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### Grandson Mani Officially in Remission and Back to School

I completely forgot to update Amani's situation in the March edition of the Tattler but now there is more promising news.

(For anyone not aware my 9 year old grandson suffered osteosarcoma of his right leg with metastases in the lungs.

The disease was detected early in 2020 and he underwent treatment at the RCH for the rest of last year.)

In mid-March this year he started school in Shepparton attending for just 2 hours per day till he is able to cope with full time. His mum Anita has purchased a house in Shepparton which is where they had rented a house and she mainly works. They moved to Melbourne during the treatment period staying with his grandmother because of the constant travel demands.

He now looks like his old self as his hair grows and he has lost the 'chemo look'. Some people will have an ambiguous view about chemotherapy because it seems to be a fine line between killing the disease without killing the patient. Nevertheless if a person is given probably more years to live they will grasp at whatever treatment is available.

He is using crutches to get around but needs a wheelchair for longish distances. He is still tender emotionally and was not keen to sleep separately to mum or gran at first. His last intervention, at this stage, will be an operation to straighten his affected leg due to the fact that it had the cancerous bone removed and replacement bone installed from his other leg.

Mike Larkin

Amani and his teacher



### TATONG CFA FIRE SHED MURAL

A date and time has been set for the opening of the mural on the brigade's shed wall and it will be held on **Sunday April the 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am at the fire shed.**

Everyone is invited and please bring a small plate of eats for morning tea. Because the CFA has been in the media spotlight in recent times there may be concerns from management about Covid 19 protocols so make sure you have a mask, do not attend if you have virus symptoms or have been in the company of virus carriers. So long as there are no local infections the main thing is to have faith in common sense precautions such as a sign in book, hand washing and social distancing. This event will provide a social get-together for our community and district and it is a chance to see the work up close as well as familiarising yourself with the goings on in the fire shed.

In the last Tattler I said that taking photos of the mural would be best at 10am but now due to the change of seasons it is now better at around 9:30am to avoid shadows (if sunny) cast from trees or the ripples in the metal wall cladding.

I still haven't finished the painting completely (as at the 18<sup>th</sup> of March) but it is only minor touches that are needed. The mural will eventually be added to the tourism lists of other art works on walls and silos in the North East. I did have many tourists stop to look at and photograph the CFA mural plus the Tavern water tank painting and Swanpool scene which already brings them to Tatong.

For further information contact me at 0428273613, or Brigade Captain Rod Lindsay, mobile 0419671740 Mike Larkin



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## Garden Daze

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



*Manchurian Pear Trees have started to Announce that Autumn is heading our way.*

What would a cream sponge cake be without a generous spread of Passionfruit icing on top?

A favourite fruit for many. The passionfruit vine is a strong, vigorous, evergreen climber, originating in South America.



A good place to grow a passionfruit vine is one that is out in the open, with full sun and no competitive tree roots nearby.

Provide the vine with a strong trellis, fence or pergola to climb. Passionfruit vines climb via small curly spring-like tendrils that attach themselves to wire and have a great grip.



There was a time when the passionfruit vine was planted on top of a lamb or sheep's liver, ox heart, or some other piece of offal, to provide iron. This was placed at the bottom of the hole, and covered over with some soil, and then the new vine was planted on top.

These days it is more usual (unless the "on site" butcher has been visiting) to use pelletised

chick manure, scattered about a metre around the root system. Do this about twice a year.

Passionfruit vines are also hungry and thirsty and love a well-drained soil. It's also a good idea to put some mulch around the root system, to protect it from the hot sun.

In its first year the little vine will make its way across the trellis. Nip out the top bud and it will shoot out laterally. This will provide lots of side shoots, and the vine will start fruiting in about 18 months.

Given plenty of food, well-drained soil and lots of water, a passionfruit vine will thrive. Be careful and don't over fertilise - twice a year is best - too much fertiliser and there will be lots of vine but no fruit.



As the vine grows give it a light prune in late winter/early spring. Often what happens with a passionfruit vine is there is green growth on the outside, where the tendrils have at-

tached themselves and there is woody material in the centre. It is not necessary to prune hard every year - usually about 30 centimetres would be enough.

**Beware - The Grafted Passionfruit** - often recommended as being a better option. However I have found that the only difference is that you can be planting a perennial nuisance that is almost impossible to eradicate when the rootstock starts to take over..

If you start to notice growth of a different type - grey green five lobed leaves - at the base of a grafted passionfruit - remove the growth immediately - don't let it get a hold.



I have written in the past of my battle with one of these vines - it is a gardening form of *The Alien* and my battle continues to this day as the roots have enmeshed themselves with the asparagus. I thought a few years back that I had won after resorting to herbicide - but a couple of years later . . . Oh No - It's Back!

### Ornamental (Manchurian) Pear



I think I have the most enthusiastic Manchurian Pear Tree. I can see this tree out of the bedroom window and it is often the first sight I have of the new day. I think the tree has a calendar that is fast (like a clock that has been put forward to ensure the train is not missed) because the first red leaves appear way before any hint of Autumn is in the air.

The first couple of red leaves are rapidly followed by the others further down the branch, and very quickly the entire tree is a brilliant blazing red - unfortunately this wonderful display of colour is short lived and is followed by an equally enthusiastic leaf drop - and - there is a bare tree - waiting for spring.

Advice given to delay this attachment to an early colouring and leaf drop is more water and fertiliser - well I tried and it didn't work.

This year I have taken more notice of other trees in the neighbourhood, and have discovered that they range from - totally red to still totally green.

So I have come to the conclusion that it is a gene thing and I should just enjoy the early colour, because not much is going to curb this enthusiasm for a brilliant display of autumn colour

Happy Gardening

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# Gawn to Town

When we farmed grain, in the '80s and '90s, I loved driving the truck. Curiously, one doesn't actually need testicles to drive a truck. It was rewarding to climb up on the grain bin and level out a good load, to un-roll the tarp over a job well done. Great produce, great view. So much food! If it was rice; so very many rice puddings.

The Leyland grain-bin had a very short lever for opening the back door, and there was no way I could open it. But once a loop was welded on, by application of a small crowbar it was a doddle. On one occasion, having pulled up over the rice pit, I went to the back to find a red-faced man hauling helplessly at the lever. "Here, let me," I said.

In the 80s, women as farmers was often a challenging concept. There are endless stories of reps seeking "the farmer", and on finding a man and a woman, only addressing the man - even after being told the woman was the owner & the person in charge.

Some woolsheds still refused to have females on the floor (using the shearer's language as an excuse. \*%#!)

There were various reactions from traditional "farmer's wives" towards women who did what they considered men's work. One friend simply re-classified me as male; if I entered her house, I was to sit down and be fed, just like the men.

But an elderly matriarch of an old farming family gave me a frosty reception when I rang to see where to go to help fight a fire. She made it clear a female was neither needed nor welcome.

My mother said that when she was growing up on a dairy farm out of Talbot, on a neighbouring farm the woman of the house did all the milking, and the man kept the house. Nobody questioned it, she said. I wish I knew more - did the adults question it? Was the man incapacitated, or was this genuinely a case of a capable woman enjoying running the farm, and the man capably enjoying cleaning, cooking, and childminding? And each being respected within their community?

In the 80s I was interested in joining the local SES, until I read the monthly meeting reports, which celebrated a nauseatingly blokey group. Yet in the truck queue at the silos, where I would sometimes look to sit in the cabin, reading, or writing letters, I was often fetched out to join the groups of men, as they caught up on the local news, or denounced the political situation. (Not gossip, nooo.)

Being pigeon-holed by gender can cut both ways. In the truck-queue at the silos, I once saw a stocky man, decades older than I, climbing hesitantly up to the top of the grain bin, then crawling very slowly out to roll up the tarp. He appeared to be distressed by being that far off the ground. But being a bloke, what could he say? Maybe he would have rathered be a hairdresser, or a cashier, or a taxi driver, or sell hats.

Women, to an older generation of males, are expected to be fragile and terrified. Some males could get quite miffed if a woman didn't need his manly help. How sad, if one's only verification of self-worth is to have a set of people to feel superior to.

Here's to a society where people are valued for their ability, regardless of gender. And where women have more choice in life than "Home Duties".

- Andi Stevenson

## Never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

I reckon that it would be safe to assume that most people have heard of this saying. I hear it said often about politicians, journalists and Irish storytellers. These days though, it would apply to all sorts of things one hears, mostly from the conspiracy theorists and some, so called, world leaders. Most people, including Mr. Google, attribute the saying to Mark Twain. But – did he ever actually say it?

There is no proof that Mark Twain is responsible for the saying. In fact, it could well be a corruption of the Irish line, *"that's my story and if there's a lie there, so be it, for it wasn't me that composed it"*. In the tradition of Irish oral storytelling, the storyteller would often say this at the end of their story. The mere fact that it has been attributed to Mark Twain so often, it has become the 'truth'. That is the ideal segue to my next quotes:-

***"A lie told often enough becomes the truth."***

**Vladimir Lenin**

***"Repeat a lie often enough and it becomes the truth", is a law of propaganda often attributed to the Nazi, Joseph Goebbels.***

Haven't we seen that so often in the last few years! People don't seem to question what they hear, believing some of the most outlandish statements. This is evidently nothing new. It's obviously been going on for millennia.

***"People readily believe what they want to believe". Julius Caesar.***

Yes, it would seem that poor old Julius had problems back then. These days 'social' media makes it so much easier to spread misinformation. It would be possible to find something in the ether to support whatever you imagine – correct or incorrect.

***"Some people only listen to, and believe what they want to hear, the truth, to them, is irrelevant". Girish Doddamani.***

Food for thought? – I hope so.  
John Knapper

## Table Tennis News

With May only a month away, the start of the Table Tennis season is just around the corner. With that in mind the Swanpool and District Table Tennis Assoc is holding a series of practice/coaching nights during April on Wednesday nights commencing on 7<sup>th</sup> of April at 7.30 pm at both the Tatong Hall and the Swanpool Football Pavilion. Everyone is welcome, come along and join in; a gold coin donation to cover hall cost would be welcome.

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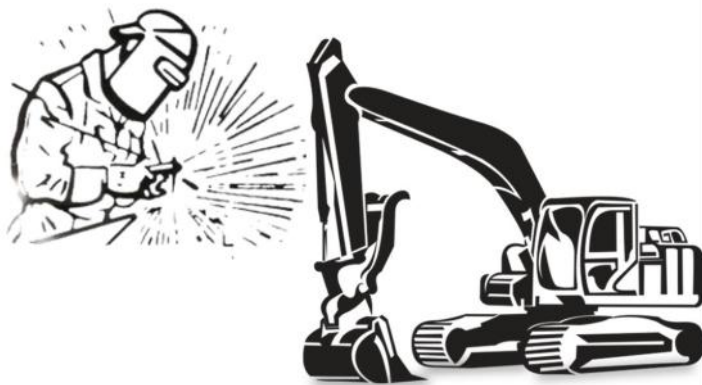
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## White Gate Dates

White Gate Dinner @ The Tatong Tavern for the autumnal month of April is due on Wednesday 7th. We ought have recovered from the April Fools japes by then. Book yourselves in, arrive somewhere between 6:30 & 7, and relax.  
Unless anyone wishes to organise a rain dance? Maybe we won't need one by then...

### White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Angus McMillan	28 Mar	Bill Sykes	25 Apr
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Laurie Defazio	11 Apr	Ross Runnalls	9 May
Alan Stafford	18 Apr	David Elford	16 May

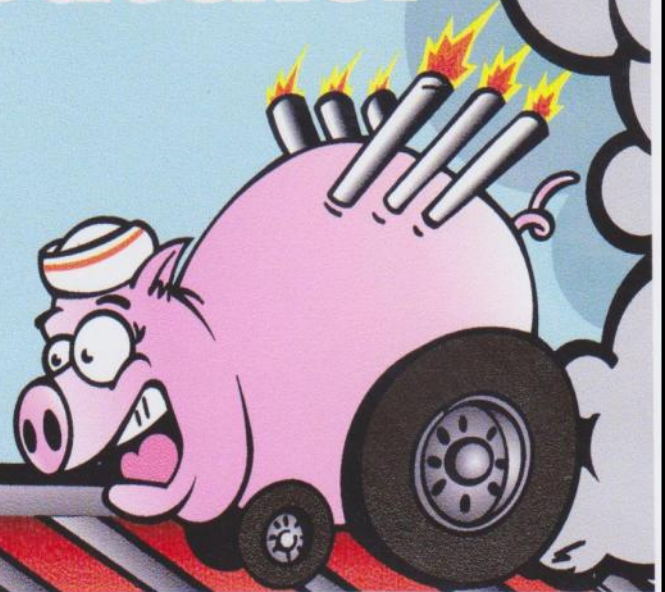
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## EFETTE MATTER RIOTING IN THE ECTOPLASMIC SYSTEMS

The above heading could have been one of the prognoses used by pre-modern science medics in order to sound authoritative when, actually, their diagnosis was probably a mixture of experience and guesswork as well as a means to impress the patient. It probably helped a healer who wanted to acquire the trust and faith of the sick to utter mysterious and lofty prognostications plus the expostulation of prophetic pronouncements possibly including portents of future doom if their orders were not followed. All of this bluster boosted the aura of effulgent authority which hopefully bestowed upon 'healers' the infallible power to heal. We now call this technique the placebo effect or faith/fake healing (which is a very real thing!)

My own emotional miasma's equilibrium has lately been all at sea and in a state of discomposure, infelicity and tribulation! Is it any wonder that following months of intense mural painting and the fallout from the year of pandemic anxiety and uncertainty that the Ague has descended upon me. In addition there are reminders of George Orwell's book, 1984, in the strange global behaviours of our leaders, the suffering of travel and other small businesses and increasing clashes between police and street protesters. Oddly, in some instances what was once bad is now good and vice-versa.

The first two paragraph's medical satire is just a small example of the gob smacking gullibility of humanity and our readiness to accept and normalize untruth. Other examples of this within my lifetime have been the pseudo-scientific claims about the harmlessness of cigarettes, the health benefits of 'non-cow's butter' (margarine) and the warnings about eating eggs etc. While science is meant to be the world's current, ultimate authority for all things it has a lousy track record in some areas. (Meaning of scientific: *conforming to principles of exactness and accuracy*).

By comparison to science, nature, including the innate wisdom of our bodies and the way in which flora and fauna grow and prosper, especially when NOT interfered with by humans, is a lesson in the perfection of the eternal laws under which all things live. Just when we think that we've got a disease under control an unintended or unknowable consequence may arise. There are many aspects within science and medicine which are beneficial and worthy but such worthiness must operate within the constraints of human ability.

The current global over-reaction to the 'pandemic' is worrying because the virus, like so many potentially deadly illnesses, falls within the category of *preventable death*. If effective education and management are promulgated, with or without a vaccine, then the population, while not 100% safe, can minimise contagion and deaths. It is difficult not to suspect a greater agenda is at play with such massive social control, disruption and economic cost occurring when all that was needed is the type of management we now see for minimising the spread of the virus. Easier to see such solutions in retrospect, I know, but the suspicion remains, and yes, at this point the word 'conspiracy' may spring to some minds!

The initial generation of excessive fear about the virus among the populace was scandalous, terrifying and ultimately unnecessary. If this happens to be a test run for what is to come then what is at stake is the potential

loss of precious societal accomplishments such as interpersonal trust, equality, respect for truth and personal independence. This hard won lifestyle, the envy of many around the world, has been developed over centuries of struggle and suffering and so I feel sorry for succeeding generations for what they are possibly facing and I don't say that for the usual reason that *things were always better in our day*.

Unfortunately there is not much a person can do about the 'inevitability of change' except to avoid trouble as best you can. At a personal level I rely upon truth/God which for me is the bottom line for enabling human happiness and contentment. Even when our outer circumstances are not ideal this reliance provides inner resources to draw upon. Ps. I do love to have fun with the old, mostly unused and almost disgusting sounding words written near the start of this article.

Mike Larkin

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Most pleasing is seeing people coming from as far away as Wangaratta. Word certainly has spread.

The sports ground is the ideal location for an event like this. Except for the fish'n'chips, it's all BYO – picnic chairs, drinks, kids, dogs, picnic blankets etc. The kids can run around and play and the adults can catch up on all the goss.



In winter, or if the weather is a little inclement, there are tables and chairs set up inside the hall; so bad weather is no reason to miss out.

So far Russell has managed to keep the cost to \$6. There is a raffle each month with tickets costing \$5 for 3 tickets. The prize in March was a side of lamb. The lucky winner was Michelle Ramage – I don't think I've ever seen such a happy winner.

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John Knapper

Benalla Standard (Vic. : 1901-1931), Tuesday 16 April 1912, page 3

THE TATONG RAILWAY PROPOSED DEVIATION.  
VISIT OF MR. KERNOT.

Mr. Kernot, chief of the construction branch of the Railway department, accompanied by Mr. Carlisle, M.L.A., yesterday paid a visit to Swanpool, as a result of a deputation which waited upon the Minister of Railways last month to ask for a deviation of the line as surveyed by the alternate route, which brought the line close to Swan pool, instead of about two miles away, as proposed. They journeyed from Benalla by motor, and were accompanied by the Hon. Willis Little, M.L.C., Crs. Smith and Mathieson, and Mr. H. Clarke. The residents had provided an excellent luncheon at Dobson's, and after justice had been done to this the party, accompanied by a large number of the residents of the district, drove to the site of the proposed station, where evidence was taken. Mr. Carlisle explained that it had been the intention of the Minister to be present, but he preferred not to interfere directly in the matter, as he had to act in a judicial capacity where questions of route were concerned, and he determined to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Kernot, the chief officer of the department. The Hon. W. Little said although he had originally favored a different route, now that it had been decided to take the eastern side of the Broken River he thought they should look to the future and consider what would be the best for all time in selecting the site for the railway station. He thought it should be placed where it would command the greatest amount of traffic from the fertile land round about. He knew the fertility of the Lima flats. If they were allowed to use the water there one acre would produce more than 20 acres in other so-called irrigation districts, where the Government were buying land at very high prices. He did not believe altogether in taking the line direct to the township in face of natural obstacles, but he thought if it were carried along the road about a mile or a mile and a half it would be a great benefit to the district and facilitate the use of the railway by the producers, and would greatly increase the revenue to be derived from it. He did not think there were any insurmountable engineering difficulties in the way, although he did not pose as an engineering expert, but the present site was too much out of the way and inconvenient to do justice to the wants of the inhabitants. Mr. Clarke, on behalf of the Benalla Railway League, stated that he was in favor of the extension as suggested, as it was desirable to bring all the traffic possible to the railway station, so as to make the line a paying concern from the start, and avoid any deficiency. Cr. Harrison, on behalf of the Swanpool Butter Factory, stated that the company last year carted 5000 boxes of butter to Benalla, at a cost of £115 10/. If the station were put on the proposed site it would cost them half of this to cart it to the station, but if the alternative route were adopted they could save this half cost of cartage. In all probability if a site closer to the factory were adopted the council would favorably consider the question of laying down a light track from the factory to the station. Mr. Geo. Redding said if the extension to Swanpool were granted the Samaria siding could be dispensed with, and the Samaria people would be quite willing to agree to this; but if it were not granted, they would not wish to be deprived of the present proposed station at Samaria. Mr. W. C. Wil-

liams, speaking of the timber reserves of the Strathbogie district, which Mr. Howes had now connected by a tram line with his mill, the whole of that traffic would come to Swanpool if the station were more accessible. It was a virgin forest, and estimated by experts to contain 480 million feet of timber, which would afford cutting for 50 years. Mr. Geo. Howes stated that he had gone to great expense in laying down tramways through the bush, bringing the Strathbogie timber to his mill in the hope and belief that the station would be placed as near Swan pool in such a position that he could conveniently and profitably make use of it. If the station were at Swanpool it would be one day's carting from his mill, but if it were in the present proposed site it would break in on the second day, and with the difficulty of obtaining labor and the high wages prevailing at the present time, it would eat so much into the profits that he would almost as soon cart straight into Benalla when he had the timber on the waggons, and save the cost of trucking at Swanpool and untrucking at Benalla. Mr. George M'Kean dwelt upon the hardships of the pioneer settlers of the district, and the hope of alleviation which they had entertained when the survey was ordered, but the present situation was so out of the way that it made it useless to them. In the average year, although his district produced excellent potatoes, the cost of transport killed the profits, and now when the railway was coming in their direction the site of the station was so inconvenient that the deviation was absolutely necessary in order to afford them the relief to which they were entitled. Messrs. Albert and Wm. Heaney endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers. Mr. Kernot, in reply, stated that he had been authorised by the Minister to meet them that day, as Mr. Billson could not well interfere in it personally. This matter had been referred by Parliament to the Standing Committee, and that body had made a recommendation for the eastern side of the river, and ordered the survey to go as close to Swanpool as possible. He might say there were no engineering difficulties in the way, but there was a much greater difficulty, and that was the financial one, because his department had been ordered to find a route from Benalla to Tatong, getting as close to Swanpool as possible, at a cost of about £50,000 roughly. There would be no engineering difficulties in getting the line right into Swanpool except what they called a hairpin curve in the turn from Swanpool to Tatong, but the cost would be increased thereby by over £8000. His department had no authority to expend this amount without the special sanction of Parliament, and to get this done would mean reopening the whole question and resubmitting it to Parliament and to the Standing Committee. Personally he had no power in the matter. Parliament was very jealous of its privileges, and would not permit any departmental officer to override them. If it were resubmitted to Parliament, they must bear in mind there was a great rush at the present time for lines to all parts of the country, and the Treasury had to find the money, and there might be a great deal of wisdom in the old maxim that "half a loaf was better than no bread." The railway engineers had not a free hand as regards expenditure in laying out of routes, and hence they had to do the best they could with the means at their disposal. He would report to the Minister, and would intimate to him the substance of the views which had been expressed. It was then agreed that the matter should be left in the hands of Mr. Kernot and Mr. Carlisle, M.L.A. The party returned to Benalla, and Mr. Kernot returned to Melbourne by the evening train.





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## What's Happening at Molly Rose?

Lots, but due to a death in our extended family and the work we've been doing to get Benalla Wizards incorporated and up and running, I've barely had time to think let alone write. This piece is more about Benalla Wizards and the crazy ride we've been on to set it all up – this was pre-written a couple of weeks ago which is why I have the time to do it. However, very short Molly Rose update first.

Nibbler and co are in one of the permanent pens with Wonky and One Eye and everyone is doing fine. It's autumn and feathers are everywhere as the poultry moult and egg production declines. Hoping the spring chicks start laying soon. I have eleven Sebastapol X Aussie Setter goslings for sale – they make great flock guards when it comes to keeping the ravens away from the eggs.

As for Benalla Wizards, it's been pretty much all consuming from mid-January. Fun, but exhausting...

On the 28<sup>th</sup> February we became an incorporated association and changed our name to Room at the Table Inc. You might be asking who the heck are Benalla Wizards / Room at the Table?

We're a group of people who love to get together, have fun and connect through a range of non-sport geek subculture activities.

So, what do we mean when we say "a range of non-sport geek subculture activities"?

It means we play modern board games (eg Settlers of Catan, Wingspan, Betrayal at House on the Hill, Azul, Carcassonne etc). We run various role playing game campaigns (Dungeons & Dragons etc.), as well as casual trading card games (eg. Magic the Gathering, Yu-gi-oh! etc.). We also have a group that loves to create and wear costumes. Future plans include anime (Japanese animation), tabletop wargames (Warhammer etc.), miniature painting, creating podcasts, live streaming our gaming sessions, and more.

Beginning almost five years ago (first as Tabletop Games at NEA, then Benalla Wizards) as a way for our autistic kids to make connections and build relationships. Room at the Table has grown from a couple of families meeting once a month to play board games, into a thriving community. We have room at the table for everyone, with a particular focus on people who experience social stigma, whether due to age, disabilities, health issues, gender, race, sexuality, or culture.

It's pretty much taken us a year to do this! As a group of people we don't and can't move fast. In fact, for us it's a major achievement that we've actually got this far, because everyone involved in making Room at the Table happen have a range of issues that make doing anything quickly difficult, among the members of the committee of management we have people with chronic health conditions, Autism, anxiety, ADHD etc.

Anyway, after having to stop meeting face to face in 2020 due to COVID, we are about to start meeting again, with

our new home in the State Gliding Centre at Benalla Airport. We will be opening with a few activities at the end of March, and are planning to have a grand opening in May.

Of course, keeping in line with being covid safe, numbers for each activity will be capped.

We've been confirming days & times for the various D&D campaigns that were running before covid hit, and working out where we can slot in new ones.

We're figuring out sewing workshops as well as our casual costuming and sewing nights. Some of us still need to finish off capes and cloaks from 2019!

And we're scheduling board game sessions!!!

We're also making lists (and checking them more than twice!), doing all the admin stuff (so, so, so much admin stuff!), getting tables & chairs, buying snack supplies, doing our covid safe plan, setting up a booking system...

It's amazing how long this kind of stuff takes! Still, we're getting there! We will be keeping our Benalla Wizards Facebook pages running while we transition across to our new name, Room at the Table (and yes we know it spells RATT – which we love. Once we get the logo and stuff designed you'll be seeing plenty of RATT merchandise). If you want to keep up to date with what is happening at Room at the Table, follow our Benalla Wizards pages on Facebook.

Write you again next month!

Carla

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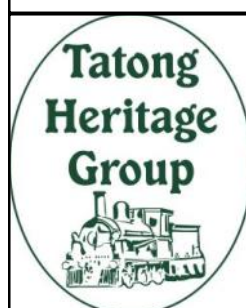


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2011	107	177.3	65.0	36.1	62.9	47.1	84.5	81.0	67.3	32.0	88.3	46.3	894.7
2012	82.5	94.0	184.9	18.1	35	57.6	115.8	92.1	35.5	34	28	30.1	773.6
2013	1.8	52.4	85.5	8.4	43.0	60.1	112.1	141.1	61.2	27.5	26.2	65.3	684.6
2014	33.9	16.4	86.4	89.6	82.8	146.5	98.8	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	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	35.6	88.4	207.2	53	77	43.5	66.8	49.4	132	34.1	40.7	891.3
2021	76.6	47.8											124.4

### WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

For the whole month of February we had 47.8mm of rain and up until the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 10.8mm. There was virtually a three week gap in late Feb early March with no rain. It has remained a relatively fire free summer season, the biggest fire being above Old Tolmie Rd and into hilly State forest.

Mike Larkin



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**DAY, OCTOBER 1, 1915**

### ROLL OF HONOR

**PRIVATE J. BEALE.**

(Wounded).

Mr. Beale, formerly of the Mount Pleasant hotel, Samaria-road, but now residing at Tolmie, this week received word from the D fence department that his son, Private J. Beale, had been wounded in the fighting at Gallipoli on August 29. The telegram states, "Not reported seriously." This is the second occasion that Private Beale has been wounded. He took part in the landing on April 25, was wounded on May 8, and he remained in hospital until August 17, when he returned to the front. He was a member of the first forces which left Australia, and was attached to the Fifth Battalion of the Second Brigade.

### LIMA EAST V. TATONG.

On Saturday last the Tatong tennis players journeyed to Lima East, and met the home team. An enjoyable game, after a good contest, resulted, and a pleasant afternoon was spent. The visitors were treated to afternoon tea. Scores:—

#### Ladies' Doubles.

Mrs. M. Evans and Miss A. Gandini (L.E.) beat Miss H. Wallace and Miss A. Monaghan, 6—5; and lost to Miss V. Worrall and Miss N. Sullivan, 3—6.

Misses M. Burns and R. Gandini (L.E.) lost to Misses N. Worrall and N. Sullivan, 3—6; and beat Misses H. Wallace and A. Monaghan, 6—3.

#### Mixed Doubles.

Miss R. Gandini and P. Evans (L.E.) beat Miss Worrall and R. Thompson, 6—5.

Miss M. Burns and Mr. J. Gandini (L.E.) lost to Miss N. Sullivan and P. Thompson, 5—6.

Mrs. M. Evans and Cyril Evans (L.E.) beat Miss H. Wallace and B. Cross, 6—4.

Miss A. Gandini and A. G. Evans (L.E.) lost to Miss A. Monaghan and F. Wallace, 4—6.

#### Gents' Doubles.

A. G. Evans and C. Evans (L.E.) lost to P. Thompson and F. Wallace, 4—6, and beat R. Thompson and B. Cross, 6—3.

J. Gandini and P. Evans (L.E.) beat B. Cross and R. Thompson, 6—0, and lost to F. Wallace and P. Thompson, 2—6.

Total—Lima East, 6 sets, 57 games; Tatong, 6 sets, 56 games.

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