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Executive Needed

The Tatong Heritage Group met in April for a second try at electing a committee.

While plenty of members were present, none wished to take on an executive position.

The current Secretary and Treasurer agreed to continue until the scheduled AGM later this year; after which the group may have to go into recess.

The position of President is vacant.

Meetings were changed to quarterly, as special meetings can be scheduled for projects, as was done for the Hume & Hovell event.

Are you looking for a role in your community? Consider nominating for President / Secretary / Treasurer of the Tatong Heritage Group!

**Tatong
Heritage
Group**



Happy 80th Birthday to Marina Heus from Colehurst. Marina celebrated her birthday with a few friends, drinks and nibbles.



Benalla Clydesdale & Heavy Horse Driving Day: Moorngag 2025



Lots of news this time as I forgot to get my article in early enough last month.

Good Friday Appeal – Tatong tanker attended the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal in Benalla and helped raise \$50,727.10 towards the appeal. A great effort from all involved. Thanks to Terry O, Jamieson N, and Chris M who attended with me in the tanker and to Rod L and Bob M who took the ultralight around some of the local campsites.



Anzac Day – It was great to see a big turnout for the march this year. Benalla Group aims to have a representative from every brigade in the group and we were not far off. Good to see the public show appreciation to our ex-servicemen and women and to our emergency service volunteers. The service would have been more enjoyable if a certain person had left their dog at home.

Group Meeting on 7 May – Local member Annabelle Cleeland and National Party leader Danny O'Brien attended the meeting to discuss the government's new Emergency Service and Volunteer Levy. The government would have you believe that the new levy, which replaces the Fire Services Levy, will deliver improved resourcing for the CFA and SES. This is not the case. The purpose of the new levy is to shift the cost burden for Triple 0, Forest Fire Management and Emergency Management Victoria from the government to land-holders via a massive increase in the levy attached to your rates. The highest rate increase will be for people who own agricultural land, a whopping 189% increase. Of course, owners of solar farms will "only" face a 64% increase. You can see how this is going. But don't take my word for it. Do your own research. If you want to do something about it visit: scrapthetax.com.au

Finally, a reminder that the Tatong Brigade has its election and medal presentation night on Wednesday 28 May. Could all members please make an effort to attend that meeting?

Thanks,

Jason Nichols
Captain Tatong CFA



Tatong CFA Brigade Driving and Training Roster – June 2025



Date	Truck	Ultralight	Training Crews
1/06/2025		L Wylie	R Lindsay (CL), D Gaudion, P Karis, J Hakkennes, M Gaudion
8/06/2025	P Smith	G Smith	
15/06/2025	T Hately	T Butler	
22/06/2025		M Gaudion	J Nichols (CL), M Jones, M Osborne, C O'Gorman, G Smith
29/06/2025	D Hevey	B Mazurak	

CL) – Crew Leader

Please advise if unable to participate in the allocated days by contacting Jason Nichols on 0400 198 012 or by email: jasonnichols@mac.com.



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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

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Join your local CFA Brigade members for breakfast. Served at 8.30 with presentations at 9am. FREE bacon and egg rolls

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Topics covered include how to protect your farm, vehicle security, home security, firearms information including storage & hunting, and reporting suspicious activity

Home Fire Safety

Topics covered include fire truck access (will a fire truck fit through your front gate), common causes of fire in the home, smoke alarms and kitchen fire demonstration.



Event registration

To register for the event contact your local Brigade or text or email Amanda Smith on 0407 604 012 or northeastcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au or online via Humanitix. Scan the QR code.

Humanitix Host: CFA North East Community Safety



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JUNE

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HALL**

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MOORNGAG



TATONG TOPICS – JUNE 1925

The Benalla Standard 2ND June 1925:

Tatong Railway Trust. At a meeting of the Tatong Railway Trust, at the municipal chambers yesterday, Mr. Coghill, on behalf of the Tatong Ratepayers Association, accompanied by Mr. Wallace, urged the commissioners to take steps to purchase the debentures existing. Mr. Coghill dealt with his case with great care and supplied figures in substantiation. Eventually the commissioners agreed to write to the assurance company, asking on what terms they would be prepared to sell. In the meantime a committee will go into the question, with a view of adjustment.

North Eastern Ensign 5th June 1925:

Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act.
At the Benalla Court of Petty Sessions, on Tuesday last, before Mr T. Williams, PM. Henry Tully, an officer under the Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act, proceeded against P. J. Kent, official assignee in the estate of Harriett A. N. Davies, for having between 10th December 1924, and 5th March 1925, failed to destroy all noxious weeds in respect to his holding of 370 acres in the Tatong riding. A fine of £4, with £3/1/2 costs, was imposed.

North Eastern Ensign 12th June 1925:

SUPPLY OF FIREWOOD.

TENDERS are invited for the supply of 1,000 tons of FIRE WOOD at any Station with accommodation within 60 miles of Benalla. Particulars at Benalla, Lima, Tatong, Baddaginnie, Glenrowan, Winton and Springhurst stations and Loco Foreman, Benalla, Tenders, indorsed 'Tender for Firewood,' must be lodged, with the preliminary deposit, £1 per 250 tons, in Tender Box Room 15.1, Railway Offices, Spencer Street Melbourne, at or before Eleven p.m., on Friday, 26th June, 1925. No Tender will necessarily be accepted. E. C. EYRES.

The Weekly Times 13th June 1925:

Extending the Industry the State tobacco expert Mr. Temple Smith is of opinion that there is room for marked extension of tobacco growing in many parts of Victoria He points out that the crop can be grown on nearly all kinds of soil, and under a wide range of climate conditions. Several parts of Gippsland are admirably adapted for raising the leaf, and conditions in the Upper Goulburn along the creek flats of the Dividing Range. Tatong and Lima districts, are also very favourable for the crop. At the same time, he emphasises careful attention has to be paid to the class of tobacco raised on different soils. Seed of the heavy dark product, if grown on light land suited to the bright types of leaf never will produce a good type.

The Age 18th June 1925:

RAILWAY TO TOLMIE.

RIVAL ROUTES ADVOCATED.

WANGARATTA.— Interest in the proposed railway to Tolmie tablelands has followed the announcement of Mr. Crockett, honorary Minister, in the Government contemplates building the line. Meetings of residents favouring the Moyhu-Mahaikah extension have been held, and Benalla people are organising with the objective of putting forward claims of the extension of Tatong line. For nearly thirty years residents of Tolmie have been waiting for the Government to carry out its promise to give them a line for the development of the country.

North Eastern Ensign 19th June 1925:

TATONG.

Mr R. J., Mason, who has been head teacher of the local State school for the past 12 months, has been transferred to Melbourne. Prior to his departure he was presented by Master Allan Beard on behalf of the pupils with a cigarette case suitably inscribed. The ladies provided afternoon tea, and an enjoyable time was spent.

Benalla Standard 26th June 1925:

Abridged North Easter Land Sales.

Mr. W. J. Ginnivan, 484 acres grazing and dairying land, parish of Moorngag; Mr. W. L. Coghlan, his highly improved "Rosebank" estate, comprising 380 acres of rich agricultural and river lands situate near Benalla, on a walk-in, walk-out basis; Mr. A. G. Webster, 317 acres of grazing lands situated in parish of Tatong; Mr. A. Guppy, 531 acres of grazing lands situate in parish of Goomalibee; Mr. H. H. Osborne, His grazing and fattening property of 1230 acres situate in parish of Samaria; same vendor, his conveniently situated grazing property of 100 acres in the parish of Benalla ; same vendor, his conveniently appointed home and 11 acres situated on Broken River, Benalla; M. Ginnivan, his "Erindale" estate of 3100 acres of well improved grazing and fattening lands, situate in parish of Molyullah ; Mrs. John Duffy, her 402 acres of heavy grazing and fattening lands, including rich flats, with double frontage to Holland's Branch, situated in the parish of Rothesay.

Compiled by Barry O'Connor. Tatong Heritage Group.



In March my niece and I did a history walk along Sydney road, Brunswick. We greatly admired 159 Sydney Rd, which has a lovely 2nd-story verandah with "Miss R.E. Yon" written arched above it. Apparently Miss R. E. Yon was

a Chinese dressmaker of renown.

When I mentioned this to Geoff Rintala, he remembered that this lady was related to Bev and Heather.

Bev tells me, "Ruby Ethel Yon is our beautiful grandmother. Ruby was a very successful business woman, making high fashion garments. Our Mum, together with their father, and brother grew up there." So when I ought have been doing something else, I went hunting for traces of this remarkable person.

Ruby Ethel Yon was born in August 1885, in Murphy St Wangaratta, near the Toll Bridge over the Ovens river. She was the first child of parents Margaret & William Yon. William was a farmer. Over the next 24 years the family were in Edi, Moyhu and Whitfield, with the 10th & last birth registered in Wangaratta in 1909.

At 16, Ruby won a sewing prize at the Albury Show, in September 1901.

By 1907 Ruby was working from rooms in "Glasgow House" Wangaratta, described in advertisements in the North Eastern Despatch. Her work featured in newspaper reports on

SALE OF GIRLS' DRESS (by girls under 14) - Zillah Upton 1, Carrie Johnson 2. Pinafore (under 15) - Carrie Johnson 1, Ruby Yon 2. Three pinafores - Mrs. T. Hicks 1.

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wedding attire. At the union of Miss Ruth Ellis and Albert E. Thomas, "Miss R. E. Yon was the costumier, and the fine finish of the dresses was

greatly admired." Of a wedding in Whitfield North, in 1908, it was reported that "Miss R.E. Yon. "Glasgow House," Wangaratta, designed the costumes."

By May 1909 a Miss McPherson advertised in the North Eastern Despatch that she had taken over the rooms lately occupied by Miss R. E. Yon.

In November 1913, an ad appeared in the Melbourne Age situations vacant: "DRESS Makers. —Smart, experienced Bodice, Coates and General Hands. At once, Miss R. E. Yon, 151 Sydney-rd., Brunswick."

Her business expanded, and in 1915 she opened a second shop at 367 High St Northcote. The Northcote Leader announced, "Miss R. E. Yon, costumiere, intimates being prepared to execute all kinds of dressmaking in the latest style at premises opposite London Bank, Northcote."

In that year Ruby married William Hoyling, but retained "Miss R. E. Yon" as her working name. In the following year of 1916 her first child was born, Mavis Adele Hoyling. In August 1917 Ruby announced the closure of her Northcote shop with a clearing sale, and a welcome of all customers to 151 Sydney Rd. The following year, 1918, her second child, Ronald, was born.

In 1919 Ruby was advertising circular capes and Coney Coats from 145 Sydney rd. That year her father William Ah Yon died, in Brunswick. William had come from southern China.

In July 1922 Ruby advertised a clearing sale of winter coats at 145 Sydney Rd, and in September that year she announced a Grand Opening at her new premises, 159 Sydney Rd Brunswick, to be held on Friday September 29th. She had had the shop built in 1922, and on the upper story, adorning the verandah opening, in was her increasingly famous business name:

R. E. Yon.

In 1923 Ruby was taken to court by her neighbour, Christina Love, charged that a few inches of the Northern wall footings encroached onto her property next door. It appears the title boundary was crooked.

Mrs Love's daughter represented her mother, and made quite a performance in the witness box, something of a tempestuous prima donna. Ruby was defended by her uncle, noted barrister William Ah Ket. He was her mother's brother, and Australia's first lawyer of Asian descent; a graduate of Melbourne University.

Surveyors decided that the extension of Mrs. Love's wall would not touch Mrs Hoyling's in any part. In response, Miss Love apparently created a violent scene. The judge declared the case to be a deplorable waste of money. Ruby ended up paying a small fee as restitution, and the wall still stands.

In 1926, a Miss McFadzean advertised in Tongala that she was "Late of Miss R. E. Yon, Melbourne", which shows the prestige of being trained by Ruby.

In 1929 Ruby's mother Margaret died, in Brunswick. She had been born Margaret Ah Kitt, in Victoria.

In August 1935, Ruby was advertising for assistants in The Herald's Situations Vacant column.

Ruby Ethel Yon died suddenly on the 25th March 1937, at her home, 159 Sydney Road. She is buried with her sisters in Coburg Pine Ridge Cemetery. Her children Mavis and Ronald were just 21

and 19. Her building at 159 Sydney road saw births and deaths of her family, and it is apt that her name remains proudly emblazoned upon it.

Postscript: In January 1945, the Benalla Ensign reports: "The engagement is announced of Mavis Adele, only daughter of Mr. W. A. Hoyling, Bayswater, to William Alexander, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McCauley, of Tatong."

In June the wedding is described. The bride was, of course, beautifully dressed. The entry concludes, "The future home of Mr and Mrs McCauley will be at Tatong."

- Andi Stevenson



Ruby & Mavis





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Recipes by Sue

With the weather getting cooler, here are a few recipes to enjoy.

SESAME FISH

Mix together; ¼ cup soy sauce.

2 cloves garlic, crushed

Black pepper

3 tbsp shallots

2 tsp sesame oil

Marinate fish pieces in above mixture.

Toast & crush 3 tbsp sesame seeds.

Dip fish from marinade into sesame seeds & fry.

HAM & PINEAPPLE RICE

¼ cup cold cooked long grain rice

2 slices chopped cook ham

1 small blanched chopped green pepper

250g crushed pineapple, drained

2 tsp finely grated onion

Salt & pepper

Mix cold rice, chopped ham, chopped green pepper, crushed drained pineapple & onion together. Season to taste & put into serving bowl. Serves two. Just increase quantity for more serves.

EGGPLANT & RICOTTA PASTA— gluten free

120g jar GF char-grilled, marinated eggplant

500g jar GF tomato & basil passata

375g GF penne pasta, cooked & drained

200g fresh ricotta

In a saucepan, add eggplant to passata & simmer for 10 minutes until warm.

Divide pasta between four bowls and top with sauce & ricotta.

SALSA

Combine diced avocado, 1 tsp finely chopped red chilli, Juice of ½ lime, ¼ cup diced red capsicum. Really nice served over grilled pork.

CHICKEN TARRAGON

1 fillet of chicken per person

White wine

Dried tarragon

1 hour before cooking place fillets in an ovenproof dish. Sprinkle liberally with tarragon. Cover with white wine & leave to marinate.

Cook in a moderate oven for 30 minutes or until tender. Remove chicken from dish, and keep warm. Keep wine for sauce.

SAUCE; 1 tbsp butter, 2 tbsp flour

1 tsp French whole grain mustard

Wine chicken has been cooked in

Melt butter in saucepan, dissolve mustard in butter, remove from heat & make roux with flour. Strain tarragon from wine & add wine gradually to roux. Return to heat & stir constantly until boiled.

Place chicken on each plate & cover with sauce.

BAKED CHOCOLATE PUDDING

1 cup SR flour

½ cup sugar

1 tbsp cocoa

2 tbsp melted butter 1/2 cup milk

Put these ingredients into bowl & mix well.

Spoon into a casserole dish & sprinkle with

½ cup sugar & 1 tbsp cocoa. On top of the

mixture pour 1½ cups boiling water.

Bake in moderate for ½ hour. Serve with cream.

TOFFEE BANANAS

2 tbsp butter, ½ cup brown sugar, 3-4 bananas sliced.

Add butter to non-stick frying pan on medium heat. Add sugar & stir until dissolved, add banana slices & cook until warmed through. Serve with ice cream or wrapped in crepes.



MOLYULLAH BRIGADE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Molyullah Brigade AGM was held on Monday 12th May at the Molyullah Hall. We had a great turnout of community members – it was heartening to see the support for our local brigade.



Congratulations to the new Brigade Management Team (BMT):

Trish Curtis – Captain
Dion Stevenson – First Lieutenant
Frank Fisher – Second Lieutenant
Peg Halbwidl – Third Lieutenant
Maison Ring – Fourth Lieutenant
Secretary/Treasurer – Dion Stevenson

The meeting emphasised that there are important roles in the brigade for members who are no longer able to be active fire fighters or aren't keen on being 'on the hose'.

These include:

Secretary
Treasurer
Communications Officer
Community Engagement Officer

These positions are all currently being filled by volunteers in the BMT - but don't let that stop you getting involved and supporting your local brigade. We're a fun crew – we'd love to have you on board!

A big thank you to outgoing Captain, Dion Stevenson. Dion has provided strong leadership over the past six years and has been instrumental in recruiting and supporting a group of new volunteers into our brigade. He has very big shoes to fill, and we're very grateful for his ongoing support of the brigade.

The new positions will come into effect on 1st July.

MOLYULLAH FIRE BRIGADE SUNDAY DRIVER ROSTER

Thanks to our brigade members who make sure the truck and ultralight are in working order by taking them for a weekly Sunday drive.

Sunday Drive includes:

Take the truck for a short drive
If fuel is approaching ½ full or less, take the truck to Benalla and refuel
Walk around truck to ensure everything is OK – lights etc working
Run the pump
Participate in radio schedule with Benalla Group (starts 10am Ch #365)
Take ultralight tanker for a short drive
Run pump on ultralight
Fill in log book/s

1 st June	Damian Nicholls
8 th June	Russell Byrne
15 th June	Kevin Ryan
22 nd June	Alastair Cameron
29 th June	Anthony Hill
6 th July	Andrew Wheelens

A BIT ABOUT ME

For a change I thought I'll write about myself, hopefully objectively and honestly. I always like to read biographies so I thought it might be something of interest for some readers, especially new locals who may see my name crop up around the place.

Some older residents already will have heard some of my history but there is now a lot of new locals. I have lived in the beautiful Tatong district for nearly 36 years, firstly in Samaria for about 8 and now Tatong for about 28 years. I worked as an electrician all of my life and that started with the SEC in Yallourn where I started my apprenticeship at 16 yrs old. I moved from Newborough, where we built a new house, to Melbourne when my first wife de-camped to Melb's, her original territory, and I wanted to be close to the 3 kids. It was my second wife, Maeve, who encouraged me to take up electrical contracting and to move from the big smoke to her original hometown of Benalla.

In Melb's I began to study painting watercolours, a long held passion and in later years I tried virtually all mediums ending with the 5 acrylic public wall murals here in Tatong. I am now polishing my skills in the oil based tonal impressionism, first explored in France by Corot and others. My main interest, apart from fitness and family is spiritual development and it's something that started from very young. I was raised Catholic and Dad's parents were of Irish immigrant stock and I was taught by strict and rather fundamentalist nuns. The passing of time and much deeper study of religions led me to abandon the church in favour of Eastern variations, especially Taoism. I've already said enough about this area of interest for the moment, something which endlessly expands like the mustard tree that grew from the tiniest seed, as Jesus said in the gospels. I love the district landscape with its rolling landscape, stately gum trees and the big hills of the Dividing Range. My dream is to stay where we are for a long time and to that end Maeve and I are putting much study and effort into our health and fitness.

I plan to elaborate on my story in coming Tattlers.

Mike Larkin

TATONG HALL NOTICE

The hall's management committee will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday June the 3rd 2025 at the hall starting at 4pm. All welcome and if the time is awkward you can lodge a proxy vote with a committee member or another local resident. The main item of business is the election of volunteer Peter Maher to the committee. Peter is a long-time member of the Tatong community and with a proven record of community involvement.

If wanting to vote but unable to attend at the 4pm meeting time please contact the secretary, Mike Larkin at 0428 273 613, and make your intentions known.

Mike Larkin

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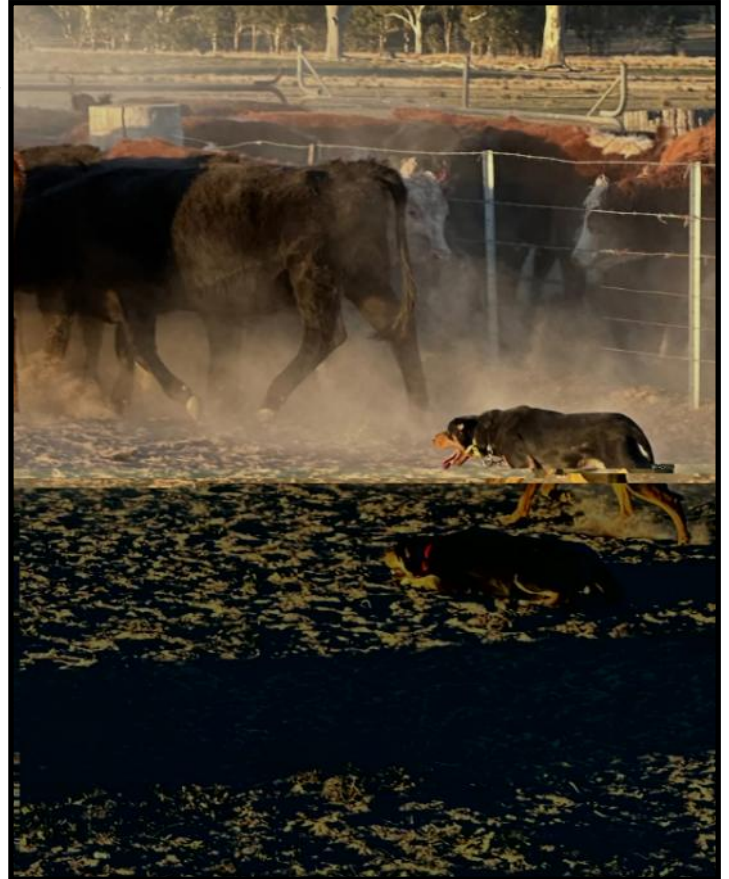
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Garden Daze

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



After the summer we have just had that took its toll on the landscape and garden, I decided to plant some tough hardy natives. Here is a selection.

Grevilleas



Grevillea alpina (mountain grevillea, alpine grevillea, cat's claws) is actually more common in lower areas. **Alpina** varies in appearance, with five forms described: small-flowered, Grampians, Northern Victorian, Goldfields, and Southern Hills. Some are low to the ground, while others become a spreading shrub.

The flowers can be from white to green to shades of red and pink, or a pattern of several colours. The curled flowers are 1 to 3 cm in length and attract nectar-feeding insects and birds.



Grevillea victoriae is a shrub that grows to between 0.2 and 4 metres in height. It has obovate to ovate leaves that range between 1.5 and 14 cm in length and 0.5 to 4.5 cm in width. Pendant clusters of red or orange flowers appear in spring and summer.



Grevillea steiglitziana, also known as Brisbane Ranges* grevillea, is a spreading shrub which is endemic to Victoria. It grows to between 0.7 and 2 metres in height. The flowers, which are greenish-brown with red styles, appear between September and January.



G. lanigera (Woolly grevillea) is a small shrub endemic to Victoria and NSW. The species shows considerable variation. It may be prostrate or erect, the latter forms growing from 0.3 to 1.5 metres in height. The red flowers may occur through the year, but are

most prolific in winter and spring. Its hairy leaves and branchlets, gave rise to the name lanigera derived from the latin words lana (wool) and ger (to bear or carry).



Grevillea rosmarinifolia - a small to medium sized shrub 0.3–2 m (0.98–6.56 ft) high.

The leaves resemble rosemary - narrow-linear, stiff with sharp points and curled-under margins, 0.8-3.8 cm long and 0.7–3 mm wide.

Grevillea rosmarinifolia produces clusters of red or pink flowers from winter to spring. The flowers are rich in nectar and attract nectar loving insects and birds.

Correas



Correa alba - Likes a sunny position, but will also grow in partial shade (tho flowering will be lessened). It responds well to pruning and can be shaped for formal uses if desired. Also good in containers. Flowers late Autumn to

Winter with small white blooms. Will attract nectar eating insects and birds.



Correa pulchella (salmon correa, Australian fuchsia) a small evergreen shrub growing 0.3–1 m. in height and 1–2 m. in width. Leaves are linear oblong to broadly ovate. The pink-red, orange, or rarely white,

flowers are pendent, tubular and appear between April and September. Also attracts nectar eating birds and insects and will propagate from cuttings.



Correa reflexa - a wonderfully hardy low growing shrub that flowers through the year. There are many different forms from near prostrate to more upright. The flowers are long and tubular, bell shaped and vary from yellow cream to pink to red and yellow and are attractive to birds and

other nectar lovers. **Correa reflexa** will grow on a wide range of soil types and in sun or shade. Best results will be obtained in a well drained soil with a good compost mulch and regular watering, however it will survive if neglected and is rarely troubled by pests and disease.

* The Brisbane Ranges are located approx. 80 kms south west of Melbourne

Happy Gardening



June 2019

Kathy Z

Written by Bev Lee for U3A Benalla "'As Time Goes By' – Memoir Writing"

Childhood memories ... Easter's 'Molyullah Sports'

"Where's Janette?" someone would ask, as we gathered around the spinning wheel at the Molyullah Sports; prizes on the tray of Jack Payne's old truck nearby; hoping for some luck.

"Janette's fine – she's just over there, watching the Irish dancing" someone would reply. And there, immersed in a world of Celtic music, from Irish to Scottish; captured by colourful costumes, from the green, front laced dresses of the Irish dancers to the multicoloured tartan kilts of a variety of clan based hues; would sit my younger sister, mesmerized by dancers dancing delicately around two crossed swords on the ground to the careful attention of judges standing nearby.

Later, perhaps hoping to cadge a few more sixpences for the spinning wheel, someone would ask "Where's Dad?'. If Dad wasn't at the spinning wheel he'd be at one of two places—the log hut some distance from the tea rooms at which beer drinkers gathered to pass the time (he was rather fond of a beer or two), or standing looking at the 'odds' boards of three 'bookies' in crumpled tweed suits with large weathered leather 'kit' bags containing money hanging around their necks (Dad was rather fond of a bet as well!) At various stages during the afternoon tall, graceful racing horses would appear. Jockeys in silks would mount them and ride past the crowd before entering the field to race around the oval field. Punters would gather around the bookmakers, where they also had the chance to bet on races in Melbourne and elsewhere, with odds boards thoughtfully perused throughout the afternoon by those interested in the 'sport of kings'.

John, my year older brother, was likely to hanging out with classmates from the little Molyullah one teacher school we attended for two weeks each year, perhaps watching the wood choppers in action. We spent three weeks with our uncle in Molyullah each Easter when Dad took annual leave from the Department of the Army in Melbourne and enjoyed catching up with the students we met there each year. Or he might be with me, near the horse floats, watching the arena as Arthur Hill, on his beautiful palomino pony 'Goldie', skilfully wove around the barrel racing posts, aiming the pole at the barrel at the completion of the course before galloping to the finishing line. We loved Goldie, loved the times when Arthur would ride across the paddocks on Goldie to 'Bertie's' farmhouse where my uncle, a sharefarmer for Arthur's parents, milked a large herd of cows. Arthur had taught us how to ride Goldie bare backed. He was our friend and we barracked for him vociferously!

Nearing two o'clock, everybody would head towards the running track in the centre of the field. The Stawell Gift was just about to be run in the western district, so it must be time for the Molyullah Gift to be run! Runners would appear in white singlets and shorts. Stretching and preening, some already professional runners, others perhaps having their first professional start, they walked to the starting line. Last bets would be placed with the bookmakers. Everything would stop for the Molyullah Gift! 'Get Set'.... they were off!

For the children, not long after, the races would begin – all sorts of races, from egg and spoon; three legged races; bag races, and more. How I longed to win a prize!

Reflecting back, I find myself wondering, where was Mum? I suspect that Mum was always thereabouts, quietly watchful, unobtrusive but ready for a chat and if necessary a hug. She would call us together to go to the tea rooms, her purse open for us to buy sandwiches, cakes and a drink if we were hungry. I suspect she occasionally bought a ticket at the spinning wheel, looked after our prizes, spent time chatting with Mrs Hill who took the money at a front table in the tea rooms and perhaps helped other mothers making sandwiches and putting together plates of delicious home made cakes and slices behind the servery. Looking back, she was probably also keeping an eye on Dad, hoping he wasn't drinking or betting too much!

At the end of the day Mum would gather us together before finding my uncle, who would be standing under the gum trees where he'd almost finished his work shepherding cars, horse and pony trailers in and out of the parking areas. He was happy in this role as he found socializing and making small talk embarrassing and difficult. I'm sure he breathed a sigh of relief that 'it was over for another year' as we packed into his old jeep or walked across the paddocks to Bertie's farmhouse.

However for us – the day was full of joy and memories – we could hardly wait for next year's Molyullah Sports on Easter Monday!

Bev Lee 28 October 2019



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Gawn to Town

How do you prefer your clothes to be dried?

After all, a bright side of having a drought, is that drying the washing can be easier... assuming you have enough water to wash with. And, in a seriously hot summer (as a Moulamein friend pointed out) hanging the clothes on the line is so efficient, that once you've done a full turn you can start taking them off again.

The Hills Hoist is a Great Australian Invention. Like so many inventions, it was created by someone other than the person who claimed the patent, the money & the kudos.

Having grown up with a rotary clothes line, I shudder to think what the old prop system must have been like to use.

When we built a home, an architect recommended the clothes line go out of sight, behind the shed. What? The glorious hills hoist? Gotta keep an eye on the washing – is it blowing about? Is it blowing off... And it shouldn't be too far away, in case a shower creeps up.

Drying one's washing in the Australian sun is a fine thing. All that ultra violet radiation is a great cleanser. That freshly dried clean clothes smell is sumptuous.

And yet in some parts of the world, drying one's washing outdoors is frowned upon. It's what poor folk do.

I can appreciate that having towels draped over the patio furniture of a 3rd floor apartment isn't a great look. And having one's worn out clothing on the verandah rails is a tad wearysome. All the more reason to make an outdoor line available to everyone!

Apparently in some parts of America it can be illegal to hang your clothes outdoors. Everybody must have an electricity-guzzling dryer. And not complain if the filter blocks and the house burns down.

I do remember, somewhere near Port Campbell, in July, drying my heavy warm woollen coat by fastening it to the aerial of the mini minor. I had got too close to a blowhole. Would that means of drying be illegal in the States? (It did work, and stayed put - the mini didn't go very fast.)

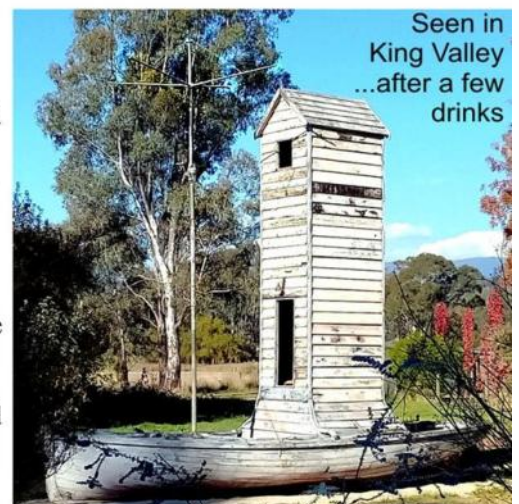
I have never yet had any items stolen by what is known as a "snow-dropper". However my sister had enough washing vanish from her line to go to the police. Eventually they found the culprit, a hoarder with a room full of stolen washing. I suppose there are worse hang-ups to have.

And ok, there are downsides to drying stuff outdoors. Bird-strikes, insects taking up residence, ash arriving on the breeze, or some unspeakable person driving the lawnmower too close.

And there was the time I was mustering sheep by motorbike through the river

frontage, and nearly met a clothes-line that some campers had strung between two rivergums, at neck height, and neglected to take down when they left. But apart from that, I rejoice in the Hoist! Except maybe once a year, round August.

- Andi Stevenson



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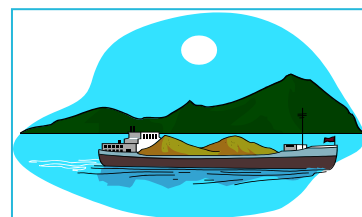
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Swanpool News

Like everyone else, we are hoping for June rain! In the meantime, the Table Tennis Club welcomes new members to rotating competitions, and our Gardening, Book and Film Clubs continue to meet on a regular basis.

The Cinema has a bumper programme to round off the season, starting on Friday 6th June at 10.30am with a heartwarming matinee featuring "Bob Trevino Likes It", based on the true story about a young woman trying to earn affection and approval from her estranged father by seeking him out online, only to meet a newer, truer father figure who has the same name. Barbie Ferreira plays the young woman, to much acclaim, This film also forms part of our Double Feature for that weekend.

At the end of the month we have a matinee screening on Friday 27th June at 10.30a,m of "The Salt Path", also based on a bestselling true story of an English couple dealing with financial and personal hardship who walk the 630 mile coastal path around the South West Coast of England, and starring Gillian Anderson, Both films are inspiring in their different ways, and not to be missed.

This month also marks the return of our iconic Swanpool Environmental Film Festival, on Saturday 14th June. Starting at 1.00pm, with no less than 4 films, including Sir David Attenborough's "Ocean", his latest powerful and hopeful production highlighting the beauty and fragility of our world, and only available via streaming services if you miss this event. We will also be showing Bob Brown's "Takayna" film, as well as films exploring climate extremes and soil health. We have two illustrious speakers, including our local farmer Mark Foletta, and Dr Phil Lawn from South Australia. Bookings are essential, and tickets can be purchased via www.trybooking.com/DARDU

The \$35 tickets price includes afternoon tea and dinner provided by Pavlos Catering, as well as the full program.

Other films on our June programme include the return of David Wenham's "Spit" from "Getting Square", and the gorgeous Irish film "Small Things Like These" featuring Cillian Murphy. We are proud to be hosting another special matinee on behalf of the Mansfield Rural Australians for Refugees group (RAR) on Saturday 28th June, at 1.30pm, featuring the Palestinian and Israeli made special film about Gaza, "No Other Land" which won this year's Oscar for documentary films. Bookings are essential for this event, www.trybooking.com/DAREI, and all details are on our website, www.swanpoolcinema.com.au

The next pizza night at the Albert Heaney Oval, Friday 27th June from 6.00pm . Range of yummy pizzas, payment with cash or credit card, all welcome!

We will be looking forward to our winter break, returning in September for our new season. Thank you to all our volunteers and patrons for your ongoing support!
Deb

White Gate



News

The next **White Gate dinner @ the Tavern** will be in June - Wednesday the 4th. Will NSW have shared any of the deluge with us? If we can't drown the pasture with a flood, best drown our sorrows at the Tavern (arrive 6:30 if you can, and best to let the Tavern know you're coming.) Wishing you all warmth, and winter puddings, sound gloves, and gumboots without holes in them... - Andi Stevenson (0429 439 336 - got any local news?)

This month on the De Fazio Dairy farm has been a lesson in dealing with stress.

No rain, feed almost disappeared, hay stocks dwindling and the prospects of buying more fodder a vanishing dream.

Like most other people on the land we have de-stocked some animals but are trying to retain our milkers and breeding stock.

While the north east is not yet declared as a drought area we only have to look out the window to see the effects of so little rain.

This photo was taken only short weeks ago when there was some dry feed.. - Linda De Fazio



White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Leigh Humphries	25 May	Andrew Marriott	22 Jun
Jason Humphries	1 Jun	Noel Hutchens	29 Jun
Norton Grimwade	8 Jun	Terry Trounson	6 Jul
Henry Thorne	15 Jun	Dave Sweatman	13 Jul

Tatong Tavern



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Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
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
2021	76.6	47.8	39.6	8.2	66.5	99.3	154.9	51.5	92.6	66.5	111	40.5	855
2022	219.3	4.8	72.7	81.4	42.5	102.5	49.7	126.6	111.9	232.2	139.2	25	1217
2023	25	18.7	61.1	62.8	59.2	197.6	51.1	67.2	25.2	120.8	57.1	98.2	846
2024	156.4	17.6	14.7	26.9	73.8	53.1	76.7	47	42.2	46.4	167.7	48	770.5
2025	22.5	13.5	66.5	8.9									111.4

WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

The appropriate word now is drought, or similar, due to the dearth of rainfall. For both April and May this year there has been no rain up until the 15th of the month. There was a measly 8.9mm of rain for the last half of April but nothing so far for May.

Words now fail me so if you have a rain dance or prayer then good luck.

Cheers Mike Larkin



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