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***"If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail!"*** - Benjamin Franklin

### **DEFINITION OF A PLAN:**

1. A draft or form; a representation drawn on a plane, as a map or a chart; especially, a top view.
2. A scheme devised; a method of action or procedure expressed or described in language; a project; as, the plan of a constitution; the plan of an expedition.
3. A method; a way of procedure.

### **Do any of these apply to you?**

*"I don't need a fire plan - I'm going to leave if there's a fire"*

Perhaps you don't need a plan - or do you? Maybe the plan for this scenario should be a checklist of 'essentials' – where will you go, medications, important papers, pets, property clean-up to minimize fire damage, who to notify of your actions etc. You might have everything packed and ready, but, what if you're not home when the call comes. Should you have medication and papers in your car on high fire danger days? What will you do if for some reason you can't leave?

*"I know what to do – I don't need a written plan"*

That's fine, but what about others on site? Are they singing out of the same songbook? I know of a person who was well prepared, but when 'on alert' did some silly and non-productive things under stress. A fireplan can contain a checklist to ensure all important items are covered. If you're going to monitor the fire situation on line or ABC radio – what if the power goes out? Do you have a good battery powered radio (with good batteries)? If the power is out, will your home phone still work? Do you have a generator ready to use?

*"I don't know what to put in a fireplan"*

A fireplan must suit the particular property, but could include:-

Site plan – showing the house and surrounding area, taps, hoses, pumps, generator.

Preparation – clean up jobs, tools ready and well placed, water containers and mops at points around at risk buildings, pumps and generator(s) serviced and fueled.

On alert – hoses in position, pumps fueled, combustibles away from house, tune in to updates, continue to clean up

Under attack – shelter from fire front, patrol for embers.

Post fire – Keep patrolling.

In a time of stress, a written plan could help to maintain focus on the job in hand.

### **So, what next?**

If you feel you need / will benefit from having a written fire plan, a good place to start is the CFA website - <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fire-ready-kit/> . This link will take you to an excellent page with further useful links including templates for plans whether leaving or staying to defend.

Janette and I have a written fire plan. It is a dynamic document in that we constantly review and update it eg as new pumps / hoses are added or we hear of a good idea we hadn't thought of.

We print two copies and keep them in two folders.

If you feel it may help you get set up, we are more than happy to email our plan to you. I use Excel and it would be easy enough to tweak to your own situation. If you prefer, come round to our place for coffee and cake and we'll do it here.

Contact us at [knapper@bordnet.com.au](mailto:knapper@bordnet.com.au) or 5766 6268.

John Knapper



## Markers for Moorngag Graves

The Tatong Heritage Group recently put headstones onto un-marked grave sites in Moorngag Cemetery. Some of the burials had taken place over a century before.

With the advent of the Anzac Centenary, Barry O'Connor sought out un-marked graves of returned servicemen, for attention by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. He found three of these, but realised that nearly sixty other graves sites were not marked. The Tatong Heritage Group, the Moorngag Cemetery Trust, and the Benalla Family Research Group embarked on a mission to mark these graves. Research by Barry O'Connor, Chick Walker and Wendy Maxwell linked the names in the burial register to other local accounts such as newspaper entries. Barry put in a great deal of work on the structure of the markers; eventually settling on concrete plinths from Benalla Vibrated Concrete Products, recessed to take markers handsomely engraved by Benalla Trophy Centre. The headstones are attractive and clear, and should stand the test of time. Funding included generous donations from some of the descendants of those interred without a grave marker. In early October, Heritage Group members set to work. Barry, with Joe Hakkennes, fastened the markers to the plinths. Terry O'Brien lugged the trolley up and down the hill, Ted Exton, grave-digger extraordinaire, consulted the Moorngag



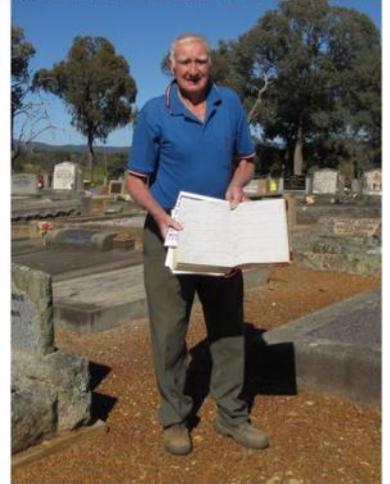
Cemetery Register, for until the markers went down, each spot was a patch bare earth. Les MacLean, Heather McCauley, Chris Hakkennes, Ray Wales and Bev Hakkennes, got them carefully aligned with the cemetery layout and pre-existing stones. Geoff Rintala and Andi Stevenson... supervised. Thanks to Heather and Bev, with Terry, for grand catering.

The most challenging placement was out in a grassed area, away from other graves. The only sign that there had once been burials was a slight indentation in the ground. Much measurement was needed to identify the grave sites. Many of those named on the markers were known of, or remembered by, the locals.

A difficult case was Hanah Brown. Her burial was recorded, and it was established that there really was someone buried there, yet there was no other record of a Hanah Brown having existed at that time. According to the Moorngag Cemetery Register, she was born in 1813 and died in 1898. Maybe she just kept under the radar, but one explanation is that she was Indigenous. The name is typical of those endowed on the first Australians, thought more respectable than names of another culture; and it would explain why she was never recorded as a member of the population. If this is the case, her birth date must have been a guess, for she would have been in her early 20s when whites arrived in the Tatong district.

The Moorngag Cemetery records have been digitised by Wendy Maxwell for online access. The cemetery itself is a beautiful place, and a wander through it is a pleasure for those whose loved ones and forbears are buried there, and also for those who are interested in what a cemetery has to tell. Moorngag can now tell the stories of all who are buried there.

- Andrea Stevenson



### Our Aussie Outback Adventure

Having recently returned from an outback tour which featured 3 weeks around the centre I would like to share some of the highlights and perhaps a few of the lesser moments of the trip. Five families headed off for the month of August including my wife Gayle, two daughters Larissa and Janelle, their husbands Paul and Mark and our four grandchildren, Ella, Tom, Joshua and Lachlan. Also along for the trip were Mark's parents, Paul and Toni Osborne and Paul's parents from Northern Ireland, Alan and Jacqueline Montgomery. Quite unique in that our grandchildren had all of their grandparents travelling with them. We also had Zeke another grandchild of Toni and Paul.

Alan and Jacqueline have been coming to Australia for the past 12 years for extended periods and have become near locals around Tatong. They have developed a love of camping in the mountains in the north-east but for a number of years have wanted to go outback, nearly making it to the Flinders Ranges one October until they heard the long term forecast of 40°C+ temperatures. 2017 was going to be different though, "We'll be there in July and the outback beckons".

All was going well, we all loved the Flinders Ranges, Farina, Maree, Oodnadatta Track and also Finke, all new and amazing sites for the Irish. At Finke things started to go topsy-turvy so a little bush poetry was created to record the near catastrophic events that were to follow.

#### The Flaming Irishman

There was a wee man from Ireland's North  
Who regularly travels to Asutralia, going back and forth  
This year we'll be early you'll see  
An outback adventure I want it to be

With the old 4 wheel drive and new camper van  
He hauled out into the rolling red sand  
Just out of Finke the road became very rough  
The huge corrugations made the going real tough

The old 4 wheel drive started to spit and spirt  
Alan thought the diesel must have taken some dirt  
But it was the battery that was slipping to and fro  
And when it made contact with the air conditioner it began to glow

The battery exploding gave us all a terrible fright  
It would give Jackie and Alan nightmares for many a night  
Flames and smoke were now everywhere  
It really gave us all a hell of a scare

Flames were spurting out at a frightening rate  
It was time for all those involved to accelerate  
Paul Osborne with a lightning dash  
Had the fire extinguisher there in a flash

He relayed it to Janelle and then on to Paul  
Who had sprinted up the hill when he heard the call  
Alan had the bonnet opened in a flash  
As the flames threatened to engulf the dash

Paul pointed the extinguisher and hoped for the best  
In seconds all flames had come to a rest  
How close Alan had come to a disaster  
He'll thank all those who helped for ever after

All the kids thought it very exciting  
For five minutes they stopped all their fighting  
We towed Alan back and camped in the scrub for the night  
Hoping next morning everything would be alright

With wire and tape they repaired the electrics with glee  
We all held our breath as Alan turned the key  
Fired up, off to Finke then Kulgera we strode  
On another gravel but not so rough desert road

After filling up with diesel at Kulgera Park  
The bloody old 4 wheel drive refused to start  
So into Alice Spring Alan would go slow  
With Paul and Larissa giving a tow

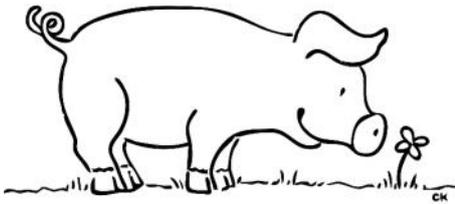


The mechanic said "2 batteries that's all"  
Just an overnight stop and we'll rejoin Riss and Paul  
While in Alice Spring we met a townie know-all we  
had previously seen  
He began to rant and rave and generally vent his spleen

He said towing the old Prado to Alice was a bit of a farce  
We should have told him there and then to stick it  
up his \*\*\*\*!  
Out to Trephina Gorge we did go  
Keen to join the others and continue the show

We now talk of the explosion with great glee  
A Flaming Irishman we don't want to see  
When Alan now talks of the event  
He says "make sure you always have a fire hydrant"  
Shortly to Ireland Alan will go back  
He'll tell of his adventures in the great Aussie out-  
back!

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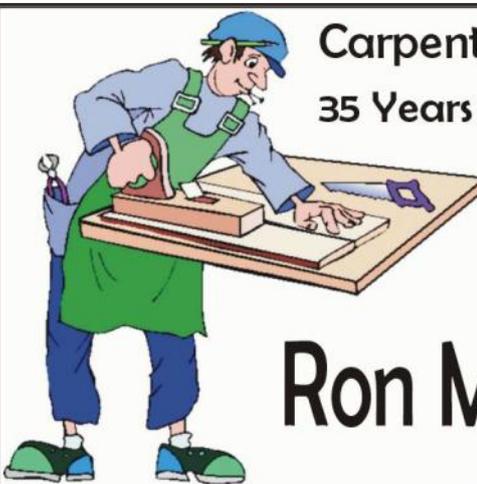
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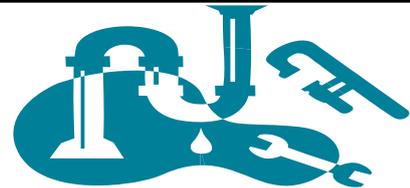
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# Gawn to Town

Sixteen years ago we left nearly 6,000 acres in South-West NSW, with rather low rainfall. We came to 440 acres at White Gate, with more than double our former semi-arid average rainfall. Mind you, we arrived just in time for a decade-long dry spell. Now, we have 5 acres... occasionally submerged by a creek.

(But we'll probably never getting bogged as often as we did back when we were rice farmers in NSW.)

The area where we now reside was originally subdivided from farm paddocks into 5-acre blocks. Since then, many of those blocks have been further sub-divided. But we won't be tempted to subdivide our paddock, as while one can build a house on stilts, both parking and sewerage become that much more of a challenge.



**Survived the Frost, but yet to see a Flood.**

When first we inspected this property, with the 5-acre paddock, we thought wow, we can still be farmers. Some sheep, a few steers... Instead, we have a slasher.

It does not fatten as it chomps the grass. But nor does it need catching, ear-tagging, castrating, mulsing, docking, drenching, foot-trimming, teeth-trimming, shearing or any veterinary treatment. Also, it is unlikely to jump over the fence and run off down the road. Or to cross the creek and have it away with the neighbour's slashers.

So, our paddock being ornamental rather than utilitarian, there is something I wish I had brought from the NSW farm. A ram's skull; with huge great winding horns. I wonder if it is still under that tree where I last saw it, among the salt-bush? It had already been there a long time. It would present quite nattily, parked under a tree, that is, once my trees out-grow their tree-guards.

Should anyone out there have an Interesting skull they don't actually want; or a bit of old farming paraphernalia... Oh dear, I wonder what is the fine line between decoration, and a tip? That is a very old, un-resolved, argument.



**Paddocks are for rolling in.**

If that is a familiar argument to you, then please tell us your story. You could ornament the Tattler with tales of disputed ornamentation. Just mind you steer clear of defamation on ornamentation...

- Andrea Stevenson

## Whitegate Kitties

Do you mind? I was napping. Stop barking! I am trying to sleep. Ok thats it!

1...2...pounce! Hisssssssssss!

Well that should teach him for now. Silly mutt.

Streeeeeeeeetch. Bathe face with paw, now it's snack time.

I've just come out of winter hibernation, need to cut the carbs since I'm carrying a few extra pounds. Tuna sounds good.

Purrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr

Oh you silly girl. Why don't you understand why i am rubbing all over your legs? It's not like I want to shed my beautiful silky fur all over your school uniform. I. WANT. BREAKFAST.

Hey, don't pick me up

hisssssssssssssssss

Why do you silly hairless humans think we like to be picked up? Why do you think we like our bellies being rubbed. We don't. I just want to sleep. eat. bathe myself. and occassionally stalk baby rabbits. Repeat.

Ive just found a nice new spot to sleep. I don't know why I didn't think of it sooner. There is a basket of fresh laid chicken eggs on the woodstove in the kitchen. Now, it may sound like an uncomfortable spot to sleep, but it is very cosy. No one thinks to look for me here. And there is a chance I might hatch some eggs. I see the chickens doing it all the time.

Oh yessssssss. Tuna out of a can. Delish...wait...are they peas? and carrots? WHY???! Don't try to hide rabbit food in my breakfast. Do I look like a bunny? Maybe I do. I need to groom. Winter was rough.

My superpower you ask? Invisibility. I am pure white.

Which is as close to 'clear' as you can get. Therefore, I'm pretty sure I'm invisible. No one can see me. I blended in well with the frosts. Not that I go for strolls on those chilly mornings. No sireee. The woodstove is my spot for at least 20 hours of the day.

Leni De Fazio

## Tethering not immune to W10 Updates

Have you thought that when using your mobile as a modem, 'tethered' to your laptop, Windows10 will consider this metered? I have read so, but have now learnt that if it were ever true, it no longer is.

While travelling in October I had the use of free public WiFi. However, needing to do some online banking, for security instead I used my mobile to connect. It was then that Windows10 decided to download over 1GB of updates.

It will only cost me \$10 or \$20 dollars, but I was pretty cross about it. Now I need to find out how to set a tether connection to "Metred". Via WiFi it is fairly easy; find the connection settings, and switch Metered to On. With ethernet cable to a desktop computer, it is a tricky sequence to edit the registry. But how to do it to a phone connection?

Then I need to find out how to invoice Microsoft... dastards.

- Andrea Stevenson

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Molyullah Musings

**Newlyweds** - Wedding Congratulations to Mathew Jordan and his new wife Chantelle. They were married on Saturday, 21 October and the reception was held at the Molyullah Hall – I'm sure a good time was had by all. Very best wishes to you both.

**Molyullah Hall** - There has been quite a bit of activity at the Hall of late.

The **Wangaratta Veteran Car Club luncheon** was a huge event for the volunteers. There were approximately 150 people seated at tables in the Hall and I really don't think we could comfortably have seated any more. Lunch included barbecued meats and a variety of salads, bread & butter etc. served on entry via the Meeting Room double doors. This was followed by an amazing variety of dessert items and tea and coffee served via the supper room. Thankfully some guests did arrive early and this assisted service of the meals given the large amount of people. Nevertheless, all was completed well before the 1.30pm deadline. Feedback was fantastic so a big round of thanks to all those who helped in any way at all. They want to come back next year .....

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October Molyullah hosted the **CFA meeting of the Region 23 District Planning Team**. Another meal to be served with a quick turn-around so the meeting could get down to business promptly. This was a smaller function for about 17 but a sit down evening meal – a hearty affair of beef casserole and vegetables followed by sticky date pudding or lemon delicious for dessert. The feedback was great and a bucket load of thanks to all who helped.

It has certainly become very obvious just what a great facility we have in the Hall and its amazing kitchen set up. We now have more volunteers trained up in operating the commercial dishwasher. However, a few of us still struggle with getting the gas oven alight!

We have two local weddings taking place over the next few weeks so it seems the Hall is really providing a great venue and all the work done a few years ago in extending and improving the facility has been both justified and most worthwhile.

### **Open Garden – another great success!**

Gary and Julie Campbell held an Open Garden on the weekend of 8 and 9 October. This was well publicised and they had their best ever attendance on what was the 6<sup>th</sup> Open Garden since their retirement from the Education Dept.

I went along with Kathy Z (Garden Daze) and we had a great day looking at the amazing garden and marvelling at how Julie had managed to get everything flowering at once and how Gary had managed what must be a huge workload – nothing was out of place. Friends and family helped with the plant stall which was very popular during our visit. We also enjoyed afternoon tea with visitors from Shepparton, Benalla and Whitfield. People also came from Rushworth, Geelong, Melbourne, Wodonga, Echuca, Mansfield etc. We were advised to try the carrot cake but unfortunately it had sold out and we had to suffer some very chocolatey cup cakes! I have since been told that Julie lost her only copy of the carrot cake recipe on Sunday – let's hope she can reproduce it in time for next year's Open Garden.



Gary with Kathy Z (Garden Daze)

Benalla College students performed on the Sunday – a credit to themselves, their parents, their teachers, and it is a testimony to the culture of the school

With 100% of gate, donations, and refreshments going to charities, each charity received \$1,657.60 (total raised was \$4,972.80). Commissions from Artisan sales were significant and many thanks go to the artists and NEA in Benalla.

Julie advises it will be on again on the same weekend in 2018 so for garden lovers and anyone who enjoys a few hours in a lovely environment with fantastic refreshments it would be worthwhile noting the dates for next year.

### **Molyullah Dates:**

Keep an eye on next issue for the pre-Christmas festivities – dates of barbecue etc.

The next Molyullah Dinner will be held at the Tavern on Thursday, 2 November. It will be our first dinner with the new owners and new chef.

Cheers,

Janette

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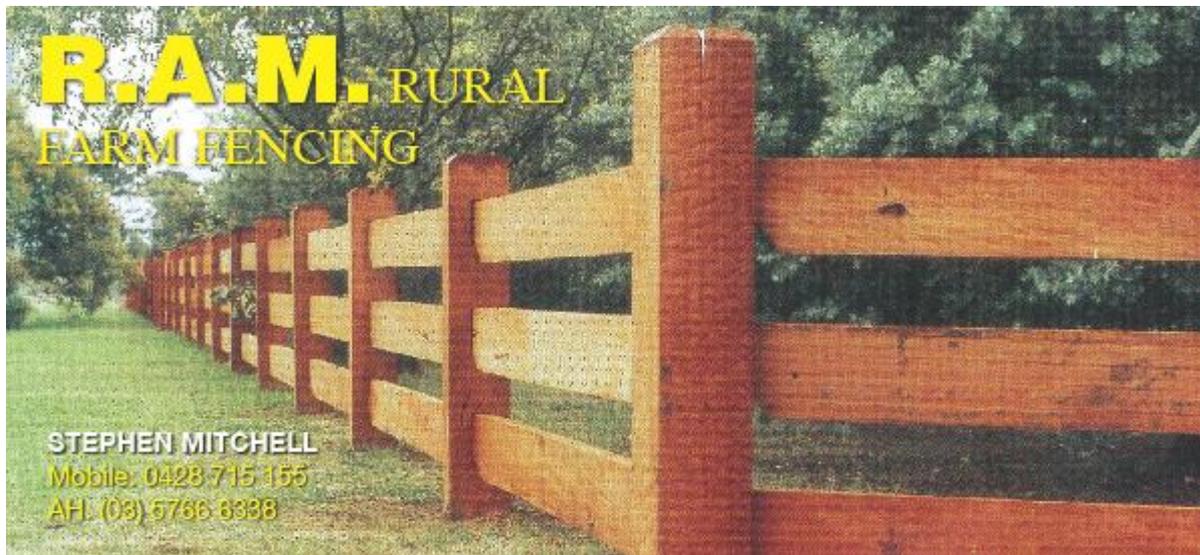


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**Any donations of potted plants or seedlings for a plant stall would be much appreciated.**

Please contact Larissa on 0409 963 267.



## Tatong is on the Go for the Benalla Festival

In case you have not noticed, Tatong will be a hive of activity during the Benalla Festival. The first event to kick off the Festival is the Tatong Art Show, held at the Memorial Hall on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7 – 9:30pm; as well as on 4-5<sup>th</sup> and 10-12<sup>th</sup> of November from 10 am to 4 pm. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year for this special event and we have a number of great artist prizes and well as raffle prizes. It will be great to see you there!

As a sweetener Dennis and Gayle Scott have an open garden on each of these week-ends and the Tatong Great Big Garage Sale is also on – what a plus for the Tatong Community!



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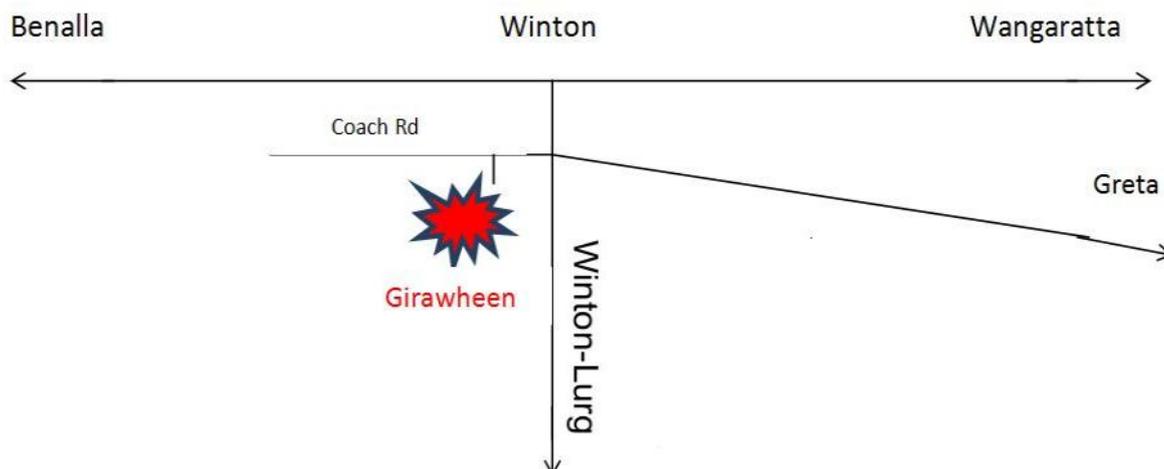
Location will be well-signposted from Winton



Open for the first time this 8 acre garden has a country-style house surrounded by informal plantings. There are lots of natives, a range of other trees and a collection of roses, iris, bulbs, perennials and other interesting plants. Also featured is the extensive use of rock for the retaining walls of the summerhouse, fountain, front entrance and extensive edging of paths and gardens beds.

The native areas of the garden have been developed as a haven for wildlife and features extensive plantings of bird-attracting native plants. These include banksias, callistemon, melaleucas and grevilleas. A large dam and other smaller water features help to provide a bird-friendly environment.

All proceeds to the Benalla Family Research Group. The group will raffle a beautiful hand-made quilt and display framed family history charts together with templates for those interested in having one made. These would make a wonderful Christmas/birthday present!





# Garden Daze

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



November - a time to enjoy weather that is mostly "just right".

## Growing Passionfruit

When I first started my garden here - I had three passionfruit vines. One in the Vegie Garden growing along the fence, another on the same fence, but in the Chook yard end and the third on a trellis against the water tank.



All these vines had come up as seedlings under a vine from our previous garden. They all produced fruit, but it was the one in the Veg Garden that produced buckets and I mean buckets (I even used to make Passionfruit Cordial) of fruit each year during its lifetime.

As passionfruit only live for around seven years, these three - all planted at roughly the same time eventually needed replacing.

**Unfortunately - I bought a grafted Nellie Kelly** and planted it next to the Veg Garden fence. This failed to thrive and finally gave up despite my best efforts.

Now! The "unfortunate" part of this story is still alive and climbing even though quite a few years have been and gone since the initial planting.

Why? Well because the wild passionfruit vine to which the Nellie Kelly had been grafted - *does not give in!*



Don't be fooled by the pretty flowers!

At first - and no doubt this is probably the biggest mistake - it was let grow along the cyclone wire fence - it produced pretty flowers and then what looked like fruit.

Hmmm - it was thought - maybe they are edible.

And the answer turned out to be a resounding NO! - they were just dry seed pods.

So - we decided to pull it out, and set off one evening with a couple of chook food bags to contain the bits of the vine. Ha! An hour later, we had the trailer parked on the other side of the fence and were still pulling the vine - from the fence - out of the surrounding trees, and not to mention trying to get it out of the ground.

Finally - all was well - it was gone - we were tired - and the garden looked a lot tidier.



The wild rootstock has a five fingered dull green leaf.

However ... "It" was not finished. There were roots all under the ground and they had loved travelling along the nice soft garden beds. So ... up popped lots of little feral

passionfruit vines. More digging .. And as time went by it sort of grew up and along the fence again (Some people never learn!)

Another removal exercise took place - and this time when the little "bits" raised their heads they were met with a dose of weed killer.

This probably took the wind out of its sails for a while, but still they appear. And much to my annoyance they have settled in amongst the asparagus bed grrrr.

This year I took the hedge trimmer to the lot - dead asparagus ferns and feral passionfruit all together - then on went the Guinea Pig run for a couple of weeks.

And once again - it's time to "round up" the feral plant.

A bit of cheering (?) research, found an article in the *Canberra Times* "**The Scary Truth of Passionfruit**"

....Once the rootstocks gets a hold it is almost impossible to eradicate as hundreds of suckers spread easily to all parts of the garden - it can develop a trunk as thick as a human wrist and I have seen it grow to the top of gum trees.

*Cutting the main stem and treating with undiluted Glyphosate will not stop subsequent suckers growing. (Oh No!)*



Enough said!

If you fancy a Passionfruit Vine - buy an ungrafted one - they grow just as well - produce lots of fruit and do not try to take over your garden.

Fructing Passionfruit has a large three fingered glossy green leaf

Plant against a strong trellis or fence. Spread pelletised chook manure, or a good bit of Blood & Bone with 10% Sulphate of Potash added about one metre around the planting site. Do this about twice a year. Passionfruit vines are also hungry and thirsty and love a well-drained soil. It's also a good idea to put some mulch around the root system, to protect from the hot summer sun.

Protect from frost the first year (or two if it is another year like the one just past).

In its first year the vine will make its way across the wires. To get lots of side shoots - remove the top bud and it will shoot out laterally.



And then .... Yum!

The vine should start to produce fruit in about 18 months.

Kathy Z



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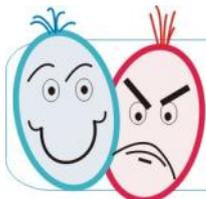
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**Coloman: Austria's Irish Saint****John Knapper**

In Melk, Austria, 13 October 2012 marked the 1,000 year commemoration of a martyr whose miracles -confirmed the power of the Babenbergs.

So, who was this obscure Irish pilgrim, venerated as Austria's patron saint?

The story began over a thousand years ago, in the autumn of 1012, when an Irish pilgrim named Coloman was following the old Roman road along the Danube towards Vienna. Coloman was following the overland pilgrimage route to Jerusalem, an ancient path that followed the course of the Danube valley through Hungary, reopened following the conversion to Christianity of King Stephen of Hungary in 997.

Coloman only made it as far as Stockerau, 30 km to the north-west of Vienna. He had unwittingly entered a war zone in what was a borderland on the south-eastern frontier of the Holy Roman Empire. It was known as the *marcha Orientalis* or the Bavarian Eastern March, a strategic frontier zone wedged between the Magyars or Hungarians to the east and the Moravians to the north. The Babenberg margraves, the rulers of the March, were in the process of extending their control and territory in this colonial land. Stockerau stood on the borders of the March and was subject to frequent raiding by hostile neighbours. The locals were in no mood to welcome exotic strangers, and garbed as a pilgrim and speaking Gaelic, Coloman stood out. According to a near-contemporary account by Thietmar of Merseburg, a bishop who wrote an important contemporary chronicle, the locals suspected him of being a spy and summarily lynched him from a tree.

The exact circumstances will never be known, but following Coloman's death, miracles began to take place – the dead man's hair and nails continued to grow, the dead tree on which he was hanged began to bloom, and people who came in contact with his body were healed. This, people believed, proved both his innocence and his sanctity. The locals came to venerate him as a martyr, and he was buried in a nearby church where miracles continued.

News of these miracles eventually came to the attention of Margrave Henry I at Melk. One of the powerful Babenberg dynasty who were to rule Austria from 976 to 1246, Henry recognised the power adhering to this new saint and sent his soldiers and clerics to take the body from Stockerau to the monastery at Melk. The "translation" of Coloman's relics not only marked the formal acceptance of Coloman's sainthood, but his promotion from a cult figure to an elite and dynastic one. Coloman's relics had now become a vehicle for the political and spiritual aspirations of the Babenberg margraves.

The spiritual power of the new saint was a valuable asset for Henry, a Marcher lord consolidating his power in a volatile, frontier region. The use of relics in frontier zones was a common strategy by secular magnates in Europe at this time, often coinciding with periods of territorial expansion. Throughout the Middle Ages the relics of saints served as conductors for the creation of social, religious, and political identities, objects of social meaning and spiritual strength – a means to legitimise power, increase prestige, and enforce consensus. They were, as the historian Julia Smith has put it, "Sacred tokens of political superiority." When Henry died in 1018, he was the first member of his family to be buried in the Melk church where he had interred Coloman's relics, where ultimately, 11 Babenbergs would lie.

The appropriation of Coloman's relics by Henry I ensured the continual action of divine providence for the region and its rulers. By promoting the cult of this new Irish martyr as a dynastic and regional patron, Henry may have hoped to shape a spiritual landscape for this new land that drew on common cultural traditions of Bavaria and Franconia where there was a strong tradition of veneration of Irish missionary and martyr saints. The new cult of St. Coloman became a vehicle for the Babenberg margraves, which they were keen to latch on to from the beginning in order to cement their new power base in the Eastern March and to bring cohesion to this frontier region.

Coloman was venerated as the patron saint of the historical core of Austria, *Österreich ob und unter der Enns*, from 1244 until 1663, and his tomb can still be seen in its baroque and gilded manifestation in the abbey church of Melk close to where the Babenbergs, Austria's first rulers, were buried.

Today Coloman is still the patron saint for hanging convicts, passengers, and livestock and is invoked against disease, head and foot problems, plague, storm, fire-hazards, and rat and mice infestations. His feast day is 13 October and celebrates the death of the unfortunate Irish pilgrim who became Austria's first patron saint.



**HAVE FERGIE – WILL TRAVEL.** By Maxine Gardiner

The Dig Tree Trek, 14<sup>th</sup> August to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Sun, red sand, burrs, dust, wind, and flies – welcome to the Australian Outback. What a magnificent place to travel, with such a diverse variety of scenery, wildlife; and magnificent sunrise / sunsets. Complete with wide open spaces & brilliant night skies.

A contingent of 36 people left Fort Courage Caravan Park, Wentworth, the aim - to get to the Dig Tree & back on Fergie tractors, following some of the journey Burke & Wills never completed. They started from Melbourne on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 1860, with 19 men. We started on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017 with 19 tractors & 14 support vehicles; including one 2WD tray truck, one 4WD bus (converted to motor home) & one large trailer carrying spare parts/welder etc; (& we made it back alive). Many towed camper trailers, with some having sleeping accommodation in their vehicles, 3 drivers had swags on stretchers in the outdoors. 7 tractor drivers went solo – no back-up crew; so at meal times it was “get your own”. Some chose to band together to make mealtimes easier. We had 1 woman tractor driver, (solo), & a total of 11 women altogether. The age of the group ranged from 24 to 82 years. The crew had a special “alarm clock” for the trek. This was Doc, playing a very bad version of reveille on the bugle, always at 6am. Although I noticed there were a few mornings it was up to 15 minutes earlier. The weather was very kind to us, providing minimal rain, plenty of sunshine; but an excess of cold wind. Our tractor drivers rugged up every day with beanies, scarves & gloves - just to keep warm. Each travelling day started before 6am, breakfast, followed by packing up camp, ready to move by 8am sharp.

From Wentworth we travelled north to Lethero Station, camping on the banks of the Darling River. Day 2 on to Tolarno Station, where we were invited to tour the magnificent old homestead & surrounds, and given a very animated talk by the owner. It was mainly about the demise of the Darling River; which was an awful green- brown colour. Shearing was in progress on Tolarno, with a young NZ gun shearer clocking up 310 sheep for the day. Day 3 was to Menindee, we enjoyed a cool beer and sandwiches in the Maiden Inn pub, a place dedicated to Burke and Wills. 6 km out of town to stay at the van park (aah – hot showers) overlooking the Menindee lake; which did have plenty of water. Day 4 we continued to Broken Hill, where we enjoyed our first rest day – ha ha. (It was catch-up on the washing, sort food/water etc.) We also celebrated a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Chinese restaurant. As we left BH, we lined up opposite the tourist information centre, in Kintore Headframe Park, creating a lot of interest, including the ABC radio. The young reporter interviewed Geoff among others, airing their interviews 3 days later.

Out to Mt Gipps Station where BHP was originally started back in 1885, then known as the Broken Hill Company. John & Kym gave a wonderful talk about BHP, & the station. We awoke a nice big frost & minus 6 degrees. On to Pine View via the Tarrawingee mine. Along this road we found evidence of the rail line used to transport the minerals found, to Broken Hill and beyond. At Pine View we camped near the shearer's quarter's, appreciating the hot showers & beautiful wood fired pizza's the owners cooked for our arrival. On to Smithville Station, where we were given a talk on the dog fence & maintenance of 600km of it by this station. We camped by a dry creek bed, enjoying a sing-a-long around the camp-fire as Bob played his guitar and/or banjo.

Day 9 was THE best day. We had been given special permission to travel the dog fence from Smithville Station to Cameron's Corner. It was great fun zooming up the sand dunes & rolling down the other side. We saw dozens of kangaroos, all sizes & colours. I nearly got tangled up with a couple of emus who were racing past in front of me. Our lady truck driver Joan, managed the dunes with ease. We had fluffy sand, wavy bits & snappy sections. (Our lead vehicle driver's words to tell us what to expect). Lots of photos taken at Cameron's Corner with tractor line-ups, support crew line-ups & signs, mostly in Sth Australia. A few of us enjoyed an evening meal in the shop/pub/restaurant.

Two days driving along the bore track, usually reserved for the gas pipeline operators, proved very interesting. Fluffy & wavy sand again, bouncy corrugations, also our 'rest' stops were now called 're-connecting with nature' or 'nature walks'. We camped overnight in the Innaminka National Park. After tea Alan entertained us with a talk on the night sky, of which we had a magnificent view. Along the bore track our truck, 1 tractor, Maggot & Wes left us to try to find an 'easier route' to Innaminka. They didn't – travelling 171km to our 60 or so.

We arrived in Innaminka on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, enjoying 2 days/3 nights camped along the banks of Cooper's Creek. Maggot had to do some major repair work, having broken a stub axle in the land cruiser. All found plenty to do here; washing, visiting the store or pub, with some going to the local gymkhana. All made use of the \$2 showers at the store to wash away the dust. We visited the local cemetery; a harsh, barren place. Each grave was surrounded by stones, with few headstones. 2 graves faced differently – believed to be Afghan camel drivers.

On to see Burke's Grave, a few km from town, then on to the Dig Tree which is on Nappa Merri Station. Another rest day, with a great talk by ranger Col, on explorers Burke & Wills. Most of us bought a book written by an owner of the station in the early 1900's.

Down through Orientos & Naryilco Stations, camping on both overnight in paddocks by the road, before moving on to Tibooburra. 2 nights in the caravan park, washing & visiting the local sights. Several of us drove out to Mt Woods Station, which once had a wool scouring plant. Many of the original fences & equipment used was still here, in very poor condition. We also walked across a particularly wobbly suspension bridge, this led from the shearing shed to the quarters over a dry creek bed. Everyone enjoyed a great night out as a club, celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of one of our SA members. Don was awoken by the bugle, again, playing a rather bad rendition of Happy Birthday, as everyone sang to him. On our last morning, Geoff and I caught up with a group of Benalla folk, including Dr Paul Kelly, who had been staying at the same caravan park.

At Milparinka, we camped on the creek where it was a little more sheltered from the howling wind. Geoff & I visited Poole's grave (he was one of Charles Sturt's men). The inscription on the *grevillea robusta* tree was still visible, being 172 plus, years old. At 3pm we all enjoyed an early Father's Day 'happy hour' in the shade of the gums along the creek.

One woman even soaked her feet in "spring" water. (one of the guys found an old car spring, put it in a bucket of water – thus spring water (outback humour)). On to Pimpara Lake Station, the lake was dry; but we had interesting scenery with a lovely sunset. John & Ruth Sandow made us very welcome, giving a fun talk, & providing hot showers/clean toilets. The crew moved on to Fowler's Gap Research station. Here they gave a talk on the birds of study by the overseas students. Return to Broken Hill for 3 nights where we enjoyed our motel room, while the others stayed at the van park. A trip to Silverton with a line-up of tractors in front of the pub. Return to Menindee. The owners provided us with a roast lamb dinner, extremely delicious & much appreciated. To Pooncarie to camp on the Darling. It was very relaxing here, although the colour of the water was still a green-brown. Out to Lake Mungo National Park, where the group did a tour of The Walls of China on a 32 degree day at 2pm. Great way to spend our last rest day. Back to Lethero Station. It was here on the banks of the Darling, where we had our presentation evening. Our trek organiser Bob was given a photo of the group lined up at the Dig Tree, beautifully framed. Our tractor & support crew leaders & tail-end Charlie's were all given small gifts. And The Blue Max (tractor tail end Charlie) handed out special prizes for a few others, mostly made from things he had found along the road. It was all quite amusing. Our last day, the 13<sup>th</sup> September, saw us return to Wentworth; where once again the Angling Club cooked us a welcome evening meal.

The station owners were all very welcoming, giving talks on their properties, some providing hot showers, toilet facilities & firewood. Breakdowns included the stub axle, 1 tractor with a rocker arm issue (fixed during smoko break), 1 broken tractor seat, 1 tractor broke a crankshaft (near Pooncarie – trailered back from here), 1 had fuel/oil issues that were eventually sorted, 2 camper trailers had cracked or broken draw-bars, & 1 got tow started a couple of cold mornings (need to buy a bigger battery Geoff). All breakdowns were capably fixed by the crew.

Fuel prices ranged from \$1.30 to \$2.00 per litre. Diesel tractors used from 9 to 22 litres of fuel per 100km. Petrol tractors used approximately 30 litres fuel per 100km. This trek was about 2130km in total. Those with no support vehicle travelled further as the tractor was their only transport. Geoff's tractor has now travelled over 9000km in total for the last 3 treks (that's not counting its travel by trailer to & from trek starting points). Friendships were renewed with folk met on the WA/NT trek two years previous, or from Cape York in 2013, plus new friendships were created. All our address books came home fuller. We arrived back with 4 tractors less (due to either mechanical or personal reasons) & 4 less people than we started, however, we gained the daughter of our vehicle leader, north of Broken Hill. Rachel drove a little hatchback car where the rest had 4WD's.

Our last night at Wentworth was quite emotional. For some it was like saying farewell to family, others were relieved it was over, but we all agreed it had been an interesting trip. Why do we do it?? Because we can!!! Planning has already begun for 2019's trip by our SA members.

Members were from Hervey and Bremer Bay in WA  
Mt Gambier, Penola & Yankalilla in SA  
Mackay, Wallaville, Tannum Sands & Mountain Camp in QLD  
Longford in Tasmania

The remainder came from Maiden Gully, Molyullah, Camperdown, Johnsonville, Beaconsfield, Rutherglen, Chiltern Valley, Hamilton, Woolamai, Maryknoll, Meeniyah, & Merbein in Victoria

Maxine Gardiner

### NEW TAVERN NEIGHBOURS

In our time of around 20 years living next door to the Tavern we have seen many owner/lessees come and go and now it's the turn of Pedro and Shirley formerly from the Swanpool Store. I'd like to welcome them to their new role and to Tatong and wish them well for a long and happy stay. I think that the real reason Pedro wants to stay in the district is to continue improving his table tennis game with our local competition!

Hotel life is not for everyone due to the demands on time, energy and the patience needed with 'happy' guests who won't go home, or forget to pay their bill! Luckily our management usually knows most of the patrons and can give a friendly reminder, later on, to those who waft into the night under a haze of cheery contentment.

AND THE DEPARTED. Best wishes also to Chris and Deb who are 'going forward' with new adventures. My photo shows them at the back of the Tavern on their last day farewell party. Mike Larkin



# Australia Day 2018



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Theme for Australia Day is "Our Backyard"

Do you have a favourite memory of Tatong? Is there something when you think of Tatong you think of? (The Tavern, The Rock pools, The Footy Ground), do you have a favourite memory of Tatong? Is there someone when you think of Tatong you think of straight away? If you have a photo, memory, place or person please contact us on [tatongrcheapel@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tatongrcheapel@yahoo.com.au) or via Facebook Tatong RCH Good Friday Appeal

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## WHATS HAPPENING AT GRETA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

In the last couple of weeks of term 3 we had our Inventions Family Night. Students had a great time showcasing to their parents and friends the inventions they had been working on during the term. Dads gathered on the Monday morning after Father's Day for a delicious BBQ breakfast cooked by students. Our Grade 2/3 set off for Glenrowan as part of their work they have been doing around the Ann Jones' Inn block of land. They met with Lynton Briggs who told them some interesting history of the block. The Grade 4/5 children attended a 3-day Falls Creek ski camp and had an amazing time. The camp is very physical and quite challenging. Our Foundation/Grade 1 students had a sleepover at school in preparation for the whole school Portsea 4 day camp in mid-October. The itinerary is jam packed with ferry trips, swimming with dolphins, rock pooling and lots of exploring the history of the area along that coastline.  
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**INDI NEWSLETTER**  
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**Young people deliver for Indi**  
Congratulations to Indi's young people who are taking every opportunity to make their voices heard. 13 took part in NESAY's #YouthForIndi project, and the top five entries formed NESAY's submission to the national inquiry into regional development and decentralisation.  
Young people have great ideas about what can be done to strengthen regional Australia. During my 2017 budget consultation and #YouthForIndi, they made clear their interest in education, transport, welfare and employment.  
Inside this newsletter is information on resources available to support young people as they lead and contribute in their communities. There are many opportunities from Local Sporting Champions grants to volunteering opportunities in Parliament House.  
NESAY are one of many organisations and community networks giving valuable input to the inquiry into regional development. This is the Indi way - local people bringing their knowledge and networks together to deliver effective results.  
Information on the Inquiry can be found here: [www.cathymcgowan.com.au/regionalinquiry](http://www.cathymcgowan.com.au/regionalinquiry)  
Have you returned marriage equality postal survey forms? Talk to friends, family and colleagues and tell them responses are due 27 October. Every conversation is important.

**LOOK INSIDE!**  
Cathy fights for better deal for higher education in regions  
Local sporting champions: Grants make young people's sporting dreams come true  
Young leaders spread their wings in Parliament House

**GOOD LUCK FOR EXAMS!**  
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# White Gate Dates

## White Gate Dinner @ the Tavern

The November "White Gate" Dinner @ the Tavern will be on Wednesday 1st. So no one ought be suffering the after-effects of Melbourne Cup day. (Of course, should those after-effects include becoming very rich, we look forward to your shouting drinks in December.) Book yourselves in and bring along your hot tips for the Cup. It will be our first dinner with our new hosts, so do try to behave; no strip-acts on the tables please.

## Breakfast @ Samaria

The Third Saturday is a splendid excuse to head out to beautiful Samaria Farm, with its grand views and scrumptious food.

While this is filed under "White Gate"; the initial suggestion by the wonderful Katrina, and organisation by the excellent Beth, was as a replacement for the pleasant catch-up we used to have at the late Tatong Village Market.

Saturday November 18th; any time between 9 and 11-ish. Breakfast, brunch, morning tea.

All nice people welcome.

## New White Gate area Tattler Delivery

Thanks and congratulations to Caryn DeFazio, who (with assistance from Leni DeFazio) has taken on the delivery of Tattlers in the White Gate / Emu Bridge / Tilpa part of the world.

You are heroes.

## White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Bruce Burgess	5 Nov	Ross Runnalls	3 Dec
Laurie Defazio	12 Nov	David Elford	10 Dec
Alan Stafford	19 Nov	Leigh Humphries	17 Dec
Hamish McMillan	26 Nov	Max Marriot	24 Dec

*(Max you are doing Christmas Eve! You are a hero too. I hope any Carols by Candlelight don't get out of hand...)*

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Tribute to Nature

Bravo Mr Larkin. The Cooinda Mural is a masterpiece of its kind. And no doubt that echoes the opinions of the staff and residents at Cooinda, and of all the visitors who have taken the opportunity to view something that displays our beautiful neighbourhood and one man's talent to record it. Dorothea Mackellar would have been delighted! I wanted to take home one of those Clydesdales to adorn our bottom paddock; there are horses next-door for its company.

I wonder if our Benalla friends would consider adding the water tower to their street art exhibition?

I feel that we all can look forward more than ever to the Tatong Art Show.

Seeing the country-side respected through an artist's eyes reflects on the ugliness of the road-side reserve, except where house-holders have tidied up a patch near their farm entrance. Once upon a time we could go to the shire engineer and get approval to reduce, if not remove the amount of dead wood and prohibited growth along our road-side fence-lines. That is no longer the case. The opposite has been instigated, with fines for those caught not conforming to the restrictions.

Rumour has it that the change was promoted by the greenies. And who are the greenies? I consider myself a greenie because of all the trees that I have planted, but have had to watch development of the road-side tangle touted as the refuge of natural fauna, whereas all I have found are ants, huntsman spiders, centipedes and beetles (which may burrow into living trees, to their detriment). The road-side growth does provide a haven for the local fauna; kangaroos, wallabies, echidnas, goannas and even deer, which may cross the road occasionally, and on such an occasion cause a passing motorist to dodge the animal and crash off the road, even into a tree. Several lives have been lost in such circumstances.

Allowing the road reserve to be tidied up would not eliminate the problem but would reduce it significantly, enough to be worthwhile.

Just as Mr Knapper has expressed his opinion about the control of wild dogs, with which I agree after an incident on a neighbouring property, I know that my opinion about our untidy roads is shared by many who respect our country and our native animals. After all, at the beginning we were given the responsibility to take care of both.

And the pleasure that they bring to us is nicely illustrated by Ms Stevenson's anecdote about a certain white-faced heron. On a similar note I can report that an echidna recently wandered nonchalantly into our downstairs flat when a door was open to allow the loading of the station wagon.

We are always charmed by such a visit, but are less enthusiastic about any casual visit by snakes, so we keep the grass (could the mowing of natural grasses be called a lawn?) around the house well-trimmed so that we can, hopefully, see them coming.

Thanks to Carla and Kathy for their informative and instructive notes which should have encouraged us to Springtime activities in the garden while it was / is still Spring. Mowing has taken over from gathering firewood. With the cycle of the seasons we swing from keeping warm to keeping cool.

Vin Masters.

TATONG FIRE BRIGADE  
Fire season readiness

The 2016-17 fire season was not as bad as what was predicted, well in the Tatong area anyway, with only one fire call before fire restrictions came into force and no calls in the fire restriction period, a very good result for the area.

This year is again forecast for a particularly bad fire season and whilst the same predictions were made for last summer we cannot afford to dismiss these warnings. We have had reasonable rain throughout winter and it could be reasonably argued that we are the greenest area in the state, the areas around us are dry and even in my own experience have found that although we

appear to be green and wet it is still pretty easy to light a fire in the scrub. These conditions will continue to dry out the bush and every precaution should be taken to prevent a bushfire from starting or taking hold at your place so please take heed of the mountains of information that is available on protecting yourself and your property in the event of a bushfire.

Our fire brigade is also preparing for the fire season in a number of ways. One is to offer to our community a free evaluation of your property so that you will be able to see what we will be faced with in the event of the brigade being called to your place. You will be able to see what requirement that we have for being able to access your drive way, what area we have for turning vehicles around, how many trucks can we put at your place, do we have access to a water supply eg tank/dam/creek etc. This evaluation is free and could be a good tool to help you get your property ready for fire season. If you would like us to come to your place just give one of our officers a call or call into the fire shed Sunday mornings or training nights to arrange a time.

Last year we introduced weeknight training for our brigade members to practice their skills and this year we will do the same. Brigade training nights will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month during the fire season, starting November, and we will practice many drills that will help our brigade become more efficient and confident. It is important that our brigade members attend as many of these training nights as possible to keep minimum skills up to date. Members of the community that may be interested in seeing our brigade in operation or inspecting what we carry on our trucks or want to see what its like to be a fire fighter please come along we would very much like to see you there. In addition to our weeknight training we will be setting up a roster to cover the brigades commitment to a weekly radio testing schedule that happens every Sunday morning at 10am. This is another good opportunity for the community to come along and see what we have to offer.

With another potentially dangerous fire season coming up please prepare your property ready for fire season and make sure that you have a live viable fire plan ready for implementation should the situation arise.

Enjoy the summer period keep warm and above all **stay safe.**

Rod Lindsay 57672306  
Dennis Hevey 57672238



The Tatong Heritage Group  
thank **John Conte** for his  
diligent maintenance and  
mowing around the  
Hume & Hovell Monument,  
and the Hovell tree clone.

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2008	52.4	11.5	33.4	17.7	48.3	37	114.7	58.8	18.9	1.9	89.7	64.9	549.2
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	112.4	23.9				512

### WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

The two good rainfalls on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of October were just what was needed after a long period of very little 'wetness'. Going by our garden which is bursting with greenery things are still good. The September rainfall total was a modest 23.9mm and until the 15<sup>th</sup> of October we have had an excellent 45.1mm and it is raining as I write, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.

Mike Larkin

The  
Annual General Meeting  
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Mike Larkin



### Good King Wenceslas

Wenceslas was the Duke of Bohemia from 921 to 935. He is nearly always depicted on a horse. A local artist in Prague took this to this extreme. The "artwork" is hanging in a shopping arcade.

John Knapper

# What's on this month

## November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	1 Whitegate Community Dinner at the Tavern	2 Play group, 9.30am, Rec Res Molyullah Community Dinner at the Tavern	3 Tatong Art Show Opening and Winner Announcement. Tatong Hall 7pm-9.30pm	4 Tatong Art Show. Tatong Hall 10am-4pm Prospect Hill Open Garden 10am-4pm 
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19	20 Tattler Deadline Fire Brigade Training. 7pm Fire Shed.	21	22	23 Play group, 9.30,am Rec Res	24 Girls Shed 10.30am at Hall	25
26	27 Tatong Heritage Group Meeting. 4pm Tatong Hall. 	28	29	30	Dec 1	Dec 2



**TATONG** YOUNGBLOODS

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