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### DON'T MISS THE 5<sup>TH</sup> TATONG ART SHOW!

As promised in the 300<sup>th</sup> edition of the Tatong Tattler, I write to ensure that members of our community are 'in the know' for our upcoming Art Show, which is a part of the Benalla Festival. This year for the first time our opening hours will be limited to:

**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00pm to 9:30pm.**

This is opening night and is a popular event filled with atmosphere and good fun. Members of the community, their friends and loved ones are warmly invited to attend! The cost of admission is \$5.

On opening night finger foods are available and there is an open bar, with white and red wine sold for \$5 per glass. Numerous prizes are awarded on the night, including the \$1,000 Best in Show, \$500 Honourable Mention, \$250 Best Young Artist and \$250 Best Local Artist. These prizes are made possible through the generous support of **GMCU** and it goes without saying that we are incredibly grateful to them for their generous support! In addition to these prizes, we also award a prize for Best Medium other than painting, and an Encouragement Award, which are sponsored by the Tatong Art Show.

This year for the first time we have a **special raffle prize** which is drawn on opening night and tickets are \$5 each. I don't want to spoil the surprise of what it is, but I am confident that it will be appealing! And of course all who attend are eligible to vote for the work that they think should be awarded the \$500 Best in Show.

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## Saturday Nov 4 -5 from 10am to 4pm and Friday Nov 10-12<sup>th</sup>

For these days admission to the show is \$3pp with children 12yrs and under admitted for free. Morning and afternoon tea is available for purchase on the day and again we have some pretty special raffle prizes – tickets are \$2ea or 3 for \$5! The winner(s) of the Raffle Prize(s) will be notified via telephone at the conclusion of the Show and their prize will be delivered to them shortly thereafter! Finally the Best in Show prize will be announced at 3pm on November 12<sup>th</sup> and the winner will be notified via telephone on that day!

We look forward to seeing you at the show and to learning what your choice was for the Best in Show! On a final note, Beth Gregory will shortly start telephoning members of the community to see who might like to be a volunteer at the admission desk during opening hours. If you would like to volunteer please let Beth know if you do not hear from her.

Ciao for now!

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



Can't believe it's Tattler time already. Let's see, what has been happening at Molly Rose? Plenty of rain in the last couple of weeks which has been nice, even if the ground has ended up a tad swampy – the ducks have been enjoying it, the chickens, not so much, and I had to move the sheep to “higher” ground – there's a video of me dragging the sheep house through ankle deep water on <https://www.facebook.com/MollyRoseHeritageHarvest/> and a video of the ducks dabbling. Unfortunately, the pens are now mud despite all the leaves and straw that's been put down, so we're off to Benalla Timber for a trailer load of woodchip mulch to lay over the muck. Not sure if one load will be enough!

We haven't had any luck finding pure bred Frizzles or their fertilised eggs, but we're still looking and chasing up some possible leads, so if you hear of anyone with some Frizzles, let us know please!

Chookies are laying, although the duckies seem to have stopped, that or they're hiding them somewhere we have not yet found. So Heritage Eggs are now ready for sale, although I am still working on the marketing side of things. I've also been scouring the internet for recipes for pickled eggs, so gonna give a few different recipes a go, among them, one for purple eggs.

The sheep needed their hooves trimmed, not something I am currently capable of doing with this slow healing elbow, so a friend came over and had a go. We're both a couple of amateurs though, so I might get the experts to have a look over them when Cherry and Peach head off to Greta to play with a ram. Hopefully we'll be getting some Christmas Lambs that will be ready for the table for Christmas 2018. Strawberry will stay home – I guess she'll be one lonely lamb for a month or so, but at least we'll still have one lawnmower in residence.

Health wise, elbow strength and flexibility slowly increasing, although I'm now at the point that if I don't push it, I will never gain full flexibility! What else? A week ago, (Sunday 13th) Xavier and I were settling in at Wangarratta Hospital after Xavier came down with appendicitis and had them removed Sunday afternoon. Wasn't quite the way I was planning on spending my Sunday! It meant the fertilised Araucana eggs that had recently arrived in the post didn't get in the incubator for a few days!

Take care, enjoy the rain and I'll write you next month,

Carla

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### LOG TRUCKS, LERPS AND QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

I am not much help with the log truck issue because it was dealt with about 20 years ago when an energetic committee managed to get the curfew in place to limit the times the trucks could travel in Tatong. This took a lot of time and energy from a large and highly motivated group with many meetings between the committee, Council and the logging contractors.

I like many others have lost interest because the passing of time enables us to accept and cope with such things. Fortunately I am in a 60km/per hour zone and the trucks do obey the speed limit, unlike many others including locals, and I sympathise with those people living where the trucks can travel at 100km/per hour at all hours of the night.

There are some things which can help reduce the effect of noisy traffic. One is to block the sound with dense walls between the house and road another is to use "white-noise" such as a fan or radio etc inside the bedroom to diffuse the sound and also ear plugs. There are white-noise generators which can work from smart phones, I think.

I think the issue of damage to eucalypts in the district has been addressed by others and the answer to, why there is so many distressed trees, being "LERPS". Bugs which attack the leaves and while the trees look almost dead most usually survive. It could be similar to humans getting a cold.

In response to Vin Masters request, some of the Tattler team have discussed the idea of having a "Question and Answer" column where those who write for the Tattler, and the readers, can attempt to provide answers to questions from other readers. We are thinking of questions of local interest rather than Dorothy Dix puzzles. Send questions to "The editor" c/o [tatongtattler@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tatongtattler@yahoo.com.au)

And for the wordology engineers a new word that I love, GLURGE. It was in a newspaper movie review describing a film about a dog and while expressing reservations the reviewer still found the movie to be ok. I won't try and define the word but I love the 'sound' of it.

Mike Larkin



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# White Gate Dates

## White Gate Dinner @ the Tavern

In September the Tatong Table Tennis club are celebrating at the Tavern; congratulations to them on having a large and enthusiastic group. The "White Gate" group will therefore dine on

### Thursday Instead!!!

Book yourself in & roll up 6:30/7-ish.  
(Note that we are impinging on the Molyullah dinner evening; so no raucous behaviour or dancing on the tables, please.)

### Breakfast @ Samaria

Sumptuous supping at Samaria next happens on September Saturday 16th.  
Don't try saying that with your mouth full of scrambled egg.

### White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

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

## A proud mother's posting on Facebook

Molyullah Mountain Trail would like to congratulate Leni De Fazio and Buster (and her amazing Mum @caryn.fazio for her support and encouragement ) who is the first EVER IMTCA Australia perfect Score - In Hand Youth - 70/70. Congratulations and we look forward to welcoming you back and watching you continue to grow.

Caryn De Fazio Was practically in your front yard Kathryn O'Keefe De Fazio. Leni learnt so much about Buster and her confidence skyrocketed in just 24 hours. Totally different rider, I was so proud of her. I'm so glad we pursued horse riding - it has done amazing things for her confidence and communication with adults.

That's my sweet girl xxx Thank you so much IMTCA for the transformation I saw in my daughter in just one weekend. We both got so much from the clinic and challenge. I love how you engage the entire family in all you do and taught us that we can all contribute to Leni's education and learning. Literally can't wait until the next event! (Leni is a bit excited too...)



## SEPTEMBER 2017



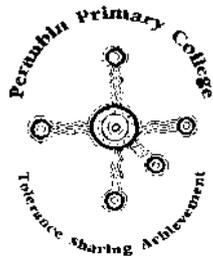
Well the time has come for all good things to come to an end, and that is what has happened with our time at the Tavern, as Chris and myself have made the decision to sell our Lease and move onto another part of our lives, which will involve hopefully more down time to do all those things we haven't been able to do while being actively busy at the Tavern 24/7. Chris has had a couple of years with different health issues and I think at last my constant nagging to slow down has finally been heard. We will relieve everyone's curiosity about who will take over, by announcing that Shirley and Pedro Shroder from the Swanpool Store have brought the Lease, and will officially take over on the week of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Pedro and Shirley have sold their own Lease to the Swanpool Store, so there will be change all round for the Tatong and Swanpool District. Chris and I will be having a send-off on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at the Tavern with music from Rattler and hopefully you will come down and see us off.

Johnny Larkin, who has been our Chef for these past three years, will also be moving on to a very exciting time in his life with firstly his upcoming marriage to Michele Crocket, on "of all days", 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, which everyone knows is the AFL Football finals, followed by his honeymoon. Johnny has also been planning the next stage of his own journey, with the possibility of his own business, so Johnny along with our selves will all be leaving on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, so there will be double the celebrations at the Tavern.

On the note of the Football Finals the Tavern will be putting on the usual B.B.Q throughout the day while the game is on. We are hoping Champ will once again be chief cook for the day as he has for many years, so come on up and watch the game with friends, a few drinks and lots of laughter. Not to be forgotten the winner of the Footy Tipping will be announced on the following day Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, at 5.30 p.m. at the Tavern with a B.B.Q Tea and drinks. So all our Football Tippers are invited to join us to see who has got all the money. See you there.

As next month approaches I will be writing for the last time for the Tattler, as we will hand over all information for Pedro and Shirley to carry on. I hope I won't warble on to much as there have been many memories from the past three years that I want to relate, so watch this space next month for hopefully funny and happy tales of Chris and Debs time at the Tavern.





### Baddaginnie/Swanpool School News

On Thursday 27th July, the students from Peranbin Primary College Swanpool and Baddaginnie campuses planted 100 native trees and shrubs along the Lima East Creek as part of National Schools Tree Day.



The works contributed to an overall project to revegetate a 1km section of the Lima East Creek on the Blackwood Park property on Lima East Road.

The Lima East Creek runs past Swanpool and into the Broken River. Thus the works conducted by the students contribute to improved downstream water quality in the Broken River catchment.

The plants and guards used on the day were supplied by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority as part of a four year The Strathbogrie Streams project. The project is actively supported by the members of the Swanpool Landcare Group.

Geoff Brennan from the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority talked with the students about the importance of improving water quality through revegetation projects. Thank you to Geoff Brennan for assisting the students with the tree planting on National Schools Tree Day.

Thanks to Jess Bakker for supplying the scones, jam and cream that provided the energy for the planting.

The student enthusiastically planted then guarded a mix of Silver Banksias, Wattles and other locally native species. They did a great job as you can see from the photo.

### Inaugural Molyullah Mountain Trail IMTCA Event



Over the last weekend of July, Molyullah Mountain Trail opened its gates to horses and riders of all sizes, ages and equestrian disciplines for the inaugural International Mountain Trail Challenge Association Weekend. Participants came from as far away as Yarram (6 ½ hours to get here) and as close as around the corner. The Mountain Trail Obstacle Course is built around the natural landscape of the low hills and gullies at Chris and Brenda Millott's lovely property on Green Road. Unlike many disciplines, every breed of horse can participate in mountain trail. Riders range from top level competitors to those who are just starting with their first horse, from children to those in their 80's – all are having fun. You can see riders in every type of saddle – dressage, western, endurance, etc. Mountain Trail is about developing the relationship between the rider and the horse.

Leni De Fazio and Buster did exceptionally well in the Challenge, the first ever perfect score in Australia for Youth In-Hand. Congratulations Leni and Buster J

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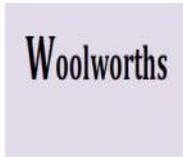


**NFA North East Artisans**  
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## Garden Daze

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

*Sprinter or Spring - It's September !! AND the Blossoms are out.*



**Pruning** - (Ian would prefer to call it shaping) brings us to the last of Ian's tips for citrus success.

### To continue with Ian Tolley's advice on Planting and Growing Citrus.

**PLANTING** - Ian's second essential for citrus success - whether planting into a container or in the ground. The principle is the same.

**Temperature** - it is worth waiting until the air temperature starts to go above 14 degrees C. This is when root development starts. If planted too late and the temperature has dropped below 14 degrees C then they won't thrive as their roots will rot and watering will only make things worse.

**Formula** - zeolite\* - a rare earth, mined in Australia - a tablespoon for a medium to large pot. Mixed together in this way, the fertiliser is locked in with the nutrients in the potting media, so that when the trees start to grow, they can pick it up at any time...cuts the fertiliser use in about half! (Zeolite attracts and retains ammonium, potassium, calcium & magnesium, as well as trace elements.)

**Planting - (1)** - put the tree into a bucket of water and let the bubbles come up - give it a good soaking.

**(2) - A bit of a surprise** - wash all the potting media from the roots. - then **quickly - while the roots are still wet** plant into a pot or hole in the ground of fresh mix - spread the roots out over the whole area, keeping the soil level the same as the original container. Settle the plant in, then put some mix around it without piling it in being careful not to damage the roots.

**Fertilising** - Ian's basic rule which is different from the advice usually given - is to feed citrus monthly, **without fail** all year round.

"I always use organic, composted chicken manure but you need to have additives." Ian adds trace elements from boron to zinc to ensure a good, balanced, feed, together with liquid seaweed, which helps to boost soil activity and create a living environment for the tree to use.

**Watering** - Over-watering will waste fertiliser - if the plant is flooded - then all the fertiliser is gone. Make sure you've added enough water to just have the few odd drips out of the bottom of the pot."

Check the leaves - if they are shiny and really firm and cool to your touch - no water is required. However - if the leaves are not cool, the plant is not transpiring, and water is needed ...do it now.

**BARK CARE AND PRUNING - Bark Care for Potted Citrus** - All Ian's potted citrus trees have painted white trunks for "Sunburn control". "Sunburn can kill trees. Ordinary white exterior paint applied every 5 to 7 years is all that is needed Milk paint or whitewash will also have a similar effect, but needs to be applied more frequently. However, this is just for his potted plants. **Trees in the ground that have a canopy shading their trunk don't need the extra barrier.**

In the first year, I cut the top off - just snipped it. It gives lots of bushy growth, but a little bit of suckering. Remember - citrus trees grow fruit on the tips of their terminals. Aim for a shape like an upside-down pear.

Garden shears work best for shaping a new tree. This way you can stand back - and see where it needs to be shaped. Ian's demo was a few quick chops and then the advice to - "leave it alone!"

With trees planted in the ground, "I don't want to let them grow higher than two 2 metres. If you're getting a normal crop year after year, you don't have to worry, but if you see a very light crop coming your way, that's red for danger. That's the year to start shaping your tree - taking down the number of terminals. That means you start to get the tree back to a normal crop, every year."



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Spring is finally here.  
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Ian Tolley is a specialist and global expert in seed production, seedling production, orchard planning establishment and management. He was awarded an OAM for his life-long services to development of the Australian citrus industry. Ian is also a Fellow of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

Kathy Z

TREES, TRUCKS & TWINS

Thank you to Janette & Very Shy for their response in regard to my concerns about the trees. Hopefully now we are getting some well needed moisture, most of the trees will recover nicely. The Lerps don't seem to have affected the Blue Gums.

I've had a few responses to the truck problem and will continue to pursue this. I've also been given a contact number for Vicroads, by a resident on the Yarrowonga Road, who has had the rumble strips removed from outside his house. I rang Vicroads today and they took my concerns on board in regard to our dwelling being so close to the road and he's agreed to have the rumble strips removed from Colehurst Lane to about 200 metres past our place on the Tatong side. Please contact me if you would like this number.

Just thought I'd share a funny anecdote about my two year old twin grandchildren! I was recently minding them for the day and about 4pm was wondering what we could do next to keep them occupied until their parents arrived home. Decided to put a DVD of the Wiggles on, as they both love them. As I've had to watch this many times before I was loudly singing along to the songs when my little granddaughter came up to me and said "No Like". She repeated this a few times until I stopped singing and then she happily went back to watching the DVD. I always knew I didn't have a great voice but didn't think it was that bad. The twins are only just learning to talk so I was very impressed that she could get her point across. Did make me laugh though!

All current and previous contributors and the editor have done a great job putting together the 300<sup>th</sup> edition of the Tatong Tattler. Loved looking at the photos and reading the memories of the past 300 issues.

As I am only a newbie (is there such a word John Knapper) contributor, I would like to thank Vin Masters for his thanks and also hope that any questions in this & following newsletters get answered too!

BETH

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**Vale – Don McFadden** (27-10-1919 – 30-7-2017) Eulogy from Memorial Service held on Friday, 11 August by Don's eldest son Geoff.

Hello, my name is Geoff McFadden. On behalf of the family, Margaret, the three sons, myself, Scott and Ian, daughters in law, Ceridwen & Jenny, and grandson Max, and granddaughter Naja, and step grandchildren Sam & Kate, we welcome you and thank you for coming to pay your respects to Don.

Dr Gordon Maine McFadden BVSc was born on October 27<sup>th</sup> 1929 in Brisbane, the only child of Harold and Victoria (better known as Queen or even Neen) McFadden. He attended Brisbane Grammar and enjoyed his childhood enormously. Harold ran a plumbing business and served in the army during WWII fitting warships and defusing unexploded enemy bombs part time (as you do). Dad's school was relocated from Brisbane to Southport during WWII and he boarded there. They dug their own trenches and practiced air raid drills, ideally during maths he recalls. Dad enrolled at University of Queensland and received a BVSc and then started a veterinary practice in a little QLD town called Wondai. In 1956 he attended a dance just south of the border in Northern NSW and met a girl named Margaret. In Mum's words "He was the handsomest man at the dance hall with glossy black hair, twinkling blue eyes and a very smart serge suit". Things moved quickly and they were soon married in Wondai, where they ran his vet practice, and soon expected the first of three sons. Dad and Mum decided to relocate to Victoria soon after I was born, so they packed what they could into Dad's VW beetle and made the long drive

south, with the dachshund and me in the back seat. We were bound for Tatura, a small town with a big dairy and tomato growing industry where we would start our new life. In Tat, Dad and Mum grew both the vet practice and the family. My brothers Scott and Ian arrived, and seven vets and three vet nurses rounded out a very large regional veterinary clinic. Dad became president of the local Rotary club and had less and less time to play golf and his beloved cricket, as the duties of family, work and community involvement vied for his time. Just this week he received his 45-year service medal from the CFA. He was a man who put in to his community.

Our memories of the time in Tat are very fond. Dad often took one of us boys on vet calls in the evening, and we would be tasked with some part of the procedure. Our job ranged from something simple, like holding the crook cow's tail out of the way, to far more challenging jobs like doing the sutures or stuffing the intestines back into a horse after Dad had rummaged around and cleared the obstructions: horses have a lot of guts and they don't fit back in very easily I discovered. These 'calls', as they were known in the family, were probably our most cherished 'Dad time'. We got to go out late with him on school nights, talk one-to-one as we drove there and back, and shoulder big responsibilities for the animal's welfare. Once we were older, we might be allowed to go out all day with him during school holidays, and I remember a very challenging day where we had to euthanize hundreds of sheep and cattle after a bushfire. I think these experiences shaped my own work with animals and Nature, and I am indebted to Dad for teaching me to respect and care for animals. My earliest memory of this veterinary life was driving with Mum the 2 hours from Tatura to Melbourne University with a dead pig on the back seat of our car. Dad suspected the pig had the rare but devastating Johne's disease, and our mission was to get his diagnosis confirmed by the vet school so an urgent disease management plan could be implemented. I was 3 years old at the time and Mum recalls that I was a great help throughout the journey by constantly asking "Why is the piggy dead?" Dad was right of course about the Johne's disease (he usually was because he really knew his stuff) and his prompt intervention saved the local pig industry. Dad's involvement with Melbourne University continued, and he acted as an external examiner for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science for a decade putting the quaking students through their paces during their final practical exams. I know it was a great source of pride for Dad that my daughter Naja and I teach at Melbourne University.

Continued Over

In 1971 Dad and Mum bought Kilfeera here in Benalla. Initially the farm was a tax reduction strategy so they could enjoy the tax write offs of being primary producers. Dad intensely disliked paying more than what he saw as his fair share of tax, and he assiduously worked the system to whatever advantage he could. For instance, we kept some fat lambs on the farm for meat, and I still relish a lamb chop or three. One year the ATO wrote to Dad to query him about his sheep mortality rate. The tax officer quizzed Dad about how it could be that he had declared 100% mortality for his entire flock of eight sheep when he was a licensed veterinarian. Dad simply wrote back that he never claimed to be a 'good' vet. I think the tax guy relished this intellectual sparring too, and the next year wrote to query Dad about why he had not declared any *natural increase* in his sheep flock for the previous two years. Dad's response – "Haven't got a ram". I sometimes feel he enjoyed the game more than the gains. Whilst the farm started out as a tax dodge, we all know that Mum and Dad fell in love with breeding cattle. Their herd of Herefords and Kilfeera became an absorbing passion, and Dad worked the property right up until his last days. He'll continue to supervise forever of course because he's asked that his ashes be scattered on the farm.

Dad also loved the ocean. He got this from Neen and Harold who spent their leisure time on the beach or at the Great Barrier Reef collecting and filming marine life. After we moved to inland Victoria, Dad obviously missed the reef and QLD, so he would pack us all into the car every summer, and we headed north to see family, hit the beach, and catch fish. Dad has his own way of fishing, I never saw him use a fishing rod; he always used one of these [shows wooden fishing reel]. Once he got a fish on the line, he hauled it in hand-over-hand fighting the fish (typically a big one) to the surface holding the fishing line in his bare, bloodied hands. We boys were instructed in this old-school style of fishing from an early age, and each of us has fond memories of boat trips in pursuit of fish for dinner. My strongest memory of 'Dad fishing' is 5 days on a boat in the Whitsunday Islands. We'd anchored overnight in a cove off an uninhabited island, and Dad roused us out of our bunks at dawn so as not to waste a moment's fishing time. He hauled in a magnificent coral trout - he somehow always caught the best fish of the day. Dad's trout was promptly filleted and pan-fried for breakfast, which I still remember as the best fish I ever ate. Scott caught a black and white striped Old Wife and I got a little nannygai, neither of which are good eating. I threw mine back and a huge red backed sea eagle swooped down and snatched my fish out of the water in front of our eyes.

Good fishing in the next life Dad, and don't let them try to fit you up with any of that rod-and-reel nonsense.

Dad also loved sport. He batted and bowled in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI at Brisbane Grammar, and played breakaway for their 1<sup>st</sup> XV in winter. Once he arrived in Victoria, he quickly figured out that he needed a VFL team to fit in with the sale yard conversations, and the obvious choice was The Mighty Dons. Occasionally we made the trek down to Windy Hill, and I remember balancing on four empty beer cans to catch a glimpse of Ken Fraser 'fly up, up, up'.

I think the aspect of Dad's fathering that we three sons are most grateful for is the way he and Mum backed our very different paths in life. My choice to go into science was an easy fit for him; he understood it and enjoyed following our research into curing malaria. The *broad thinking* on Dad's (and Mum's) part was with Scott and Ian who both took paths he understood less well. Although Dad was the son of an accomplished plumber, it is fair to say he was hopeless mechanically. Sure, he could put extremely fine sutures into the uterus of a cat through an incision he could barely get his index finger or, or he could excise a tiny tumour from a cow's eye, but put a spanner or a paintbrush in Dad's hand and it is fair to say he was completely useless. So how did he raise an extremely competent aircraft engineer and fantastically creative artist, sculptor and potter? He **let** us all do **our** thing, that's how. He backed our dreams, let Scott and Ian go to tech school or take up apprenticeships and become what they should be, not what he was. Thank you Dad, and thank you Mum; you put us on the path, and then endorsed (and paid for) our choices at the various forks in the road that we encountered. Our successes are your successes and I know Dad was content with where we all are in our lives when he departed. He had his ducks pretty much in a row and knew that we would look after each other once he could no longer could.

Ladies and Gentleman, I would ask you to charge your glasses as we salute DON McFADDEN - a great vet and cattle breeder, a loving husband for 61 years, an inspiring father, a caring grandfather, and someone greatly respected in his business and the wider community. To Don.

## Health Snippets by Drs Weatherhead

### Health Tips - Vaccinations

There are a number of **free** vaccinations funded by the government for Victorian residents at present, and we thought it would be a good idea to post a brief update on these, and who is eligible for them.

#### 1) Meningococcal W 15-19 year olds

The Victorian Government has now rolled out a **free** program in schools to vaccinate teenagers in the face of a rapid rise in notifications of meningococcal disease in the last couple of years. This age group is specifically targeted because teenagers are both susceptible to serious disease, and also the main source of transmission within the community. The vaccine is available for free until the end of the year, and given via schools and GPs. Thus it is important that anyone in this age group who are no longer at school (eg. those who have completed year 12 or have finished early to undertake work, apprenticeships etc) **see their GP** for this **free** vaccine **before December 31st 2017**.

#### 2) Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

A **free** vaccine is available to **all pregnant women** after 28 weeks gestation (for each pregnancy) **and their partners** (if they have not received one in the last 10 years), and can be obtained via council or GPs. This is in order to protect newborn infants from whooping cough, as they are the most vulnerable to severe disease but do not produce sufficient immunity until they have had their 4 month immunisations. Grandparents and close household contacts of infants are also recommended to have this vaccine if they have not received it in the last 10 years, but must obtain it via a private script (approx \$35). As a side note, this pertussis vaccine (boostrix) also contains a tetanus booster.

#### 3) Zostervax (Shingles)

A **free** vaccine is available to eligible 70-79 year olds to prevent shingles, a painful skin condition that can have significant nerve damage as a complication. A catch up program is running for the next 5 years, thereafter it will be only offered when a person turns 70. The vaccine is only available to those who meet certain criteria, specifically who are NOT immunosuppressed and thus it is important to **speak to your GP** if you think you may be eligible.

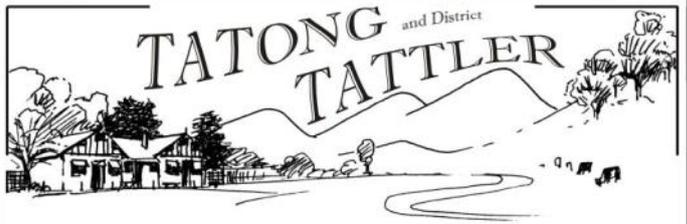
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### THE 300<sup>TH</sup> TATTLER

The 300<sup>th</sup> edition was successfully produced and hopefully appreciated by readers. If anyone missed out on a copy I have a small number left to give away. Contact me on 57672323 or email [mdlarx@activ8.net.au](mailto:mdlarx@activ8.net.au) I did get a photo in the Ensign about our special edition and it was meant to be a photo of all of the committee but difficulty with deadlines meant otherwise.

Mike Larkin



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**THE LURE AND THE LORE OF THE LORELEY John Knapper**



When cruising down the Rhine, there are many ‘must not miss’ times. One such is the Rhine Gorge. If you could only cruise one section of this river, this would have to be it. The Gorge is the narrowest, deepest and most dangerous stretch of the river. It is 65 kms long and features some 40 castles and many picturesque villages.

On the tip of a causeway in this stretch of the Rhine River, a 3.3-meter-tall bronze female figure watches ships go up and down the busy waterway.

Sharing her name with the slate promontory towering overhead, the Loreley Statue is a relatively recent addition to the historic riverscape, and memorialises a relatively recent mythological figure born of German Romanticism.



Since the beginning of navigation on the Rhine River, the treacherous curve under the shadow of Loreley has destroyed an untold number of ships, claiming the lives of countless sailors. While practical explanations of the perilous site chalk it up to a rocky riverbed combined with an unusual drift, nineteenth century poets created a more enchanting explanation involving a river siren enticing men to their doom.

The legend involves a young woman, Loreley, with long blond hair and a beautiful voice. One version describes Loreley as a mermaid who fell in love with a human and thus came ashore from the Rhine in the form of a farmer’s daughter; another claims she was a sor-

ceress from the nearby village of Bacharach. In each case, she fell in love with a young man who did not love her back, and thereafter sat on a rock overlooking the river, serenading it with sad songs. The beauty of both her voice and appearance was so enchanting that she caused distracted sailors to break their ships on the rocks and drown.

The Loreley Statue was installed in 1983. Shipwrecks still occur at the dangerous curve, the most recent on January 13, 2011, when a tanker ship loaded with 2,400 tons sulfuric acid capsized. Thus, legends persist that the ghost of Loreley still appears—singing, combing her hair, and leading sailors to their deaths in the watery grave at the bottom of the Rhine.



**Greta Valley Primary News.**

This term at Greta Valley Primary School, we are preparing for the annual Ski Camp with the other King Valley Cluster schools. The date is now set and our Grade 4 and 5 class is off to Falls Creek for three days of downhill skiing.

Last term our students were busy learning about the human body, which included lots of experimenting ... even a heart dissection. This term our program will focus on inventions, where later in the term we will have a Presentation Evening showcasing students work on inventions for our parents and friends.

Our Sporting Schools grant this term is paying for tennis lessons. Our Foundation students also receive a new tennis racquet.

At the start of the term we welcomed a new integration aide, Cheryl, to our team.

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The Samaria Suns invite everyone to their last game of Season 2017 at the Benalla All Blacks ground with Master Netball, Football and High Tea. For more information please go to the Samaria Suns Facebook page.

The Suns travelled to Ainsworth Reserve in Sunshine to face the Dragons in their second last game of the season. The Suns were missing a number of key players due to injury and last minute unavailabilities but were determined to come away with the win. The game started with a very strong north westerly breeze meaning both teams struggled to settle with neither team scoring until the five minute mark. Small man Barry Edgley was showing some fancy footwork, and once again the Suns back line was great creating plenty of turnovers and giving the Suns plenty of opportunities. The Suns would dominate the first quarter making the most of the breeze but failing to kick accurately kicking two goals 4 points to the Dragons one point.

Going into the second it was become apparent that team kicking with the wind would dominate the scoring, the Suns could just manage one goal, thanks to the boot of Wes Stafford. The Dragons would control the scoring, allowing them to get a one point lead going into the major break.

Coach Bull would encourage the Suns to make the most of the third quarter, however the third quarter saw the breeze drop and the game become much more even with the Suns unable to pull away to the a big lead they had been hoping for. The Suns would have three different goal scorers for the quarter thanks to Shannon Willett, Kyle Pugh and Phil Rouvary, with plenty of great passages of play, taking a seven point lead into the last.

The last quarter would see the wind pick back up and despite the best efforts of the Suns they were unable to hold off the Dragons who made the most of the breeze coming away with the win.

The Suns face the Bendigo B-52's at the Benalla All Blacks Ground on August 27th for their last game of the season for the White Ribbon Round.

Samaria Suns 6 . 9 . 45

Sunshine Dragons 8 . 10 . 58

Goal Kickers: R. Bull, W. Stafford, S. Willett, K. Pugh, P. Rouvary, B. Edgley 1

Awards: BOG R. Bull (Awarded by Geelong) Pink Shop Award: W. Stafford & P. Wallace

Royal Hotel Award: R. Bull Hollywood Cafe Award: Dave & Barry Edgley

Tool of the Week: P. Rouvary



### The Collective

From Darcy

Some Collective Nouns from Vin Masters in response to my call from my recent article in the 300<sup>th</sup> issue in reference to the large groups of air-line staff parading through terminals:

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**Suns Bounce Back with big win over the Crays.**

The Samaria Suns took on the Murray Crays in Wodonga, as traditional rivals the Suns were keen to get back on the winner's board and take away bragging rights. The game started with plenty of intensity, the Suns took advantage of the strong breeze. The Murray Crays scored the first major however the Suns were quick to respond off the boot of Coach Richard Bull, who would boot his second shortly after. The Suns received a free kick and big man Shannon Willett kicked truly to score the Suns third major of the term. At the first break Bull congratulated his charges on their endeavour and ability, but reminded them they would be working against the breeze and to keep to their game plan and not allow the Crays into the game.

Despite kicking with the breeze the Crays were unable to take advantage, with the Suns back line once again working hard and providing plenty of opportunities, the Suns would stretch their lead thanks to two majors from Willett.

In the third quarter the Suns capitalised on the breeze keeping the Crays scoreless and booting five majors and just the one point. Hazell and Pickering playing well in the forward line along with Rouvary. The final quarter saw the Crays have more scoring opportunities than the Suns but again the hard work and pressure from the back line saw the Crays only able to kick one major and 3 minors. Bull was delighted with his team's efforts and play, "it was great to see the boys stick to our systems and work the ball."

The Samaria Suns travel to Sunshine in a fortnight to take on Sunshine Heights before playing Bendigo at home for the White Ribbon Round on the 27th August.

Samaria Suns 13 . 7 . 85

Murray Crays 3 . 5 . 23

Goal Kickers: S. Willett 4, R. Bull 3, S. Hazell, P. Rouvary 2, M. Levy, S. Pickering 1

Awards: BOG R. Bull (Awarded by Murray Crays). Pink Shop

Award: S. Hazel

Royal Hotel Award: P. Rouvary Hollywood Cafe Award: A.

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Tool of the Week: M. Levy



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## Now, just where did I leave my bike?

This is just one of scores of cycle parks that we saw in Amsterdam. How you find and then extract your bike, I don't know.



John Knapper.



The Molyullah Mountain Trail Challenge was held at the Millot's newly made horse property on Green Rd Molyullah on 28-29 July. There were 2 clinics— Novice and Intermediate. I rode Buster in the Novice clinic, which was run by Eva Haart-

man. There was a "Challenge" on Sunday where everyone competed against each other using our new skills. But it wasn't really competing because we all cheered for each other. There were all kinds of obstacles including the Balance Beam, Texas Two Step, Roller, Water Box, Gate, Rocker Bridge, Giant Steps and Tyre. It was a great weekend and everyone had loads of fun and all the horses and riders changed a lot because they had learnt so much and found out what their horses were capable of. People from all over the state came, including a lady from Gippsland, which is 6.5 hours away. The youngest was 9 years old, then me (10 years old) then the rest were grown ups. The Brews Bus fed us yummy food and we got ribbons and prizes at the end of the competition. There will be another clinic in Molyullah in November with Steve Halfpenny. I can't wait!

Leni De Fazio

Steve Halfpenny Master Clinic: see on Facebook on the International Mountain Trail Challenge page.

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2009	3	5.4	38.7	80.7	30.6	107.9	77.5	65.5	76	48.6	72.3	18.9	625.1
2010	39	153.7	86.4	65.2	67.5	82.8	67.5	162.1	116.8	123.7	109.2	150.8	1224.7
2011	107	177.3	65.0	36.1	62.9	47.1	84.5	81.0	67.3	32.0	88.3	46.3	894.7
2012	82.5	94.0	184.9	18.1	35	57.6	115.8	92.1	35.5	34	28	30.1	773.6
2013	1.8	52.4	85.5	8.4	43.0	60.1	112.1	141.1	61.2	27.5	26.2	65.3	684.6
2014	33.9	16.4	86.4	89.6	82.8	146.5	98.8	9.8	68.5	20.4	58.5	64.2	775.8
2015	44.7	29.1	5.7	87.4	70	33.7	97.3	69.4	25.7	13.7	55.5	81.7	613.9
2016	69.7	11.9	36.9	38.5	117.2	110.5	142.8	108.4	172.1	91.4	50.1	101.3	1050.8
2017	67.6	36.2	49.1	61.7	52.5	6.5	92.1						365.7

### WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

July has more than made up for a dry June with a total of 92.1mm of rain and up until the 15<sup>th</sup> of August we have had 58.6mm. August will also have a high total because lots more rain has fallen since the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Larkin

## Molyullah Musings – September 2017

### Upcoming Garage Sale:

I know there are others in Molyullah who, like us, need to sort and declutter etc. John is taking the site bookings for the next Great Big Tatong Garage Sale (5766 6268) which will be held on Sunday, 5 November (the Cup weekend). Stall costs are \$5 for 3m x 3m and \$10 for 6m x 3m. The benefits of having a stall with other stall holders is that you are likely to get more potential customers and you can also enjoy catching up with friends and neighbours. We have the thumbs up that a group of "Collectors" from Benalla have booked a stand so I am sure there will be lots of good items to consider from the other side of the table if you are looking to buy.

### Vale: Don McFadden and Rayner Phersson:

It has been quite a sad few weeks in Molyullah with the recent passing of a couple of long-term residents, Don McFadden died on 30 July (see Eulogy in this issue). Don was a very good vet and helped us a couple of years ago – despite being in retirement. Ray Phersson died on 8 August and I hope I can get a bit of Ray's story for next issue. Condolences to Margaret and Ann and their families.

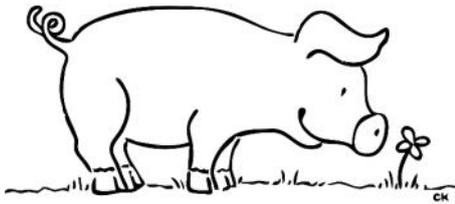
### CFA Fundraiser for neighbouring community:

On Sunday, 20 August John and I went with Kathy and Peter Zoethout to a Mairdample CFA Fundraiser in the form of a "Plant Sale". As Kathy does the plant stall at the Molyullah Sports it seemed a good idea to check out the opposition. It was a beautiful late winter's day and there was a really good turnout – plenty of helpers and customers. We all made plant purchases and then sat down to a tasty hamburger and very good coffee. No luck with the raffle but we did enjoy our few hours at a neighbouring CFA function.

### Molyullah Community Dinner:

The next Molyullah Dinner will be held on Thursday, 7 September at the Tatong Tavern. Please call the Tavern directly to add your names to the Molyullah table and come along and catch up with your neighbours!

*Cheers, Janette (5766 6268 knapper@bordnet.com.au)*



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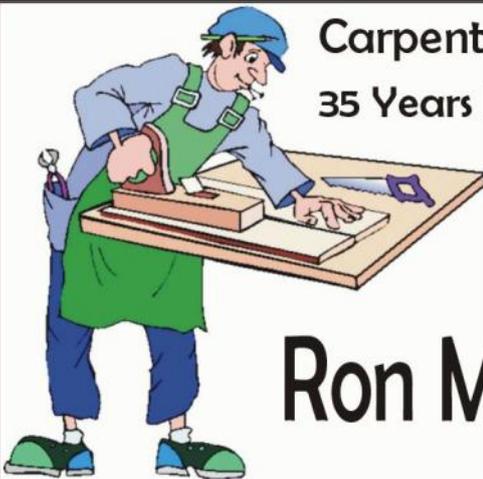
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# What's on this month

## September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 27	Aug 28 Tatong Heritage Group meeting 4pm Tatong Hall	Aug 29 	Aug 30	Aug 31 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res	1	2
3	4	5	6 	7 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res Molyullah Community Dinner at the Tavern Whitegate Community Dinner at the Tavern	8 Girls Shed 10.30am at Hall	9
10	11	12	13 	14 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res Tattler AGM 6PM @ Tavern	15	16
17	18	19	20 Tatong Community Dinner at the Tavern	21 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res Tattler Deadline 	22 Girls Shed 10.30am at Hall	23
24	25	26	27	28 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res	29	30

**Group Secretaries**  
 or  
**Publicity Officers:**  
**Are your Meeting Dates and Events in the Tattler?**  
**To be in the Calendar send in your Group's date-&-time details!**

**Tatong Input Needed!**

Or we will have to change the masthead to the "Molyullah Tattler". That would be just terrible as it doesn't scan very well\*. We have fantastic input from Janette, John, Kathy, Carla, etc – come on Tatongites!

\* If you are wondering what exactly 'scan' means in this context, consider the following limerick:

"There was a young man of Japan, whose limericks no-one could scan. When told this was so, he replied yes I know, but I try to fit as many words into the last line as I possibly can."

Andrea Stevenson

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 Six Issues: \$180.00  
 Eleven Issues: \$320.00

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General or public interest articles of at least 150 words (not a repeat of the ad.) may incorporate up to a 1/8 page ad. free. Advertorial style articles under this category must be labelled "Promotional Feature".

Enquires :Darcy Hogan, 5767 2187 or email darcyhogan@bigpond.com

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For those who submit pre-formatted advertisements, the size of a half page area is 13.6 x 19 cm and a 1/4 page area is 13.6 x 9.3 cm. To avoid distortion to your image, please fit your advertisement to these sizes.

**DEADLINE**

The Tattler Deadline is end of the **20th of the month**.  
 Submit via e-mail to tatongtattler@yahoo.com.au  
 or post to: Darcy Hogan, 150 Mt Joy Rd, Tatong, 3673.

**Format for Tattler Submissions**

The Tatong Tattler is set up in Microsoft Publisher.  
**Text** can be submitted in the body of an email; or in file formats such as .doc, .docx, .rtf, or .txt.  
**Photos** (as jpgs) can be attached, to be laid out by editor. If your layout is important, submitting your work in MS Publisher is ideal. (*The Editor may need to adjust your layout.*) If laid out in a **Word** document, the text & photos will need to be copied into Publisher; however the Editor will have an idea of your preferred layout.  
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**Creating the Tattler costs money (despite being managed by a non-profit group of volunteers).**

**A donation of \$1 per Tattler helps cover costs. Donations can be;**

- \* given to Committee Members;**
- \* left the locked box by the Tavern;**
- \* or EFT'd to GMCU, BSB 803 078, A/C 135720, a/c Tatong Tattler**

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