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The **Explorers Bike Ride 2024** is a 650km route from Albury to Werribee following the line of monuments built in 1924 to commemorate the Hume and Hovell Expedition.

Peter Harper, a committee member of the Albury and District Historical Society has designed the bike ride as a major activity of the Society's Bicentenary events.

The **Explorers Bike Ride 2024** has its Stage 3 finish at Tatong. Tatong is a central location for the ride connecting the monuments at Meadow Creek, Angleside, Hansonville, Fern Hills, Samaria and Barjarg. The Hume and Hovell history in Tatong and hospitality at the Tavern make Tatong a destination for the ride.

Starting at Whorouly for Stage 3 the riders travel across the Oxley Plains visiting the monuments of Meadow Creek, Angleside and the old Hansonville School site where the marble plaque with the date of road December 20 once resided. Following a tough climb through the Toombullup Forest via Loombah Weir Track they cross the route of the explorers twice and finish the stage descending Tiger Hill Rd with its wonderful views across the valley to Mt Sunday. On Stage 4 the riders again cross the path of the explorers at Fern Hills when viewing the monument and along School House Road in Samaria.

This year riders of the **Explorers Bike Ride 2024**, following an overnight stop at the Tavern, travelled down Tolmie Rd to view the monument and the adjacent 'clone' Hovell Tree (actually a graft of the Hovell Tree shoots to a redgum rootstock. 100 were propagated in 2010 and gifted to towns along the route by Albury City). The monument is an impressive structure easy to locate and one that all rider groups are pleased to photograph. However, even though it was refurbished in 2014, the plaque words are again hard to read.

The monument has a steel arrow on top pointing in the SW direction of travel. There are /were similar arrows on the monuments at Back Creek, Stanley, Samaria, Barjarg, Woodfield whilst the Lake Hume monument has an arrow inlaid on its base pointing across the Lake to the Bellbridge monument. Everton and Whorouly have a pole only and maybe there was an arrow. The plaque words are again hard to read.

Peter Harper



EXPLORERS BIKE RIDE 2024

Celebrating the Bicentenary
Hume and Hovell Expedition

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Albury Ride: 650 km Werribee

Ascent: 7300 m

Ride time: 40 hours

Any time during 2024

- Ride the EPIC – unsupported multi-day ride
- Ride the 8 Stages on your schedule
- Ride a single stage as a day trip



Registration is FREE

Register via the [website](http://www.tatongtattler.org.au)

Commemorative certificate

A support service can be [available](#)
for stage riders or day trippers





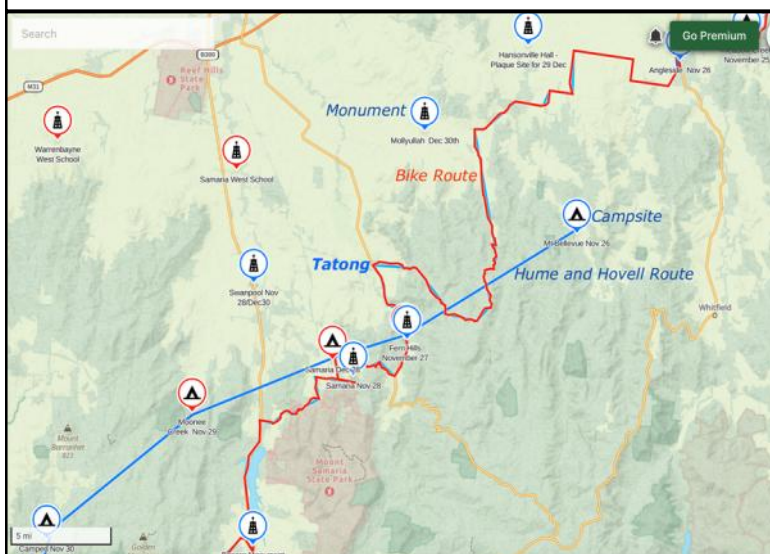
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1924 Celebrations at the Fernhill's Monument



Map of Local Hume & Hovell monuments.

Riders at Fernhill's monument 2024.



'WON'T YOU COME HOME BILL BAILEY'

John and I moved to our new property at Tatong in May 2012. We arrived with our 4year old Labrador Pickles and our 18 year old cat Missy.

Construction of a new dog pen was soon underway (our family dubbed it the Taj Mahal) and was built big enough to house two dogs, as John had purchased a 12 month old Kelpie called Indie, who was partially trained to work sheep. The dogs were comfortably housed in their new dwelling when we noticed Indi was coming in season. All good we thought, she could be locked up until the danger period had passed!

Inevitably we soon had a male dog visiting us, an old black and tan kelpie with a lovely nature. We discovered he belonged to our neighbours Ank and Katrina Bailey, he was 14 and his name was Bill.

Ank and Katrina made many visits to our place to retrieve Bill and tried tying him up at their home to stop him visiting Indi. As he was unused to being tied up he objected strongly and proceeded to destroy everything within the length of his chain and barked day and night. He was even relocated to the Baileys shearing shed which is about 2 kilometres from their house, but still continued to bark, destroy things and break free.

We finally decided Bill might as well stay with us until Indi had finished her cycle, so we set up an old dog kennel near the pen. Bill spent the next 10 days pacing outside the pen and trotting back home occasionally. Sometimes he ate at our place and sometimes he went home to eat, the rest of the time I think he enjoyed TWO feeds.

After a few weeks Indi was allowed out of the pen and everyone presumed Bill would return to his rightful home. **HOW WRONG WE WERE!**

For some reason (known only to Bill) he decided he liked our place and the company of our dogs and proceeded to live on our front verandah, taking over Pickles box and trampoline bed (the weather determined which one he slept on). He still trotted backwards and forwards across busy Tatong Road but as time went on seemed to be spending longer and longer with us. He loved the company of our dogs and got really excited each morning when I would walk the three of them around the paddocks. During his first summer with us, Bill found a cool spot under the hydrangeas and on top of some ivy. He dug himself a lovely hole but after a few weeks we noticed he was scratching his skin and making it bleed. A vet confirmed he had an allergy and shaved some of his fur off and advised us to treat it with ointment. Unfortunately his fur never grew back, leaving him with a spotty, motley look. This turned out to be very off putting for visitors as he did look very mangy, until we reassured them he was a lovely dog with a skin condition. This condition may well have worked in our favour as on occasion a vehicle (unknown to us) would pull in to our driveway, stop when they saw Bill and drive off without coming in. I can only hope it was just unwanted hawkers.

As time went on Bill rarely crossed the road and just became one of our family. He loved going for a run when the 4wheel motorbike started up and spent all his time zigzagging in front of the bike, which was very annoying. He was absolutely useless with stock (Ank's words) and had to be tied up when any mustering was going on. Most of the time he was too deaf to hear what we were up to and slept peacefully on the front verandah in the sun. He also did his rounds every morning, marking his territory

and waiting for someone to let his 'girls' out of their pen. Bill got very excited when he saw them and they were just as pleased to see him. Poor Bill also suffered from arthritis and moaned and groaned whenever he moved around and snored quite loudly. All this noise was a bit off putting and disruptive when we had visitors as his bed was outside the guest room.

In late April this year we headed off to the beach for a few weeks, leaving Ank and Katrina to feed Bill and the chooks. A week into the holiday John had a phone call from Ank to say he had found Bill up in the hayshed unable to get up and that he had passed away peacefully. John and I were both very upset (a few tears on my part) as were the Baileys.

Bill would have been 16 when he died, a fair age for a big dog. I would imagine it's very unusual for a dog that has been with the one family for 14 years to suddenly de-camp and live with another family for the last 18 months of his life, so thought this story was worth sharing.

We feel very privileged to have known you Bill and we miss you very much.

Beth Gregory

POSTSCRIPT

The article above was submitted in the June 2014 edition of the Tattler & subsequently won first prize, earning the winner a gift voucher of \$25 for the Tatong Tavern.

We would like to encourage all readers of the Tattler to submit an article, of any sort, into our current Writing Competition.



2024 Tatong Tattler Writing Competition

During 2024 the Tattler Committee may at times award a prize of a voucher towards a meal at the Tatong Tavern.

We will be assessing submissions received by the Tattler, of original work up to 1,000 words, of fiction, biography, comedy, poetry, etc.

Entries might be published in the Tatong Tattler, at the discretion of the committee.

Judgment will be by the Tatong Tattler Committee; any judgement will be final and not open to argument, threats, or bribery.

The judges may change the rules at their discretion.

TATONG TOPICS – JULY 1924

Benalla Standard 1st July 1924:

Owing to the kindness of Messrs, Harrison, Lewis, Coghill and Waters, the Tatong schoolboys were motored (*taken*) on Saturday last to play the Benalla West School. As these teams are usually evenly matched, a good game was anticipated, which proved to be the case. Supporters of both teams turned up in full force. The home team had the advantage of being used to the small ground, and after a very good match they won, the scores being — Benalla West, 8,8; Tatong, 4,9. For the winners, R. Banfield (captain) was easily best. His high marking was a feature of the game. Others deserving of mention were Roe, Bridgfoot and G. Banfield. Smith, on the backline, did sterling work. Tatong's best player was R. Beard, who, for a boy, kicked magnificently, he was ably assisted by his brother, B. Beard, and Coghill, Hopkins and Newton each kicked 2 goals, and are the makings of excellent forwards. Goal kickers for Benalla West were R. Banfield (3), Hamilton, Hay, Chegwedden, Elliott and Glazebrook (1 each). L. Castles umpired the game in a very satisfactory manner. A sumptuous afternoon tea with Mrs. Bridgfoot in charge, was provided by the parents and scholars.

Benalla West hope to return the match at an early date.

Benalla Standard 4th July 1924:

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS - SUPPLY OF FIREWOOD. TENDERS are invited for the Supply of 1400 tons of FIREWOOD at any station with accommodation within 60 miles of Benalla. Particulars at Benalla, Lima, Tatong, Baddaginnie, and Glenrowan stations. (*Deposit*) £1 for each 250 tons. Tenders, endorsed "Tender for Firewood," must be lodged, with preliminary deposit, in Tender Box, Room 154, Railway Offices, on Wednesday 16th July. No tender will necessarily be accepted, E. C. EYERS, Secretary.

North Eastern Ensign 11th July 1924:

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Theft at Tatong.

OFFENCE SHEETED HOME.

William Henry Collins, a weather beaten, toil-worn labourer, was brought before the Court of Petty Sessions, Benalla, on Tuesday last. (Messrs. G. Walker and J. Serpell, honorary justices, officiating) on a charge of having stolen a quantity of chaff (less than half a bag), some oats and vegetables, from the property of J. D. McLelland proprietor of Spring Creek' sawmills, between Tatong and Tolmie. As a result of complaints of thefts from a depot at Dodd's Crossing, where such things were in the habit of being stored for the use at the mill, Senior- Constable Harnetty, deputed Plain Clothes Constable Stewart and Constable, Gorecke to investigate the matter.

Through their astuteness officers visited the camp of the accused where they found commodities like those alleged to have been stolen.

On being questioned as to how he became possessed of these, the accused — at the time, under the influence of drink - gave contradictory stories, ultimately, confessing both verbally and, in writing, that he had stolen them from the depot indicated. The accused was then arrested. On being brought before the Bench on Tuesday he re-confessed his guilt, stating he was drunk when he committed the offence. Both police Constables referred to amplified the 'details of the charge, one corroborating the statements of the other, and two other sources from the sawmill gave incriminating evidence for the prosecution. In reply to the Chairman of the Bench; Senior. Constable Harnetty stated that the accused, who sobbed and seemed to feel his position very keenly, was a married man. 64 years old, and that this as the police believed, was his first lapse in life. The Bench deliberated for some time,' and, apparently desiring to be merciful in their judgment, fined the offender £2, with 30 shillings costs. 'Geo. Fitzpatrick, a young man, apparently a mate of the accused, a worker at the mill, and who had given evidence for the prosecution, magnanimously paid the fine. All parties in court seemed to be pleased that the accused had been treated so leniently. Bottom of Form

Benalla Standard 18th July 1924:

The Benalla West State School footballers, accompanied by their teacher (Mr. J. Williams), played their return match with the Tatong State school on the latter's ground last Saturday afternoon. The Recreation Reserve was in marked contrast to the small ground in Benalla, and a very even and open game resulted. The best men in the Tatong team were very fast, and outplayed the Benalla boys: but their tail -end were far smaller than their visitors. In the first quarter there was a point scored by each team, and the second quarter gave Benalla a lead of 1 behind. In third term Allan McCauley scored a goal for Tatong. and each' side scored a behind. In the last quarter a great struggle ensued, but Tatong managed to hold their own, and not one single point was scored, The result being a win for Tatong by 1 goal 2 behinds to Benalla West. 3 behinds. Mr. R. Wallace umpired the game very well, and had on several occasions stopped the play, to get the eager players back into their places. For the winners, R. Beard (Captain) was ably supported by Burnie Beard. F. Hopkins. A. McCauley, C. Coghill and Allan Beard, whilst amongst the smallest boys Dick Spencer's marking and play were noticeable. For the losers the captain, R. Banfield, T. Bridgfoot. L. Hay, J. Cooper and F. Glazebrook were the best. The ladies provided luncheon, and a very enjoyable afternoon was terminated.

Compiled by Barry O'Connor, Tatong Heritage Group.



Age Well in Benalla Info Hub

Benalla Senior Citizens Community Centre – U3A Room 2

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| March 27 | 10am – 12noon |
| April 10 | 10am – 12noon |
| April 24 | 10am – 12noon |
| May 8 | 10am – 12noon |
| May 22 | 10am – 12noon |
| June 5 | 10am – 12noon |
| June 19 | 10am – 12noon |
| July 3 | 10am – 12noon |
| July 17 | 10am – 12noon |
| July 31 | 10am – 12noon |
| August 14 | 10am – 12noon |
| August 28 | 10am – 12noon |
| September 11 | 10am – 12noon |
| September 25 | 10am – 12noon |
| October 9 | 10am – 12noon |
| October 23 | 10am – 12noon |
| November 6 | 10am – 12noon |
| November 20 | 10am – 12noon |
| December 4 | 10am – 12noon |
| December 18 | 10am – 12noon |

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The Tatong Heritage Group was formed in July 2004.

20 years on, we will celebrate over lunch at the Tatong Tavern, on Monday July 15th.

Members, ex-members, and interested parties are invited to join our celebration.

Contact the Secretary or President, or email on tatongheritage@yahoo.com.au



20 Years!

THUS IT WAS SPOKEN

The Climate Change debate is hotting up in certain local media even while the local temperatures plummet ever lower just lately (mid-June). The fact that it is winter is merely a semantic diversion distracting the inattentive student from the grim search for climate reality. It is important to remember that truth is now malleable and one should never let it get in the way of a belief or a good story.

The sombre words heading this article refer to the apparently infallible pronouncement that “the science is settled” in relation to climate change, and there is little tolerance for any heretical statements about such promulgations. According to the recent writings of a prominent newspaper columnist such a concrete statement about the science is reminiscent of the “Rome has spoken; the cause is finished” dictum from a Catholic Bishop,

You’ve got to hand it to us humans for the way we are remain doggedly loyal to the great grandparents, by about a billion times removed, Adam and Eve, in the way that we just keep on ignoring the actual creator and controller of all the truly important matters such as just being alive in a totally out of our control universe.

(By making biblical and religious references, this article, while promoting authentic truth and common sense, is definitely not advocating for the contrived dogma of any institutional religion.)

Mike Larkin

TATONG ^{and District} TATTTLER

Would you be interested in contributing to the management of your local community newsletter?

We have Vacancies on the

Tatong Tattler Committee

and are hoping to balance out the age range of the current committee (ie field some less aged locals.)

We meet once every two months, to review the content, creation, distribution & expedience of the Tattler, and to consider how well it serves our community.

If interested, please make contact;

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any Tattler committee member

ring Andi on 0429 439 336.

A TRIP TO CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND

Linda De Fazio **PART 3**

This morning we depart from Washington for Philadelphia with a sightseeing tour of some of Philly's major landmarks, the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence and US Constitution were debated and adopted. Of course no visit to Philadelphia is complete without a visit to the Rocky Steps, the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art where Rocky would end his morning run with an ascent up the steps. And of course one of our party, who is very competitive and shall remain nameless, had to dash up before anyone else had a chance.

Back on the coach we head to New York, New York. Our hotel The Lotte New York Palace is right in Manhattan, on Madison Ave, our room overlooks St Patrick's Cathedral.

Dinner tonight is included with the tour and is a very special experience at Cipriani Dolci at Grand Central Terminus.

Next day we have a coach tour of some of the most famous New York landmarks, then a free afternoon. On our free afternoon we have arranged to catch up with some old friends living in Manhattan. They take us to their apartment, which by Aussie standards is tiny, and expensive, then to dinner at a favourite steakhouse, then on the Subway to the Bronx to see the baseball at Yankee Stadium. All of this has us goggle eyed. The unbelievable crowds on the Subway, the mass of people getting into the stadium. Unfortunately I get separated from the others and end up at the Police Station in the Basement of Yankee Stadium, our friends didn't even realize there was a Police station at Yankee Stadium!

Eventually reunited we manage to find our seats and have a great time experiencing the baseball, although I confess to not really understanding much of the play. The atmosphere is electric, the music and theatre as much a part of the game as the play. There is a very patriotic version of the Star Spangled Banner and the treat of a jumbo pretzel. Another trip on the Subway, not as crowded this time, and we are back to our Hotel after a busy and somewhat challenging day.

The next day we do the tourist things, the Statue of Liberty then Ellis Island. It's hot, very hot and crowded. The ferries are crowded, Liberty Island is crowded, Ellis Island is crowded and we don't have sufficient time to even check out any immigration records; we know that some of the De Fazio family emigrated to America. In fact Laurie's Grandfather lived in America for some years before coming to Australia.

Overall I was a little disappointed with NY, we visited a lot of iconic places but the rubbish everywhere, they have a daily rubbish collection but it sits on the pavement in the heat waiting, the graffiti, the number of homeless and very visible drug addicts are very off putting and sad.

The next day it's goodbye to New York and off to Boston via Newport, the original home of the America's Cup.

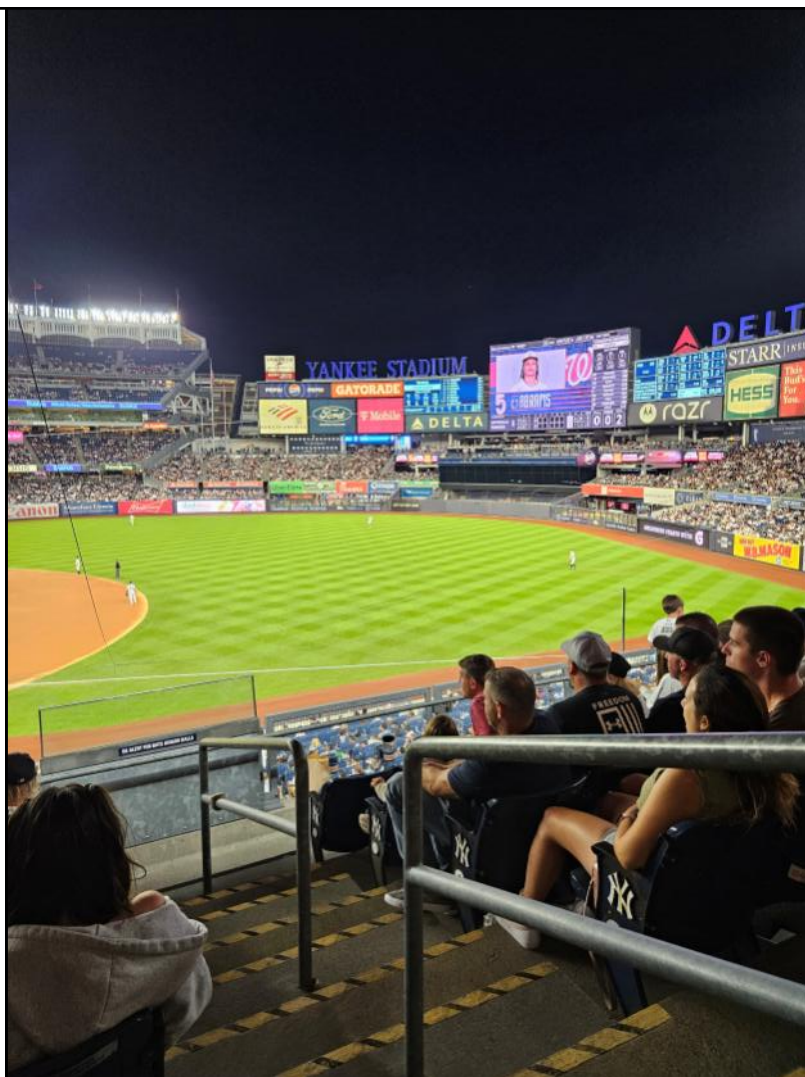
In Newport we stop at 'The Breakers', one of the rich and famous Newport mansions, once the vacation 'cottage' of the Vanderbilts and worth about \$100 million today.

It is a beautifully preserved Gilded Age mansion built about 1895 called 'The Breakers' because waves from the Atlantic Ocean broke onto the rocks at the front of the property. It was a much sought after destination during Hollywood's golden era, attracting the likes of Cary Grant, John Wayne, Rita Hayworth and Clark Gable to dine, dance and hang out. Our next stop is Boston and today is very wet. We have a guided tour by bus but the weather makes it difficult to see much. The tour does include Harvard University and the Freedom Trail, which shows the story of the American Revolution.

In New York Trevor and Terese discovered an eatery called Eataly; an amazing Italian restaurant and shopping experience selling every Italian food available. We see another in Boston not far from our hotel so decide to give it a try.

We order a pasta dish each and just as it appears the **fire alarm** goes off just above our heads. Nobody else seems especially concerned but it's not the most pleasant experience trying to eat with such a racket just above us and we add it to our 'Fire alarm experiences'.

Next day it's off to Black Falcon Cruise Ship Terminal to join our 7 day cruise. We are all looking forward to the chance to unpack and RELAX!





The next **White Gate dinner @ the Tavern** will be **Wednesday July 3rd**. If it is any comfort, the days will be starting to lengthen; by July 3rd there will be three more minutes of daylight! Unless it's cloudy.
- Andi Stevenson

This month on the De Fazio dairyfarm we had a very stressful time with not only 1 but 2 audits. The first was by Dairy Food Safety Victoria, the second by Meat and Livestock Australia. I'm sure that every farmer reading this will get that anxious feeling in the pit of their stomach just like us. We must have passed muster, the record keeping all in order and able to live another day. The next event was the annual salami making weekend. With many helping hands, the next generation really stepping up and plenty of food, drink and much talk it all went off without a hitch (so far). Some of our willing helpers Nicola, Jade, Lucas, Leni, Xavier, Isabelle and Tilly. - Linda de Fazio

White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

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| Noel Hutchens | 30 Jun | Angus McMillan | 28 Jul |
| Terry Trounson | 7 Jul | Hamish McMillan | 4 Aug |
| Les MacLean | 14 Jul | Laurie De Fazio | 11 Aug |
| James Parton | 21 Jul | Alan Stafford | 18 Aug |



Anyone for sushi?

Some of the highlights of a recent holiday tour of Japan were the unexpected experiences along the way. Mostly they were things we might not have found on our own.

We had become quite used to having lunches and dinners in local traditional Japanese restaurants and eating 'real' Japanese food. It was no surprise, therefore, when we were told "today's lunch will be in a restaurant in a Tokyo suburb".



What was a surprise was being told "lunch will be sushi and you will be making it yourselves".

We were to be taught by a Sushi Master.

Once we were seated and in our 'sushi making uniforms', chef came in carrying a tuna. It was presented to us for our appreciation. He then set about filleting the fish.

His knives were obviously razor sharp because the fish was filleted in a flash of blades. A couple of the fillets were then precisely sliced for sashimi and sushi. Next, he demonstrated how sushi is made – it was a blur! He can make 500 an hour.



We were then shown step by step – roll some rice into a ball about the size of a golf ball – put a dab of wasabi on the top – cover with a piece of fish or a prawn – hold in one hand and squeeze gently – shape with the first two fingers of the other hand.

Our raw materials were: a bowl of rice, wasabi, and a selection of raw fish – salmon, tuna, white fish and a prawn. We all set about making our culinary

masterpieces.

As with most Japanese restaurants, we each had a cooking pot with a burner underneath. This was used to make a broth using vegetables and fish. This meant that the people who weren't too keen on raw fish could cook theirs.



While we were busy with our task, a staff member came round and took a photo of each of us. Once we had enjoyed the fruits of our labours, chef came to each of us and presented us with our sushi making certificate, complete with photo.

Somehow, I don't think it will get me a job but it was a very enjoyable experience.

John Knapper.



Daze Past - from 2018 . As Kathy is unwell we are publishing some of her past articles.
Ed



Garden Daze

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



Winter is definitely here!

As I write this it is the weekend that the Snow Fields actually got their snow. And it is difficult to realize that it is time to get my hot box ready to wake up some summer vegetable seeds.

When I first started using my hot box, as it is necessary to dig a hole about 18 inches deep, it was my intention to dig a new hole for it each year in the veg garden and so gradually have a deeper layer of organic soil throughout the garden. Well that idea went out the door a few years back - for a couple of reasons. First being my declining enthusiasm for digging holes as I get older and the second being a lack of sunny places in the veg garden as the trees we planted - so far away that it didn't matter 25 years ago, are now throwing their shade over a lot of the veg the garden in winter.

So - it is much easier to dig out last years compost from the hot box hole - and very handy it is to spread around this seasons cauliflower and broccoli bed - and then start filling the hole with grass clippings and chook poo.



A previous year's Garden in a Box showing some welcome green shoots.

This mix will soon warm up and get the seeds sprouting. Once the little plants have come up - they will keep on growing, so long as I protect them - first in the hot box and later in the hot house.

A recent Gardening Australia program featured a young couple who had a niche market vegetable garden in NSW. They had a seed raising mix for getting their seeds off to a good start - certainly the tray of lettuce they were showing as "a couple of weeks old" looked pretty impressive to me. So I thought I'd try their mix for my veg seeds this year.

Home-made Seed Raising Mix

- 3 buckets of moist coir
- 2 ½ buckets of perlite
- 1 bucket of compost
- 1 cup of blood and bone
- 1 cup of rock dust
- ½ cup of dolomite
- ½ cup of worm castings

Mix thoroughly and it's ready to use.

The amounts given here will make quite a lot of mix - I have bought one coir block for \$3.50 which when I added warm water became 4 1/2 litres. Adjusting the other ingredients should give me plenty for my needs.

This is finer than regular potting mix which is important as it will give closer contact between the soil and the seed which will give a better chance of germination.

I have written about using a hot box before - but just in case you would like to give it a try and need some :

"How To.." When it comes to most warm season crops, it's actually the soil temperature that counts. It is too cold out in the garden beds for summer favourites, but the warm, sheltered environment of a hot box will get them growing.

First dig a hole about 1 1/2 feet deep x 2 feet long x 1 1/2 feet wide in a nice sunny spot. Fill the hole with layers of grass clippings and animal manure - horse is ideal - chook is next best, and "what you've got" will be fine and pack it down - have it damp but not wet, a thin layer of sawdust will finish it off nicely and discourage any slugs that may find their way inside.

This is covered with a wooden frame with a sloping front and topped off with a glass lid. A good alternative is four bales of old hay or a large polystyrene box with the bottom cut out, with glass or plastic to form a cover.

The contents of the hole will heat up in a day or so to provide the bottom heat required to encourage seed germination, then all is ready to put some seeds into seed trays.

Tomatoes, Capsicums, Eggplant, Cucumber, Chillies, Basil, Pumpkin and some Corn will be useful residents for the Hot Box.

As the plants grow, allow some fresh air into the box during the day so that the little plants do not become cooked.

Transplant into little pots (forestry tubes are ideal for this) when big enough (around four weeks) and put them into a "hot house" - again bales of hay and plastic will make a warm shelter. However, any protected environment will keep them safe and growing once they have sprouted.

One year before PZ built the hot house I put them in my laundry trolley and brought them inside each evening.

To get a step ahead of the season....try this....

When your seedlings are ready to be potted on - dig a hole as for the Hot Box and fill as above with manure, grass, old hay etc. Then plant five or six of your little tomato plants in this - choose an early variety. Make a frame - using your imagination to the full. In the photo I have used the remains of an old clothes horse, with fencing wire in hoops over the top. Bale twine is indispensable when making such a structure. Large plastic bags opened out (labels optional) and a stapler will help finish the job.

Remember to mulch well to suppress weeds as it will be difficult to get in to weed and sprinkle some slug killer to protect your plants.

A space to the side will allow for watering and to let out excess heat.

Happy Gardening

Kathy Z



WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA - JULY 2024.

Sun 30th June. Special screening Swanpool theatre of Unsung Hero 1.30pm.

We'd 3rd July. Whitegate dinner Tatong Tavern 6.30pm.

We'd 10th. Tatong dinner at Tatong Tavern 6.30pm.

Fri 12th. Molyullah fish & chip night from 5.30pm.

Sun 14th. Archery at rec reserve 1.30 pm.

Fri 19th. Girls shed from 9.30am.

Thurs 25th. Tattler meeting Tatong Tavern 3pm.

Sun 28th. Archery at rec reserve 1.30pm.

Sun 30th. Swanpool theatre. Special screening of Palestine Under Siege 1.30pm.

If you have an activity, meeting date, market, sports event or anything else you would like people to know about that's on in July please send the details to

tattler.whatson@gmail.com by the 19th of July

Tatong Fire Brigade Roster - July 2024

7th July Truck Ash Chaplin. Ultralight Paul Montgomery.

14th July Truck Leigh O'Gorman. Ultralight Tim Butler.

21st July Truck Jason Nichols. Ultralight Jamieson Nichols.

28th July Truck Dennis Hevey. Ultralight Bob Mazurak.

A trip back to Tatong

After two years of living in Yeppoon, Richard and I decided that a trip to Melbourne via Benalla and Tatong would be a good idea.

We were thrilled to be able to catch up with so many people, both in Benalla but especially when we dined at the Tatong Tavern.

How lovely that so many people turned out to dine with us. We even had a couple of apologies, which whilst sad not to see them, it was nice that they wanted to come but couldn't.

Until our next sojourn down south, keep happy and hope to see you then. Of course you are all welcome to visit us in Yeppoon but I suggest not the summer months.

Sallie & Rick

Executive Needed

The Tatong Heritage Group is an active group, meeting 6 times a year. We have many members, who pitch in and contribute to our various activities.

However, current members are not keen on taking an executive position. At the September AGM the President will step down, after 13 years. So far, no one has volunteered to take the job on. The Treasurer & Secretary would really love to step back also. Anyone interested in joining a local group, especially if happy to take on light committee duties, please consider sharing your skills with the THG.

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ARCHERY UPDATE

The last two archery sessions on the Tatong oval have seen about a dozen archers attend even though the southerly wind was bitterly cold. The only saving grace is the steady sunshine. Girls are well represented with 3 or 4 regular attendees, but we do lack boys.

We have hopes of success with our Council grant application to replace the stolen beginner bows last Christmas. In the meantime Arron McKinnon from over the road has loaned our club two of his family's adult size bows which we have made good use of already. The next session at the oval will be on Sunday 30th of June starting at 1:30pm, and every fortnight after that. We collect \$5 per family each shooting day in order to cover costs and/or purchases. All welcome.

Mike Larkin

LIFE'S TOO SHORT TO BE SERIOUS.

Don't start singing in the shower, as it may become a soap opera.

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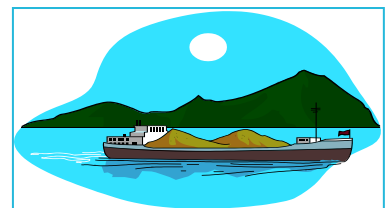


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Tatong Community Centre & Recreation Reserve**Notice of Tri-annual Meeting****Tuesday 3rd September 2024, 7:30pm****@ Tatong Community Centre & Recreation Reserve**

Election of office bearers and committee members for the next 3 years.

Annual report on the Tatong Community Plantation Fund.

New members encouraged and most welcome.

CHERRY RIPE SLICE

125g copha
 1 tin sweetened condensed milk
 Few drops red cochineal
 250g Marie biscuits – crushed
 100g glace cherries – chopped
 1 cup coconut

Melt copha, then add condensed milk & cochineal.
 Stir well.

Add biscuits, cherries & coconut.
 Press into lined slice tin & put in fridge.

ICING: Melt 125g dark cooking chocolate with
 30g copha, then spread on slice.
 Store in fridge.

ROCKY ROAD

225g cooking chocolate
 85g copha
 250g mixed pink & white marshmallows
 1 cup crushed nuts
 ½ cup cherries – chopped
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 over simmering water.
 Place marshmallows, nuts & cherries in a bowl.
 Pour over the chocolate mix.
 Press into a lined slice tin.

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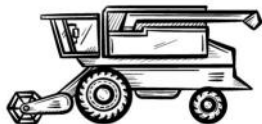
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| 2014 | 33.9 | 16.4 | 86.4 | 89.6 | 82.8 | 146.5 | 98.8 | 9.8 | 68.5 | 20.4 | 58.5 | 64.2 | 775.8 |
| 2015 | 44.7 | 29.1 | 5.7 | 87.4 | 70 | 33.7 | 97.3 | 69.4 | 25.7 | 13.7 | 55.5 | 81.7 | 613.9 |
| 2016 | 69.7 | 11.9 | 36.9 | 38.5 | 117.2 | 110.5 | 142.8 | 108.4 | 172.1 | 91.4 | 50.1 | 101.3 | 1050. |
| 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. | 53 | 77 | 43.5 | 66.8 | 49.4 | 132 | 34.1 | 40.7 | 891.3 |
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| 2024 | 156.4 | 17.6 | 14.7 | 26.9 | 73.8 | | | | | | | | 289.4 |

WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

The total rainfall for the month of May was a good 73.8mm and for June up until the 15th of the month is 31.1mm. We have had plenty of frosty mornings and some bitter southerly winds requiring much burning of wood in our slow combustion stove and the lounge room Coonara. The free wood collection period has seen me visit the bush about 3 times each week until the end of June when access is closed for the wet season. One wood gatherer was bogged somewhere in the collection area near the top of Tiger Hill Rd mid-June but I did not see much activity otherwise. There is usually plenty for me to collect because I like to get any dryish wood from about 3 inches thick; women's wood, someone called it and not worth collecting by 'real men!' Mike Larkin



Come along, bring your lunch and some goodies to share, do some craft or just have a chat. Hope to see at the Tatong Memorial Hall. Patricia 57672287

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