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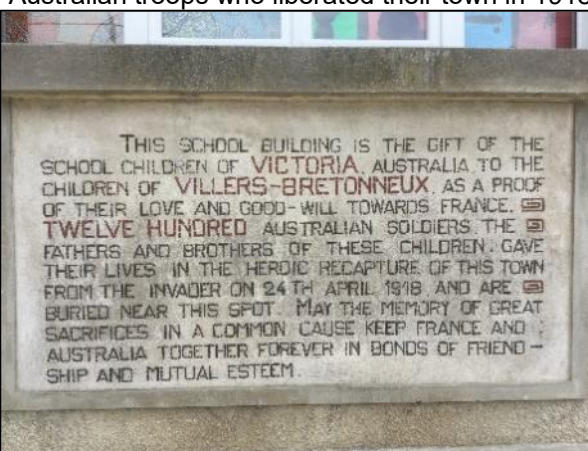
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What links Benalla with Villers-Bretonneux?

Every ANZAC day there is a dawn service at the Australian War Memorial in Villers-Bretonneux, France. The people here are eternally grateful to the Australian troops who liberated their town in 1918. They say, "N'oublions jamais l'Australie" – never forget Australia.



Walk down Rue de Melbourne, turn into Rue de Victoria and, at number 9, you find Victoria School. In 1919, Victorian schoolchildren were asked to each donate a penny to build a school after the town had been left virtually a pile of rubble. After Black Saturday, French schoolchildren donated money to help rebuild schools destroyed by the fires in



Victoria.

The school occupies the ground floor while the top floor houses a museum. Many of the exhibits in the museum have been donated by Australian servicemen and their descendants. One item that caught my eye, for no particular reason, was a book called 'The Promise'. I think the cover appealed somehow.

A close look showed the author is called Derek Guille, a familiar name to many of us, but I didn't think it could be 'our' Derek. Once home, I asked Mr Google and sure enough it's him. He visited with the MSO in 2007 and says in the foreword:-

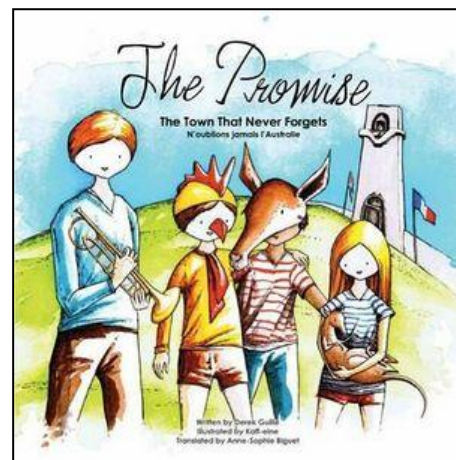
"...We were warmly welcomed as friends and discovered the depth of feeling that remains for Australia and Australians. It has become very clear to me that more Australians should know about this place, about what happened here in World War One and the legacy and strength of friendship that remains..."



He wrote the book in 2013. It is aimed at late primary / early secondary age children. That is a link I suppose, but more with Victoria than Benalla. A hint to my link is in these two photos. One is a wall in Benalla that you might recognise.

The other is a wall in Villers Bretonneux that you might not recognise.

The picture of the unicorns in Benalla is by wall to wall artist Kaff-eine. The picture of children and kangaroos in Villers Bretonneux is also by Kaff-eine. A close look at the book cover shows that the illustrator is Kaff-eine.



Please remember at 11am on November 11th.

John Knapper - with thanks to Kathy Z for seeing the signature on the street art in V-B.

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Eulogy for Ted Exton by Nick Taylor

George Edwin Exton "Ted"

03/03/1938-11/09/2019

Ted was a neighbour and friend. When my wife Kate and I moved to Samaria 27 years ago, we soon met Ted and Betty and quickly discovered Ted was a handy person to know. His home delivered fresh milk and eggs, along with the occasional jar of delicious cream gave us the opportunity to get to know this kind-hearted person.

Ted was truly a hard-worker and while always busy, he never seemed to be rushed; a most admirable quality. Ted was the go-to man in Samaria and surrounding districts. Whether it was cattle work, shearing, building a fence or repairing a chook shed, Ted was the first person people called when they needed assistance. A telephone call to Ted was always greeted with a cheery "Hello, Ted here". That is something we will all miss.

Betty's passing was a very difficult time for Ted. His way of dealing with this was to do even more within the community. And Ted was into everything - Neighbourhood

Watch, CFA, Lions Club, Old Time Dancing and the Moorngag Cemetery Trust. His many years of recorded service to the CFA was probably longer than this, as he would attend fires as a boy. When the CFA introduced minimum skills, which required all firefighters to undertake training, Ted, along with many other older volunteers, decided it was time to step back from firefighting. He did however remain an active brigade member to the end, and would willingly attend brigade meetings and assist wherever possible.

The Moorngag Cemetery Trust was a life-long passion for Ted. In addition to his voluntary role on the committee, he was the plot salesman, grave digger and grounds keeper for many years. It was only in recent years that he decided an electric jackhammer was necessary to break through the rock he often encountered when digging the graves. Prior to that he would spend hours with a crow-bar chipping away the rock. In summer you would often see his faded beach umbrella set up over a plot as he dug. He once told me that he actually preferred to dig in the heat as the clay was crumbly and didn't stick to the shovel. Incredibly he was digging graves up until last year.

Ted loved clearing sales. He collected treasures for years and stored them in the old Samaria schoolhouse that he purchased after its closure. He had the building moved to pride of place near his house. In 2004 Ted decided that it was time to sell his farm and make the move into Benalla. This of course prompted the most exciting clearing sale of all - his own. I'm certain there were boxes of things pulled out of the schoolhouse that had not been unpacked from the clearing sale at which he originally purchased them.

It took Ted the next nine years to wean himself off Samaria. As he would often say when admiring the view from his verandah, why would you want to live anywhere else? I think the main reason he stayed on was to see out his last dog.

Ted moved into his house in Stacey Street where he was able to be closer to his very dear friend Margaret. Ted's retired life in Benalla was as busy as ever, and it was always great to have a chat with him as he manned a barbeque in Bridge Street or delivered furniture to the op shop.

It may seem a strange thing to say, but it seems that Ted was taken too early. We thought he would live forever. Sadly he couldn't.

Goodbye old friend.



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White Gate Dates



The November **White Gate Dinner @ The Tatong Tavern** is bound to be a winner, on Wednesday 6th; and whoever won the most on the Cup can pay for drinks. Book yourselves in, turn up somewhere between 6:30pm & 7pm, & eye off the specials board. Any News from White Gate / Karn / Emu Bridge & environs? Drop me a note via the Tatong Tattler email, if you are planning a Cow Cup, or a Woolshed Yodelling competition.

- Andrea Stevenson, 5762 8445

White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

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JOKES

It's the start of a brand new day and I'm off like a
herd of turtles.

When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say
"nothing." It does not mean I am free. It means I am
doing nothing.

Sixty might be the new forty but 9:00 is the new mid-
night.

I had my patience tested. I'm negative.

When I say "the other day," I could be referring to
any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

(From a friend and the internet.)

Mike Larkin.

'Carols in Swanpool'

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See October issue for hints and tips on Christmas cakes and puddings

I really like to get the cakes and puddings cooked and out of the way by the end of November, or at the latest by the very beginning of December. To make dark fruit cakes/puddings I add a dash of Parisienne essence (dark caramel). Our cakes I cook at a low temperature for hours and the puddings steam for even longer. So leaving this chore to the last minute, in hot late December days is not really an option. Christmas cakes I make in large wedding cake size tins then cut when cool and glaze all over with an apricot glaze. This keeps them moist and if well wrapped in food grade cellophane they will last in a tin for months, perfect for July winter festivities. The pudding recipe I guarantee will last when cooked for at least 5 years if stored in a tin or airtight container. You can also freeze them once cooked and defrost before re steaming when ready to serve.

My secret to moist cakes is basting them every 20 or so minutes with sweet sherry whilst they are in the oven cooking. This not only makes them super moist it also gives them a great dark colour. You can of course use port or any other fortified wines. Rutherglen is of course the home of amazing Australian fortified wines so we are blessed with a wide range of choice. My other trick is cooking the puddings in an "oven bag" inside the pudding basin. This seals in all the flavours and eliminates the use of soggy floured cloths around the outside of the pudding. If I am giving a pudding away for a gift, after cooking and cooling I simply leave it in the oven bag and wrap it in calico. Tie with a festive ribbon and advise the recipient to leave in the inner oven bag whilst steaming to hot when required.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

2.5kg dried fruits of your liking – soaked in 400ml sweet fortified wine for at least a month.

375g butter

600g dark brown, Muscovado sugar

250g marmalade – any kind – I use a homemade orange marmalade

½ a teaspn almond essence

2 teaspns vanilla bean essence

7 x 70g free range eggs – lightly beaten

500g plain flour - sifted

Large pinch salt

½ Tblspn ground mixed spice

½ Tblspn ground cinnamon

½ Tblspn ground nutmeg

Sweet sherry or similar for basting while cooking – approx 300-400ml

This will make a cake of approximately 4 kilos. Grease and line the tin or tins with a double layer of baking paper. Set oven to 140 degrees.

Melt the butter and mix well with the brown sugar. Add the marmalade, essences and eggs. Gradually add the flour, salt and spices and mix well. Pour into lined tin and place in oven. Start basting the cake with sweet sherry as soon as a "skin" forms on the top – approximate 30-40 minutes. Continue basting every 20 – 30 minutes until cooked when a skewer comes out clean – approximately 3 – 4 hours, approximately, depending on your oven - I use fan forced. Leave covered with a clean cloth until totally cooled. I usually leave mine over night before cutting, sealing in apricot glaze, then wrapping in food grade cellophane and decorating with ribbon. These amounts can be doubled, halved or quartered successfully, as long as the ration remains five parts fruit to one part flour.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

2.5kg pre soaked pudding fruit

250g softened salted butter

600g dark brown sugar

½ Tblspn ground mixed spice

½ Tblspn ground nutmeg

½ Tblspn ground cinnamon

250g suet – I use Tandico from the super market

6 large free range eggs, well beaten

250g self raising flour – sifted

500g breadcrumbs

190ml stout – I use Guinness

Recipe makes approximately 5 kilos of mixture and can successfully be halved or doubled. Pre line pudding bowls with glad oven bags.

Cream the butter and dark brown sugar; add the spices and suet. Add the beaten eggs – it may curdle but it wont matter. Add the flour, mixing well. Add the breadcrumbs alternately with the Guinness. Add the soaked fruit and mix until well incorporated. If the mix feels a little dry add a dash more stout. Place in pudding bowls and tie the tops of the oven bags with string to make a tight seal.

Fold over the tied tops and tie again or seal with a stapler. Place pudding bowls in a large steamer and steam for at least 6hrs for a 1kg pudding and up to 8hrs for larger puddings. Check the water level in the steaming pan regularly and top up if necessary. You can check if cooked by pressing the center top of the pudding, it should feel firm. Leave in bag inside the bowl until using. Re steam in the bag and bowl for at least an hour on the day of serving. Gently remove bag and pudding from bowl, cut open the bag and place hot pudding on a serving dish. Pour over a good tot of warmed brandy or whisky and flame at the table. Enjoy !!

Carole



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What's Happening at Molly Rose?

So I missed the last Tattler due to being flat-out busy in the few days leading up to the deadline. Always a problem when you tend to leave things to the last minute, says I, writing this on the 19th... Actually, most of what you'll read below (except for the first six paragraphs) is what I wrote for the last Tattler.

A week after missing the deadline I twisted my right pelvic bone out of place and caused myself incredible pain. It's taken almost a month to be almost pain free, and I'm still not quite there. Getting in and out of the car still hurts, driving is tiring and sitting for more than half an hour gets painful, and now that I'm in the stage where it doesn't hurt anywhere as much I'm slowly doing more things, but still have to be really careful.

Fortunately we've had a few friends come over and help with filling skips, doing some weeding, cooking some meals, moving the livestock, taking me shopping etc. Tim's had to do a lot looking after me and picking up the slack which has also sent his health spiralling. The first week was the worst and I spent a lot of time horizontal and watching Netflix as the pain and painkiller made it too hard to read or write.

Being unable to do anything gave me time to ponder and wonder at the knowledge that I seem to either get sick or injure myself most winters, generally just as I start ramping it up in time for spring. I am thinking that next winter we are going on holidays!

Butthead managed to impregnate all nine ewes despite his unstable back legs and we have 12 lambs running around. It would have been 15 if all lambs had survived – we had six sets of twins born. Most of them are boys – happily we weren't particularly after girls as we'd decided all of Butthead's offspring were destined for the freezer.

Butthead will be the first – we've been lucky that no-one's been severely hurt, but it's only a matter of time before he puts me, or someone else in hospital. So before that happens Russell is going to turn him into mincemeat – lots of bolognese sauce on the menu in the near future!

The geese have proven themselves to be just like other geese and aggressive during breeding season. I've had plenty of bruises! Looking into the possibility of leather bracers or goose gauntlets designed to protect the sensitive parts of your arms. I'm hoping that when breeding season is over they will settle back down and be happy for cuddles!

We haven't sold any of our massive goose eggs as Gabriella and Guinevere keep laying on the ground so their eggs have been too dirty (the new roll-away-nest-boxes were even designed to be big enough for the geese!) Besides, these eggs are too big to fit in a carton – each goose egg is roughly 3 chook eggs in one!! They've been great in cakes. Our gaggle are proving themselves to be decent flock guards, chasing off cockatoos, ravens, hawks and Henry. Although I still hope to get a marmemba in the future as geese are not a real defence against foxes.

Now, to the road testing of the Funky Fowl Wagons! These arrived early September at Molly Rose, so the rest of this article is all about these amazing creations and how they work, or don't. Overall, I am very pleased with the results.

We designed the Funky Fowl Wagons in consultation with local woodworker Tim Schloss of [Schloss - Good Ol' Toys & Collectables](#), using the Chickshaw design created by Justin Rhodes of [Abundant Permaculture](#) as our starting point. Then we dreamed.

Since their arrival we've been road testing and winking out the wrinkles. All in all they function as designed, and also look awesome! We recycled materials as much as possible to A). keep the price down and, B). keep stuff out of landfill. And yes, we have had some teething problems, most notably, the wheels.

The wheels on the chickshaw were solid bicycle wheels (much cheaper than the \$600 per handmade wagon wheels I was coveting). I think that Justin's chickshaw is smaller and lighter than our Funky Fowl Wagons so it did quite fine with the bicycle wheels. However, we discovered that the bicycle wheels just don't cut it on soft soil when fully laden with roughly 70kg of funky fowl and you're trying to do a sharp turn!

Unfortunately the wheels buckled and no longer have that streamlined circular shape so desired in wheels. Currently they look more like deformed bananas. Fortunately I have learnt from my mistakes and the other Funky Fowl Wagon's wheels have maintained their circular shape.

However, until we get the wheels fixed we only have one FFW working which has meant a significant change to the way I was going to do things. We were going to lock the funky fowl up the night before moving them, take down the electric netting and set it up in the new location before moving the FFWs to the next run. With only one FFW this just doesn't work.

Instead we let them out to free range as we move everything. Fortunately the funky fowl are trained to the bucket, so they come running as soon as they see the bucket! There is a short vid of this phenomena on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MollyRoseHeritageHarvest>



I chatted with some tyre people at one of the many car tyre places in Benalla about the problem of our wheels, showing them some photos. Their recommendation is motorbike wheels. So now I'm asking the question, 'Does anyone have any old motorbike wheels that need a new home? Or do you know anyone who has some? Tell them I'm after four.'



The chickens have taken to the Funky Fowl Wagons like ducks to water, the ducks, on the other hand, are most definitely not keen. We're not sure why exactly, but have a couple of possibilities – they're not keen on waddling up the ramp into them, perhaps it's too steep; perhaps they're not keen on the wire under their feet. Recently, in the last couple of weeks I've been noticing the ducks going in and out of the FFW and yesterday, almost two months after their arrival we found our first duck egg in the roll-away-nest-boxes. The geese on the other hand, have not used them at all, although they are periodically going into the FFW of their own accord and we lock them in there to move them if anyone else is helping us so they don't get attacked!

The roll-away-nest-boxes are working a treat and the eggs are so much cleaner now that they the poultry are mostly using them. The rubber matting is easy to clean, and as long as we remember to lock them out of the boxes in the early evening they stay pretty clean. I'm pretty in love with them!

We still haven't painted them (things like painting FFWs drops significantly down the to-do list when you injure your back). It will still happen, just not yet. Even without paint they look fantastic! Aside from painting, there's a few little bits to do to finish them off - like finding some funky drawer knobs to use as handles, the canvas curtain that pulls down over the nest boxes so the funky fowl don't sit and poop on them and protect them from the rain. And yes, they are very easy to move without much help and will be even easier once we have both wagons back in commission and my back is all good. I can move the funky fowl all by myself! This will make it so much easier to rotate the funky fowl around the property keeping the grass at a reasonable level as well as contributing to soil fertility.

Now I know I've already told you this 'Chicken Funny' but it's been very pertinent as we get our funky fowl to use their new roll-away-nest-boxes.

My owner built the perfect nest boxes. Better go lay my eggs in a cardboard box!

I've been finding eggs in pot plants, hidden in haystacks, in the woodshed, just anywhere on the ground, on shelves and I'm certain there's another nest somewhere where the naughty few who keep flying over the netting are laying! Anyway, that about wraps up the last two months at Molly Rose. Write you again next month!

Carla

John Brogan 24/11/2008

Another year has passed us by
As your anniversary falls
We have lots to tell you
But I guess you know it all
So sadly missed and forever loved
Elaine Matt Jackie Kathy
And their partners, Evie and Beth your
grannies sadly you never got to meet.

THE NEW TATTLER PRINTER

The printing is now straight forward with the Tattler committee's new, but second hand, Sharp printer. It is an office type machine which is fast but the stacker tray must be cleared every 13 minutes which is its only drawback. It is just a matter of setting a timer and re-moving the printed copies plus topping up the paper feed trays when needed.

We are currently printing 350 Tattlers and it's all done in about 3 hours as opposed to closer to 5 or more with our old machine. Tattlers of 30 pages in size, mainly during spring and autumn, take a bit longer. These newsletters are distributed by our many deliverers to all hamlets south east of Benalla, which is south of Kilfeera Rd and east of Warnocks Rd in Swanpool.

The printer operates on a contractual arrangement with assured maintenance and supply of toner from North East Business Machines in Wang so we are stress free compared to previous years.

We have lost Rick and Sallie Hann from the committee after many years of service. Rick has been instrumental in setting up printing programs and resolving problems due to his technical expertise with computers, but he has offered to step in for emergencies. Thanks to you both for your work with the committee.

Mike Larkin

BENALLA AND HAMLET FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

This is the time of year to get involved or at least visit and enjoy the various activities in our district starting from Friday November the 1st at the Tatong hall with the opening of the annual art show from 7 – 9pm.

Then on the weekend we have the Moorngag hall's Mower Mania event on Saturday 9:30am till 3pm where daredevils fling their mowers around a pad-dock style race track. Then on the Sunday we have the Tatong Big Garage Sale which will be on at the Tatong Rec Reserve starting at 9am. This is an opportunity to grab a bargain which is the trademark of garage sales, low prices for all sorts of quality pre-loved goods.

Benalla will be coordinating too many events to mention here so check out the Festival programs in shops around town, or at the Tavern, and also delivered with this month's Tattler.

Mike Larkin

Gawn to Town

If trees had "race memory" they'd keel over from shock, the moment they stuck a tip above the ground. Things have changed from what their forbears knew; back when trees did without guards and frost-covers, when much more of the world was covered in trees.

In this land people have been interfering with the vegetation for some tens of millennia; land management by fire and digging. A couple of hundred years back the tree litter really hit the fan when agricultural people arrived, for they didn't just bring the plough. They brought sheep, cattle, rabbits, deer, rabbits, pigs, more rabbits, horses and hares, rabbits and sparrows. All of which went bush and bred up. Especially the rabbits. The trees really ought have protested. Maybe that's why they drop limbs and fall across roads.

With the countryside divied up into farms; massive cities sprouting up; and suburbs spreading out like a mould infestation, tree cover has diminished. Hence, some of us plant trees. I plant some in my one small paddock. But planting a tree is one thing. Getting it to stand on its own assembled roots without being eaten is another.

Where I plant, the big risk is wallabies. As well rabbits and hares and cockatoos. A round of Bunnings "FlowerMesh" makes a nice guard, very light, for these days I am a light-weight operator.

In that respect, it is just as well we don't have sheep anymore, demanding serious tree-guards. Heavier mesh for a start. And given that a first-cross lamb can force its way through a freshly strained fence without flinching, the guard would need at least one well-driven star post, to secure it against the odd idly browsing sheep. But if a mob arrived, the sheep in front may not want to run over the guard, but the sheep pushing at the back don't even know it's there... so maybe two or three star posts.

But if you have cattle, guarding trees is a different scenario altogether. You need to hire a pile driver, and take a few pylons off the Sydney harbour bridge, build a 3 metre concrete wall, and hang it about with electric wire and flame throwers. Plus a few explosives. That should fend off most cows, but my word, there are some devious bovines out there. I think some of them use drones.

I do try to explain to the dear little black wallabies that browse on my treelings, that once the trees are bigger I'd be happy to share them. But would they please just bloody let them grow.

The wallabies hop away and with their tails stating quite clearly, that wallabies have been eating what they want, on this land, for as long as there have been wallabies bounding and abounding.

To which I could reply that for upward of sixty thousand years, people have been eating wallabies in this land and finding them very tasty. Maybe we ought abandon eating sheep and cattle. If we went back to eating wallabies that would be healthier for us (even if drafting became a nightmare). We would still have to guard our trees, but without cattle, such a great saving in concrete, flame throwers, and explosives.

- Andi Stevenson



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Garden Daze

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



It's been a funny old start, but the warmer weather is heading our way..

Along with tomatoes and peppers, nasturtiums (*Tropaeolum majus*) were one of the plant treasures brought to Europe from South America, arriving in Spain in 1569 thanks to Spanish botanist Nicholas Monardes. The name *Tropaeolum Majus* was given to the plant by Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus.



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- All parts of the plant are edible with both the leaves and flowers packed with nutrition and vitamins A and C.
- The unripe seeds can be soaked in vinegar and used as a substitute for capers.
- The flowers make a decorative garnish on salads and can be added to a stir fry.
- Added to a salad - the leaves give a peppery tang reminiscent of rocket and contain a chemical called *tromalyt*, which acts as a natural antibiotic.
- The leaves can act as a natural hay fever remedy.

The peppery flavour of nasturtiums is an indicator of the presence of mustard compounds in the leaves, making nasturtiums excellent companion plants. When planted in close proximity to sensitive crops, they will repel pests such as cabbage white butterflies, mites and aphids. In turn the flowers are highly attractive to beneficial insects such as hoverflies and pollinating bees. It has also been claimed that nasturtium roots secrete an essence into the soil that is taken up by neighbouring plants, helping them to resist pests and disease.



A tea made from the leaves is an effective control against aphids.

Nasturtiums will form a useful living mulch, helping to reduce weeds and maintain soil moisture, as well as being very ornamental. The old fashioned climbing types, can spread and brighten up the garden with their very colourful flowers in all shades from yellow, through orange to red, in the garden beds, as

If desired Nasturtiums can be trained to go up.

ground cover, in pots, hanging baskets, over the side of walls and rockeries.

Preferring poor soil, nasturtiums do not require soil preparation, regular fertilizers or much general care.

One autumn I had nasturtiums growing in the lower vegie garden - which had shade cloth over the top. The nasturtiums were not affected by the frost, but continued to spread over most of the garden area. Usually the frost would have turned them into mush, however with the combination of overhead shade cloth and nearby trees shading them in the early morning, they survived until

spring. So when it was time to get the garden ready for summer, all that was required was to roll the nasturtium carpet back to reveal an almost completely weed free area. The nasturtiums were then carted to the compost heap where they composted down nicely.



"Discovering" a Garden

If you have been getting the little cardboard pots and their attendant seeds and pellet of coconut fibre (together with growing instructions) along with your weekly shopping - and if you have decided to play along with the idea of discovering a garden - you may have also discovered, that the seeds are rather close together and come up way too crowded.



The whole idea of cardboard, or peat pots is to put the entire pot into the garden when the time is right - which will save the seedling from "transplant shock" an idea that won't work with from four to nine little plants packed closely together. Also if removal from the pot is attempted - this will prove difficult as the usual upside down and give a good old tap system used with plastic seedling trays won't work.

So..after the first couple of pots - I used the seeds (cutting the paper strip into three or four pieces depending on the size and amount of seeds in the square provided) in a small seedling tray filled with a mixture of seed raising mix and coconut fibre and covering the seeds with vermiculite. This has proven to be quite successful, will make transplanting easier, and prevent fungal dieback from seedlings being too close together in the pot.

Note: Root crops do not transplant very well and will bolt to seed, however their flowers will attract beneficial insects.

Happy Gardening



Kathy Z



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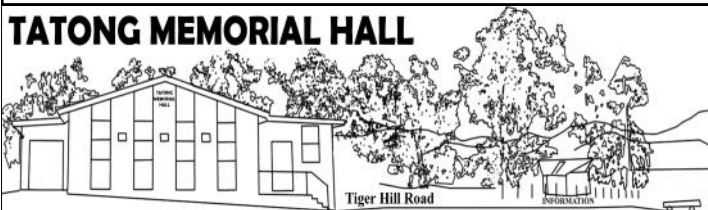
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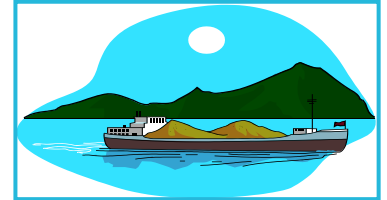
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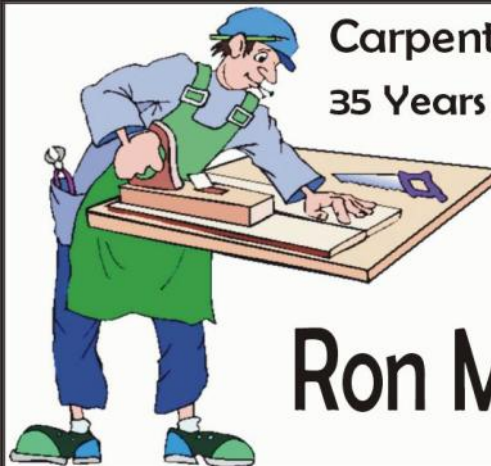


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Tatong Tattler Committee President's Report October 2019:

Tatong is a quiet place these days. The store has sold out, the police station is no longer arresting, and the butcher cut out and packed up long ago.

But the Tavern is still going strong, as is the newsletter. Born of the Tatong Progress Association in 1990, the Tatong Tattler has progressed through thick & thin, for just short of 30 years. The readership is sufficient that we do not lack for advertisers, and new sources of copy spring up to demonstrate what talent we have in our catchment. As Community Newsletters go it is pretty good.

We the committee administer to its needs; encouraging & providing copy, getting it laid out, getting it printed, organising its distribution both electronically and in mailboxes across the countryside. And deal with the serious business of lists and bills and financial accountably.

To be a proud president of this Administration, I could emulate the President of what has been called the Greatest Nation

on Earth.

I would need to tweet. (Cuck-oo) But, by adopting Trumpian standards, I could claim the Tattler has a distribution of 2 million printed copies. Mike Larkin would have a heart attack. To emulate Trump - and this is very relevant for the Tattler - I would have to attack Fake News. That would be curtains for Garden Daze and the cooking column.

But that won't do for the Tattler. We aspire to higher standards. If Kathy Zouthout declares it is time to sow spinach and radish, we know she has no underlying political intrigue.

If Carole Ruta says it is OK to smash avocado with chocolate, we can be confident that five minutes later she won't tell us that avocado and chocolate should never be mixed.

In short, the Tatong Tattler is a regular, enriching, quality product. We don't go (tweet) we go (cackle) and deliver a high-integrity product everyone wants with their breakfast.

- Andrea Stevenson

FOOTBALL September 1984

Tatong Football Club's senior XVIII played magnificent football at the Benalla showgrounds to earn themselves the title of premiers 1984 in the Benalla & District Football League. This was their 8th flag. Tatong defeated Bonnie Doon 16 - 18 - 114 to Bonnie Doon 6 - 15 - 51.

The rooms after the game were sweet victory, with the club song dominating the cheers.

Best & Fairest for the season was Brian Pianta.

1984 was the first year of the Reserves competition. Tatong finished second on the ladder and were defeated in the Preliminary final.

Joan Lewis

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2009	3	5.4	38.7	80.7	30.6	107.9	77.5	65.5	76	48.6	72.3	18.9	625.1
2010	39	153.7	86.4	65.2	67.5	82.8	67.5	162.1	116.8	123.7	109.2	150.8	1224.7
2011	107	177.3	65.0	36.1	62.9	47.1	84.5	81.0	67.3	32.0	88.3	46.3	894.7
2012	82.5	94.0	184.9	18.1	35	57.6	115.8	92.1	35.5	34	28	30.1	773.6
2013	1.8	52.4	85.5	8.4	43.0	60.1	112.1	141.1	61.2	27.5	26.2	65.3	684.6
2014	33.9	16.4	86.4	89.6	82.8	146.5	98.8	9.8	68.5	20.4	58.5	64.2	775.8
2015	44.7	29.1	5.7	87.4	70	33.7	97.3	69.4	25.7	13.7	55.5	81.7	613.9
2016	69.7	11.9	36.9	38.5	117.2	110.5	142.8	108.4	172.1	91.4	50.1	101.3	1050.8
2017	67.6	36.2	49.1	61.7	52.5	6.5	92.1	112.4	23.9	100.1	29.3	118.9	760.3
2018	34.3	6.4	24.9	13.7	49.8	67.2	52.8	81.2	25.1	22.3	75	73.1	525.8
2019	27.7	13.2	23.8	22.7	105	72.9	83.7	49.4	51.3				449.7

WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

A modest total of 22.4mm of rain fell up until the 15th of October and for the whole of September we had 51.3mm of rain. *Due to the persistent rain and other obscure factors the "extinction prophesy" has been postponed till further notice.*

This comment is for those locals bemused by the anxieties and tantrums of those, mainly city folk, attempting to force big changes to our way of life because of their fears about the weather and the umpteen other things that they are worrying about.

During humanities rush toward a 'tech nirvana' where science reigns supreme we are losing sight of the 'who or what' that it is which actually controls our world, and just as well that it isn't and never will be humans in charge!

(The opinions herein do not necessarily represent the views of the Tattler)

Mike Larkin



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What's on this month

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Tatong Art Show opening 7pm-9pm Tatong Hall	2 Moorngag Hall Mower Mania. 9.30am-3pm
3 Tatong Community Great Big Garage Sale See page 3 for details	4 Tatong Fire Brigade Training. 7pm Fire Shed.	5	6 Whitegate Community Dinner. Tatong Tavern	7 Play group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res .	8 Fish & Chip Night. Molyullah Hall 5.30pm	9
10	11	12 Mansfield Bush Poets. Mansfield Library 3-5pm.	13	14 Play group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res .	15 Girls Shed 10.00am at Tatong Hall	16
17	18 Tatong Fire Brigade Training. 7pm Fire Shed.	19	20	21 Play group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res .	22	23
24	25 Tatong Heritage Group Meeting . Tatong Hall 4pm	26	27	28 Play group, 9.30,am Tatong Rec Res .	29	30

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