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A Fundraiser for Cancer Council Victoria and Benalla and Wangaratta Hospitals is happening on 28th and 29th October at Birchwood, 653 ODea Road Molyullah. The Campbells and their enthusiastic volunteers are opening the garden at Birchwood to support



these worthy causes. Entry is \$8 with 18 years and under free admission. Salad rolls and homemade cakes and scones will be available for lunch & Teas. Once again, 100% of Entry and Refreshment takings will be shared equally between the charities. Cash will be needed as Card readers are not viable, as the internet is unreliable. (we all know about that don't we!)

Birchwood garden is gently sloping so is not recommended for wheelchairs unless the user is very strong in getting over thick lawn and single steps. Julie's Mum could get around with a walker but there needed to be a helper nearby. No pet dogs will be allowed to enter the garden however "Assist dogs" are welcome. Tiger Hill Road short cut was recently upgraded but please check it out before committing to the trip "Over the Hill". There are no guard rails (as of 4th July), and still has potential for new potholes.

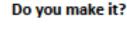
Julie has been dividing iris and salvias and will have these for Sale, several artisans will exhibit for sales also. (commissions donated to Gate totals.) "Missy Black" from Peechelba will be selling her super healthy vegie seedlings.

The Charity groups and the Campbells are hopeful of improving their fundraising total again this year. Julie is able to print a number of flyers owing to the generous support of local businesses: HIDES Bakery, Benalla Travel and BRR Benalla Residential Rural. Fitzpatrick & Co Insurance Brokers have also donated as they have local links to Wangaratta and Benalla through existing clients. (also are family). If you would like to help distribution of flyers, just call Julie and she will drop some off to you.

Opening Times 28th & 29th Oct. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm 653 ODea Road, Molyullah \$8 Entry (18 & under free)

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## Individual Rights and the Role of Government. How did we get here?

Before I embark on my amble through the unfashionable subject of economic history, I think I want to start by examining the question of individualism and how we ended up with our way of thinking about individual rights and obligations, and in consequence, the role of government and other institutions in the operation of the so-called 'free' market.

So where did this idea of individual rights and freedoms come from? The short answer is the Enlightenment, which challenged the existing feudal order and the supremacy of the monarchy and helped to create a new and increasingly powerful merchant class. Through the works of Locke, Smith, Hume and others, ideas of rights and freedom began to be openly discussed. John Locke, one of the most important early capitalist philosophers, argued that people had the rights to the products they had derived from the earth: in essence these included rights to the commodities that people produced and to the land on which they produced them. And, as the labour people expended on these activities belonged to them, they could, if they wished, sell this labour for a wage, with the buyer - employer - entitled to set a price he was willing to pay. Locke also argued that placing value on land meant that those with the most money could buy the most land, without limit. Here we see the first examples of the basis for capitalist development: the notion of 'free land' to those who wanted to work it (this was an inspiration to the US Founding Fathers, and is the basis for the doctrine of terra nullius); the idea of unequal property relations based on wealth; and the creation of a market for labour.

The Scottish philosopher David Hume thought that people were driven by self-interest but realised that a societal framework and set of rules, or institutions, to constrain self -interest was required to ensure the smooth ordering of society. It is this idea of self-interest that Hume's friend and contemporary Adam Smith used a basis for his *Wealth of Nations*, the publication of which can be said to have heralded the new discipline of political economy, and later that of economics.

So why didn't the Enlightenment or something similar happen in, say, China, Japan, Russia and Eastern Europe? China, until it was forced to open its borders in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by British and French threats of, and actual use of, violence, was a closed society, ruled by an absolute monarch and powerful warlords. The overarching philosophy was that of Confucianism, with its tenets of loyalty and obedience. Similarly, Japan, at least until the Meiji restoration in 1851, was similarly closed to foreigners and ruled by a divine Emperor, whose rule was absolute. The Russian Empire was also ruled by an absolute monarch who suppressed any ideas about freedom ruthlessly indeed serfdom was not officially abolished until 1867, although in practice feudalism continued to exist in Russia until the 1917 Revolution. The Bolshevik Revolution had no truck with the Enlightenment values of freedom and individualism, replacing these ideals with ones of discipline, collectivism and submission to the authority of the State. The rise to power of Joseph Stalin in the 1920's after the death of Lenin, reinforced this collectivist, centralised, State led philosophy of what became known as Stalinism. None of this Enlightenment stuff for us, thanks, said Stalin.

After the disorderly collapse of communism and the frantic

dismemberment of state-run enterprises, Russia became an oligarchy, with wealth and power concentrated in an unelected elite - not altogether dissimilar in practice to the regime it replaced.

A similar thing happened in post-revolution China, of course. After WWII, the Nationalists and the Communists inevitably fell out and after a bloody conflict, Mao Zedong's Communists won the day and introduced a Chinese flavour of peasant led socialism which got its own name – Maoism. Since Mao's death and Deng Xiaoping's reforms, China has become a state capitalist society, with severe constraints on individual freedoms.

. Japan, as it had been defeated by the Allies in WWII, fell under the influence of the USA with its belief in Lockean individualism. As such, whatever its cultural philosophy, it embraced, or was forced to embrace, the disciplines of the 'free' market, although Japan remains a society which emphasises duty and responsibility over individual freedom. The unifying principle is clearly present in Singapore - a great example of how collective will can be employed to build a thriving nation-state. When I lived and worked there some years ago, I was privileged to be invited to the National Day celebrations, where a slogan was displayed that emphasised nation before family, and family before individual. Of course, since that time, memories of Singapore's beginnings have faded and Western individualism has increased in influence, especially among the young. What about Eastern Europe? In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the present countries of Eastern Europe were either colonies of Austria-Hungary, Russia or the Ottoman Empire and not open to the ideas of the Enlightenment. By the 19<sup>th</sup> century the Ottoman Empire was in decline, riven by independence movements such as those in Greece. Nevertheless, even the newly independent countries were largely semi-feudal and preindustrial, lacking a merchant class and stable institutions.

The Enlightenment values of individualism and liberty led to the development of the political and economic philosophy of liberalism as espoused by Locke and refined by John Stuart Mill and others. As the Enlightenment didn't reach the East, as loosely defined above, these ideals didn't take root and the subordination of the individual to the State in semifeudal societies was replaced over time by collectivist, authoritarian philosophies, based on the ideas of Lenin, Stalin and Mao.

The Enlightenment belief in rights and freedoms and the ability for people to buy and sell labour, land and property based on self-interest, restrained by more or less limited institutional rules is the basis of modern liberalism. Perhaps the greatest exponent of these ideals of liberty was John Stuart Mill. He argued in essence that governments should only ever interfere in civil society to protect its citizens from harm, and that rights and freedom of expression and thought should not be restricted. It should be noted, however, that these rights and freedoms were restricted to white capitalist men, not workers, peasants, women or black people. The freedom to pass on wealth to the next generation ensured that this asymmetry of wealth and power was sustained. So, through the ideas of Locke, Hume, Mill and of Adam Smith and others, these liberal ideas became the prevailing economic and social discourse in the Western world for the next 150 years. Their legacy can be found in contemporary social and economic policy and forms what the great Canadian economist JK Galbraith described as 'conventional wisdom'. Further articles might talk about how these ideas came to dominate discussion of economics and the role of government. **Dr** Quirkonomics



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

Warmer Days, Fruit Trees Flowering Soon, dallodils and wattle brightening the days with lots of sunny yellow.



Gardenias would have to be one of my favourite flowers - with their beautiful blooms and perfume.

I was happy to find a Gardenia shrub growing in the



garden when we bought our house here. It is growing in a position no garden guru would dream of recommending - a hot corner with full summer sun. Yet it has survived and produced flowers each year.

Gardenias prefer a rich, moist and slightly acidic soil with protection from hot afternoon sun and frosts.

Regular feeding with a gardenia suitable fertiliser will keep their flowers blooming and foliage green and glossy.

Gardenias will happily grow in pots - use a special potting mix for Gardenias and choose a pot with good drainage. Water regularly as gardenias don't like drying out. Remove spent flowers and tip prune in winter to encourage new bushy growth.

I like to pick the blooms and take them inside. When the flower is finished I leave the stalk with leaves in the little vase. I have found that a vase that doesn't let the light in and has room for the roots to develop gives the best results.



Over the course of summer I end up

with quite a few stalks that have formed roots in the



water. These are (eventually) taken out to the shade house and potted on. In time providing larger pots of Gardenias around the garden.

It is possible to buy special potting mix and fertiliser for acid loving Gardenias. An acid mulch such as woodchip, sawdust or pine needles will add acid and assist growth.

If leaves become yellow over the winter spring months - it is possibly due to a lack of iron and/or magnesium. Magnesium deficiency first affects old leaves. Sprinkle a tea-

spoon of Epsom salts around the plant and water in. Iron deficiency first affects new leaves.

Pruning isn't essential for Gardenias but it will help retain their shape. It is best to prune Gardenias right after their summer blooms fade. They can then be cut back to the older wood without damaging the newer buds that are developing.

## Why Plants "Bolt" to Seed.

Around late October and early November, coriander, silver beet and parsley, will suddenly bolt (flowered), and start to set seed.

This process occurs like clockwork. Within a week of each other, all the silver beet plants will start flowering regardless of individual microclimates. The same thing occurs with parsley, dill, fennel, coriander, spinach and rocket.

The process behind this phenomenon is called

photoperiodism. This is a plant's physical and developmental response to the relative lengths of daylight and darkness.

As Earth tilts on its axis the winter days are shorter than in summer and the nights are much longer. Once past the Winter Solstice, the days start to increase in length until the summer solstice.



Plants have evolved using these lengthening days as a cue to flower and set seed. The cue for most leafy greens is increasing daylight hours, often over 12 hours.

On September 19<sup>th</sup> – the day length will be 11 hours and 59 minutes. On September 20th - the day length increases by 2 minutes to 12 hours and 1 minute. This difference triggers the susceptible plants to start flowering.

The process of initiating flowering will take weeks for the central stem and the flower to develop, so it may not be noticed until October.

The photoperiodism phenomenon is so hardwired into plants, that even tiny seedlings will bolt at this time of the year. It's actually the length of the night rather than the length of the day that influences the plant.

It's important to note that photoperiods not only vary from species to species of plants but also between strains and varieties.

Variation in when plants "bolt" is important for seed saving. Varieties of leafy greens that are labelled as "slow bolt" will have been selected from individual plants with this trait. This is something to remember if you are into saving your own seeds.

Not all vegetable plants are influenced by photoperio-

dism. Some plants are "day neutral" and don't rely on the sun to induce flowering. These include corn, peas, tomatoes, cucumbers and roses.

Happy Gardening

Kathy Z



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#### Sandy the War Horse

To follow up from last month's article "Minus His Head and Hooves", I was privileged to be a part of the horse contingent at the unveiling of Sandy the War Horse. A long time treasurer of the Upper Murray member and former Association, I was one of the flag bear-Horseman's ers to lead the hundreds of horses in to the gardens at Tallangatta to commemorate this historical occasion. It was a fantastic event with so many horses and spectators at the unveiling. The weather on the day was bitterly cold and misting, so it was a stark reminder of what these soldiers and horses went through in World War 1. Sandy the War Horse originated from the Tallangatta district and our club was involved in raising funds over the past few years to complete this beautiful statue. It is well worth the drive to have a look and enjoy Lake Hume at the same time. Melisse Robinson



#### **BE ALERT**

A couple of weeks ago we had 40-50 litres of diesel siphoned out of our tractor

which was in our paddock along the Rothesay Road at Tatong. Police were called that morning to inform them. A policeman from Shepparton called on us in the afternoon and said we did the right thing. Activities had been happening in the Shepparton area and

he told us he thought it was kids. These activities have started happening in the Benalla area now and they want to put a stop to them.

IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS REPORT IT TO THE POLICE.

Barry & Joan Lewis

# Gawn to Town

I have a received lovely gift; a grape vine cutting. The little plant now sits on the outside bench, a trifle bewildered, while I decide where to put it. Lacking a sunny hillside, it might have to do with the dog-yard fence to climb. I'm not planning to be a vintner - it was history that brought us together.

It is a cutting from a vine currently growing in Kangaroo Ground, beside the "Andrew Ross" museum. The museum vine, now a quarter of a century old and with some good structure to it, was planted there in 1998 from a vine dug up out of a garden in Greensborough.

The Greensborough vine had been propagated in 1962 from a vine still growing at the original Lower Plenty Hotel, after that worthy institution reached the end of its destiny.

That vine was planted by Mine Host of what was then the "Plenty Bridge Hotel" in 1922, after being rescued from the vineyard at "Bank Head", Kangaroo Ground, when the vines were being pulled out. Phylloxera



was on the rampage, and had reached the vineyard of Robert Stevenson. (There was a theory that being canny Scots, the Stevenson's pulled out their vines to get the compensation, but Trove has the reports; they'd got the dreaded bug.)

So Robert Stevenson was obliged to pull out his vines, many already dead and dying, which had been planted in the 1870s by his father, my great-great-grandfather, Joseph Stevenson. They had produced good wine; some served at Government House, some exported to England. When my sisters and I recently visited the Andrew Ross Museum, we were presented with cuttings from their vine, propagated by talented Museum volunteer Jane Cook. So; from the original planted by Joseph Stevenson, to the Plenty Bridge Hotel, to Greensborough, and back to Kangaroo Ground. I believe the grapes will be of the Shiraz variety; good to drink but possibly not to eat.

In our farming life we have grown cows, sheep, pigs, chooks, dogs, wheat, barley, rice, oats, cauliflowers, etc... but never wine. I'm not starting now.

Whether this vine of mine will live, thrive, and ever grow a grape, remains to be seen. It is a little wisp of history -



history of Kangaroo Ground, of myself, of viniculture, and a footnote in the Australian Wine Industry. I shall toast it with Shiraz (of the phylloxeraresistant variety.)

- Andrea Stevenson



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The Tatong Tattler AGM will take place on the 28th of September, after a General Meeting.

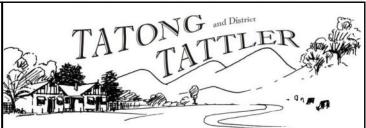
All are welcome to the Annual General Meeting, which will commence at 12 noon, at the Tatong Tavern.

Might you be interested in joining the Tattler Committee? We manage the production and distribution of the Tatong Tattler. Please come along to the AGM if you can.

After the AGM will be lunch, at approximately 12:30.

Everyone involved with the Tattler, past & present, is invited to join us for the Annual General Meeting &/or Lunch.

Please let us know if you plan to attend: contact details on back page.



## The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Tatong Tattler Committee will be on

September Thursday 28th, @ the Tatong Tavern.

> Meeting at 11:00 AGM at 12:00 Lunch at 12:30



Tattler Contributors, Distributors, Readers etc. are <u>most welcome</u> to the AGM &/ or Lunch. Self book & Pay. *Nominations for Committee Very Welcome!* 

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## Swanpool News.

There is always plenty to do in Swanpool, including preparing for summer seasons at the Bowls and Tennis Clubs, whilst the Table Tennis competition continues!

The Cinema is back with a fantastic new September programme, including a special screening of Rachel Ward's "Rachel's Farm", on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00pm, which discusses regenerative farming. This screening is hosted by Benalla Sustainable Future Group and Swanpool Land-Care, and includes opportunities for discussion after the film, plus supper!

Our big screen and great sound system will do justice to "Barbie", described as fun and frolic with some serious messages wrapped up in the pink, which we are screening as a standalone matinee on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am, as well as part of our regular Double Bill. We look forward to entertaining families with our school holiday special "Elemental" on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 10.30am.

Mansfield Rural Australians for Refugees are hosting a special event on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm, which includes a special screening of the moving Australian film "Watander My Countryman', followed by a Q&A with the director, and a fabulous afternoon tea. This is the only ticketed event on this month's programme, tickets must be purchased in advance via Trybook-ing, www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1081954

THE SHOCK OF A VERY LONG POWER OUTAGE. Many of our district residents experienced the loss of grid power for virtually two days and one night due to the breakdown of a cable under the Hume freeway, a cable which supplied large areas south of Benalla. This experience was like being in the kind of dystopian lifestyle of horror movies where your normal life supports are removed. Unable to cook, wash and heat unless having alternatives such as gas, wood fires or generators. While we have more than one generator I did not ever try to start them until a short time before the power can back on. The reason was that I have become a gen-phobe who avoids petrol engines, other than transport vehicles because as I and they get older they become so hard to start.

When the darkness and lack of power in households ended it was exhilarating to regain this thing that we take for granted, not fully realizing the massive comfort and convenience electricity delivers. This is a salutary warning about what is approaching our country with the change from fossil fuel power to mainly solar and wind driven. I know that this issue, like The Voice Referendum, is politically driven simply by looking at those promoting either side of the debate. This means that regardless of the (hopefully) objective reality of the various arguments, the side which swings the momentum their way will dictate this next phase of our future. I sincerely wish these leaders 'God speed' because from the viewpoint that I have they will need it.

Mike Larkin

## White Gate



The next **White Gate dinner @ the Tavern** will be **September** Wednesday 6th. Do ring & book yourselves in, to arrive 6:30-6:45-ish.

At the De Fazio Dairyfarm the salami has been smoking away for more than 6 weeks. The whole garage and everything stored in it now smells like smoke, so it's time to take down, inspect and vacuum pack the salami for 2023. Having taste tested some we can confirm that 'Patricia' has made very tasty salami. - *Linda De Fazio* 

## White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Bill Sykes	27 Aug	Leigh Humphries	24 Sep
Matthew De Fazio	3 Sep	Bill Ferguson	1 Oct
Ross Runnalls	10 Sep	Norton Grimwade	8 Oct
David Elford	17 Sep	Henry Thorne	15 Oct

In August the White Gate crowd had the honour of dining in the "Parlour" of the Tatong Tavern. There was a particularly good turn up, and we all fitted. A beautiful room with a hatch to the bar, what more could be asked for? Many thanks to all at the Tavern.

- Andrea Stevenson, 0429 439 336





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#### Who's listening? Who's watching?

Janette and I have a Phillips Saeco coffee maker. We really enjoy 'our' coffees. It is a fair age now and is, in fact, a discontinued model.

Imagine our consternation when, a few days ago, we switched it on and nothing happened. Now, being a



pragmatic pair, we have long ago discussed what we will do when our coffee maker is no longer with us. Simply, we will go straight out and buy another.

More in hope than anything else, I did (several times over) all the things any coffee craving person in a panic would do:-

I plugged it into a different power point

- I took out the power cord from the machine and put it back in
- I turned the main power switch on the back on and off I kept tapping the on/off button on the front
- I obviously annoyed it so much, it started.

During this entire procedure, we discussed heading straight out and buying a replacement.

We had no sooner begun making the coffees we thought we wouldn't have when my phone tingled to say an email had been received.

It was an email informing us that Harvey Norman are having a sale of Phillips appliances – who's listening?

Not too long ago, Janette upgraded to a newer iPhone. It would ring once loudly and then continue ringing at a much lower volume. It was very frustrating. We consulted that well known tech guru, Mr Google. It turns out that the phone knows you are looking at it so, in its 'mind' it decides it only needs to ring loudly once. Apparently it's a 'feature' of some iPhone models. It can be turned off.

This is normal behavior and means once the phone rings, you are looking at the phone. The phone is capable of knowing you are aware it is ringing and is called "Attention Aware" which is a setting you can turn off if you'd rather your phone continue to ring at the loudest volume.

To me, it's a FANTASTIC feature. I don't need my phone to ring as loudly once I'm looking at my phone and people around me appreciate this feature as well.

However, if you'd like to turn Attention Aware off, go to Settings > Accessibility > Face ID & Attention > Attention Aware Features

Who's watching? John Knapper.

An article of outrage appeared in the Benalla Standard on 16th July 1926, headed, "SAFETY FIRST - Does This Apply To Tatong Railway? ROTTEN SLEEPERS, INSECURE RAILS AND LOOSE DOGS"

Seems Mr. Clapp, Chief Commissioner for Victorian Railways, had a slogan of "Safety First", but the writer wasn't convinced.

"...can the traveller take to heart that message of warning when the very means for their carriage are positively dangerous— more so the very railroad over which they have to travel? The writer had occasion, in the year 1900, when louring Queensland, and especially that part between Hughenden and Charters Towers, to refer to the condition of the railroad between those two towns in an interview with the "Northern Miner." That interview was wired to Brisbane daily papers, which gave cause for questions being asked the same day in Parliament, and had the effect of bringing about a truism of the slogan, "Safety First," in that the speed of all trains was reduced to minimum. "

"... the dogs (a spike which holds the rails to the sleeper) being so loose that they could be pulled out by the hand, so rotten were the sleepers. That an almost similar state of affairs should be found in Victoria today and that at the very door of Benalla is a matter for deep concern.

"In 1914, on June 30th, the railway line to Tatong, was opened to traffic, the cost being £50,474 8/10. It will be thus noticed that it cannot be said that this line is very old, or that there should be warrant for any great outlay of money in replacements.

"The line for the whole distance, was not fraught with engineering difficulties, for the steepest grade was only 1 in 60, and the rise from point to point, 556 feet above sea level to 760 feet.

"The loss on working in 1920 was £1420, later figures not being available to us, but this is not a tax on the Railway Department; as the line is one of those worked under the benefits of landowners who come within the benefited area.

"But it matters not who pays the piper— the people who use the line expect "Safety First," and to ride in a train on this line today, in the condition in which the permanent way is, seems to us courting danger. The great majority...of the sleepers are in a very rotten state, and will not hold a dog. A very great number of these dogs are from 1/2 inch to 2 inches up out of the sleepers, and can be pulled out by the fingers, while the least foot pressure will put them back in their place.

"Others have their heads off, and not a few of the sleepers have no dog at all where one used to be, the dog in some instances lying loose on the roadway.

"...The line, however, is clean of weeds and grass, and is a credit in this respect, to the gangs which am left to try and keep their lengths in good order. What condition the bridges are in we cannot say, but to judge the woodwork by the sleepers, one can only conjecture that trouble is looming ahead—that we are facing some dire disaster, unless some action is taken to put this line in a safe working and trafficable condition.

"...we feel confident that a visit from Mr. Clapp will result in the more closely applying of the "Safety First" to the running of the Tatong railway in the interests of the people, of the State, and in the protection of life and property. The parsimonious policy of the Railway Department has past run mad, and we feel it our duty to draw attention to the true state of affairs as we find them."

Who was the writer? Was the situation really this dire? Anyway - outrage on the rampage still capers in the papers.

https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/255558532

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Benalla Standard (Vic. : 1901 - 1940), Friday 16 July 1926, page 6



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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	139.2	25	1217.8
2023	25	18.7	61.1	62.8	59.2	197.6	51.1						475.5

### WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

For Tatong the rainfall till the 15<sup>th</sup> of August was 28.6mm and for the whole of July the total was 51.1mm. The ground is very slowly drying out after so much rain since Feb (when we only got an unusual 18.7mm for the whole month.) 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

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The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Tatong Heritage Group will be held on Monday September 18th

4pm at the Tatong Hall All Welcome

We have long-standing members prepared to fill the necessary positions, but would be delighted to have some new input! Anyone interested in the

history of Tatong and surrounding districts is very welcome to join us.