcoming dates to note for Molyullah and surrounding districts

### Molyullah Hall Committee

A heads up for **April 28** which is the date proposed for the Molyullah Community Triennial Public Meeting for election of a new Hall Committee. A formal notice will be issued in the April issue. As a current member of the Hall Committee I can say that it is not a big commitment – the Hall Committee meets once every two months and meetings are generally a bit over an hour. It would be great to have some new members as this always results in a more vibrant committee.

### Upcoming Fish & Chip nights.

The **March Fish & Chip** night will be on ... **Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> ... of March**. Last month was a hugely successful evening in numbers and enjoyment had by all. Russell had some difficulties with the cooker and this will be sorted before 13 March.

The **April Fish & Chip night** falls on **Good Friday, 10 April**. Hopefully the marquee will be up - then even if the weather is not kind we will have an under-cover outside eating area. This could be a big night as Easter in this area is popular and visitors are plentiful.

### Working Bees for the Sports

These will be advertised next issue but please keep some time to help on either Good Friday Morning and/or Easter Sunday Afternoon.

### Food Handler's Workshop

There will be a free Food Handler's Workshop held at the Molyullah Hall on **Wednesday, 18 March from 7.30pm to 9.30pm**. This is open to anyone in the district and surrounds – you don't have to be from Molyullah to participate. This presents a great opportunity to all those who assist with catering locally to refresh their food handling skills.

Janette Knapper

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MICHAEL VERDE - MEMORY BRIDGE &  
Dementia Without Loneliness  
March 16th-19th 2020

Only weeks to the Michael Verde Tour. Quite a coup to have an international expert and speaker in the North East. How did this come about?

The event has been instigated by Maeve Larkin, President of Bridging Spaces (not for Profit Inc). Maeve has worked in Benalla, Beechworth, Mansfield and Violet Town providing her sensitive, caring and enriching experiences to Aged Care Residents. Five years ago, Maeve was awarded a scholarship to attend the Memory Bridge Training Retreat in Indiana, US. Since then, Maeve has incorporated the training and experiences from the course in her approach to supporting, engaging and enriching her dance, movement therapy sessions. Every week there will be obvious indications of recognition, enjoyment and involvement among the people with dementia in the group.

Over the past 3 years, Maeve instigated an 18 hour non-verbal communication training for volunteers who wish to become companions for people with dementia. There are now 12 people who have experienced Maeve's course and been challenged to find other ways to communicate and engage with people with dementia. To further spread the transforming power of Memory Bridge and ending the isolation of people with dementia, Maeve has created a not-for-profit group "Bridging Spaces" through which she will continue training volunteers.

Throughout the tour, Michael Verde, the founder of memory Bridge, will present his vision of how we can better support the emotional needs of people with dementia, how to reach out and perhaps cross that bridge into the world of someone with dementia.

On Monday March 16th at 6.30pm The public launch is **free** – hosted by Estia Health at Benalla Performing Arts Centre (BPACC). Call Lindy on 0439 863 248 or email [benalla@estiahealth.com.au](mailto:benalla@estiahealth.com.au)

Tuesday 17th March 10am to 12noon, Age Friendly Benalla is hosting a **free** family carers workshop at Swanpool Hall. BOOKINGS <https://www.trybooking.com/BIALR>

Also on Tuesday 1.30 – 3pm, is a screening of the documentary "Love is Listening – Dementia without Loneliness" You will have the opportunity to ask Michael questions after viewing the documentary. \$10 admission with complimentary afternoon tea.

BOOKINGS <https://www.trybooking.com/BIANC> \$10

Many Aged Care facilities in our region have quickly signed up for staff workshops. Cooina who has welcomed Maeve and her volunteers over many years to deliver sessions to residents living with dementia has booked a whole day for their staff and volunteers. Illoura and St Catherine's in Wangaratta have combined to sponsor a 5 hour staff workshop. Indigo Shire and Beechworth Health are sponsoring a morning lecture followed by an afternoon screening of the documentary and Q&A Ph : Kate 0428 662 412

DEMENTIA WITHOUT LONELINESS – 4 day tour of North East Victoria is brought to you by non-profit Bridging Spaces, Benalla. For further information contact Maeve 0405 564 985 or email : [bridging-spaces2020@gmail.com](mailto:bridging-spaces2020@gmail.com).



The Tatong Australia-Day Breakfast scored good weather. As usual it was beautifully catered for, with a range of delicious breakfast foods. Caryn De-Fazio brought the Early Bird coffee van along. Sadly, the turn-up was less than usual, and in 2019 there had been no nominations for Tatong community members. Councillor Willie Van Wersch attended on behalf of Benalla Council. There were raffle prizes on hand – buckets, and a basket, full of goodies. And the Money Tree! Jack Harrison spoke about his role and experiences in getting crews of fire-fighters onto the trucks and the ground as required. He expressed his gratitude to so many who volunteered, as fast as

he could put out the requests. Some crews were messed about with changing plans, but even so were still keen to do all they could to help.

Andrea Stevenson





### THE SURPRISING JOY FROM BEING ORDINARY

Having seen the two outstanding documentaries, "Pavarotti" and "The Eulogy," which was about the life of pianist Geoffrey Tozer, at the Swanpool Cinema mid-February, I was left with a strong impression that being 'not famous' is a very good thing.

Both of the doco's dealt with issues around fame and its outcomes. Luciano Pavarotti, probably the greatest tenor of our times, could hardly have been more famous but he suffered from loneliness and the absences from family especially his three daughters. Hotels substituted for home when traveling and, because as a lad he was a spoiled by a horde of grannies, aunts and siblings he tried to recreate that childhood by surrounding himself with friends and acquaintances as well as by cooking his favourite foods.

Ironically for one so famous Pavarotti suffered great stress before going on stage; he would say, "I go to die," such was the pressure of performance and he did not like to listen to his recorded singing. On a rare occasion when listening to his own singing with a daughter he was pleasantly surprised to find that he did sound good after all. It was no accident that he sang so wonderfully because, apart from the gift of his voice it required years of study, practice and dedication on his part to finally 'arrive'.

His greatest sorrow was to not be the father he wanted to be to his three older daughters who felt deprived of his company but he could not do justice to both his voracious public and his family. His international lifestyle and the adulation by millions of fans made monogamy difficult leading him to find 'solace' with other women while still married. This did not go down well with his family, fans or his traditional Italian Catholic upbringing.

At 71 and as his career was slowing, he had remarried and was looking forward to being the father he always wanted to be to his daughters, grandchildren and especially to his newest young daughter. He was deeply disappointed that just when he could begin to live this simpler life he developed terminal pancreatic cancer.

A theme common to both Pavarotti and Geoffrey Tozer the Australian pianist was the influence of a parent in their careers. This particularly applied to Tozer whose mother raised him by herself to become the 'new Beethoven'. She was already married but imagined breeding a kind of musical messiah when enamoured with another man who became Geoffrey's (anonymous) father. Tozer's obsessive musical life was an extreme version of how not to raise a child, because, while he was technically of a genius level with pianism his everyday life especially in adulthood was a shambles.

The main influence for Pavarotti was his father, also a good tenor but relatively unknown. He encouraged Luciano to devote himself to attaining the highest level, something which dad could not reach, but his 'push' was not anything like the obsession which possessed Tozer's mother who was also an 'un-famous' musician. Geoffrey's piano playing became his 'be all and end all' while his ever present mother provided his daily needs, encouraging, guiding him and imagining no limit to his abilities and potential.

Prime Minister Paul Keating took Tozer 'under his wing' when in his eyes Geoffrey was not getting the work and acclaim that he deserved. Keating felt that the major orchestras shunned him but from other observations in the documentary Keating's conclusions were only partly right

because he seemed unaware of Tozer's alcoholism, unreliability and tendency to add inappropriate improvisations. Tozer seemed to want to not only play the great works but occasionally to 'improve' them probably as a way of demonstrating his ability. Tozer also died young from the ravages of alcohol consumption.

All of these observations are not meant to denigrate the famous performers because they give so much delight to so many people. When the whole story about famous people becomes known the downside about their fame may also come to light. Often such people will say that they dreamed of fame or high achievement from as early as they could remember and this probably indicates that a parent's frustrated dream is being passed on to their child. The main reason I really loved these two documentaries was that they portrayed the whole person and did not just concentrate upon their particular ability and popularity. It can be rather boring to watch a tribute which suggests an almost other-worldly ability or even sainthood for someone who inevitably has the same 'feet of clay' as all of us.

An interesting and relevant quote from the 'Law of Karma: *every man (person) is the master of his own destiny* was spoken during one of these documentaries. The quote states that we are not the helpless, innocent victims of our circumstances, nor should we remain ignorant of the fact that the responsibility for personal fulfilment and happiness is our own.

Being famous has some rewards but so does just being ordinary – I'll take ordinary!

Mike Larkin



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### Cycle Dindi 2020

Cycle Dindi is on again along the scenic Great Victorian Rail Trail, through the Shires of Murrindindi and Mansfield on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – the middle weekend of the school holidays.

Organised by the Rotary Clubs of Yea and Alexandra, with assistance from the Rotary Club of Mansfield, the ride is a fully supported family friendly event for adults (seniors discount available) and children. A

variety of distances (long or short). starting places (Yea, Alexandra or Bonnie Doon) and starting times (8am – 11am) are available. Lunch is beside the Goulburn River at Cremona and the historic John Monash designed bridge and is a beautiful location to relax, enjoy some food, coffee (by mobile Café Amore) and be entertained by well-known local Julian Laucius.

The shearing shed at Nutfield, continues to be a popular place to stop for home made Devonshire tea and watch working dogs demonstrate their amazing sheep yarding skills and is included in the entry cost.

CycleDindi20 is a major fundraiser to support Rotary youth projects, such as Rotary Youth Leadership courses, Youth Exchange and School Bursaries. Entry forms available at Rotary websites [www.yearotary.org.au](http://www.yearotary.org.au) or [www.rotaryalexandra.org.au](http://www.rotaryalexandra.org.au) and follow CycleDindi 20 updates on Facebook. Queries to [cycledindi20@gmail.com](mailto:cycledindi20@gmail.com) and bookings via direct deposit or through Trybooking.com. Flyers are also available in Yea, Alexandra and Mansfield Visitor Information Centres.





### Could they have coped back then?

Some years ago, when smart phones first appeared on the scene, some young, tech savvy colleagues asked me how I was coping with the new technology. I would have been twice the age of some of them, so they assumed I would have been struggling. In those days, it was easy to keep up with phone and computer advances as I was using them all the time.



We were quite a large group, and as I started my answer, I couldn't help but think of that old comedy skit, "When I were a lad".

To looks of sheer amazement I explained that, once upon a time, most people did not have a phone in their house. Businesses and well off people had them. To make a call you went down the street, three pennies in hand, to your nearest phone box. Sometimes there was a queue. The worst thing was when the person already using the phone seemed to be part way through telling their life story. You just had to wait.



If you needed to call 999 (000), you would tell everyone ahead of you that it was an emergency. These calls were free.

It was possible to call someone and have a chat even if one or neither person had a phone at home. Public phones all had a phone number allocated to them. If you knew the number of a phone box, you could call it. All you needed to do was to both be at your local public phone at a prearranged time, and one person simply phoned the other phone box.

For a bit of a lark, you could call a phone box on a whim and see if anyone walking past would bother to stop and answer it. Mostly the call would go unanswered, but occasionally someone would answer and you might have a bit of a chat. This was most fun when you could see the phone box you were calling. Small things, eh?

Always a dilemma for me was walking past a public phone that was ringing – do I? or don't I?...

I remember being a sales rep in Melbourne in the 70s. We had to phone into the office each afternoon between one and two to get any messages. In those days the biggest challenge was to find a phone box that hadn't been vandalised. I got to know the milk bars that had a 'red phone' – they weren't very private but they always worked.

What luxury when pagers came in. They would only beep and you then had to find a phone to find out the message. Absolute luxury was when alpha numeric pagers were introduced – no more looking for a public phone.

An obvious fact of life these days is that people, especially younger people, seem to need to be in communication at all times.

I do wonder how they would have coped back then.  
John Knapper

### Goannas breeding up.

Back in 2018 I submitted an article and photo on a large goanna that was spending time in our garden. He seems to come back every year. This year, I was driving home and thought there was a fallen branch on the road. As I got closer I realized it was a goanna but I was a bit aghast to see it seemed to have legs coming out of odd places – I thought it had been run over. Closer again and I realized it was not one but two goannas mating! Looks like there will be no goanna shortage anytime soon!  
Janette Knapper



Young Bloods, Leroy and Jade





Presents

**MICHAEL VERDE  
MEMORY BRIDGE &  
Dementia Without Loneliness  
March 16th-19th 2020**

The principal source of suffering for those with dementia is emotional and social isolation. For family members, carers or well meaning friends it is not always easy to know what to do, what to say, or how to reach out and perhaps cross that bridge into the world of someone with dementia.

Michael Verde, world acclaimed Memory Bridge founder is coming to North East Victoria for 4 days of workshops, lectures and the NE Premiere of his documentary "Love Is Listening: Dementia without Loneliness".

He is already pre booked for in house staff training workshops in Benalla, Beechworth and Wangaratta. You are invited to attend his public sessions during his 4 day visit.

The public launch of Dementia Without Loneliness is hosted by ESTIA Health at Benalla Performing Arts Centre (BPACC) on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. Michael will present his vision of how we can better support the emotional needs of people with dementia. This will be a free event but bookings will be essential. For more information call Lindy on 0439 863 248 or email [benalla@estiahealth.com.au](mailto:benalla@estiahealth.com.au)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10am to 12noon Michael Verde will present a family carers workshop at the Swanpool Cinema. A limited number of places are available so early bookings for the workshop are definitely required. Contact Bridging Spaces, details below.

Michael Verde's award winning documentary "LOVE IS LISTENING – Dementia Without Loneliness" is on Tuesday March 17 at Swanpool Cinema, 1.30pm. You will have the opportunity to ask Michael questions after viewing the documentary. A small \$10 admission fee is required. Afternoon tea will be available in the dining room.

This 4 day event is being sponsored by Age Friendly Benalla, Coinda Benalla, Estia Health, GMCU, Illoura Wangaratta, Indigo Shire, St Catherine's Wangaratta. The event is also being supported by individual generous donations which are always welcome- contact Bridging Spaces.

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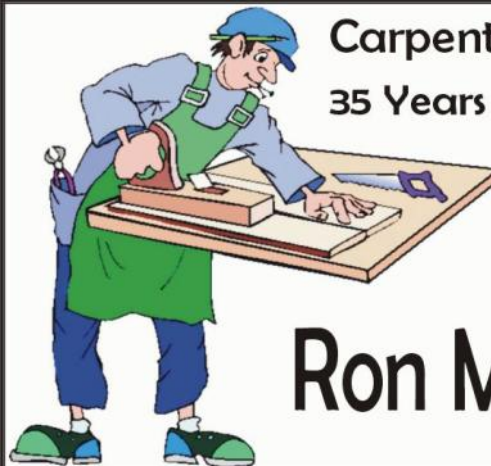


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### What's Happening at Molly Rose?

It's a short piece this month – we've been flat out with lots of things (I do too much stuff and have to learn to cut back, which is really hard when I want to do everything) so not a lot has been happening at Molly Rose, aside from keeping everyone alive.

The storm was a whopper – we got off lightly with only two trees suffering. The young gum tree up the back lost about a quarter of its bulk. And one of our neighbour's trees came down over the side fence, landing in the front garden and narrowly missing our house. We went and visited friends in Wangaratta where the power was still on and played board games until midnight before coming back and suffering in the heat like everyone else and wishing for a cool breeze.

Definitely enjoying the cooler February weather and showers of rain, feeling human again. And the poultry are beginning to lay again. Over the heat of Jan, combined with the smoke haze most of the flock stopped laying. They are finally picking up again now.

Ziggy Stardust is unfortunately a boy, but he still loves sitting on my wrist while I type (which he is doing now) and on my shoulder at night if we're watching a movie. He often comes when called by name, but not all the time (the kids say he is more like a cat than a dog) only coming if it suits him. He still steals the dog's food whenever the opportunity arises. He's not crowing often at this stage, but he is definitely a contender for a crow collar if he starts going off. He's just entered the hormonal stage and is pecking at people's feet so is spending a lot of time in the sin bin – we are hoping he'll figure out that attacking feet puts him in the box and he'll learn to resist the temptation!

Stealing the dog's food is good because Henry needs to be encouraged to eat, the poor old fella has heart problems and is not doing too well these days. The one thing that is almost guaranteed to get Henry to eat is when Ziggy starts eating out of Henry's food bowl. Henry is quite jealous when it comes to food.

I've been running my Rhode Island Red rooster with two of my Light Sussex hens as I'm interested to see what the offspring will be like, particularly in light of eating. In a few more days I'll have just over a dozen eggs for the incubator. Hopefully some of them will be fertile.

Write you again next month!

Carla



pekingtun tales by ziggy stardust  
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i am spending lots of day not in hous. get 2 run and jump lots. eet green stuff and bugs. Mama poot me in big pen wif lots of green stuff. but i am big enuf 2 b on my own.  
wen the big wind and rain cum mama brang me in. i was wet. wind and rain blo me fethers. i no like it. big peep say power gorn so no cooking.  
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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	23.9	100.1	29.3	118.9	760.3
2018	34.3	6.4	24.9	13.7	49.8	67.2	52.8	81.2	25.1	22.3	75	73.1	525.8
2019	27.7	13.2	23.8	22.7	105	72.9	83.7	49.4	51.3	34.9	37.9	40.8	563.3
2020	63.6												

### WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

A reasonable 25.4mm of rain has fallen till the 15<sup>th</sup> of February and the total for the whole of January was 63.6mm. Just when it seems that the end of the world is near, what with huge bushfires, it rains again as if nothing just happened.  
Mike Larkin

### Australia Day 2020

Thanks to everyone who came along on Australia Day for breakfast. We hope you enjoyed breakfast and the enjoyable and informative talk from Jack Harrison.

Thanks to those who stayed and helped clean up and pack up.

A special thanks to Jack Harrison, the Tatong CFA, Marty Burke, Rettke's Carrier Street Meats, Fruits & Fare, the Early Bird Coffee Van and the Tatong Community Centre who helped make the morning possible.

Remember it is never too early to start thinking about nominations for next year's Tatong Achiever of the Year nominations.

The recent fires throughout Victoria, and our entire country, have been catastrophic and devastating to whole communities, both near and far. The damage caused to homes, businesses and people's livelihoods has been disastrous and far-reaching.

The Good Friday Appeal Committee is currently assessing their fundraising goals for 2020, with the focus being on seeking opportunities to support the Bushfire Appeal. We have always been, and always will be, proud and passionate supporters of the RCH. But in light of the recent fires that have impacted all of us so heavily in so many ways, we are scaling back our fundraising on Good Friday 2020 for a smaller event.

We are proud of our local community's physical, emotional and financial commitment to the firefighters, volunteers and victims of the 2019/20 fires, and are aware of the overall toll it has had on families, businesses and individuals. Many people are not in a position to contribute to the level that is necessary to have an event the calibre of previous years. This would of course be a one-off event, and in 2021 we will be back in true form - bigger & better than ever!

So how can you still support the Good Friday Appeal? We are still accepting donations for Auction or

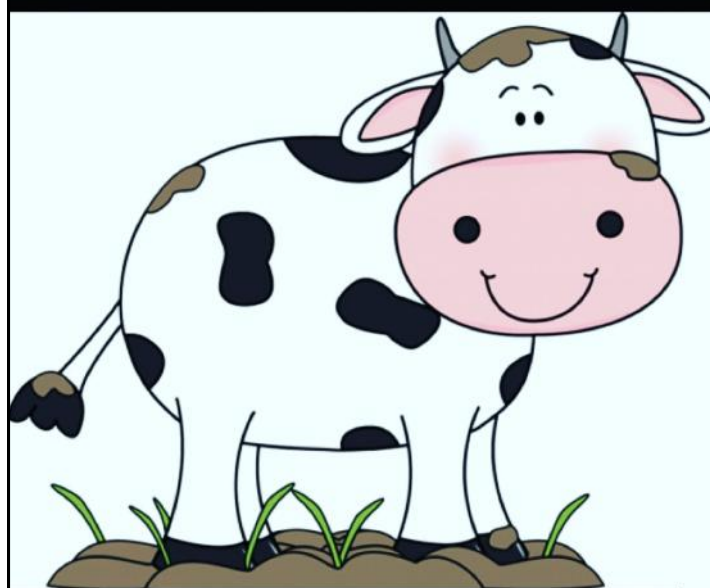
Raffle and we are also able to accept monetary donations.

If you wish to support the Tatong RCH Good Friday Appeal and are able to contribute we would sincerely appreciate your donation.

If you are wishing to make a monetary donation, this can be done by contacting us and we will arrange a Tax Deductible Receipt for you or your business.

Monetary Donations can be made by Direct Debit, Cheque or Cash, with 100% of money received and donated being passed onto the Good Friday Appeal. Full Details will be in the April Tattler, in the meantime make sure you keep an eye on our Facebook Page.

The Rumours Are True!!!



Cow Poo Lotto is Back!!

# What's on this month

## March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Tatong Fire Brigade Training. 7pm Fire Shed.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Whitegate Community Dinner. Tatong Tavern	<b>5</b> Play group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Mansfield Bush Poets. Mansfield Library 3-5pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Play group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res .	<b>13</b> Fish & Chip Night. Molyullah Hall 5.30pm	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Tatong Fire Brigade Training. 7pm Fire Shed.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Food Handler's Workshop Molyullah Hall. &.30pm-9.30pmS	<b>19</b> Play group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res .	<b>20</b> Girls Shed 10.00am at Tatong Hall	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Tatong Heritage Group Meeting. Tatong Hall 4pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Play group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res .	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

### TATONG MEMORIAL HALL'S NEW COMMITTEE

The community halls in our region are managed overall by DELWP, (Environment, Land, Water and Planning) the department of name changes, as some people call them and the localised management of the halls is by volunteer committees appointed by the Gov. Ministry. Elections from the local public are held every three years and the committee carries out everything needed for the upkeep and improvements to the facility.

Tatong's hall committee has just conducted its election, chaired by local Councillor Don Firth and has eight members re-elected plus one new member who is Julie Roberts. The others are Chair Pat Manser, Secretary Mike Larkin, Treasurer Nicole McFarlane and the committee members are Joe and Bev Hakkennes, Joan Lewis, Gerry Hevey and Rob Erskine. DELWP prefers a limit of 9 people for such committees. Three previous members, Bernie Evans, Barry Lewis and Terry O'Brien resigned from the committee but are available to help with working bees.

On behalf of the community and hall committee thanks to Bernie, Barry and Terry for their many years of service to the hall and community.

The main hall users are the Girls Shed and Table Tennis, otherwise the hall hosts events such as parties, dances,

weddings, meetings, concerts, wakes and other celebrations. Tatong was fortunate to obtain such a modern brick hall when it did because such buildings, like the small rural schools, no longer serve the important social role they once had before the advances in transport and the development of other social outlets. It so happens that the Tatong hall is 50 years old this August and a celebration is being planned. Joan Lewis alerted the committee to this date at the recent AGM meeting.

Current plans for the hall are to build a storage room with patio and the installation of a weather door at the hall's entry porch. The storage room will replace the shipping container presently on site and so the container is for sale at \$1400, transport to be at the buyers cost and responsibility. Interested buyers contact anyone from the above named committee. Another project, undertaken by our local Heritage committee, is the creation of a plaque listing the winners of Australia Day awards. The plaque to be installed beside existing memorials inside the hall. As a grateful recipient of this award a reminder to locals to think about nominating someone because this recent Australia Day we had no nomination for Tatong and we know that there are many deserving people around.

Mike Larkin



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