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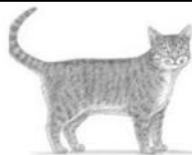
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## A Cat's Tale



Last Month's Tattler carried a photo of a demure little tabby cat enjoying time out in her garden.

However, the text made it clear that the owner was no longer in a position to allow her cat to enjoy her garden.

Last seen in Upper Ryans Creek at New Year, if you have news of Minnie . . .

Well now I need to confess. We were "minding" Minnie, Manny and Lucy (our daughter's cat) while Georgia, Paul and baby Elliot together with various extended family members enjoyed a holiday away together.

The safest place for felines at our place is in Peter's workshop. This has large windows, wide work benches, and a resident possum with a "porthole" (provided by past generations of gnawing possums) to keep an eye on things below.

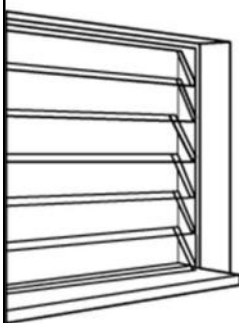
Cat beds, feeding arrangements and toilet facilities provided, the three felines set about waiting for their "holiday" to be over and taken back to their own Home Sweet Homes.

However. . .

No one knows how, when or anything else . . . A louvre window was left open - or did some adventurous feline discover that a paw could push it down just that little bit further . . .?

**Day one** saw Lucy's preference for using the workbench to watch the shelter belt - with birds - across the laneway.

Manny and Minnie being somewhat shy, preferred the depths of benches, lathes, boxes and all the "stuff" that makes up a man's SHED.



**Day two** saw Lucy still on bird watch via the workbench and that was all. What!! Don't be silly! They must be there somewhere!

Cupboards were looked in drawers were opened. Cobwebs disturbed, Possums asked. But *No Manny and Minnie.*

Then - "Oh No. That Louvre Window is open!"

Confession time and our phone call brought an abrupt end to the holiday as the owners of the missing came to search.

Paul discovered Manny (who must have climbed up via a nearby leaning tree) in the roof cavity of the workshop and one cat was safely rescued and put in his roomy cat carry box.

But Minnie? Well how many miles were tramped over and around ours and neighbouring farms I'd dread to say. While the Lurg Hills rang with "Puss Puss, Minnie Minnie Minnnneeeee" to no avail.

Food was left alluringly out. Nice warm smelling sardines the internet recommended. Windows and doors were left open, a cat trap was borrowed.

Days, then weeks and finally months passed.

Grandparents felt very bad for losing grandchildren's much loved and missed cat.

Each time family visited - the search continued.

Then - the Cat Missing appeal via the Tattler. Minnie made the front page! And the power of the Tattler!

"Ian" phoned to say that he thought he had seen Minnie about 10 weeks ago!

This spurred on a letter box drop in the surrounding Lurg area and grandparents (it's the least we can do) were about two minutes from being back home when the phone call came from Georgia.



Andy and Kim have phoned - they think they have Minnie!

And indeed they did. Minnie had arrived about six weeks previously looking rather thin and still shy.

Georgia couldn't wait and drove up from Melbourne that evening with Elliot to claim Minnie.

**There is always a sad side to these stories.**

Andy and Kim had become attached to "their Toni" who they had sheltered, fed and loved and I feel, were very brave to contact "Minnie's Owner" knowing the inevitable outcome.

We live approx. 4 km (in a straight line) from Andy and Kim and there are weeks between leaving ours and arriving at theirs. Was there some other "owner" for a while, or did Minnie have a steep learning "live off the land" curve?

As for us the "that louvre window is open" grandparents - well we will be forever grateful to Kim and Andy for giving us the "Oh dear! We lost Georgia's cat!" a happy ending.



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# White Gate



# Dates

**White Gate dinner @ the Tavern** is set for Wednesday June 1st; poised to pounce as soon as May falls off the calendar. The sun will rise round 7:19, set round 5:07, and the day will have less than 10 hours sunshine... get set for winter. Rice-pudding time.



Linda De Fazio reports, "We've had a visitor staying at the De Fazio dairyfarm. The working dogs never had it so good. An armchair by the fire."

*(Warning: If the local working dogs see this Tattler, there may be a strike. Then again, they might conclude that this is a sheep... and all the sheep will want to come inside.)*

Meanwhile, at Whitegate.....

there seems to have been some confusion over whether it was Mother's Day or Father's Day, with the men in the family organising a "Farm Picnic" consisting of a bonfire and smoker in the paddock, their guns and a post-lunch fox hunt down on the river. - Caryn De Fazio

## White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Noel Hutchens	29 May	Andrew Marriott	26 Jun
Bill Ferguson	5 Jun	Terry Trounson	3 Jul
Norton Grimwade	12 Jun	Les Maclean	10 Jul
Terry Ryan	19 Jun	James Parton	17 Jul

- Andrea Stevenson, 0429 439 336

# Gawn to Town

Growing up in suburban Melbourne, there were plenty of political rants in my left-wing dysfunctional family. When I turned 18 I was told to return an informal vote, because all politicians are corrupt. But, aware that women had fought hard for the right to vote, I determined I would exercise that right... even with little idea what I was voting for. Then I went bush.

In rural Australia I found attitudes, and reality, a bit different. The very practical world of farming left less room for armchair idealism. But while many in the farming community were National or Liberal supporters, one painted "VOTE LABOR" on the roof of his woolshed.

These categories are a spectrum. Caring, gentle people anxious about their farming business often voted for the one-time Country Party, it being moderately concerned with rural issues. Some were still more concerned with issues Labor or the Democrats supported. And a few were too browned off with the red-neck side of the Nationals. Once, I was invited to deliver a talk I'd made for the local Speaker's group, to a women's Nation Party gathering. My talk wasn't political, but the racist views aired over coffee made me too sick to eat the cake (and I could eat a lot back then). I had no idea such views could still be found in normal-seeming people. A friend who was present had welcomed me with a surprised, "But dear, didn't you TELL them that you're a communist?" And a week before, at a very different gathering, I'd been called a fascist for a view I'd aired. Politics is tricky.

Recently there was an objection to political marquees at markets. But in Benalla the people handing out flyers, and the political aspirants themselves, are as often as not found at a neighbouring marquee of a different colour, hob-nobbing with friends from an opposing group.

If political views are hard to categorise, the party names are worse. The Liberal Party is our conservative party, generally opposing liberal views... took me a while to fathom that one. The National Party was the Country Party, but instead of representing the dwindling pool of rural folk, opted to represent the entire nation. They never read that parable about the donkey. The Labor party (generally spelt thus back then) was formed after the great shearer's strike, shearing is hard yakka, what a shame they didn't call it the Yakka Party!

But party names listed for the recent election take the cake. The "Informed Medical Options Party" are an option instead of current medical science. The "Australian Values Party" leave it to you to guess their values, unless you've seen that photo... The "Australian Citizens Party" represent very few citizens. "Fusion" at least specify of what they are a fusion, but I am sorry the "Pirate Party" is no longer a thing.

Australia still has a democracy, but the practise of it is a sad recommendation for our education system. - Andrea Stevenson





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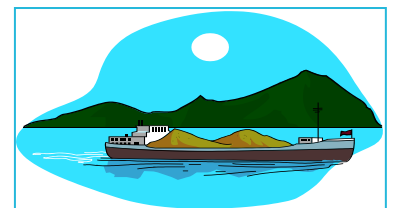
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# Garden Daze

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## June - and Winter - Already?

Last month I wrote about my Black Bamboo flowering, producing seeds and then having the strong possibility dying as a result - as this seems to be what bamboo does. Bamboo is a grass - although variously a very large and at others very long lived grass. However - when its biological clock says *Times Up!* That is it.

As we had been given our original piece of black bamboo from a friend who lives in Lilydale, I phoned him to see how his bamboo was faring. He said that they had kept theirs cut back, but would go and check next door, where the bamboo had (as bamboo can) travelled and take some photos for me.



Very soon he was back on the line with the statement " I've taken some photos for you - but *it appears to be dying!*" And sure enough some of the photos (taken through a fence) showed rather tired looking bamboo.

So far ours is "hanging in there" but it is covered in seeds - which look like grass seeds.

Instructions on the Internet say soak the seeds for 24 hours in warm water prior to planting. As the optimum time for planting our seeds is guess work, I have been planting seeds every week or so now it is just a watch and wait game.

Will the Bamboo die? Will the seeds sprout?  
I'll let you know.

### Ornamental Pears

With the current popularity of Ornamental Pears - especially for lining local driveways - I found a recent **Gardening Australia** program which focused on the attributes of the different types of Ornamental Pear to be quite informative.



We have a Manchurian Pear which turns red at the faintest hint of Autumn and is a most enthusiastic "leaf dropper". As I had not realised the very different characteristics of the various cultivars I wondered why some others I saw still had their full compliment of leaves.

So here briefly are the attributes of each variety as mentioned in the program.

If you would like more in-depth information, the program was aired on 13 May Series 33 Episode 13 - Sophie - Ornamental Pears



**Pyrus 'Winter Glow'** - Medium to large shade tree colours late, leaves drop in July, flowers and leaves start to appear at the end of August.

**Pyrus ussuriensis** – the Manchurian Pear– Medium to (eventually) large shade tree leaves colour and drop early, flowers early.

**Pyrus 'Chanticleer'** - Tall pyramidal shaped narrow spread, colour in late Autumn and flower later in spring.

**Pyrus 'Capital'** - Upright, forming a tight column, stunning autumn colour - masses of white flowers in spring.

**Pyrus 'Dancer'** – (aka Prancer) Small to medium, golden autumn colour - a touch of bronze on the tips. Leaves silver grey mature to green, yellow in autumn. Flowers appear later in spring than most other varieties.

**Pyrus 'Festivity'** (also knows as Westwood or Korean sun) sometimes marketed as *dwarf Manchurian* small, dense, pyramidal shaped: green leaves early in spring reddish-purple autumn colour can take up to 20 years to reach four metres. Requires training when young

**Pyrus nivalis** – Snow Pear – pure white dense blooms late winter: foliage silvery white covered in fine down. Foliage ages to pale green-grey turns shades of yellow and orange in autumn.

**Pyrus 'Edgedell'** (also knows as Edgewood) - Small to medium sized tree, slightly silvery green foliage turns a beautiful reddish purple in the autumn.



**Autumn leaves** falling on the lawn can make a great addition to the compost heap.

The ratio of Autumn leaves (brown) to lawn clippings (green) is a good one and can be easily achieved if one has a mower with a catcher.

By running the mower over the lawn the leaves are chopped into small pieces which aids decomposition.

Mixed or layered with manure, blood and bone or similar in the compost heap, it will all heat up and then break down beautifully.

If you are really keen - turn the contents over from time to time. A "compost stirrer"- available at most garden departments is great for this. "Stirrers" are screwed down into the heap - just like a cork screw - then pulled upwards thus bringing the stuff from the bottom up to the top, a few repeats and the heap is "refreshed" and getting on with its job.



Happy Gardening



Kathy Z

## **Michael Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1933-40, was born in the Tatong district 1872.**

*The following is abridged from Barry Gustafson's biography "From the Cradle to the Grave", with his kind permission. Some details are from other sources. This text can be found on [www.vicnet.net.au/~tathg](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~tathg).*

### **Part 2**

Richard Savage earned a few shillings doing odd jobs such as fencing, dam-sinking, drain-digging, clearing and shearing for the squatters and graziers.

Johanna fed and clothed her large and growing family as best she could, making household goods and tending the stock. With the nearest school and church at Benalla, J

When Johanna was ill, a girl helping her dropped 1-year-old Joseph, fracturing his spine. He was crippled and hunchbacked for life.

Despite all this, Johanna's son Rowland remembered: "Mother taught us to step-dance soon as we could walk, the Irish Jig and so on, at which she was no mean performer."

The little Savages worked on the farm from the earliest age possible, chopping wood and carting water, digging drains and fencing.

In 1873 a neighbour, Dan Ginnivan, aged 33, was thrown from his horse and killed. He left a widow and three young children, whom Richard and Johanna befriended. One of the children later married Michael's brother Rowland.

### **Michael's Birth; The Rothesay Selection**

Michael Savage was born on March 23rd 1872, during a heat wave. For days the temperature reached 110F (43C) in the shade. A neighbour, Eliza Chivers, delivered Johanna's eighth and last child; in Irish parlance, the 'tupenny' child.

On 17 May 1872, a few months after Michael's birth, his father began to purchase on terms 176 acres of newly opened land. This was at Rothesay, a few kilometres south-west of Tatong. Savage's first farm, which he now sold, was better land and was to become even more desirable with the development of the dairy industry in the 1890s. But it was prone to flooding, and 1872 was the third successive year that it had been under water for two or three months.

It was also surrounded on all sides by the freehold blocks of the big graziers Splatt, McCullough and Colclough. There was nowhere for Savage to expand, and by 1872 he was convinced that his salvation lay in a larger mixed farm and crop rotation. The move to Rothesay took advantage of adjoining crown land, and Savage was the first selector on the new block. He hoped that each of his seven children, upon turning 18, would select 320 acres adjacent to their father's farm. Rose and four brothers later obtained allotments, but only Rose's 392 acres were subsequently paid off.

The Rothesay selection consisted of three

allotments, of 72, 66 and 14 acres. Included was an area set aside for a proposed extension to the railway line. The property was on a secondary road, which became Savage's Lane, linking Tatong to the main Benalla-Samaria road. Savage completed his purchase of the 72-acre section in 1884, but lost the other two.

The new selection was heavily wooded and difficult to clear, and Johanna was ill from an attack of rheumatic fever. In 1876 Dr Joseph Henry from Benalla diagnosed heart trouble and ordered at least another three months' complete rest.

The two eldest children, Rose 15 and Richard 14, left school to help on the farm and to care for their sick mother and the five younger children.

Rowland recalled, "I mind well hearing Mother say then as always: 'We are not half thankful enough to God for all He does for us'. I was only six, but for the life of me I couldn't see what Mother had to be thankful about. I now realise her deep appreciation of Father's good qualities. He didn't smoke, drink or gamble, and was an estimable husband, father and citizen.'



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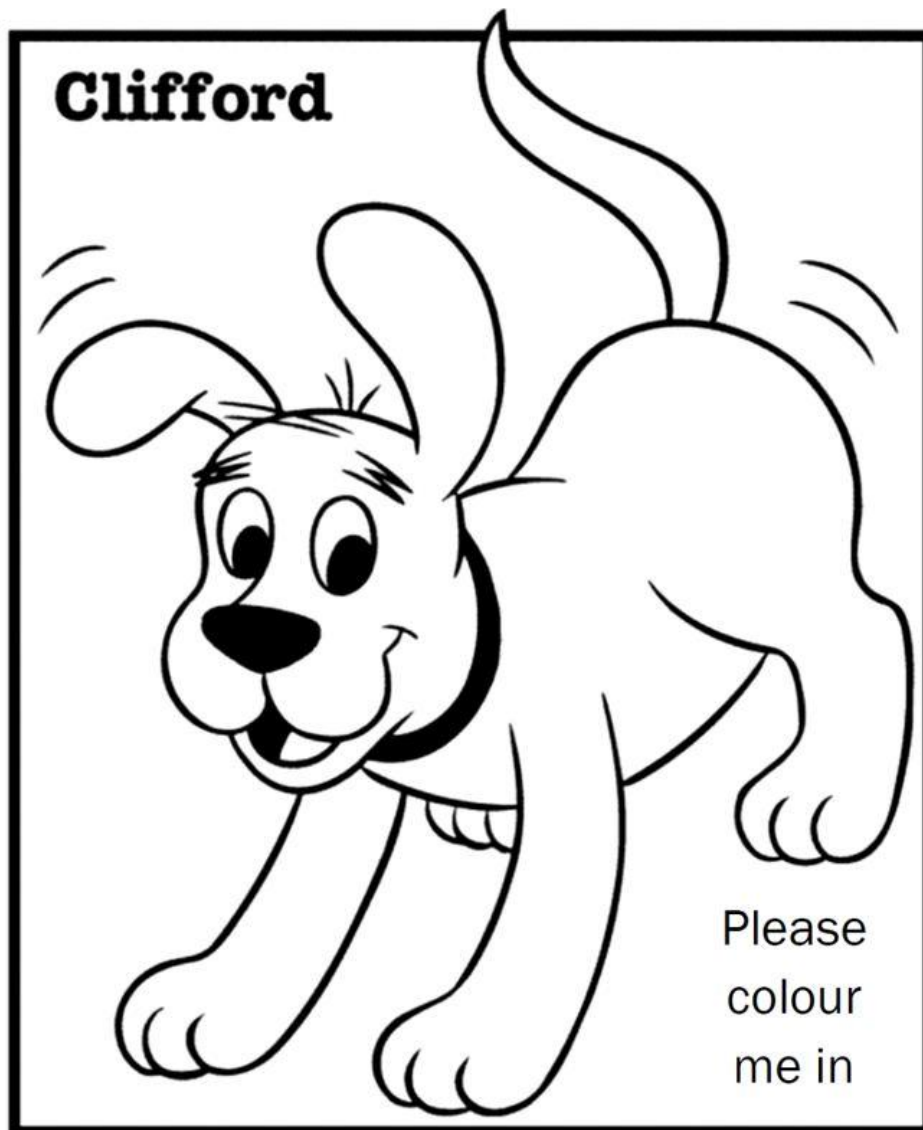
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## Swanpool News

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Please note that the working bee on the Tatong Avenue of Trees has been postponed. We need to have public liability insurance in place, once this is organised we will reschedule for a later date.

Larissa

We all know about chemicals used in agriculture and gardening and in Europe there is now a recognition of the consequences. There are 3 groups of pesticides: organo-phosphates, neonicotinoids (e.g. acetamiprid), and pyrethroids. The EU has banned the use of 3 neonicotinoids and France has banned a further 2. Toronto, Paris and Copenhagen are pesticide free without being overrun with cockroaches and flies. In conservative Bavaria where industrial agriculture rules and after the Krefeld publication, 1.7 million voters (a fifth of the electorate) indicated they had had enough by going out to sign a petition in mid-winter for insect diversity. They'd had enough of the absence of crickets, bumble bees, butterflies and skylarks. The voting numbers were sufficient to enable the government to pass the petition into law.

But there is argument and on one side a strong 'anti' chemical view from organisations like Friends of the Earth, Sierra Club and The Guardian, and the other side who accuse them of lying or exaggerating. For the common reader this is difficult but given the potential nasty outcome of using poisons I think it better to err on the 'anti' side.

Aside from poisoning insects either deliberately or as a consequence of poisoning something else, we destroy their habitat with monoculture agriculture, and indirectly through climate change, killing their food sources. Insect migrations, like those of birds are timed for some purpose. Incorrect temperatures can mean that food sources for them are not yet available when they arrive so they die and the creatures waiting to feed on them lose this resource. Climatic mismatches are increasing. Bees take temperature as their cue but many of the plants they like take it from day-length. Land clearing for plantations, housing settlements, industrial sites, mines, roads destroy habitat and food sources. We might need these things but we don't pay attention to insects when an environmental assessment is undertaken for any of such projects.

There are other problems. Lights at night destroy moths for they think lights are the moon. Around one third die of exhaustion fluttering around lights. Continual light (on around one quarter of the earth's surface) interferes with pollination, development of young insects, and feeding ability. These creatures are hard wired to light and no light. In Germany now city buildings have to dim their lights at night. In the US bees abandon their hives and no one knows why. The industrial farming of the honeybee, moving them around countries to service crops has, according to one American apiarist, brought his bees to a parlous state so that when they return from the chemical laden Californian orchards to the eastern states, their immune systems are weakened..

We are also hampered by generational memory. If you grew up when driving in the country meant smashed insect on your windscreens, you think it normal and wonder why they are less or have disappeared. If you grow up in after insect decline you might not care or even realise. We accept the world we see and grow up in as the norm and this sets our expectations. In turn this lowers standards as the base line is shifted. So we are blinded by this and do not see what is missing and even though some memory is accessible through our parents and grandparents, this blunting of memory handicaps our response. The observations found in field guides often suffer from this problem.

It has been found that grouse in Norway, where they are not hunted, behave differently to grouse in Scotland, and the landscape is different, not because it *is different* but because in Scotland grouse country is kept bare of trees and shrubbery whilst in Norway grouse live in forest. Similarly the Turtle Dove in the UK, described as a farm bird, takes farm land as second best because it's preferred thicket, the hedge, has gone.

Entomology too has a problem. Its nature is imprecise which means that estimates are often wrong. Publicity warning of debacles has a kickback if the debacle is not as bad as it was thought to be. Yet publicity is not achieved when moderation is used.

### **Why do insects matter so much?**

They are the pollinators, the vacuum cleaners, the nutrient processors, the pest predators and the food source for other insects and birds, for fish and various mammals on who even more depend including us. The pollinators are the foundation of our food supply. Without them our food range is narrowed to mainly grain crops which are wind pollinated. A diet of grain flours is an insufficient builder of health and even more so if cropping soils no longer have the required nutrients. Elaine Ingham, a leading soil scientist, tells us that the list of soil nutrients is growing as soil science develops, nutrients not even considered in fertiliser manufacture. So without bees, wasps, moths, mosquitoes and others we lose most of our food. Chocolate will not exist without flies. Moths, wasps, flies, beetles and hover flies pollinate the plants bees don't like. Even mosquitoes play a role in pollinating and are a major source of food for others. Earthworms process and turn over the nutrients, dung beetles keep our pastures clean and process nutrients found in faeces. Cockroaches deal with detritus. And this is the tip of the iceberg because those we don't know about or understand, may be supporting something that is critical to mammal well being. To destroy a species is to cut a thread in the network of life on Earth. To tear a hole in that net is very dangerous and losing a species means losing all its associated diversity.

### **What do insects like?**

Insects, generally speaking, like vegetative chaos. It's safe and full of food. A 3D view of a small space of undisturbed land is a thick carpet of insect homes that rise up into the bark of trees. Messiness is preferable to neatness. They like a reasonably consistent climate cycle in order to provide the food at the right time and for their breeding cycles to fit in with that climate cycle. In some areas of Australia where there is little cropping, stable land practices and no clearing or stubble burning, insects might do quite well. That doesn't mean that poisons aren't used. In Europe croppers are being encouraged to use no-till planting and to interplant with local wildflowers. Clean waterways are preferable and many countries have paid attention to this. Aquatic insects are an indication of water quality and they are a fundamental to the food chain. Some entomologists suggest that gardens are important havens for beneficial insects and such areas can improved by piling tree and shrub prunings in hidden corners of the garden. Even small piles of logs left to rot are havens. A square meter of long grass can play a role, with a cut in late summer. The fallen leaves of deciduous trees have a near perfect carbon nitrogen ratio and provide ground dwelling insects with cover and food. Garden pests usually only take hold when plants are stressed by soil type or climate or are over fed with nitrogen fertilisers.

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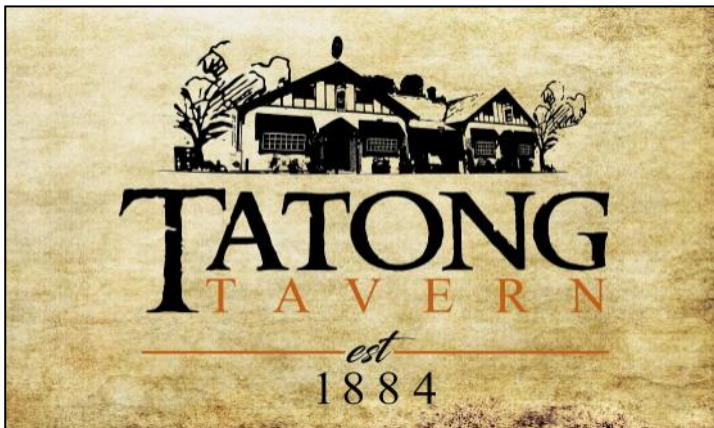
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We had a small, but enthusiastic, fun loving, patriotic, generous bunch of people turn up for the Anzac Day Two Up game. Thanks to the emptying of the pockets, we donated \$500 to the Anzac Appeal. Great Effort!

Tatong Tavern has turned Green..... you may have noticed there is a new solar system installed out the back of the pub. We personally live off grid, so it was a shock to get an electricity bill. By implementing this system, we hope to firstly, help the environment and secondly, ensure the longevity of the pub by keeping overheads down and by updating with more efficient equipment! We also "recycle" food waste via the chooks, that come back to the pub as eggs, you know the saying....What goes around.... And we have a little worm farm brewing out the back.

Classic Cars will be stopping by the pub on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at lunch time, so call in for a quick squizz.

Heads up the pub will be **closed on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May** for a private function, so no meals or bar service on that night.

The government has a mid week dining incentive available to encourage diners to spend up. Dine out Monday to Thursday, spend \$40 or more, keep your receipt and claim back 25% of your bill. So come on down and claim your rebate!

Finally, all the ducks are lining up and a date has been set to start on our new kitchen.....Late June... I can't tell you how excited we all are about this. YaY!! This rebuild will take about two weeks (we hope) and we haven't quite figured out yet, if we can provide meals, we may have to close the kitchen altogether, so stay tuned via Facebook or the sandwich board out the front on what we are up to.

Stay Warm  
Stuart and Melisse

**Hefted to their land.**

If you were to look up the meaning of heft, your dictionary might say something along the lines of, 'to lift, to test the weight', just as hefty means heavy. In the north of the UK, however, it has another, totally different, meaning...

Typically in winter in the north of the UK, as in many places in the Northern Hemisphere, farm animals are brought to sheltered fields near the farmhouse and fed hay. On some farms the animals winter in barns.

Once spring arrives and the snow starts to thaw, the animals are 'sent out' to graze. In Yorkshire and Cumbria this means all the farmers' animals grazing together on open common land in higher country. This use of common grazing land goes back centuries. These areas are vast and unfenced.

Originally, the animals would have been shepherded to ensure they stayed on the correct common grazing land. Over the years, the animals learnt to know where they should be and they passed this on to their offspring.

Shepherds were no longer required.

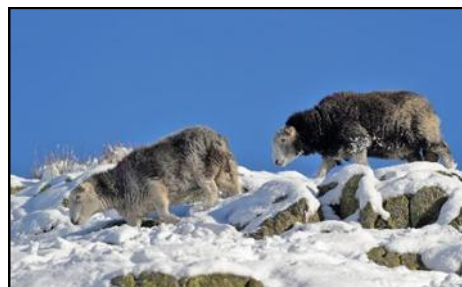
The area the animals graze is called their heft and they know where good pasture and shelter are to be found. The learning process is called hefting and the animals are said to be hefted to their land.

The Herdwick (pictured) is considered the hardiest sheep in the UK. It is mainly found in Cumbria (England's Lake District).

More than 60% of the Lake District fell is common grazing land.

Janette and I have a few cows. Janette's uncle, Lex, started farming here in about 1952. As far as we can ascertain, ours has been a closed herd from way back then, certainly since well before I first came to Molyullah in 1976.

Closed herd means that no females have been bought in – they have all been bred here – only bulls have been bought in.



For that reason, we consider that our cows are hefted to our land – they know where they belong. They could easily go bush if they wanted to.

This has been about four legged animals, but I suspect many of us two legged animals are also well and truly hefted...

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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	34.9	37.9	40.8	563.3
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**WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP**

For the whole month of April there was 81.4mm of rain and for May, up until the 15<sup>th</sup>, 17mm. We are spoilt somewhat with plenty of the wet stuff for farmers and home gardeners but without the devastation of flooding up north. Speaking of water and here is a spiritual guide for life. *Be like water: formless yet resolute, soft yet relentless, clear and still, seeking the lowest to find the highest. In so doing you will find the Tao and will never be stopped.* (From the book Taoism for beginners by A. and A Simpkins.)

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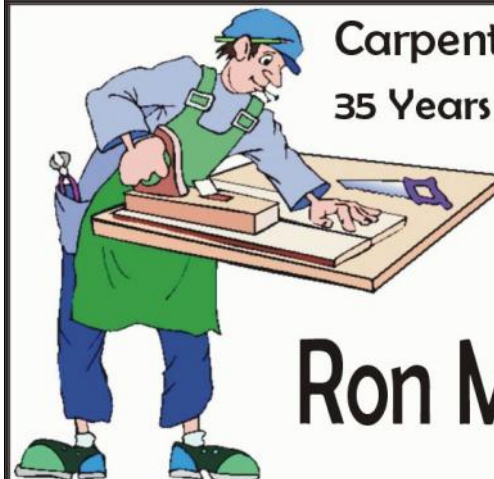
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