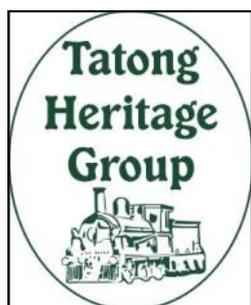


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Mrs Worrall

Monday 25th March saw the Heritage Group host Peter and Susan Sawyer at their meeting. Peter is the great grandson of the legendary Mrs. Worrall who was the first licensee of the Tatong Hotel, now the Tatong Tavern, the original of which burned down in 1923.

Peter gave an interesting talk on the genealogy of the Worrall family who originally came from Derbyshire in the U.K. He then presented the group with an original sugar bowl of ruby and plain glass bearing the date 1907 in gold lettering. This, along with its pair, was used in the dining room of the hotel. He also presented the group with a framed photograph of Catherine, Mrs. Worrall and her husband Peter. These gifts are to be displayed in the Tavern for all to enjoy.

Mrs. Worrall was a very strong personality and stories abound of her "presence" being felt and indeed sometimes seen. Our current Publican Pedro was amused to see that in the photograph Mrs. Worrall was wearing white as he has often seen a "woman in white". Previous publicans also tell tales of seeing a woman in white and strange happenings which are attributed to Mrs. Worrall such as doors opening when nobody is there, objects falling from shelves and glasses chinking for no apparent reason.

In giving thanks to Peter and Susan for their gifts and information, the Heritage Group presented them with copies of "Tatong Just off The Track" and "Those Were The Days At Tatong". Copies of these can be purchased, at a reasonable cost, from the Heritage Group.



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What a Whopper!



This pig was shot locally in March. He sure is a big boy. The hunter first thought it would be about 100kg. Consensus of opinion now estimates it to have been closer to 130kg.

John Knapper

THE TATTLER PRINTER

The saga continues with our old printer still having "one foot in the grave." The main thing for readers is that you don't become concerned about the continuation of the newsletter. We are well enough resourced, due to support of readers and advertisers, to resolve the situation. One of the problems is that the challenges keep coming, testing our ability to resolve. This is partly because we have a number of options open to us and that is making it hard to find the best solution. These options include fixing older printers or purchasing a new one and naturally we want the solution which works best for our community.

Thanks for not complaining (that I have heard of) about fuzzy print quality on some pages and some very late deliveries. **WEA**

Mike Larkin

White Gate



Dates

The next **White Gate Dinner @ The Tatong Tavern** is hereby proclaimed to be executed on the occasion of the First of May.

Yup - that day in the Northern Hemisphere where they have a great festival of Fertility, ribbons, and dancing. In the Southern Hemisphere, May the First really ought to be Very Wet. If it is still dry as chips, perhaps it ought to be the occasion of a Very Big Rain Dance. Attendees to the White Gate Dinner might wear ribbons, and if we do a Conga Line round the tables of the Tavern, the heavens might open. Either that or we will all be barred.

Meanwhile on the menu, Scottie's chips are not dry, and a little wine will keep the dust out. If only it worked on the paddocks...

- *Andrea Stevenson, 5762 8445*

White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Bill Sykes	28 Apr	Bill Sykes	25 May
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The Wallis family would like to thank the Tatong CFA for turning out to our place on Friday afternoon, 22nd March, to a tree that had been struck by lightning in the earlier storm. Thankfully the conditions were favourable and the fire was quickly extinguished. The audience (Matilda and Darcy Wallis) was very impressed!
 A big thank you to all involved after what has been a very busy fire season for the volunteers.
 Sarah & Tom Wallis, Tatong.




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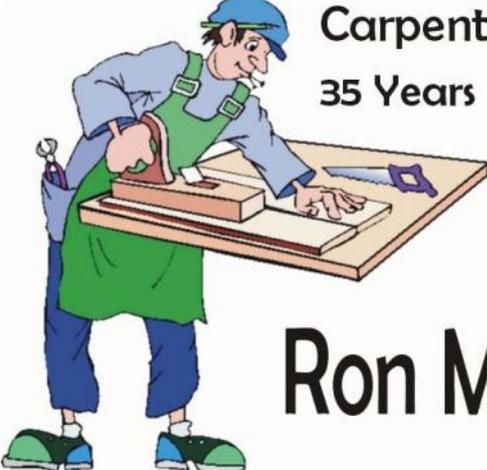


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What's in Season - May

Autumn is feeling a lot like spring except for the cold mornings. Sunny, sunny days but still no real rain. Gardens are struggling and the veggie patch is looking for water. Finally picked the last of the tomatoes and they will go into a chutney or sauce. Not sure if anyone else found this but we experienced quite tough skins on our abundant harvest this year, am thinking it was due to lack of rain. So before freezing for winter I skinned the major part of the crop. Those little, sweet, cherry and yellow tear drop toms, were simply washed, bagged in snap locks and popped in the freezer in 500g lots ready for casseroles, stews and winter soups.



May brings quince, crab apples, and pomegranates from Mildura, early fennel, eggplant, pumpkins and early brassicas such as cauliflower, broccoli, kale and cabbage.

I love quince and despite their tart uncooked appeal they make a beautiful jelly or paste, for cheese. Stunning poached in white wine with a little sugar and a vanilla bean. Or can be baked to go with a pork roast or any baked game. I usually poach quartered but not peeled quince until a bright rosy red, then strain through double muslin, reserving the juice. The quince pulp can then be easily peeled and the seeds removed, leaving delicious orbs of exotic flavor. These I may freeze for a quince cake later in the year or simply defrost and serve with a cheesecake or Panacotta. The strained, reserved juice is perfect for quince jelly. Quince, also, make an excellent chutney. Remember to place cut quince into lemon juice laced/acidulated water to stop oxidation and browning.

With crab apples I make jelly; gorgeous on freshly baked scones, on breakfast toast and with any white meats.



Pomegranates are easily peeled if you cut down the indents of the skin and peel back the outer casing and white membrane. Or just cut in half and knock the skin with a rolling pin and the ruby red jewels will pop out. The seeds freeze well and are perfect in a salad with fennel and orange. A Middle Eastern grain salad benefits from the addition of pomegranate seeds too.

Fennel is great either raw in salads or cooked. My favourite way is to chop potatoes, fennel and tomatoes into roughly the same size, lather with olive oil and bake until bronzed.

Eggplant is very versatile. Can be baked, steamed or cooked on the BBQ. It makes an excellent Brinjal chutney and of course marries with tomatoes, zucchini and peppers in Ratatouille. I love it peeled, cubed and steamed and served atop a simple curry.



As soon as the evenings start to chill, its time for pumpkin soup with lots of coriander and chilli. Delicious sweet or savoury pumpkin is very versatile. Its highly nutritious, packed with vitamins and minerals whilst low in calories. Baked, steamed, pureed or stuffed - it's good for you!!

Cauliflower has become the new gluten free rice! Simply grate or wizz in a food processor, to make rice like crumbs. Makes excellent fried rice. Steamed and mash as a substitute for potatoes. Creamed with a little butter and milk it's a perfect topping for shepherds pie. Flowerets dipped in batter and fried are an indulgent, occasional treat. Blanched cauliflower pieces mixed with cooked gnocchi and crispy bacon is a quick and easy supper. Top with béchamel sauce and grated Parmesan then bake to a golden bubbling brown.

Kale and Cavalo Nero are seen more now in supermarkets and make a crunchy and more economical change from spinach. Washed, chopped and wok tossed in olive oil and garlic kale makes an excellent side dish to any meal. Left-overs I love with a little béchamel and bitey cheese sauce. Layer in a lasagna, mix with ricotta and stuff cannelloni tubes and freeze for a later date. Kale and chickpea curry is good too.

Cabbage is a forgotten vegetable that is also very versatile and inexpensive. Finely sliced cabbage layered with a bolognese sauce is an easy gluten free lasagna option. Stuff cabbage leaves with cooked mincemeat and braise in tomato puree. Think cabbage and red lentil soup with lots of Moroccan spices for a vegetarian meal. Braised red cabbage with new season Granny Smith apples, bacon, a dash of vinegar and a smidge of brown sugar works well with any pork dish.



Having said that new season Granny Smith Apples from North East Victoria have arrived at farmers markets and are absolutely delicious!!

Carole

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Johns Jitterings

It's very hard not to get worried about what is going to happen if this season doesn't break soon. The dry around the Tatong area is of great concern to most of us and seems not to be going to change very soon. I have been sitting at my desk ringing hay producers in the north trying to purchase a load of hay with very little success. It is obvious that many people have hit the panic button in the last week and have

bought most of the available hay and not only has it disappeared, it's a long time until next years hay. The other thing of concern is water and without some runoff this Winter/Spring it may be a very long Summer. With all of these concerns there are some positive things we can take out of this with stock prices still holding very firm in general. This is certainly not the time to throw in the towel but to keep positive because with one good rain it will all change and this is a guarantee. Remember it always rains at the end of a dry spell.

Parting Thought...

The King wanted to go fishing, and he asked the royal weather forecaster the forecast for the next few hours. The palace meteorologist assured him that there was no chance of rain. So, the King and the Queen went fishing. On the way he met a man with a fishing pole riding on a donkey, and he asked the man if the fish were biting. The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, you should return to the palace! In just a short time I expect a huge rain storm." The King replied: "I hold the palace meteorologist in high regard. He is an educated and experienced professional. Besides, I pay him very high wages. He gave me a very different forecast. I trust him." So the king continued on his way. However, in a short time torrential rain fell from the sky. The King and Queen were totally soaked. Furious, the King returned to the palace and gave the order to fire the meteorologist. Then he summoned the fisherman and offered him the prestigious position of royal forecaster. The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's ears drooping, it means with certainty that...it will rain." So, the King hired the donkey and thus began the practice of hiring dumb asses to work in influential positions of government. The practice is unbroken to this date.



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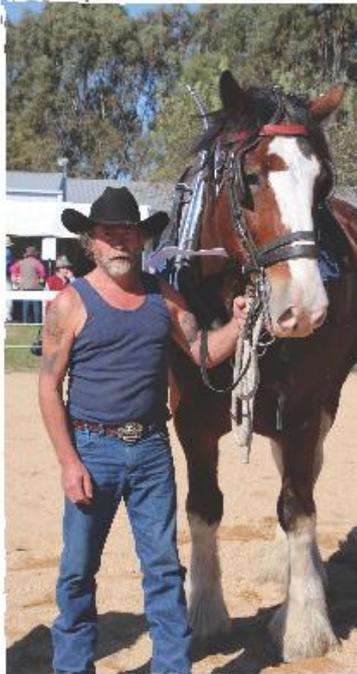
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On Sunday 31st March the Samaria Suns travelled to Moama to take on the Echuca Moama United Emus for their first game of season 2019, with plenty of new faces adding to familiar faces. This would be the first time the Suns would play together with their new teammates and the Suns were feeling confident.

The Suns started strongly with Coach Kyle Pugh, Matt Dawson and Travis Wood playing well, allowing the Suns to go into the first break keeping the EMUS scoreless; both backlines proving to be the difference, with limited scoring opportunities for both teams.

The second quarter would prove to be costly for the Suns losing both Stafford and Alexander, however Suns big man Shane Richardson was strong in defence. Wood had another strong quarter in the centre moving the ball well. Going into the half time break the EMUS had a 5 point lead.

The third quarter saw the Suns with five scoring opportunities but they were unable to convert them into goals allowing the EMUS to get away to a 13 point lead. A highlight of the quarter was Dawson who was playing like a "25 year old" leading the way. In the final quarter the EMUS were kicking with the breeze and they took full advantage. Richardson would remain a strength for the Suns playing well across the centre and half back line.

Final Score EMUS 7.3 (45) def. Suns 0.7 (7)

Awards: The Pink Shop Award: Shane Richardson. The Early Bird Award: Scott Nicholson. Hollywood's Pizza Café Award: Matt Dawson. Benalla Laser Wash Award: Aaron Decker. Anna Little Myotherapy Award: Travis Wood. Fruits N Fare Award: Rick Willett

Welcome to our new sponsor Two Dogs Racing who are kindly supplying this year's Opposition best player.

Samaria Suns V Murray Crays

Suns V Crays is traditionally a hard fought battle as the two 'local' teams battle for bragging rights, this week's game was no different.

Playing the first home game for the season the Suns played a twilight match at the Friendlies Oval.

Not having the usual one week break both teams had players who were sore, however the Suns had returning players including last year's MVP David Whitechurch, Darby Morrison, Adam Pearce, Ant Foubister, Stephen Pickering, Clem Briggs, Jeremy Mansfield and Brian Warton. They also welcomed new on baller Brian Rhodes, together with powerhouse utility Damien White and forward Rob Blanchard.

In near perfect weather the Suns started the first the first

quarter well, with Stephen Pickering dominating, however an injury would see the Suns big man Travis Wood come off with a pulled hamstring. The Suns continued to have a tough battle on their hands with the Crays as they are always super competitive.

Aaron Decker playing just his second game for the Suns continued to impress with his form along with versatile ruckman Shane Richardson. The third quarter saw another injury this time to Matt Garrett, however the Suns continued strongly with Captain and back flanker Dirk Ring letting nothing past him. The reborn Rick Willett dominated through the mid field and Matt Dawson was again proving to be an asset in the forward line. The Suns now have a three week break before facing the GV Giants at home.

A huge thank you to Umpires Mark McDonald and Allan Haslam and the Benalla All Blacks for their support.
Final Score Samaria Suns 55 to Murray Crays 32

Awards

Two Dogs Racing Opposition Award: Tim Mooney.
Benalla Laserwash: Stephen Pickering
Anna Little Myotherapy Award: Darby Morrison Fruits n fare Award: David Whitechurch
Two Dogs Racing Award: Matt Dawson Hollywood's.
Pizza Café Award: Ant Foubister
Pink Shop Award: Brian Rhodes Early Bird Coffee Award: Damien White
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Tool of the Week: Ant Foubister

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Samaria Suns Vs GV Giants.

Please note that this game which was scheduled to be played at Tatong on Sunday 28th April will now be played at Benalla Saints ground on Friday evening 26th April. due to the dryness of the Tatong ground.

TATONG MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

A special public meeting will be held at the Tatong Memorial Hall on Thursday the 9th of May 2019, commencing at 7:30pm, for the purpose of electing three new members to the committee in order to assist with the Annual Art Show.

This election is open for members of the public to nominate any person to the committee. Women are encouraged to nominate. The members will serve till January 2020 when the next elections are due.

Nominations, which require a seconder, must be lodged with the secretary prior to the meeting.

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Believed to have originated in China, the Crepe Myrtle *Lagerstroemia indica*. is a tree for all seasons. In summer it produces vibrant flowers over a couple of months; in autumn the leaves are shades of yellow, orange and scarlet and in winter the low light hits the bare branches, showing off the beautiful bark.



As they age, the trunks develop a gnarled appearance, and the bark sheds in summer to give a mottled look with patches of pink, grey and brown.

The *Lagerstroemia indica*

species of crepe myrtle are probably the most widely available in Australia and flower in a range of colours - white, red,

pink and deep mauve. As well as being decorative, the flowers attract beneficial insect to the garden. The Crepe Myrtle flowers are wrinkly and crinkly, resembling crepe paper - hence their name.

Crepe Myrtles can be standard, miniature, a low-growing spreading plant, small shrub, small tree and even a large tree.



Some to look out for are:

- *Lagerstroemia indica*, 'New Orleans' is available in shrub-form but can also be grown as a standard or even in a large pot.
- 'Natchez' - can reach to eight metres and has a clear, white flower as well as quite spectacular markings on the trunk.

The development of hybrids between the *L.indica* and the *L.fauriei* species has resulted in varieties of crepe myrtle that are resistant to powdery mildew, a problem that can afflict the older varieties.

- 'Yuma' - is a hybrid with mauve flowers
- There are low-growing varieties such as 'Houston' which grows to about 60 to 70 centimetres high, spreads out to around a metre. These have been specially selected to grow as standards.
- For white flowers in the garden, it's hard to go past 'Pixie White' which grows to about two metres.

All *Crepe Myrtles* grow well in Australia as they thrive in a warm, dry climate with long summers and can tolerate cold winters while they are dormant. They

transplant well from a pot or buy them as a bare-rooted plants in winter. Get them established with plenty of water, to ensure the root system develops well. Once established, they are remarkably drought-tolerant.

The only thing they dislikes is wet feet.

Crepe Myrtles bloom on the current season's growth so pruning isn't strictly necessary. However, many gardeners prefer to cut the main branches right back in the winter to produce larger flowering heads. They will still flower if they are left unpruned however, the mass of flowers will be smaller.



Pruning a Crepe Myrtle is really simple. Wait until the flowers have finished and then cut it back at least 30 centimetres - in spring the branch will produce new growth. But if you don't want to prune - just let the plant grow to its natural shape.

Crepe Myrtles can be propagated from hardwood cuttings taken in winter.

Autumn Harvest - Easter Fair

Once again we have been most fortunate to have had some beautiful Pumpkins donated by Neville Lindsay for the Plant Stall at the Molyullah Easter Fair..

The frosts had caused the vines to wither, so that when we arrived to "gather pumpkins", we were met by the sight of a very large pumpkin patch - with a great array of beautiful big pumpkins sitting waiting to be harvested..



Many thanks to Neville, who each year generously donates a trailer load of his home grown pumpkins.

Many thanks also to Hilary Robin who has for the past 22 years donated arm loads of lovely Iris. It was with regret that we saw Hilary leave the neighbourhood late last year.

Coming to the rescue Iris wise this year was Hazel Wann, who revamped her entire Iris bed, and donated a wonderful 20 carry bags of Iris.

Thanks also to family and friends who gave their time, not to mention energy - to help us pack, unpack, set up, sell, pack up, and unpack.

Thanks to John Brister and Hazel Wann for adding their transport of Large Ute and Trailer to our car and trailer each year to get us there and back.

Also thanks to my most efficient helper Barb and her husband Peter who travel up from Melbourne every year to help at the Fair.

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What's Happening at Molly Rose?

April 20 already! Deadline Day again!!! How did that happen? Aside from changing the month this is pretty much how I started Feb's article!

So, what's been happening at Molly Rose?

Kael's just turned 16, we've had my mum and sister up for a few days and we're about to have Tim's sister and her partner up for a couple of days. We've also been very busy with Tabletop Games at NEA, the new Dungeons&Dragons group and looking at setting up a costuming group and an anime club, not to mention all the writing stuffs!!!

So, now to try and condense two months!! I'll stick to the major events, there were a few.

We lost one of ganders in a freak accident/tragedy overnight. He'd gone duck diving in the water bucket and got stuck!!! It would have been funny if it wasn't so tragic. The water bucket he drowned in had been in the pen with them every night for the last three months always in the same place. This is the first time ever I've had anybody drown in a bucket. It never crossed my mind ever that anything like that would happen to one of our gigantic geese. Kael and I buried him in the orchard.

On the same day we had to put down one of our beautiful Aussie line Cream Legbar pullets who'd run under our feet and got stepped on. It broke her leg and turned out to be a lot worse than I'd thought. It was an open fracture - the bone had pierced the skin. It was also a comminuted fracture - the bone was shattered. The vet also suspected that she had nerve damage in her foot. Her chances of surviving were incredibly slim. Her chances of getting osteomyelitis if she lived through the procedure were incredibly high...we buried her in the orchard too.

And a few days ago I had to put down one of the cockerels we'd hatched out last year - he had terrible leg problems, but the little dude had such zest for life we let him live, knowing that eventually we were probably going to have to put him down. At four months he had grown too big for his legs to support him, so the other night, in the dark to minimise stress, I used our humane poultry killer and also buried him in the orchard. The humane poultry killer lived up to its name - quick. And so much easier for me and less stressful than using an axe.

Snowy, the Muscovy drake ended up going to the vets with a leg infection - he's a very lucky duck, and now officially our most expensive one, but as he is a pet he gets preferential treatment. He's taken a long, long time to get better, and really, it's only been the last two weeks that he's started walking around and is almost ready to re-join the flock.

At the moment the flock are still close to the house although they are now behind the sheds and around the compost piles - they're having a lot of fun in those. For a while they were around the back garden and could see us through the windows - the gozzies made noise every time they saw us move! Still, it was nice being able to look out the windows and see them right there. They've turned over the garden beds quite nicely, scratched out unwanted bugs and seeds, spreading straw, pulling out old veggie plants etc. It was a bit tricky while they were surrounding the washing line. This time I remembered to make sure the ponds were positioned far enough away so over exuberant ducks and geese can't splash the clothes. It was quite the experience hanging out clothes with the gozgoz trying to eat the clothes in the trolley or nibbling on the backs of my legs. Once the clothes were hanging the gozgoz were using those long necks of theirs to reach up and chew on the lower hanging items! Needless to say I did some fancy things with pegs to keep the clothes out of reach.

Tim's been keeping rain records and for the first 3 months this year we've had 46mls. The average for the previous five years for the first 3 months has been 100mls. Not surprising it is very dry here with no forage on the ground.

I've started pruning the fruit trees so the sheep and poultry can have some greens. Really hoping for some rain soon. And in case you didn't know, Molly Rose Heritage Harvest is supplying the eggs for the curried egg filling for the sandwiches at the Molyullah Easter Sports! So when you get curried egg sandwiches on Monday at the Molyullah Easter Sports you will be eating Rainbow Heritage Eggs laid by heritage and rare breed poultry. If you listen closely you may even hear the geese over the noise of the Sports.

We only have just enough eggs this year as most of the poultry has gone into moult (feathers everywhere) and the egg output has dropped right off! They'll pick up again late winter, which is what poultry naturally do, eggs are actually seasonal produce! Hopefully the youngsters hatched last year will start to lay soon, but I suspect that most of them probably won't be ready to lay until midwinter!

And now to leave you with a 'Chicken Funny':

There are 17 nesting boxes. Better squeeze into the same one everyone else is using!

This is so true!!!

Time to go. Write you again next month!

Carla



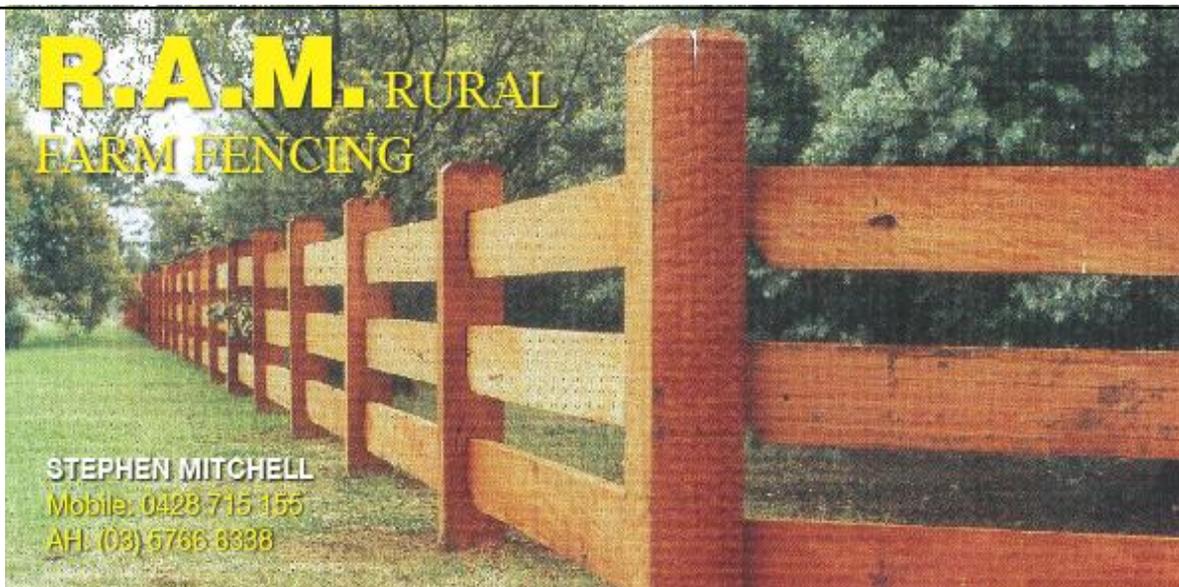
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CHIMNEY SWEEP – good luck omen?

There are many omens / traditions associated with weddings. One tradition is for the bride to wear something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue.

Something old represents continuity and something new offers optimism for the future. Something borrowed symbolises borrowed happiness and something blue stands for purity, love and fidelity.

In Britain, it's considered lucky for a bride to see a chimney sweep on her wedding day. Many modern day sweeps hire themselves out to attend weddings. Some have even put out the suggestion that it's even luckier if the bride kisses the sweep – well, they would say that – wouldn't they?

In some European countries, chimney sweeps still wear the traditional all-black uniform with a black hat. It is considered good luck to rub or grasp one of your own buttons if

you pass a sweep on the street.

As a lucky symbol, depictions of chimney sweeps are a popular New Year's gift in Germany. They are usually in the form of small ornaments or sweets. Here, their uniform is an all-black suit with gold jacket buttons and a black top hat.

Sounds like they're doing quite well to be able to dress in that sort of clobber.

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The Mystery

It was a lovely sunny day. One of those not too hot and not too cold ones, just like baby bear's porridge so a stroll was on the cards. And there, nestled in the grass at the side of the road, I saw it gently flapping in the soft breeze. Carefully I picked it up and glancing around, I saw something else, definitely related but not quite the same, then another. Very carefully I picked them up too and as I strolled back home I wondered how these things managed to get there. Looking up into the trees I pondered the possibility of them falling from up there and my imagination went into overdrive. Could it be that a UFO, skimming close to the ground looking for some intelligent life on our planet, at least equal or maybe even more advanced than their own had dropped, or maybe placed them there?

As I walked up to our rubbish bins and deposited a McDonald's wrapping and coffee cup in the bin and a drink can in the recycle bin I reached the conclusion that maybe, just maybe it was more likely some thoughtless person had thrown these things out of the car window just too lazy to take them home and dispose of them in the right place.

If you hate to see the litter on the roadside as much as I do, you can register with the Council and wait, there's more, you will receive a free "grabber". Just contact Natalie at the Council and she will register you so that when you go for your walks, you can collect rubbish too.

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under the bridges of Paris with you.*

For the record, Paris has 37 bridges spanning the Seine.

It's probably a safe assumption that, if you find yourself in Paris, you'll visit the Eiffel Tower. As the photo shows, it's very close to the river Seine.

Looking down from the Tower, the Musée du quai Branly (the Branly Quay Museum), can be clearly seen 'just around the corner'. It is a museum featuring the indigenous art and cultures of Africa, Asia, Oceania, and the Americas.

The section we were particularly keen to see was the Australian Aboriginal art. It is on a par with all the works in the museum, and we were assured that it is a very popular area with visitors, both international and locals.

If you're looking for a very pleasant day in Paris, may I recommend what Janette and I did? Visit the Eiffel Tower in the morning – go early to try and beat the crowds or go with a group and be 'fast-tracked' past the queues.

As an aside, as we were driven around the streets of Paris en route to the Tower, there was very little traffic. However, the most noticeable thing we observed were the queues of men outside every bakery, waiting for opening time. It was a public holiday, Ascension Day, and the tradition is that husbands go to the bakery to buy fresh pastries which they then take home to their wives who are then treated to breakfast in bed.

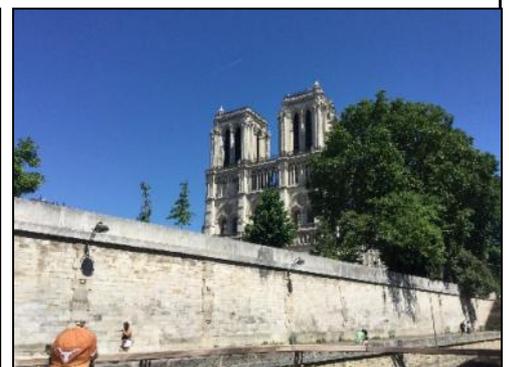
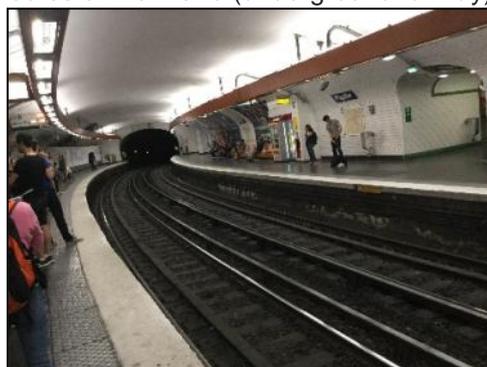
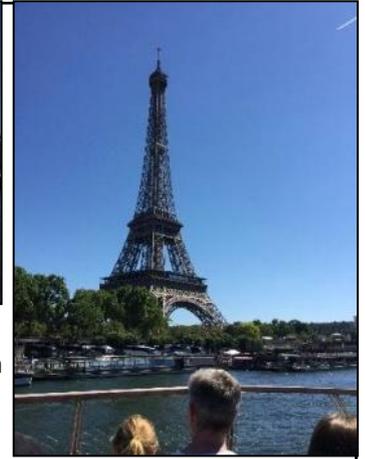
The museum is only a few minutes walk from the Tower and has an excellent café. Janette and I had lunch there and shared our table with two delightful Parisienne ladies. Our table was outside with a magnificent view of the Tower.

Another short walk takes you to the River Seine where there are several river cruise boats just waiting to take you sightseeing. It certainly shows a lot of tourist attractions from a different viewpoint, including: - 22 bridges, the Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral which is right next to the river. Unfortunately, as we all know, Notre Dame would look quite different now.

Once the river cruise is over, it's time to head back to the hotel. A quick scan of a pocket guide to Paris shows the routes of the Metro (underground railway) and the location of the stations. Next a nice stroll through Paris streets to the chosen station and then purchasing tickets using their very easy-to-use, visitor friendly vending machines.

In the evening, find a nice little Bistro and enjoy dinner with some locals and toast "a votre sante".

John Knapper



WOMEN FIGHTING FIRES AND OTHER CFA STUFF

With women becoming a force in the wider community there is a growing number volunteering for the CFA in many roles including firefighting. This is not only good for the brigades but also for the participants who contribute to their grateful community's welfare while gaining self-esteem. Here is a quote from the current CFA newsletter: *"If you are struggling with volunteer numbers ... talk to the women. Get involved and out there as you won't regret it. It will only make your brigade stronger and more welcoming."* Why not make inquiries with your local brigade?

Another development is some initial work on a 'flexible volunteering' model. This would enable people who are

not current members of the CFA to pitch in and be included under the brigade's management with larger and longer fire emergencies. *"The goal of this model is to improve brigade structure, attract additional volunteers, increase inclusion and diversity, and build communities that are more connected and capable to prepare and respond to future emergencies."*

Also currently being considered by Tatong's Brigade is the use of the BART system of paging, which employs the mobile phone, rather than the current use of costly pagers. While most people now have a mobile phone handy, the new system would do away with a gadget which we can forget to wear, lose or break.

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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
2018	34.3	6.4	24.9	13.7	49.8	67.2	52.8	81.2	25.1	22.3	75	73.1	525.8
2019	27.7	13.2	23.8										64.7

WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

Up until the 15th of April we have had only 2.7mm of rain. For the whole month of March the total rainfall was 23.8mm. Even though that total is meagre we were lucky to get 9mm on the 22nd of the month, rain which many districts did not get.

Spare a thought for our farmers whose livelihood depends so much upon the weather, also anyone living along an un-sealed road with so much dust everywhere.

Mike Larkin

Tatong Playgroup

The Tatong Playgroup is an informal group that continues to meet at the Rec Reserve playground every Thursday morning, 9.30am – 11am during term time, although many of us still drop in for a play on school holidays. We currently have 4-5 regular families with babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers (and dogs!). Last year we even managed to meet most winter days - we just played under the awning when it rained. We have recently had a mini-working bee to place new softfall bark around the play equipment, thanks to the Rec Reserve committee. The children this year have continued to enjoy playing on the equipment, in the sandpit, and with the numerous toys and cars in the generously stocked toy cupboard. We tend to have a bring and share morning tea of fruit and bikkies. We would like to welcome any families in the region to drop in! Please contact me at carlijweatherhead@gmail.com if you need any further information.

Carli Weatherhead



What's on this month

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	1 <i>W</i> hitegate Community Dinner at the Tavern	2 <i>P</i> lay group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res . M olyullah Community Dinner at the Tavern	3	4
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12	13	14 <i>M</i> ansfield Bush Poets Mansfield Library 3-5pm	15	16 <i>P</i> lay group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res .	17 <i>G</i> irls Shed 10.00am at Tatong Hall	18
19 <i>S</i> amaria Suns Vs Melton. Home	20	21	22	23 <i>P</i> lay group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res .	24	25
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As the dust is still settling on another Good Friday Appeal we are proud to announce that we once again made the top ten regional towns.

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