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Seeking the Origin of "Myrree"

In March 1838, Dr. George Edward Mackay took up a selection of 96,000 acres, which he named "Myrree" (or "Myrreeh"). A comment in one biography, that he was "hoping to set up a station at Myrree", implies that the area was already known by that name (still seeking verification of that). MacKay's Myrree run extended from Laceby in the North, with the King River and Fifteen Mile Creek forming the approximate east and west boundaries. It encompassed Moyhu, King Valley and Whitfield districts. Mackay abandoned the Myrree run shortly after arriving. He returned after six months to find Chisholm had taken up Myrree,

so MacKay then established the Whorouly run.

The name "Myrree" is spelt with a single 'r' in early entries, as well as an 1853 advertisement. However MacKay himself, in his 1853 letter to McBride, wrote it as "Myrreeh" (*Letters from Victorian pioneers*). Perhaps Mr Chisholm dropped an 'r' off the original title.

There are claims that the name "Myrreeh" is from an indigenous word meaning "Wind", but with no reference I have yet found. It could be a genuine oral-history memory. However, people are good at inventing explanations.

The people who had inhabited that area for many previous millennia were quickly displaced by the whites, and little of their specific language was recorded. It is assumed that they

spoke a form of the language of the Dhudhuroa people, who occupied lands to the east. (*Linguist Stephen Morey, La Trobe University*). Dhudhuroa word-lists available online do not give a meaning for 'wind', and list no word like "my-ree".

Myrreeh is not far from the dividing range. Indigenous peoples crossed from either side, their paths later followed by explorers, settlers and then the Roads Board.

Listed in the language of the Kurnai people of Gippsland is a word recorded variously as myree, mirri, mri and mree, meaning "eye" (*Aboriginal Languages of Gippsland, Eve Fes*). This word could have been brought over the ranges by indigenous people, or by whites who had picked up some Kurnai words.

The current spelling of "Myrreeh" is with two 'r's, and a word of that spelling is listed as a variation of the latin word "myrreus", refering to a type of stone. McKay was a surgeon, so would have known Latin. I only wish I did.

Further research might reveal if the area was known by that term before MacKay arrived, and how MacKay spelt the word when he initially took up the station.

The reason for his choosing that name might remain a guess. - *Andi Stevenson*

A distraction is the existence of an area, and a creek, both named "Myrreeh", near Toorongo, in Baw Baw. The two Myrreehs are 116km north-south as the eagle flies, almost either end of the "Woods Point" road, and share the same spelling.

In *Julia Marion Harvey Hale: Victoria's most prominent woman sawmiller* Peter S. Evans describes how Hale ran a sawmill near Whitfield, then near Myrreeh. After the 1939 bushfires she relocated to Toorongo, near the head of West Tanjil River in Gippsland, but retained the name "Myrreeh Saw Mill". The name took hold.

NOUNS: Section A: (cont'd)

Body parts and products

English Gloss	Phonemicization	Source Spelling
13. Face	<i>mrāgen</i>	<i>mrāgen</i> ['mrakən] (Gi-H2) <i>mree</i> (Brab-Bu1/C3) (eye = A.14) <i>kung</i> (Gi-J.M./E & C) (nose = A.21)
14. Eye	<i>mri</i> <i>minug</i> (1980) <i>(miri)</i>	<i>mri</i> ['mri·] (Gi-H2) <i>mree</i> (La.T-Tap/H & B) <i>[mInok]</i> (Gi-Fe) <i>[mInoks]</i> (plural) <i>mirri</i> (Brab-R.H.M.) <i>myree</i> (B.P.-S2) <i>mri, meragut</i> (B.W.K/Sw.R.-Bu1/S2) <i>myree</i> (F.C./B.P.-Tho/S2)

Positive (1st & 2nd declension)

SING.	m	f
Nom.	myrreus	myrreha
Gen.	myrreī	myrrehae
Dat.	myrreō	myrrehae
Acc.	myrreum	myrreham
Voc.	myrree	myrreha
Abl.	myrreō	myrreha
PLUR.	m	f
Nom.	myrreī	myrrehae
Gen.	myrreōrum	myrreharum

4. Ave, crucis sine mora
Qui scandis patibulum,
In quo biduana hora
Docuisti populum,
Me duc ad salutis fora
Per myrrehae fasciculum,
Ut detur a Deo hora
Vitae mihi epulum.

A form of this word appears in a 14th century hymn book. It came out in print in 1888, but that was 50 years after MacKay named his selection.





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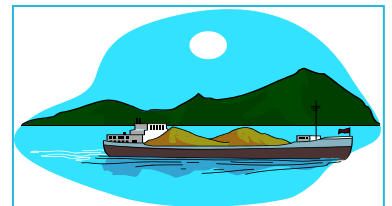
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However there are times when things are not what they should be and it may be necessary to remake a wicking bed. Here are some of the the main problems that can be encountered.

Problem: The wicking bed leaks or doesn't hold water.

Possible cause: Punctured liner. The first time I had to remake a wicking bed was because it was leaking from the bottom of the black plastic liner.



For a time this could be overcome by watering as a normal garden bed, although the scoria at the bottom was acting as a drain rather than a reservoir. Then the nearby fig tree found the hole and sent it's invasive roots all through the bed.

Possible cause: Pressure release on lid. Intermediate Bulk Container (top half)



Check **before** filling, as some of these lids can have a pressure release valve which will slowly allow the water to leak out if not sealed with silicone.

Always fill and check for leaks before adding the scoria etc.

Note: Some beds do go through water more than others because their crops will be using different amounts of water, so judge if there is a problem with your bed or whether you just have some very large thirsty crops growing. Tho usually with a leak - it can be seen coming out from under the bed.

Problem: Wrong material in the reservoir layer.

Scoria is recommended for its weight and water holding properties. Being extremely strong for its light weight, Scoria can hold up a large volume of soil easily without any risk of collapsing. It keeps the overall weight of the completed wicking bed down so it doesn't stress any components of the structure of the raised bed, or overstretch the liner.



Warning - Blue metal is cheaper than scoria, however - blue metal is very alkaline and it will take several years for this to leach out and to be able to grow crops in the soil. For the same reason crushed limestone is also very alkaline and will cause the plants to struggle.

Problem: New seedlings dying.

Possible cause: Soil not wet enough

It is really important that the soil is thoroughly wet before adding plants.

Also new plantings still need to be watered at ground level every day or two for a while, until their roots are deep and strong enough to rely on the wicking process.

Possible cause: Poor soil with not enough organic matter in it.

Wicking only works when the soil is high in organic matter. The soil should be dark and look and feel like good vegie garden soil when touched. Generally it is recommended to use good quality commercial vegie garden soil and then add about 1/3 to 1/2 more compost to it. Then, every time a crop is harvested - add more compost.

Note that *mushroom compost* can be very alkaline and cause yellowing and failure to thrive.

Like all vegie garden soil, the soil in the wicking beds is like a brew, which takes a while to get right. If you are feeling uncertain, do a pH test and aim for soil in the 6.5-7.5 range.

Happy Christmas



Kathy Z

TATONG TENNIS CLUB
from Benalla Standard 29 November 1907

A Tennis Club was opened on Saturday by Mr Helms at the local Recreation Reservc. There were about 50 people present, and the ladies gave a very nice afternoon tea, which was done full justice to after Mr Helms' opening speech and a few games had been played. The material had been procured by a public subscription, and now is vested in a club, with Miss McGouran as hon. Secretary

On Monday 14th March 1988, Tatong attracted 106 entries to the Tournament which was a record, for A Grade and B Grade. 1985 Victoria's 150th Anniversary attracted 102 entries. Morning tea was provided by the ladies followed by a BBQ lunch and tea after the presentation of trophies to all winners.

The junior tournament was also popular and attracted 26 entries on the Sunday the 13th March 1988, making a very busy weekend for the Tennis Club before competition finals started the next weekend.



Tatong Tennis team 1940's



Tatong A Reserve Premiers 1985



Tatong Junior players 1986 at a tournament at the Benalla Gardens courts.

MOLYULLAH FIRE BRIGADE UPDATE AND SUNDAY DRIVER ROSTER

Thanks to our brigade members who make sure the truck and ultralight are in working order by taking them for a weekly Sunday drive.

Sunday Drive includes:

- Take the truck for a short drive
- If fuel is approaching ½ full or less, take the truck to Benalla and refuel
- Walk around truck to ensure everything is OK – lights etc working
- Run the pump
- Participate in radio schedule with Benalla Group (starts 10am Ch #365)
- Take ultralight tanker for a short drive
- Run pump on ultralight
- Fill in log book/s

27-Nov-22	Bob Whytlaw
04-Dec-22	Peg Halbwidl
11-Dec-22	Andrew Barry
18-Dec-22	Stephen Brosig-Welch
25-Dec-22	Damian Nicholls

Pre-season Drills will be scheduled over the next month – keep an eye on BART for the dates and times. Looking at the abundance of grass in our district, grass fires are going to be one of our biggest risks, so let's make sure we're prepared.

Trish Curtis Molyullah Fire Brigade



Get your Groove on at the Tavern

Nov 20 Free Music with Bruce Poulter 1-4pm Classic Hits
Dec 1 The Xmas Lights Go Up
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Items from the Tattler Mailbox

TATONG COMMUNITY DINNER

Come along to the Tatong tavern on Wednesday 14th December at 6.30pm. The twelve who attended the first community dinner had an enjoyable evening. Whether you've lived in Tatong for a number of years; or a new resident, why not come along, we'd love to meet you.

THANKYOU

Our October & November Tattler was delivered in a freezer bag to keep it from getting wet. A big thank-you to the person who delivered it to our place in Tolmie Rd. We are also grateful for all those involved in organizing the Tattler every month. The committee, sponsors, advertisers, people who submit articles & the delivery people. We look

*We Said a Christmas Prayer for you
Because the season's near.
We didn't ask for riches
But for gifts o much more dear.
We asked for joyful gatherings
With your family all around,
And for carols to inspire you
With their old familiar sound.
We asked for quiet moments
In your heart on Christmas morn,
For a special tome to celebrate
The Saviour who was born.....*

White Gate



Dates

The final **White Gate dinner at the Tavern** for 2022 will light up on Wednesday December 7th. Feel free come to dressed as Santa Claus, an Elf, a Reindeer, or a Pudding. End of 2022 speeches are invited, under the title, "*Why Droughts aren't really so bad after all.*"

Report from the De Fazio dairy: "Gorgeous George the King Parrot likes to watch us at work. Have now found out he has no loyalty. Not only do we feed him, so does Matt, Caryn and Leni." - Linda De Fazio



George the Traitor

White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Angus Mcmillan	27 Nov	Bill Sykes	25 Dec
Hamish Mcmillan	4 Dec	Matthew Defazio	1 Jan
Laurie Defazio	11 Dec	Ross Runnalls	8 Jan
Alan Stafford	18 Dec	David Elford	15 Jan

- Andrea Stevenson, 0429 439 336



MOLYULLAH



CHRISTMAS PARTY/BBQ

Sunday 18th December

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JEWELLED WHITE CHOCOLATE SLICE

250gm white chocolate
½ cup raisins
75gm dried apricots
2 tablespoons currants
70gm Rice bubbles
½ teaspoon lemon rind, finely grated

Method: Grease a 20x30cm slice tin. Line with baking paper, leaving 5cm overhanging. Place chocolate in large heatproof bowl. Melt butter in small saucepan over low heat & pour over chocolate. Stand for 10 minutes to allow butter to melt chocolate; stir until smooth.

Add raisins, dried apricots, currants, rice bubbles & lemon rind to the chocolate mixture, using a large metal spoon, stir until well combined.

Spoon into prepared tin, smooth the surface, Cover with plastic wrap & refrigerate for at least an hour or until slice is set.

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It is recommended that septic tanks are pumped out every 3 - 5 years



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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.

Part 8

Butter Factories and Creameries

Following the discovery of refrigeration and ammonia-chilled railway vans, Richard Savage senior became an ardent advocate for a butter factory in the district. He saw that dairying would transform farming in the Rothesay area.

However his advice that the district should unite to set up one butter factory with a number of contributing creameries was ignored. Instead, competing small factories were established at Tatong, Swanpool and Benalla. Richard Savage, now over 60, reluctantly supported the decision of his neighbours to 'go it alone' and build the Swanpool factory. By the end of 1891 this was the first butter factory to operate in the Benalla district, with Richard Savage as auditor.

Deaths of Rose and Joe

On 9th January 1891 Michael's only sister Rose, who had raised him from when he was 5, died in childbirth. She was 31 and had been married 11 months. Dr John Nicholson was in attendance but there was apparently little he could do; the baby's exit was blocked by the placenta, which ruptured. Rose bled to death in screaming agony; the baby was stillborn.

Rose's funeral 'was one of the largest ever attended in the district', according to the Benalla Standard.

In December of that year Michael's crippled brother Joe, who despite his disability had become a respected farmer, died of pneumonia aged 21. From that time on Michael Savage used the name Michael Joseph Savage.

1890s Crash

The period 1891-93 was a watershed in Australian history. The 1880s had been marked by frenzied speculation, fuelled by overseas loans, government expenditure on railways and other public works, easy finance. 70,000 immigrants arrived in Victoria in the last half of the decade. Business fraud and political corruption were rife. The Victorian Parliament became 'a sort of land speculators' club.

Inevitably the crash came. By 1892, 41 land and finance companies in Melbourne and Sydney, with liabilities of £25,000,000, had failed. In January 1893 the Federal Bank defaulted and in April, as the panic spread, 12 other banks closed. At the end of April 1893, the National Bank suspended business. It was the bank

principally used by the business people of Benalla and also by many farmers. Large numbers of selectors flocked to town only to find that the Victorian Government had closed the colony's entire banking system for a week to allow reconstruction.

Farm income had fallen markedly since 1891, with a very wet winter and infestations of wombats and locusts. In 1892 rust destroyed most of the wheat crop. Banks called up loans and foreclosed on mortgaged property. The government started pressing selectors for arrears in rent, and many forfeited their selections. The depression was followed by seven years of drought from 1896-1902, the worst drought recorded in Australian history. By the end of it stock numbers halved. Most of the Samaria district fell into the hands of one man, William McKellar, who had the Lima and Samaria homestead blocks, including most of the water.

In 1898 Richard Savage, after almost forty years of struggle, sold his farm and went to live with his son Rowland. In that year bush fires raged through the Benalla district, burning out many long-established settlers.

Antonio Ball appears to have lost his farm. He moved to a poorer part of town, did not close for the annual picnic or weekly half-holiday, and started taking court cases on very flimsy grounds for small amounts of money allegedly owing to him. He dispensed with the services of Mick Savage, and a few years later, sold up and left the district.

Smith Road has an unwelcome visitor. Not sure what it is – it looks part otter, part water rat, part platypus. Black, sleek, four-legged about 60cm in length and skitters across the road from the dam to another swampy area. It is the Great Whitegate Mystery....what is it? - Caryn De Fazio



"Bunyip" (1935)

Pudding

When I grew up, "pudding" meant dessert. Steamed Pudding, Rice Pudding, Golden Syrup Pudding... so many puddings!

In "The Magic Pudding", by Norman Lindsay, Bunyip and friends spoke of "Steak And Kidney Pudding". Que? And then (initially via The Goodies) I learnt of Black Pudding, of which I am relieved to have never yet been obliged to eat. Mainly as I'm not a pork eater, and if Black Pudding is made from pig's blood, it probably smells a wee bit piggy. Now more inclined to the savoury, I would like to find delicious savoury pudding, but preferably not involving pig's blood.

So - what constitutes a pudding?

Where ovens were not common, cooking would often be done in ceramic or metal bowl – a pudding bowl – with a cover on it. A kind of pastry, usually made with suet, could line the pudding basin and make the lid. Hence, I gather steak & kidney pudding is a kind of soggy steamed pie. (Feel free to enlighten me, if you've ever eaten it.)

Going further back, pudding meant sausages; meat cooked in intestines. Or even intestines and their contents. Charming. Pass the Golden Syrup Pudding, please. The origin of the word "Pudding" is obscure, but may derive from the French 'boudin', originally from the Latin 'botellus', meaning 'small sausage'. Haggis is a variety of savoury pudding, said to have a nutty flavour. Robbie Burns wrote an Address to the Haggis which says, "Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware, That jaups in luggies", and I'm quite happy to leave it at that.

A tenth-century Arabic cookbook apparently describes a thick pudding of dates cooked with clarified butter. Yum! Sounds like an early Sticky Date Pudding.

Black pudding, originating in the United Kingdom and Ireland, can be made from pork or beef blood, with pork fat or beef suet, and a cereal, often oatmeal or barley. My ancestry is of the British Isles, but I'll take the Sticky Date Pudding, thanks all the same.

According to food historian C. Anne Wilson, the pudding cloth revolutionised puddings, finally distancing puddings from animal gut. "Puddings could now be made at any time, and they became a regular part of the daily fare of almost all classes. Recipes for them proliferated."

An early pudding was made by mixing grain with the likes of butter, eggs, and suet, which could be baked, steamed or boiled, resulting in a solid mass. Another pudding ancestor was 'frumenty', a kind of porridge made by boiling up cracked wheat with anything else at hand. Christmas pudding is held to have evolved from frumenty. If you fancy making some this Christmas, here is a recipe:

"Take clean wheat and bray it (beat it into small pieces) in a mortar well that the hulls go all off, (this means that the hulls are broken off) and seethe (boil) it till it burst, and take it up (drain it by taking it out of the water) and let it cool; and take fair fresh broth and sweet milk of almonds, or sweet milk of kine (cow's milk) and temper it all, and take yolks of eggs. Boil it a little and set it down and mess it forth ("mess" here in the sense of "plate and serve to table", the same root as naval mess) with fat venison and fresh mutton." (Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Douce p.257,

via Wikipedia)

Until a few centuries ago when sugar became more available, Christmas Pudding was a more savoury affair, and often included meat. Having plums or prunes in a dish was very popular, until the Victorians began replacing them with raisins. The name "Plum Pudding" has stuck, and it does have a better alliterative ring to it than "Raisin Pudding".

The idea of sticking things to find inside a pudding goes back many centuries. Putting chicken wishbones in was held to be a great wheeze (just imaging biting on one of those... and how fresh were they?), until someone got the brighter idea of putting in a silver ring, or some silver coins. Which was jolly good until they stopped making coins out of silver.

Pudding recollections are invited. How have you cooked puddings? What puddings do you recall from your youth? Have you ever eaten black pudding? Have you got a dog called Pudding?

Norman Lindsay wrote the Magic Pudding on the grounds that a story about food couldn't go wrong. Albert was a cut-and-come-again pudding, who liked to be eaten, but did not have the sweetest nature... 'But as I am a puddin', A puddin' in a pot, I hope you get the stomach ache, For eatin' me a lot. I hope you get it hot, You puddin'-eatin' lot!'

I, on the other hand, wish everyone happy eating, nice puddings of all kinds, and no tummy-ache whatsoever.

Andi Stevenson



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TATONG ARCHERY ACTIVITIES

Informal archery is happening at the Tatong oval in Tiger Hill Rd fortnightly and anyone interested is welcome to attend. As team sports like football are disappearing from small towns, archery, lawn bowls, golf and table tennis are alternatives which are relatively cheap and still entail companionship, fitness, personal achievement and competitive aspects. A donation of \$5 per family is asked for oval upkeep for each archery session, and while some bows and arrows are available for practice it is expected that participants will gradually obtain their own equipment.

Do not rush to a local sport shop for bows and arrows before finding out more about the sport by practice shooting, which can be done with the Tatong group, and where some coaching is provided as well as a 'basic principles' archery booklet.

There is a succession of requirements that need to be known before obtaining archery gear. Things like your stature, arm length and 'sighting eye.' As well there is personal preferences about the type of bow, ie recurve, long bow or compound as well as the appearance, cost and draw strength of bows. Once a bow is selected only then are arrows chosen which suit that particular bow.

Most of our current Tatong archers prefer the traditional recurve bow but compound bows are often preferred, especially by younger people. The compound bow's power is dramatically multiplied by the use of pulleys and longer bow strings. Your best chance of success and improvement is by using a proven shooting technique and especially, having the correct equipment. As with most sporting activities the quality and cost of gear depends upon the user's ambition, ability and willingness to spend.

The dates of proposed archery sessions after this Tattler is delivered are: Sunday the 27th of November and 11th of December, the start time is 1:30pm.

Contact Mike Larkin for details on 0428 273 613

TATONG MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE TRIANNUAL ELECTIONS

This notice is a repeat of the previous notice in the October Tattler informing the community about the upcoming appointment of the hall's committee of management. We need to know of any volunteer's availability well before the elections due to Conflict of Interest and ministerial approval paperwork requirements.

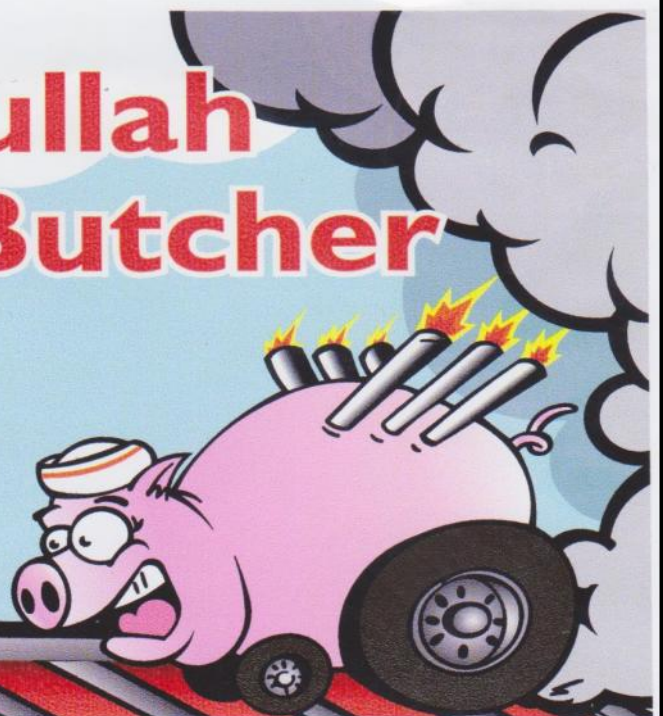
Like so many small town committees the hall members are mostly getting kind of ancient and new blood is needed. The three year tenure for the current committee members expires next January the 14th. Current member are eligible to re-apply but new people would be appreciated. There is not a huge amount to be done now that the hall has been upgraded, modified, improved and made user friendly. It is mainly used by Table Tennis for the winter months, the Girls Shed where craft work, chat and probably many cups of tea happens, occasional events such as memorials, weddings and parties, and as a voting venue for elections. If interested please contact either Pat Manser President, 0488 988 927 or Mike Larkin Secretary, 0428 273 613.

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Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
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	34.9	37.9	40.8	563.3
2020	63.6	35.6	88.4	207.2	53	77	43.5	66.8	49.4	132	34.1	40.7	891.3
2021	76.6	47.8	39.6	8.2	66.5	99.3	154.9	51.5	92.6	66.5	111	40.5	855
2022	219.3	4.8	72.7	81.4	42.5	102.5	49.7	126.6	111.9	232.2			1053.6

WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

What can we say about the extraordinary amounts of rain this Spring. I can start with the 94.6mm rainfall total till the 15th of November. The monthly total for October was a massive 232.2mm.

Stop press. Written on the Tattler deadline of November 20th and last night yet another deluge of 35.7mm. Such was the amount in a short time that it caused water to rise quickly, briefly enter our back door, wet recently dried mats and float one of my clog shoes about 20meters down the path.

Mike Larkin



Come along, bring your lunch and some goodies to share, do some craft or just have a chat. Hope to see at the Tatong Memorial Hall.

Patricia 57672287

Next Girl's Shed. 16th to 18th December 9am—5pm

Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog....

As Tucker approaches his first birthday, his Master was hit with the life-changing decision of whether to de-sex or not de-sex. Is it hip to snip or do we allow Tucker to sow some wild oats?

But he just humped one leg too many. His eye lingered a little too long on the cute Labrador in the Mitre 10 carpark. But we were hesitant to rob him of his potential. He is such a cute pup, although all 40kg of him has become a constantly jumping, slobbering, chewing hot mess.

So the women of Smith Rd voted "Yes", hopeful it would calm him down. For the men of Smith Rd, it was a hard "No!", with pointed remarks about the women taking every opportunity to cut off a male's balls and silence him. Of course, we all know who

won....

Off to the vets went Tucker, only to emerge a few hours later, groggy with a cone of shame around his beefy neck. Little yelps of pain could be heard whenever he forgot about his predicament and tried to perch on his back end. He would constantly check his hind, perhaps hopeful his missing appendages may start growing back. And we can categorically say, it has made ZERO difference in curbing his enthusiasm for life, or stop him from wandering over to Nonna and Papa's in search of a rogue sheep's foot or horse's frog. He does avoid his Master though. Last time he trusted her he came home with no nuts.

Caryn De Fazio

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