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REMEMBRANCE DAY

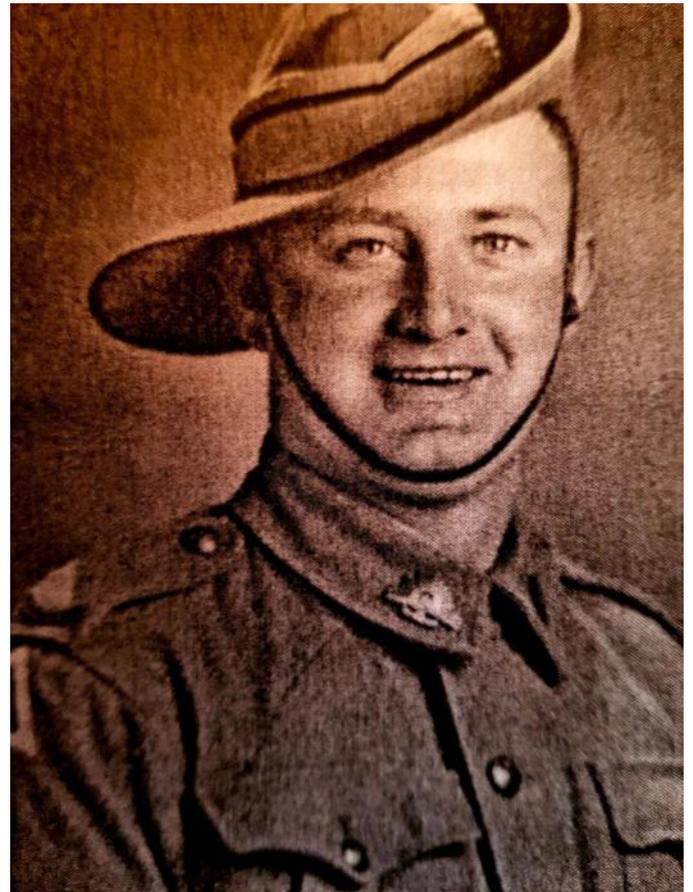
by Linda De Fazio

As we approach Remembrance Day on November 11th I thought I would share my uncles experience of WWII. Edward Francis (Ted) Buerckner was born at Tungamah in 1913, the fifth of nine children. He was a keen and accomplished horseman and farmer.

In June 1940 Ted enlisted in the AIF, joining the 2/2 Pioneer Battalion. He served in the Middle East, then returned to the Pacific theatre and was taken prisoner by the Japanese in 1942, in Java. He was sent briefly to Changi Prison in Singapore where he was surprised to meet up with his older brother Charlie and brother-in-law Jack. They all volunteered to work on the Burma Railway thinking that conditions would be better there!

In September 1944 Ted and many other POWs who were thought 'fit' enough were sent to Japan to work in the coal mines. On September 12th 1944 Ted was in the South China Sea, on board a Japanese troop ship, Rakuyo Maru. This ship and others in the convoy were carrying war production materials of oil and raw rubber and in disregard for the rules of treatment for prisoners of war, British, Australian and American POWs, 1300 in the hold of the Rakuyo Maru. The Japanese also refused to mark the ships to allow allied forces to distinguish them from combatant vessels.

The USS Sealion sunk the Rakuyo Maru then left the area to pursue the scattered Japanese ships from the convoy, leaving hundreds of POWs in the water. Japanese vessels picked up some of the prisoners but mainly concentrated on Japanese survivors. Four days later the USS Pampanito moved back to the area and found men clinging to makeshift rafts. As the submarine moved closer the men were heard shouting in English, the remaining survivors of the Rakuyo Maru. Of the 1300 POWs only 159 survived, Ted being one. Of those 159 men rescued only seven lived. Ted always credited his bright red hair for his rescue. A book has been published on this tragedy called 'Heroes at Sea'.



Ted returned to Australia and resumed farming with his youngest brother Walter, my father. However, he never fully recovered. He suffered from a number of tropical diseases, 'nervous disorders', and problems with circulation from the time spent in the water awaiting rescue. He never married but was a caring uncle, always had a packet of gingernut biscuits on hand for his nephews and nieces. I still love gingernuts. He was only 63 when he died.

My older brother remembers the continuing horror that haunted our beautiful Uncle. As a teenager he would be helping them in the paddocks and Dad would notice that Ted had gone missing. Dad would find him under a tree, crying, and could only sit with him until the terror had passed. Today, he would be diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder but things were different back then.

My father was also a returned serviceman and had great respect for the RSL and the support it gave to people like Ted. I must admit that, as a child, I never understood why we had to attend all those RSL events. In my father's family 4 of the 5 boys were soldiers, 2 and a brother-in-law were taken prisoner. I have heard The Last Post played at many family funerals. On Remembrance Day it is these proud men that I remember with sadness; and pride for their women left at home. My Grandmother, Mother, Aunties left to manage farms, businesses and to raise children. **We Shall Remember Them.**

ROBYN HUGHAN'S UNIQUE FILM ABOUT A REFUGEE FAMILY IN LIMBO SCREENING AT SWANPOOL CINEMA
Thursday November 8th 7:30pm

"A humane look at a family – lively, colourful – hoping for a new life and actually finding it,"
Peter Malone, Film Critic

Journey Beyond Fear is directed by first-time feature director **Robyn Hughan**, daughter of the late **Keith Hughan**, who's family farm is in Tatong – the family depicted in the film having had past memorable tastes of farm life here.

A powerful documentary capturing the plight of a Malaysia-based Afghan family awaiting resettlement to Australia via the UN program, Robyn's film will screen at this special **Benalla Festival** event shortly after its release at Cinema NOVA in Melbourne. This will be followed by screenings in Adelaide, Hobart, Canberra and Sydney..

Shot independently over 7 years, **Journey Beyond Fear** takes place in Kuala Lumpur where an Afghan refugee family lives in a ghetto community on the city fringes. The touching and heartfelt narrative centers on teenage daughter Zahra, who is forced to give up her dream of an education to earn an income for her family. She is subsequently denied her earnings by her employer, who threatens to report her to immigration police.

With relatable unity, love and support for each other, the family cling to hope, but the indefinite wait and the fear of being deported takes a vicious toll, culminating in Zahra's suicide attempt.



Filmmaker Robyn Hughan (centre) with Zahra (left) and friend (right)

Robyn first visited Afghan refugees living on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur in 2011:

"I was drawn to one family in particular, and eventually over the years, I realised that the magnetic appeal of this family was so strong that they became my main story line. To this end, I made many self-funded trips to continue documenting the family in Kuala Lumpur," Hughan said.

"At times this was very taxing, both financially and emotionally. I was often filming on my own, staying with the family and sleeping on the floor with them, which gave me incredible access to their world."

"I had no idea what the final outcome would be for my favoured family, but eventually, they arrived in Melbourne under the UN program in 2014. I continued to film with the family here in Australia, and to date, they are thriving in the Melbourne community."

Though there is a happy ending for Zahra and family, less than 1% of refugees registered with the UN are ever resettled. **Journey Beyond Fear** focuses on the plight of those who 'join the queue', shattering prevailing stereotypes around asylum-seekers and 'queue-jumpers'.

This Benalla Festival event is being hosted by **Rural Australians For Refugees (Benalla)** who are also providing supper. It will include a live performance by actress/singer **Alyce Platt** (*Sale of the Century*, *Neighbours*) who provides the film's soundtrack and a Q&A moderated by RAR, featuring **Robyn**, her partner and Co-Producer, **Steve Warne** and characters in the film.

Tickets available at the door (\$15).

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Property snapshot Benalla Shire with Brett Neilson...



We hear "The market is red hot in Benalla!!!" Well yes and no. Some segments are moving.... Some are not. Prices have lifted... however not across the board with lack of market depth in some areas. What is evident is people are after accommodation within the urban centre ... so here is the data of sales over the past 12 months.

	Houses	Units	Vacant Land	Commercial/Industrial	Rural/Rural Lifestyle
No. of Sales	350	45	101	13	57
Sale High	\$800,000	\$408,000	\$750,000	\$1,050,000	\$3,175,000
Ave. Sale	\$298,000	\$195,433	\$128,564	\$335,583	\$732,395
Med Sale	\$280,000	\$199,000	\$117,000	\$300,000	\$595,000
Total Sales	\$104,430,021	\$8,794,500	\$12,986,000	\$4,027,000	\$41,746,533

LIVESTOCK

In the Yards With Justin Way

Fat Cattle Market



Fat Cattle are starting to trend dearer through October and with early October rain developing in the South and starting in the North this trend should continue.

Store Cattle



Store Cattle should start trending Dearer through late October as long as rain continues to fall across the Northern country.

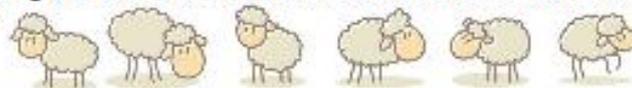
Johns Jitterings



Dogs!! Mans best friend or man's worst enemy? These two questions have crossed my mind most days since Monday a fortnight ago when the first of many wild dog attacks on my sheep was noticed. I was at Corowa Sheep sale when a friend and client noticed one of my lambs standing very forlorn on the dam bank close to the Tatong Road with a bleeding wound on its rump. This wound on further inspection was a hole big enough to fit a large grapefruit the dogs had eaten whilst the lamb was still alive (we destroyed the lamb).

Since then the dogs have been back 5 or 6 times killing or mauling another 8 lambs. The only way I have stopped the dogs is by bringing the sheep into a small paddock 20mtrs behind the house every night, but this has only shifted the problem to my next door neighbours who also have sheep and now have lost similar numbers to me. It is not only the financial side but the worry of every time you hear a dog bark, are they in my place tearing the sheep apart? Hoping the wild dog control officer that is in charge now can bring it to a swift end but the worst is the memory and feeling of helplessness it gives you. More updates in the next edition.

Parting Thought...



"You're in remarkable shape for a man your age," said the doctor to the ninety-year old man after the examination. "I know it," said the old gentleman. "I've really got only one complaint-my sex drive is too high. Got anything you can do for that, Doc?" The doctor's mouth dropped open. "Your what?!" he gasped. "My sex drive," said the old man. "It's too high, and I'd like to have you lower it if you can." "Lower it?!" exclaimed the doctor, still unable to believe what the ninety-year old gentleman was saying. "Just what do you consider 'high'?" "These days it seems like it's all in my head, Doc," said the old man, "and I'd like to have you lower it a couple of feet if you can."

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Season 2018 was another great year for the Samaria Suns AFL Masters.

The Suns were once again lucky enough to have amazing sponsors and supporters this year.

This year we had players represent Vic Country in the AFL Masters Carnival.

While the lads didn't make the grand final it was once again a great experience, they particularly enjoyed the tussle with Tasmania in their final game. Presentation Night saw the usual banter and good times that the Samaria Suns are known for. President Wes Stafford thanked everyone for the support that the Suns have once again received this year, in particular the on and off field helpers Felicity Munro, Allan & Carole Haslam, Heather & Phil Dennis, Helen Ramage, Tania Cassidy and all the partners who helped at home games.

Awards

Leading Goal Kicker:

Pete Symes

Best First Year Player:

Ryan Alexander

MVP: Darby Morrison

Masters Spirit Award:

Allan Crumb

Coaches Award: "The Darby Morrison Award"

Damiun Cassidy

Tool of the Year: Allan

Crumb



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Samaria Suns. Jade Kirk

MORE TECH TALK, THIS TIME PHONES

Last month it was my "Car-car" and this month it is my "phone-phone." I have a new Nokia mobile smart phone replacing the hand-me-down Samsung Galaxy which was cracked, lacking storage space and just "too old". The new Nokia that I purchased was recommended in an Age Green Guide article over the "Toyota Corolla" of mid-range (\$400) phones, the Motorola. For its price The Nokia is a lot of phone with potential currently way beyond my usage, but I'm working on it. Such a magnificent piece of machinery deserves to be given more usage than answering calls and messaging by text. Due to now having the Telstra mobile phone tower in Tatong I am an avid texter of messages rather than ringing because, like email, the recipient can read and

answer my text message when or if it suits them rather than having to interrupt what they are doing. Also with the new phone able to use the internet, plus wife Maeve's help, I am becoming proficient with Messenger which is text via the internet meaning that one uses internet data rather than telephone time. Messenger also enables the sending of photos and even video calls where the caller and receiver see one another's face and surrounds! All of this tech stuff takes time to learn and fully comprehend for an oldie because it is kind of foreign and new; good for the aging brain though I guess!

While all this techno-gizmo will be "old hat" to many readers, to me it is mind boggling. The temptation is that it is all too hard at our age and that was my attitude in the early days of the internet when the home office air turned blue as Maeve attempted to make the @\$%^&* thing work! I thought if it's that hard why would anyone bother, so I didn't, that is until I wanted to write on a keyboard, as with my Tattler writing, and to find out what the ever increasing family was up to on Facebook – and now I'm an avid device user! Maeve recommended that I learned to touch type which I did and I am so grateful for that skill.

The "Smart" phone is truly smart and, like my new Mazda, the features are a tribute to human ingenuity and intelligence. It seems to me that high tech is virtually replicating the human brain to some degree in that the car's computers will take over from the "main problem", the driver, and the phone will lead to who knows what future, some of it good and some not so good, ie scammers.

Driverless cars are coming and how about "driverless" shopping and cooking where voice commands activate robots and machines to present a healthy freshly cooked meal on the table in your own kitchen, and they will probably also clean up afterwards in an environmentally friendly way!

With today's mindset about needing to work hard we might wonder what to do with our spare time in the tech future, well I imagine a leisurely holiday outlook with hobby interests, very long lunches, play, sport and the creation of art. These "playful" activities are inadvertently diminished by this era with its emphasis upon the importance of work, nevertheless the high tech work of today is laying the foundations for a more leisured future.

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A Passenger in India Part Three Steve Ingram

July 1

This morning, after breakfast, we left for Orchha by train from Agra Cantonment Station to Jhansi Junction, from where we were to travel to Orchha by car. The station was not unexpectedly in tumult: beggars, hawkers, travellers, people crossing the line, journeymen offering repairs to baggage and other sundry services, trains packed with people. The Shatabdi Express, while perhaps a little grubby, left Agra punctually and arrived just as punctually at Jhansi.

Orchha is a small town, but one liberally provided with beautiful buildings. The Fort approached across a causeway and entered via an imposing gateway leads into a large courtyard, flanked by imposing palaces, one of which the Jahangir Mahal, dating from the 16th century. It is a particularly fine example of Mughal architecture, each corner of which has a circular tower surmounted by a dome. From the Fort one can look over the Camel Shelter where the King stabled his camels, and from which vantage point one can look out over the ruins of the old city. Dotted about the landscape are a number of chhatris or cenotaphs, many of which are canopied in the same style as those decorating the Diwan-i-Am at Fatehpur Sikri. One such chhatri, perched high above the town, contained some beautiful frescoes and fragments of mosaic. Our examination of these relics was accompanied by a small group of young men, far from importunate, but just staring at what to them must have been the rather strange sight of a couple of sweaty tourists. A young couple asked to have a photograph taken of their daughter with G, probably because they were struck by the unusual sight of the vibrant red colour of G's hair. Sadly, many of the buildings have fallen foul of the ravages of age, vandalism or the predations of "collectors", there being insufficient funds to preserve or protect them. Nevertheless, it is rare, and moving, to see so many beautiful buildings concentrated in so small a place. There is perhaps a special poignancy in seeing them decaying into the landscape.

Our hotel, perhaps in homage to the eponymous Empire, is constructed in Mughal style, with rooms off a quadrangle that surrounds a central courtyard and garden, laid out in symmetrical style, just the place to watch the sunset, gin and tonic in hand. A large group of Italian tourists of a certain age were guests of the hotel and were volubly critical of the staff's efforts to produce pasta that was acceptably al dente.

That evening, accompanied by our guide, Varun, we attended a service at the Rama Hindu temple in the town which was crammed with joyous, sweating people, chanting singing, worshipping. After this dramatic experience, we ate at a tiny shopfront café down a short flight of steps, where we were surreptitiously provided with beer in tea cups.

July 2 Khajuraho

An early start by car to Khajuraho through a largely unexceptional flat agrarian landscape, before reaching the town which is pleasantly located in a range of hills. Khajuraho is a UNESCO world heritage site famous for its Hindu and Jain temples largely constructed around the end of the 10th century. The Western Hindu group has some beautiful and largely well-preserved temples, famous for their erotic and explicit sexual sculptures. It was dreadfully hot, but thankfully we were not dragged to local artisan shops as Khajuraho does not appear to have them (neither for that matter does Orchha, at least to my knowledge). The smaller Eastern group contains some small Jain temples, simpler in structure as befits the asceticism of that religion but nonetheless impressive and rather beautiful. On our way in, and in contrast to the disciplined renouncement of worldly pleasure that characterizes Jainism, we were pestered by trinket sellers offering us miniature working models of the acts of coition depicted in the temples of the Western group.

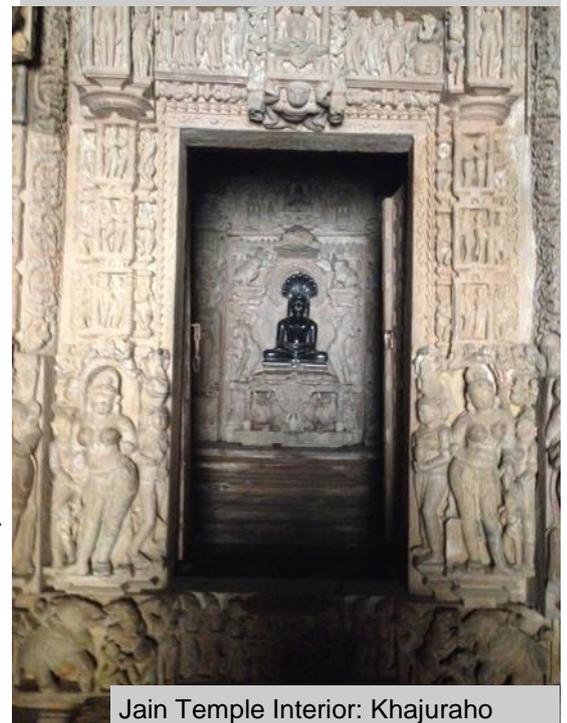
Our hotel was the only disappointment of the visit. A franchise of a well-known international chain, it was the worst possible combination of international and local with bland, expensive food and drink, grubby décor, malfunctioning air-conditioning and an overall atmosphere of less than genteel decline.

Next: To Varanasi

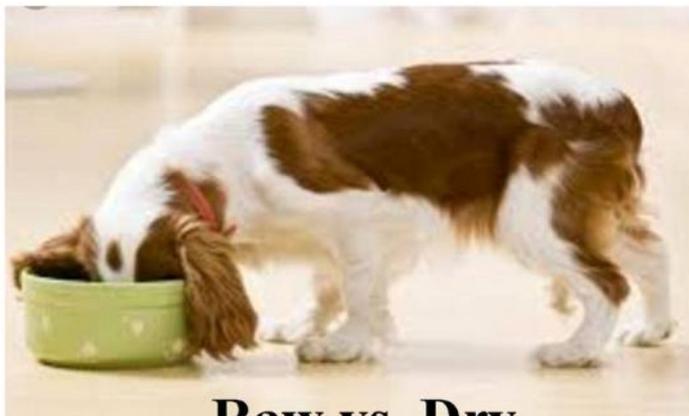
Orchha: the view from our hotel terrace



A Temple at Khajuraho: dusk and far enough away to hide the erotic sculptures



Jain Temple Interior: Khajuraho



Raw vs. Dry

Over the past year we have seen a lot of coverage on how to correctly feed dogs. The recall of Advance Dermocare bought a lot of issues into the mainstream media. Some of this focus has provided some positives. The more educated pet owners are, the better decisions that can be made for the health of your dog. However, this has also created some negatives! There is a lot of 'food shaming' and people are very quick to judge others. I don't believe anyone should be told they are 'nutritionally abusing' their dogs or told they are a bad owner just because they choose to feed dry. Most people would not knowingly cause harm to their animals, but there are many reasons why people choose certain food for their dogs.

Dogs are scavenging carnivores. They can actually 'survive' without meat, however it's important to remember that they won't 'thrive' without meat.

Feeding your dog falls into 2 main categories; raw feeding versus dry feeding.

Many people feed dry food and this can range from premium food to supermarket varieties. For some this is the main source diet & for others it is part of a larger feeding plan.

Raw feeding is the other category. However there is a lot more to it than simply throwing a slab of meat into a bowl. Raw feeding normally follows a ratio of 80/10/5/5.

- 80% meat
- 10% bone
- 5% excreting organs
- 5% liver

Fruit & vegetables such as blueberries, apples, carrots, kale etc can all be added. However it is very important that raw food is balanced correctly. If you don't feed the correct ratios of raw then your dog is not getting the nutrients it needs to develop correctly. This is especially important with puppies or young dogs.

Resurgence of Rickets

I was at a conference a couple of months ago where the NSW AVA President was speaking. We are seeing a resurgence of diseases such as Rickets, due to dogs not getting their correct nutritional requirements. It's also worth noting that overseas they had 200 experienced

animal careers create raw food meals, and less than 5% of the meals created were correctly balanced.

There are apps available that will help you calculate and balance the food.

You can also buy pre-made raw food that is already balanced. Food such as Leading Raw & Dr B's. etc. All these are pre made and frozen and can be fed as a complete meal.

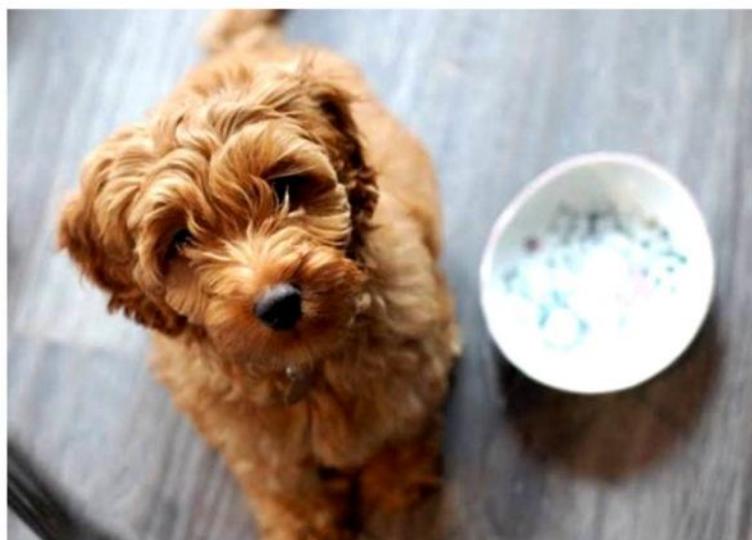
Health risks with raw feeding is also something that needs to be remembered. When preparing any raw food it is important to practice good hygiene. Another item that has to be mentioned is raw chicken has been linked to APN (Acute Polyradiculoneuritis). This is a very rare neurological condition that affects dogs by causing paralysis. Raw chicken has been linked as a risk factor that increases likelihood by 70 times.

This information is intended not to scare people, however, one of my dogs had this a few months ago & although rare it is out there.

It's worth remembering that dog food trends follow human trends. Which is why we've seen the increase of grain

free etc over the past 12 months. People have also suggested that dogs suffer from Celiac disease, however, there has only been one diagnosed case world-wide and that was breed specific. With grains being negatively portrayed, many people switched to grain-free, which has now been linked to heart disease in dogs.

The reasons why people feed a certain way is dependent upon many factors.



Sometimes the decision is based upon cost, time available or simply knowledge or confidence.

Remember it doesn't have to be a difficult decision. You can feed dry food with raw, adding sardines & red meats etc as you transition. Or you simply may decide to keep feeding dry but add variety.

You can transition your dogs to raw slowly, or can simply choose a date to make a change.

There is a lot of information out there & much of it is conflicting.

I believe that knowledge is the key. Ask questions, talk to your vet and make the decision that best suits you, your budget & your lifestyle.

- Karen Walker



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What's Happening at Molly Rose?

Another month has flown by already! And it's now less than 10 weeks to Christmas! My Grandma always used to say that the older you get the quicker time passes – I think she may be right. Although I also think it may have something to do with how much you pack into life...

Tim has returned. He's been back almost a month and has itchy feet again, although the van needs a bit of work first. I have recovered from my out of bronchitis and my stamina is improving. Now I'm just playing catch up. We were going to be some eggs and poultry in the Benalla Show, but my month of illness put a stop to that. Hopefully we'll manage it in 2019.

So what's been happening at Molly Rose? Many, many things...

Just after Tim left friends phoned requesting we incubate some goose eggs – their daughter's goose had been sitting and a fox took her. I soon discovered that incubating goose eggs is a bit more involved than chook eggs. And they're massive. We put some of our Muscovy eggs in with them as they need the same treatment as goose eggs (spraying & soaking in water) and take 35 days to hatch (chicks take 21).

Except that the goslings hatched a week before the ducklings and my plans of raising them together fell in a miserable heap. At two weeks the goslings are enormous AND they don't like the ducklings at all!



The gozzies are extremely talkative while the duckies are mostly quiet, except when they escape from their box and can't get back in. At two weeks the goslings have already reached that gangly stage and are voracious eaters, drinkers and poop-ers. We will be looking to sell the gozzies in the near future – cute as they are, our friends cannot keep them, and although I am tempted, these gozzies are just bitsas. If we ever have geese at Molly Rose they will be one of the rare breeds like the Sebastapol or the Tufted Roman. So if you want goose for the table or a few for the yard, let us know.

For my birthday (January) my sister gave me some money to buy some rare breed Welsh Harlequin Duck fertilised eggs. Due to ducks not laying and incubating gozzies those eggs have only just arrived. They don't require the quite same treatment as the gozzies and Muscovys and will only take 28 days to hatch. There is also a dozen rare breed Lakenvelder chook eggs under a broody hen. I've been told that the Araucana rooster Kathy & Peter Z collected is settling in well.

Tim's been working on the trampoline pen and it's almost ready to go. Our straw and compost has arrived. Now I just need to be home to work on the gardens! The bed of asparagus we planted has come back – I wasn't sure it would after the sheep gave it a severe trimming! And we have lots of tomato plants springing up – cherry tomatoes are so good at reseeding themselves. All the potatoes I missed are sprouting and it looks like a cucumber has reseeded itself. We're still looking for an aerator. If you know of one, give a hoy.



Last but not least is the new addition of some more Wiltipoll sheep. Currently they are in quarantine at Julie's and working on getting her back paddock down. I picked them up from Chesney Vale on Monday 15th and was surprised at how dry it was out there. There was no feed at all! The paddocks were a thin layer of dead, brown grass over the dusty dirt. Apparently they hadn't had any rain for a long time and they'd been hand feeding the small flock for almost a year!

We haven't been getting as much rain as we'd like at Molly Rose, but we have grass. Our grass is long and green! I think our eclectic combination of Natural Sequence Farming, Permaculture and Regenerative Agriculture have increased the soil fertility at Molly Rose.

When we arrived here 5½ years ago, capeweed was the main ground cover. Now, we still have some capeweed about the place, but there are also many other different varieties of grass growing. Our three girls have already grazed the almost the entire property once. Back where they started the grass is already knee high and above! So, rather than get out the ride-on, we now have seven more sheep!

It is interesting that the increase in soil fertility is particularly noticeable out the back where there are less gum trees. I am continually amazed at how much these trees suck the goodness out of the soil! We are seriously looking at getting them removed – with only two acres we don't feel we have enough space for the soil leeching activities of gum trees. We'll then improve the soil where they were with the eventual aim of planting a variety of edibles.

By now, some of you might be aware that I am the Guest Speaker for the Tatong Tattler Literary Lunch during the Benalla Festival. I will be speaking on my writing journey, how inspiration works and doing some readings. There will also be a raffle to raise funds for Broken River Writers. If you have any questions on writing you'd like me to speak about, please let me, Janette or Maeve know, and I will do my best to answer them.

Time to go, the gozzies are calling. Write you again next month!

Carla



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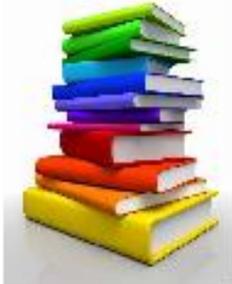


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G'day, another month gone and we have been here for a year now.

To celebrate our one year anniversary and a "Thank you all" for your continued support, we will be holding an afternoon of nibbles and happy hour drinks from 4.00pm-5.30pm on November 4th.

Lots has been going on around the Tavern with new equipment installed, painting of outdoor furniture, refurbishing of some of the bedrooms with new TV's and we currently have a new 7m x 2.4m mural being constructed in the garden.

We held our footy tipping group party on Sunday 23rd. It was a great afternoon with free beer and food and we hope you all join in next time to make it bigger & better for the community. Our new Tuesday pizza nights have been going great so we will continue to open from 3pm for drinks and pizzas from 5pm and don't forget our monthly car show and swap meet "Show Us Your Wheels" being held on the last Sunday of every month from 1-4pm. For a spot at the swap meet phone (03)57672210.

A couple more things to wrap it up: our summer menu will be out by the end of the month with some delicious new meals as well as some old favourites so keep an eye on our Facebook page and website www.tatongtavern.com.au for the update. Christmas is also fast approaching so if you are looking to book your work Christmas party give us a call or email tatongtavern@gmail.com.

Lastly, in the New Year we will be having My Slice of Life from Wangaratta out for a smoking and barbeque demo day, come and try some fall off the bone brisket, pulled pork, reverse seared steak, chicken and lamb.

Regards, Chelsea

Telephone Tricks

We have caller ID on our home telephone and we always check the number as we are picking it up. We can immediately identify family and friends and if it is a very odd looking number we often let it go to message bank as these calls are often nuisance sales calls.

I recently picked up a call that was very clearly a Molyullah number (i.e. 03 5766 6...). I did not recognize the last three digits but as the first seven digits were clearly Molyullah I believed it to be a local. But no! ... It was a foreign sounding gentleman who was very pleasant and polite and asking me if I was interested in finding out more about the Government Solar Rebate Scheme. I replied we already had solar and finished the call but remained confused about the number. I checked via caller ID and the "Molyullah" number came up so I pressed redial.

A lady answered and said she had a private number! She had not made any calls that day!!

It would seem that local private numbers are being used somehow as a front for these telephone sales calls. I certainly hope the calls are not being charged to her.

I could not find who to call or email at Telstra but I had the number of a technician who had helped us previously when we had a line problem. He made enquiries and found someone in Goorambat had a similar complaint. He then took the numbers to pass on but we have heard nothing since. If any explanation is forthcoming I will submit it to the Tattler.

Janette Knapper

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John brogan
Ten years, where have these years gone?
So much has happened since we said goodbye
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We have laughed we have cried but we always talk about you
You fill our hearts with memories
Much loved and sadly missed
We know you would be missing beautiful Tatong, your family,
your friends and the freedom you craved for
Forever in our hearts
Elaine Matt josh Jackie Kathy troy Evie Beth and darling Victoria

Sadly I have read of the deaths of two beautiful men who were of huge assistance to me when my late husband John was extremely ill. Bill delivered rolls of his own hay to feed my hungry stock. Neil came to assist with the huge losses to my kids goats that is, his gentle caring manner advice and encouraging words during this difficult time for me will always be remembered. These two auzzie blokes will be a loss to the Tatong community. Ps I do hope someone is caring for Neil's faithful fur companions. Elaine brogan oam



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Media Release

Are you ready for fire and heat?

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Long grass, dry leaves, debris and blocked gutters all require attention in advance of the fire and heat season.

It is the responsibility of the owner or occupier to ensure their property is ready for fire and heat, with recommendations including;

- grass being less than 70mm high
- raking up dry grass, leaves and other debris
- keeping gutters clear of leaf litter
- storing flammable liquids and woodpiles away from the house
- storing LPG cylinders upright with the vent pipe facing away from the house
- detailing your Bushfire Survival Plan

The Council is responsible for reminding property owners to prepare for fire and heat under the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958*, which includes Council officers being authorised to inspect private land and serve Fire Prevention Notices, which direct owners or occupiers of land to take measures against fire hazards.

Fire inspections have commenced and will continue through the warmer months.

The Fire Danger Period is announced by the Country Fire Authority. Acting Mayor Cr Peter Davis said that it's important to be prepared for heat well in advance of summer.

"With current conditions having been dry over the winter months, it is critical that the community is prepared for unexpected heat in the lead up to summer," said Cr Davis.

"Fire prevention and reducing the risk of bushfire is everyone's responsibility."

Contact the Council for more information on 03 5760 2600 or visit www.benalla.vic.gov.au.

-ENDS-

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Benalla Rural City Council
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Garden Daze

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



Ideal Weather for Growing Vegies

Beetroot - now is a great time to get a crop in the ground and as with all root crops - direct sowing is best.



Beetroot like a sunny spot and good drainage. Loosen up the soil, breaking up any clods - a metal rake works well - pull gently over the surface of the soil to break up larger lumps and pull out any stones.

Then work the soil to a fairly fine tilth - this will provide good conditions for seed germination, root development and for good water infiltration and aeration. Sprinkle some blood and bone over the surface - about a handful per square metre - work this in with the rake, and all is ready for sowing seed.

Make some drills - a short piece of dowel comes in handy here, pressed onto the soil surface with spacings about 30 cm's apart. Spread the seeds along the drills at intervals of around 3cm, cover with soil and water them in.

Beetroot, Boron and our Deficient Soils.

One thing with Beetroot to be aware of is boron. It's a nutrient that beetroot plants *must* have to grow properly, but most of our soils are deficient. Boron is available in powdered form at most garden centres (and it might just be in the washing powder section at the hardware store - look for *Borax* (same thing)). About a teaspoonful dissolved in a watering can and poured over the soil at planting time will provide all the added boron the beetroot will need for the season.

Keep the bed moist, and the seedlings should be up in about 10 days.

Each beetroot "seed" is actually a cluster of small seeds, so more will come up than expected. The little plants can be thinned



out when they are just big enough to handle. Next bit of thinning, (and providing the first harvest of young sweet beets) is when the roots are around golf ball size. Aim for a final spacing of around 10cm to allow the remaining crop to mature.

Beetroot are best when grown quickly. Regular watering and the application of some heavily diluted liquid kelp and fish emulsion every week or so should ensure a plentiful supply.

And Now for a Very Useful Plant . . .



Russian, or Elephant Garlic *Allium ampeloprasum* looks like giant garlic but is a close relative of the leek and is only distantly related to true garlic *Allium sativum*. Mildly sweet, the flavour is somewhere between garlic and leeks. High in vitamins A, C & E

the cloves and rounds are large, easy to peel and can be eaten cooked or raw. With many of the same uses as onions they can be sliced into salads, added to soups, casseroles or stews, baked in the oven with a roast, or simply used as a vegetable (maybe with a nice sauce). Individual flowers can also be eaten, added to salads or used as a garnish.

With their striking looks - flowers, fresh or dried, can be used in flower arrangements. Planted at the back of rose borders or near climbing roses Russian Garlic will help keep aphids and other pests at bay.

Cloves can be planted in Spring or Autumn. Plant the cloves and rounds blunt or root ends down about 30 centimetres apart. The tops of the bulbs should be about 5 centimetres below the soil surface. Plants do best in a rich, deeply cultivated bed and like full sun and well-drained soil, but they are very hardy and really need no special treatment. It grows from the tropics to temperate Australia and tends to grow taller and to have a stronger flavour in cooler regions. ISEPP



In the Vegie Garden it is useful for Russian Garlic to have a dedicated bed as the large (10 to 15 cm diameter) bulbs form under the soil, and consist of 3 to 6 cloves. External to these cloves are small bulblets, up to one centimetre across. Plants that do not flower can form a single, large, round clove, up to 4 centimetres across. Plants grown from rounds or from very large cloves frequently produce a large bulb with several cloves and a flower stalk. Plants grown from a smaller clove or from a bulblet usually produce a round and no flower stalk. So Russian garlic tends to alternate between the production of cloves and the production of rounds, and to go to seed only every second year. A well-established clump will usually have a mixture of bulbs with cloves and rounds, so there will always be some flower heads. Large attractive mauve flowers are produced in summer with on a single long stalk.

Bulbs are harvested when the flowers begin to dry out. This may not occur until the 3rd year after planting. Dig the whole plant and hang the bulbs to dry with part of the stem attached, in a shady but dry position.

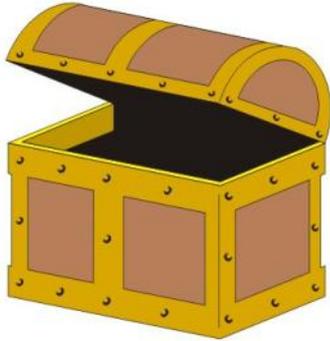
Whilst Russian Garlic may not be true garlic there is much about it to be recommended.

Kathy Z

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Australia Day 2019

Australia Day Breakfast
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8am onwards

9am Flag Raising / Tatong Achiever of the Year Presentation

Gold Coin Donation for Breakfast – Proceeds to the Good Friday Appeal

Saturday January 26th 2019

Money Tree Raffle – Tree with 100 \$1 Scratchies attached

Nominations for the 2019 Benalla Rural City Australia Day Awards are now open.

There are four categories open for nominations:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (16 - 25 years old)
- Community Group of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

District achiever categories will also be awarded.

Acting Mayor, Cr Peter Davis, said the awards are an important part of Benalla Rural City's festive calendar.

"The Australia Day Awards provide the opportunity to recognise the achievements and contributions of those who serve our local community,"

"I encourage everyone to consider the people they know who have made an exceptional contribution to their communities. We all know someone who has made life in Benalla Rural City better in some way," said Cr Davis.

"You can nominate a community member, group or event as a way of saying 'thank you' to those who give their time and effort into making our Rural City a great place to live."

Strong nominations will include as much information as possible about the nominee. Nominees should be either a role model or leader, have excelled in their field or have made a significant contribution over the year or over many years. Past nominees who did not win a major award in last year's awards can be renominated.

The Community Event of the Year will be awarded to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding and inclusive community event during 2018.

Nominations close Monday 3 December 2018.

The awards will be presented on Australia Day, Saturday 26 January 2019 at the Benalla Performing Arts and Convention Centre (BPACC) at 11.30am.

Nomination forms are available from the Council's Customer Service Centre, the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre and by visiting www.benalla.vic.gov.au.

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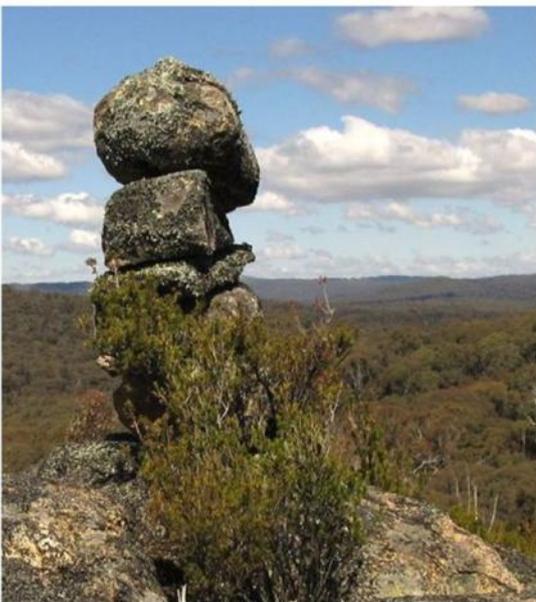
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Mysterious Stones of Toombullup

In the hills of Toombullup, on a remote rocky crest above Middle Creek, are several cairns; rough columns of stones carefully sat one upon the other. One pillar is around two metres high; six others are around a metre; and then some little ones. Some of the rocks are large enough that surely more than one person would be needed to lift them into place. Others are small; perhaps made

by children, or maybe copies, more recently made. Some time has passed since they were assembled, for several are well coated with lichen. The hilltop is 800 metres above (current) sea level.

Currently no record or indication has been found of who put them there. Those who lived here the last tens of thousands of years? 19th century bushwalkers - enthusiastic, or lost? Surely not the Kelly Gang...



An interesting proposal is that they are "Buddhist Prayer Stones". Doug Brockfield of the Milawa Heritage Group located a report from the Melbourne Argus of 1878, which mentions Chinese presence in the hills above Whitfield. It was the time of the hunt for the Kelly Gang, and reports were sent back by Electric Telegraph. A journalist covering the police hunt (possibly the "Chiltern correspondent") laid out the scene for the city readers:

"If the King [river] be followed up through Whitfield, a point will be reached where the river divides into two important branches, one of which comes down from the Wombat hill on the west and the other from the great dividing range on the south-east.

A good deal of land has been taken up by selectors but they have kept quite close to the river, and above Whitfield the selections simply form a chain along the course of the stream up to the point at which the two branches unite; settlement then abruptly terminates.

Nearly the whole of the upper selections are in the hands of an intelligent body of Chinese, occupied in the cultivation of tobacco,

the peanut etc. They appear to thrive and one of them keeps a small store."

Whitfield is 16km kilometres from the pillars, as the crow flies, over rugged terrain. But by around 140 years ago people of many cultures were moving through the hills, inured to hardship, and pursuing gold, gems, and various forms of horticulture. There are few enough records even of the white British who went bush.

In early 2000, some landholders of the surrounding district showed the pillars to Geoff Dinning of Wangaratta, in order that the site not be forgotten. In September Geoff took a party of interested people to see them. It was not easy going; in one section, a rope was placed to help scramble up a steep incline. Then we pushed on upwards through thick scrub, enjoying the view any time we could see it. It would be wonderful to know if the scrub was much different at the time the pillars were made.

If anyone has knowledge to contribute to the question of who built these, and why; which spirits they wished to please or appease; please get in touch.

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(Tatong Heritage Group)
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AGE FRIENDLY BENALLA

Older People – Getting good advice in the Information Age

A partnership between Coinda, the Central Hume Primary Care Partnership and the Benalla Rural City successfully obtained a grant from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services to find out what older people think would make Benalla and its surrounding rural communities more 'age friendly' and implement projects based on this information. An age friendly community offers older people greater opportunities to live active and fulfilling lives, enjoy positive physical and mental health and be valued members of the community.

The Age Friendly Benalla project has provided tutoring in the use of mobile devices including tablets and smart phones to older people in Benalla Rural City for the last 12 weeks. The tutoring has been delivered from the Café Club, CWA hall Benalla and the Boweya Community Centre, Boweya. The tutoring has been highly successful with over 100 people attending over the course of the programs. We have been lucky enough to have the assistance of students from EdSpace and the Benalla Flexible Learning Centre to support our older participants as they learn about the internet and mobile technology. Lindsay Thomas (IT Tutor) commented *“Waminda Cafe Club at the Benalla CWA Hall has provided a great space for the Age Friendly IT Tutoring, and with the assistance of young people from EdSpace and the Flexible Learning Centre has proven a perfect recipe for success”* and Sally Wallace (Café Club facilitator) says *“The success of the IT tutoring has exceeded all expectations. By operating in the Cafe Club environment (a Waminda initiative held in the CWA rooms every Wednesday, 10 -12) not only have beginners successfully mastered the skills THEY want to learn but significant intergenerational relationships have been forged as the students from Ed Space and Flexible Learning Centre (who provide the coffee) have stepped in to assist in ensuring everyone has a tutor. Well done to all concerned!”*.

The early evaluation of the program has revealed that many participants expressed a fear or reluctance to use digital technology when they first attended, with over 70% never having created a digital document, 88% never having completed an online form and 70% never having used a search engine. Older people reported finding digital technology difficult to master for a number of reasons including having to remember a lot of new and very different information, passwords and jargon; no one available to teach them or learn from; concerns about privacy and fear of change. Following the tutoring (from the data available) everyone reported an improvement in their IT skill level and their confidence in using mobile phones and/or tablets. Participants have learnt how to hotspot, how to text and send photos, manage their IT settings, change passwords, how to google, and many other things. The company and the coffee have been an added bonus.

Age Friendly Benalla will continue to offer older people of Benalla and rural townships the opportunity to participate in this tutoring until the end of the year (2018). We will continue at the **Café club, CWA Hall, Benalla** every Wednesday morning from 10.30 – 12.00 a.m. from the October 10 – November 28 and in the **CFA Hall, Baddaginnie** 1.30 -3.00 p.m. every Wednesday from November 7 – 28. We would encourage all older people to take advantage of this or other training being offered in the Benalla Rural City to empower everyone to use the internet and everyday-technology to thrive in our digital world.

For further information please contact Fiona MacPhee, Age Friendly Benalla Project Coordinator.

Contact: p. 0488330383 e. agefriendlybenalla@gmail.com



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No cost to people aged 55+.

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The Age Friendly Benalla project in partnership with EdSpace is offering social small group tutoring in the use of mobile devices including tablets and smart phones to all people in Benalla Rural City over the age of 55.

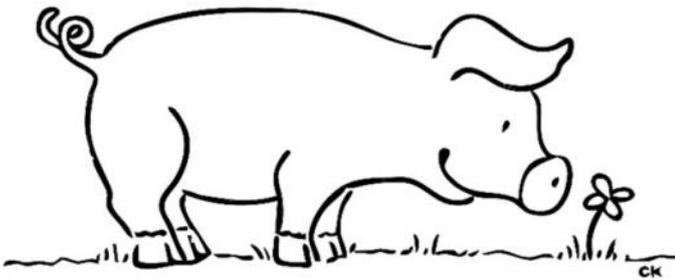
We are aiming our program at people who have little or no experience in using mobile devices and lack the confidence to start. Our program will deliver one on one tutoring by the highly skilled EdSpace students and our friendly tutor Lindsay in a social setting. So, bring your friends and enjoy a personalised introduction to the internet, search engines, social media, downloading and using apps to make life easier and help you to connect with your family and friends.

Devices will be provided (for the purpose of the tutoring) or bring your own if you prefer. We will have both Apple and Samsung devices available.

Drop in for a coffee, a chat, a play with some devices and have all your questions about the 'digital world' answered.

For more information please contact the Age Friendly Benalla Project Coordinator on 0488 330 383 or email agefriendlybenalla@gmail.com





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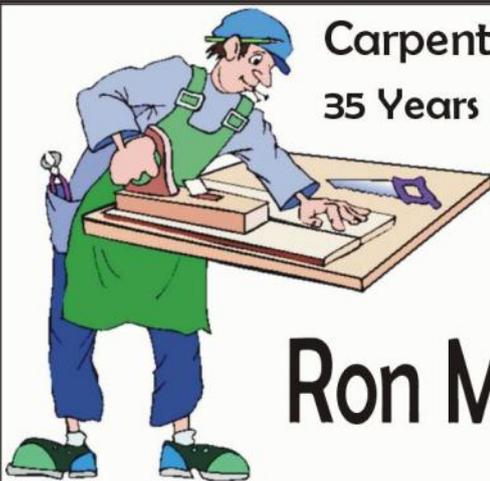
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A Slice of German Life Part 4—Hazel Wann

Wednesday, 4th

We spend the morning with Georg at the Emden's Ostfriesischen Landesmuseum in the Rasthuas (town hall) which houses 15th & 16th Century armour and weapons, as well as pewter and silver. Then there is a fascinating model of how people in this region have coped with water over the centuries. The development of dykes, rises, walls etc. Then we go to the top of the tower at the museum and see wonderful views of Emden and beyond. Emden is about 50,000 people.

We then have coffee and torte. Georg is interrupted by the phone. He is a retired headmaster and is involved in advising the city council on education. Afterward he takes us across a park to the house of Hajo's sister. She is out but we meet Sebastian's father who also has excellent English. He is digging up a tree stump in the garden but lets us into the house so that we may access the back garden where there is a massively high wall that we saw in the park. This stone wall is part of Emden's defences. It is about 2m thick on one side and there is an entrance to a tunnel containing bunkers where people retreated during WWII bombing of Emden.

Then on to the Grosskirche, a 910 year old church that was bombed in the war. Emden was destroyed in 1.5 hours in 1944. The church remained a ruin until 2001 when a retired churchman led a campaign to restore it. Today it is not a church but a museum and magnificent meeting place for the people of Emden. It is here on the 7th September at 7.30 p.m. every year, the townspeople remember the destruction of their town. Georg says it is not with anger or resentment. "We did the same to the British". But a memorial service to those who died and to the city itself. (You would never know that the town was rebuilt in the post war years. Old buildings look old, just exceptionally well maintained.) Concerts are held because of the perfect acoustics. To one side and in the high roof there is a research library. The arches have been restored but the tomb of the Duke of Ostfriesland remains, untouched by the bombs.

In the afternoon we go to Leer with Anna, Hajo and the children. This is a shopping expedition. Anna tells us that it is more sophisticated than Emden, with better shops and restaurants. It was warm this day and we walked and walked. Eventually I buy a fantastic padded jacket, slightly fitted at the waist with a double zip mechanism so you can undo the bottom when you get on your bike. John is very tired and has developed gout. We do not realise but our information on gout is out of date. It is not red wine, shell fish and beef but beer and oily fish. Guess what we have been stuffing ourselves with 3 times a day.

Lower Saxony has close links with Britain through medieval trade, the defense of Protestantism, the UK and Hanoverian royal families. It is not generally known that Victoria and Albert visited this region frequently even before her children married into it. Lower Saxony was under British control after WWII and was also manning the longest border with the Soviet sector, and therefore the recipient of thousands of refugees. The British military government took it upon themselves to restart Volkswagen as part of the rebuilding programme. Immediate post war Saxony

was still undergoing resolution of unifying districts into one state, something that started in the Unification of Germany in the 19th Century. And in the middle of Lower Saxony the City of Bremen remains an independent state.

Towns like Leer and Emden are busy and filled with small cars and bikes. Streets are often 1.5 lanes where parking is allowed. So Germans pull to the right quickly when confronted with another car. In some streets people have priority over bikes and cars, and bikes over cars. If you are stuck in car behind them then tough. In this way the towns people and children are safe and motorists behave themselves everywhere. The centre's roads are mainly built of brick and in post war construction trouble has been taken to make coloured patterns used for indicating bike lanes, crossings, turning gides and the like. All street signs give you the distance to the nominated place.

Lower Saxony is, after Volkswagen, a major primary producer where the soil is sandy - sheep, beef, and dairy cattle. Otherwise the soil is a relic from the ice age and here fruit, maize, potatoes and sugar beet are grown. Mining of iron, silver and salt still takes place and tourism is growing - although it did appear to be mainly German tourists. Politically the German Greens Party has its roots in Lower Saxony which is home to The Waddensea, a strip of German and Dutch coastline that is growing, i.e. forming, and is a World Heritage Site.

Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony): sheer heaven in my book - friendly, easy, beautiful, clean, green, modern and ancient.

Anna picks up a crying Take and suddenly finds herself with dog poo all over the front of her shirt. She is really distressed, so she and John hurry back to the car where he gives her his shirt - he has a singlet underneath. We return home.

OVERACTIVITY IN SPRING AND AUTUMN

The Tattler team is noticing how big our editions become bigger prior to Easter and now pre-Benalla Festival time in spring. One of my jobs is to pin up posters for various activities in the district and at those busy times notice boards are jam packed with paperwork.

Locally there is a plethora of district events for all to enjoy, or manage, or ignore! The Smith family music and dance fundraiser will already be done and dusted, next the CFA combined training and information day at the Rec Reserve on Sunday the 28th of Oct. Some Tattlers will be delivered in time for this, and then there is the Tatong Art Show and The Great Big Garage Sale and the Tattler's Literary Lunch run by Janette Knapper and Maeve Larkin, which are all part of the Benalla Festival program starting on Friday the 2nd of November with the opening of the art show in the Tatong Memorial Hall.

My head is spinning because I am involved for various reasons, even in small ways, in most of these activities and when they happen in succession, or together, it gets a bit much. Life balance is needed, and just to prick the conscience of readers; while we love it when some people do the hard yards to make events happen those same workers need support and it is good for others to take a turn so that we all have that much needed balance. The more people that pitch in the smaller the jobs become!

A note to our Tattler deliverers: Please deliver as early as you can due to the various activities listed in this Tattler and which happen in early November.

Mike Larkin

In the Footsteps of Henry Lawson

Tattler readers will remember my article about Roderick Williams and his prize winning rendition of *How the Red Queen Crossed the Swamp* at the Annual Henry Lawson Poetry Competition at Mudgee in NSW.

As well as his ability to bring the poetry of others to life, writing verse comes as naturally as breathing to Roderick, and poetry reflects all that has made him wonder and admire as he has travelled throughout most of Australia.



Forest of Dreams and other Journeys of the Red Road

Having the ability to bring tears in one poem, and a smile or laugh in the next, Roderick takes readers into the life of the out-back traveller as he shares his experiences of work, the beauty of the bush and the many people of the Australian Outback, he has known and loved.

Frogs and Dogs and Kids which Roderick describes as "Rhyming Performance Poetry for Children" and dedicated to "All Children - in all Countries of the World" is a delightful introduction to the young people who have enriched Roderick's life and another very important companion - Jess his much loved Blue Heeler.

I'll let a sample of the poetry speak for itself...

Deep in a glade by Glenmoor-Koosh, where a wild bush garden grows -

There lives a green and yellow frog, with a spotted freckly nose.

Beneath a grove of ferns and shrubs, by a tiny rocky pool -

He hides in there on summer days and keeps so damp and cool

And now - a couple of verses from *Forest of Dreams* of - *Dingo Creek in Flood* - something to make us all sigh, as we face predictions of a long hot and dry summer..

Dingo creek is flowing, to the Manning River going,

Wide and flooded as she moves between the ranges and the hills.

With all the gullies gushing, silver streams of water rushing,

As wondrous, welcome constant rain, each hole and hollow fills.

The mountainside is singing with the rain the clouds are bringing,

As corridors of water stream down to the valley floor.

On the banks the branches lying, now down the creek go flying,

A swilling, swirling, torrent turns the river to a roar.

As Christmas approaches and we try to give a gift that counts - Roderick has both of these books of poems for sale and there is also a CD of *Travel the Red Road* which contains many of the poems from *Forest of Dreams* rendered in Roderick's award winning style.

See Rod's Ad opposite for contact details

Kathy Z

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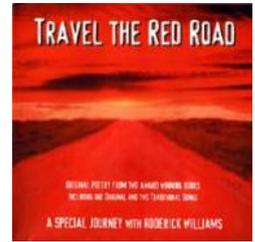
Roderick (Rod) Williams
Australian Award Wining
Poet Singer Performer



Travel the Red Road

This 69 minute CD provides a glimpse of different times and experiences in Rod's life. Each glimpse gives a brief look at part of his own journey down that long red road. There are 15 of Rod's own poems, one of his own songs and two traditional songs.

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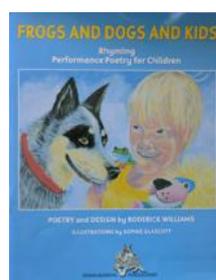
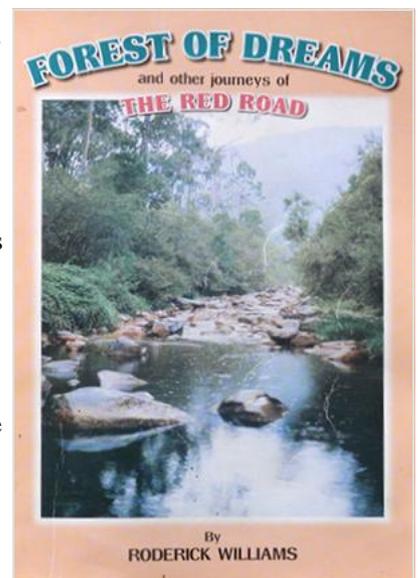


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2010	39	153.7	86.4	65.2	67.5	82.8	67.5	162.1	116.8	123.7	109.2	150.8	1224.7
2011	107	177.3	65.0	36.1	62.9	47.1	84.5	81.0	67.3	32.0	88.3	46.3	894.7
2012	82.5	94.0	184.9	18.1	35	57.6	115.8	92.1	35.5	34	28	30.1	773.6
2013	1.8	52.4	85.5	8.4	43.0	60.1	112.1	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	100.1	29.3	118.9	760.3
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WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

We all know, or should, that rain has been in very short supply for this spring. (Writing this on the 16th of October and the sky just won't let go as we get only drizzly bits of the predicted rain this morning.) Someone said that we are in a "green drought" which sounds right as the paddocks are mostly green but the soil is dry or drying out.

For September we had a total of only 25.1mm of rain and up until the 15th of October we had a slight improvement on zero with just 1mm! STOP PRESS; later in the day of 16th and skies finally let go with a wonderful 11.5mm of very welcome rain.

Mike Larkin

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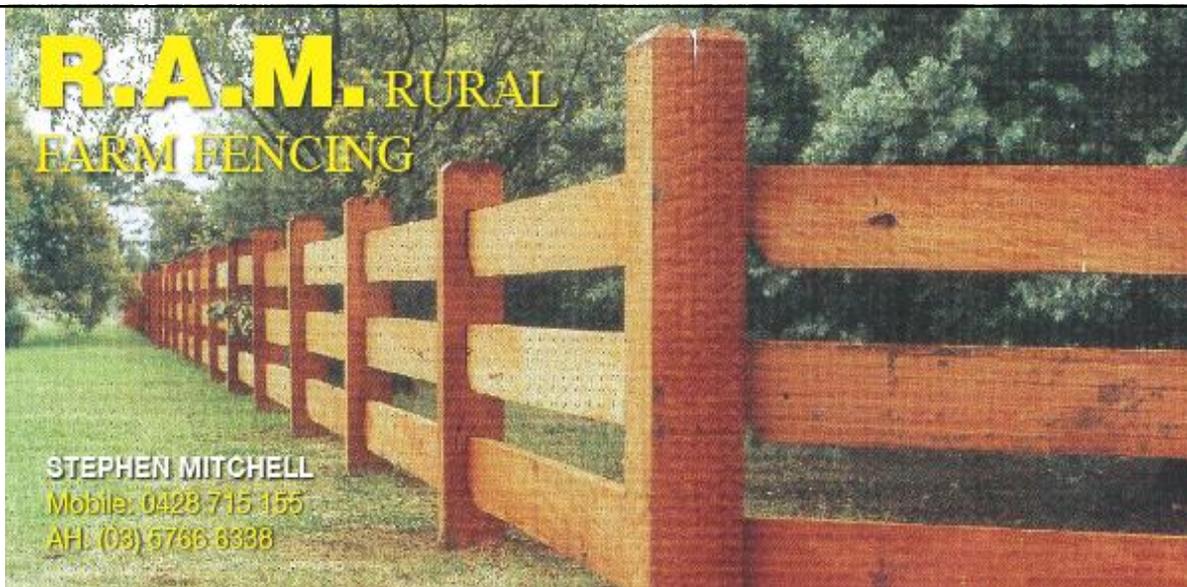
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November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	1 Play group, 9.30,am Rec Res 	2	3 Literary Lunch (see page 11 for details) Tatong Art Show
4 Tatong Garage Sale (see page 17 for details) Tatong Art Show	5 Tatong Fire Brigade Training. 7pm Fire Shed.	6	7 Whitegate Community Dinner at the Tavern	8 Play group,9.30,am Rec Res Molyullah Community Dinner at the Tavern 	9 Fish & Chip Night. Molyullah Hall 5.30pm	10 Tatong Art Show (see page 17 for details)
11 Tatong Art Show	12	13 Mansfield Bush Poets-Mansfield Library 3-5pm	14 Coffee Cake & Dance (see page 18 for details)	15 Play group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res .	16 Girls Shed 10.00am at Tatong Hall 	17
18	19 Tatong Fire Brigade Training. 7pm Fire Shed.	20	21	22 Play group, 9.30,am Rec Res	23 	24
25	26 Tatong Heritage Group meeting. Tatong Memorial Hall 4pm	27	28	29 Play group, 9.30,am Rec Res	30 	Dec 1

Moorngag Mower Mania!

Saturday 3rd November, 2018



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