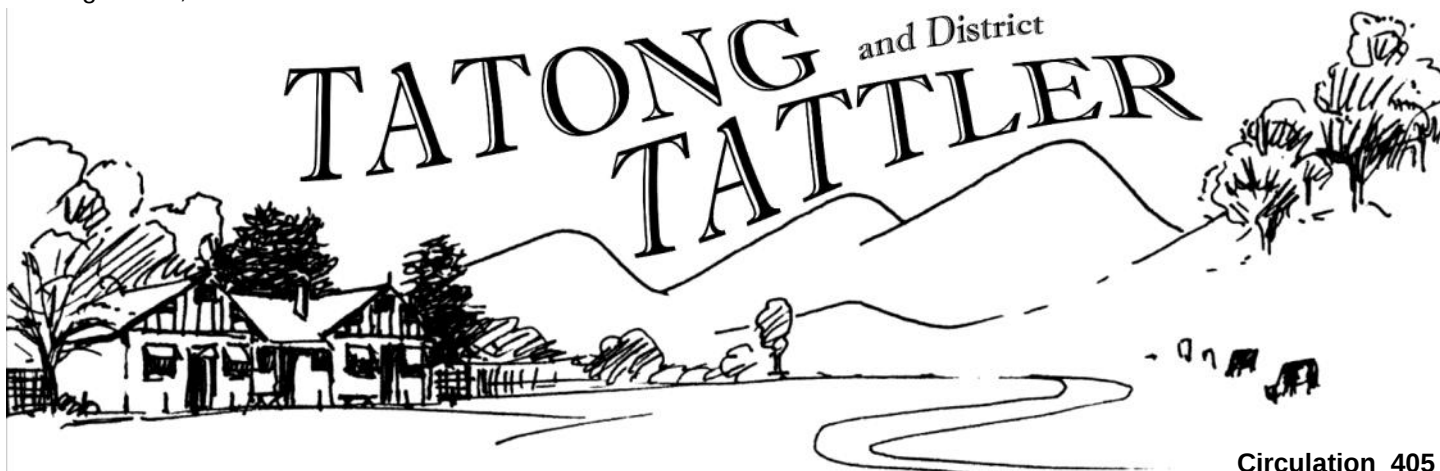




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CFA brigade training day 13/9/2026:

On Sunday 13 September 2026, the Tatong, Lurg, Whitegate and Molyullah Brigades came together for a fantastic morning of training at the Tatong Recreation Reserve, with more than 35 volunteer firefighters taking part. This was the second of three planned training days, jointly organised by the Tatong, Lurg and Molyullah Brigades and hosted in turn by each of the three brigades.

The training provided a great opportunity for members to build their skills, share knowledge and practise a range of important firefighting techniques. Activities included burn-over drills, tanker tactics and different water-filling techniques, including filling from a hydrant and tanker-to-tanker filling.

It was a fun and productive morning, with plenty of hands-on training, teamwork and networking between the four brigades. These opportunities are a valuable way for volunteers to strengthen their skills and build relationships between brigades that will be so important when working together during an incident.

A huge thank you to the Tatong Brigade for hosting the morning and for providing a delicious breakfast.

Squirt – Molyullah Brigade



CLARKSON'S FARM

Linda De Fazio

Have you watched Clarkson's Farm on TV? We have enjoyed watching Jeremy, Lisa, Kaleb and especially Gerald over the past 6 series.

Jeremy's company is supposedly paid 10 million pounds per season by Amazon, so he is the first to admit that he can afford any downturn in prices or to purchase any fancy piece of equipment he desires. However, an English friend told me his program has brought the plight of British farmers to the forefront of the public view with the amount of green tape and red tape endured by farmers, not to mention the vagaries of markets and weather.

In his first season of Clarkson's Farm his profit was just 144 pounds, which seems astounding for a 1000 acres in the Cotswolds.

A 'Townie' relative asked if we have similar costs involved in our little farming enterprise, so I decided to add up some of the extra taxes we pay.

On our recent monthly milk payment two were levies deducted, Dairy Australia and Dairy Food Safety Vic amounting to \$329.59.

Or recent livestock account sale; Cattle Transaction Levy, Transit Insurance & Admin fee (with added GST). Saleyard Turnover fee, Weigh and service fees and Yard Dues (all with GST) and finally a Mouthing Fee, I had to ask AI what a mouthing fee is. For the curious, it's a vet checking the teeth to establish age.

In the past week I have had to develop a biosecurity plan for our farm and complete re- accreditation that took the best part of a day. As dairy producers we are audited every second year, every year if you fail the criteria first time around. This involves extensive record keeping, for at least 7 years, around animal health and welfare, feed production and fodder purchases, chemical use. Because we grew tobacco many years ago we have to have a 'Property Management Plan' in place for any chemical residue. This also requires regular written and physical audits.

I feel tired just thinking about it all!!



COOLAMON HOPPERS

Lewis family leads the charge in Historic Season for Coolamon Hoppers.

The Coolamon Hoppers celebrated a spectacular 2026 season in the Riverina Football Netball League, capped off by a historic Seniors Football Premiership and major individual honors for the local Lewis family.

For the Seniors, the victory marks the end of a 13 year premiership drought, bringing the coveted flag back to the Hoppers community after more than a decade of hard work and anticipation.

The club’s success was mirrored on an individual level by the younger generation of the Lewis family at the recent presentation night, Mitch Lewis led from the front as the Under 18’s Football Captain, delivering a standout season to finish third in the Best and Fairest voting while also taking home the Best Team Player award. To cap off his incredible year, Mitch received the major club accolade, being named the prestigious “Hopper of the Year”.

Meanwhile, Amelia Lewis aged 16 shone on the courts, earning the coveted Coaches Award for the A Reserves netball side. Following closely in her siblings’ footsteps, the youngest sister, Elsie Lewis, also hit the courts this year, showcasing great passion and club spirit and won Under 15’s Best and Fairest in junior netball.

Supporting it all from the committee room is their dad, Cameron Lewis, who serves as the Vice President of the Coolamon Hoppers Club, making the historic 2026 season a true, unforgettable family affair.

Joan Lewis



Mitch Lewis



Amelia Lewis



Elsie Lewis

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Tatong Market & More Committee AGM



Tuesday 13th October 6pm @ the Tavern

Join us as we look ahead to the 2027 event.
We are seeking fresh ideas, helping hands,
and new committee members to help
ensure the event continues.

More information: Larissa 0409 963 267

TATONG TOPICS – OCTOBER 1926;

Benalla Standard 1st October 1926:

At the Benalla Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon last. Mabel Ena Taylor, daughter of Mr. Frederick William Taylor of Tatong, was joined in holy wedlock to Thomas George Gardiner, son of Mr. Singleton Gardiner. of Lurg. The ceremony was well carried out by the Rev. W. C. Bridgborn. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion, and Mrs. J. Sherwill presided at the organ. The bridegroom was supported by his brother as best man. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful gown of white ninon trimmed with panels of silver lace, with shoes to match. Her handsome veil was arranged in capette fashion, and ornamented with tiny trail of orange blossom, which, with a very pretty shower bouquet in tones, of white and pink, completed a very pretty toilette. Miss Taylor, sister of the bride, was gowned in a pretty peacock blue crepe de chine frock, and for a headdress she had a circlet of pale pink rosebuds, and a bouquet to tone. The wedding party and guests afterwards adjourned to Gribble's cafe, where a splendid wedding breakfast, beautifully laid out was partaken of, and the usual speeches and toast's indulged in.

The Age 1st October 1926:

An exceptionally good season is being experienced at Tatong. There is a big acreage under crop, and yields are expected to be better than in previous years. Dairy production, which is one of the most important industries, is likely to be heavy. The district is adapted for dairying owing to its rich river flats. At Samaria-road, about six miles from Benalla, the crops are probably-the best in the district. A large yield is expected. Grass is abundant. along the Broken river flats. In Goorambat, Goomalibee and Devenish crops on the whole are a failure owing to the wet condition of the ground, in the early winter. The heavy rains in May prevented farmers from sowing, and in consequence operations were hampered. This state of affairs continued until it was too late in the season to sow. The crops that are left are patchy, and in some cases only 2 or 3 bags to the acre will be obtained.

The Age 4th October 1926:

Death: BIGELOW - On the 2nd October, at Tatong, Alfonse George dearly loved husband of Caroline Edith and loved father of Leslie, Hiram, Lillian (Mrs. Haddow) , Madge. Bessie. Jack, and grandfather of little June. Deeply, mourned. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

Benalla Standard 5th October 1926:

on Friday evening a dance was held in the Tatong Public Hall in aid of the Tatong State school funds. During the evening items were rendered by the school children, which were much appreciated. The chairman of the School Committee (Mr. T. McCauley) thanked those who had assisted to make the evening such a success. A sum of about £7 was netted.

On Saturday afternoon the Tatong cricketers played, a team from Fern Hills. An enjoyable afternoon was spent, but the locals were too good for Fern Hills.

On Saturday evening the annua! meeting of the Tatong Public Hall was held. The chairman (Mr. D. H. Coghill. in moving the adoption of the balance-sheet stated that the committee had had a very successful year, the hall having been well patronised, and many pleasant and enjoyable evenings had been spent.

After meeting all liabilities, the financial position was £23 better than last year.

Alter the balance sheet was adopted, the election of office-bearers was dealt with, and resulted as follows:—President. Mr. D. H. Coghill: vice-president, Mr. T. Spencer; treasurer. Mr. A. Mc Intosh. hon, secretary. Mr. J. Haig: committee. Messrs: T. McCauley. T. Larkin and K. Lewis. The committee met afterwards, and decided to make further improvements to the hall.

Benalla Standard 5th October 1926:

SUDDEN DEATH AT TATONG

Mr. Alphonso George Bigelow, 53, an employee for the past two years at Mr. Mc Cashney's sawmill at Toombullup, and a boarder at the Tatong hotel, was found dead in the hotel yard at 2am on Saturday morning. For some days previously he had been complaining of his health, and in consequence his wife had come across from Bright, where she resided with the family. Constable Briggs was informed, and arrangements were made, for an inquiry, which was conducted by Mr. D. H. Coghill. J.P. Evidence was given by Mrs. Bigelow. Mr. O'Halloran, and Constable Briggs.

Dr. Mc Cardel gave evidence that the deceased died from acute heart failure, and a verdict to that effect was given.

The funeral took place on Sunday at the Bright cemetery, the mortuary arrangements being carried out by Mr. E. Abbott, of Benalla. and the Rev. A. R. Partridge read the burial service.

Compiled by Barry O'Connor. Tatong Heritage Group.

Gawn to Town

A.I... they're all going on about AI, how it will kill us all. And it might do. I cut off the top off my finger while we were doing AI. The poor ewes were being hung upside down on trolleys, having their bellies shorn, to be wheeled up to where Roger the vet sat with his laparoscope. I was shaving the bellies using a hand-piece, and after a hundred or so, failed to pay sufficient attention, and took off the pad of one finger. O my but it hurt, and bled! "Roger", I shouted, "I've cut my finger off!" Roger shouted back "STAY AWAY FROM ME I'M NOT ALLOWED TO TOUCH YOU" in a less than sympathetic manner.

Apparently there are severe laws about veterinary surgeons, trained to treat a multitude of different animals, daring to put even a band-aid on a human. So someone else took over shaving the sheep's tummies, and I went to Swan Hill hospital, to sit in painful boredom for two hours as there had been a nasty accident up the road, until a doctor suggested I go home and apply disinfectant and more band-aids.

We didn't do Artificial Insemination with the cattle, as we had a motley selection, and preferred to let the bull work it out for himself. Fortunately for those who do use AI on cattle, cows do not require being hung upside down on a trolley and having their tummies shaved. It's the physiology, but I won't go into that in case the editor has to ban it.

Oh! Hang on... Are we talking Artificial Intelligence, not Artificial Insemination? THAT sort of AI? Well there's a problem there, in that we just don't have enough real intelligence to start with. And anyway, what is intelligence? Information gathered by spy agencies? Artificial intelligence could no doubt rustle up quite a bit of artificial intelligence, it seems to be very imaginative.

Algorithms can be very useful, such as those employed at busy railway stations to 'read' the camera stream and detect when someone looks like they're planning to throw themselves under a train. But when does an algorithm become artificial intelligence?

"AI" has got the public's attention, in the form of ChatGPT, threats to life on earth, and Google's Search Engine. Google once just presented web pages which matched the Search request. As web pages are made by humans, there were some pretty daft offerings. Now, Google's Artificial Intelligence quickly sums up a lot of potential offerings, gets it's sources mixed up, offers a sermonising answer, then starts asking questions.

Facebook's Artificial Intelligence pops up under posts and asks the most extraordinarily stupid questions. So is AI meant to answer questions, or ask them?

Way back in the last century, Word Processors brought computers to the general public's notice, and into almost every home. Was it all about communication? Email, Facebook, Instagram and the like quickly followed. All the people wanted, was to talk to one another! Now with AI, people don't even need other people. They have AI friends.

No doubt there are fantastic uses for Artificial Intelligence. Like any powerful tool, it will depend on who is using it. And if you think Artificial Intelligence is dangerous, just look at Artificial Insemination; I nearly lost a finger.

- Andrea Stevenson



But
can
it
shear
sheep?

White Gate



News & Dates

The October White Gate dinner @ the Tavern drops on Wednesday 7th. In the Summer-time! September will have expanded the day's length by over an hour, with the sun getting up ever earlier; by October 3rd the sun will rise at ten-to-six. Then, before the sun can rise the next day... Daylight Saving arrives. It will be near 7:30pm before the sun sets on Sunday October 4th. Which means on the Tavern night we'll be driving home in dregs of the twilight... watch out for kangaroos, potholes and aliens. Have you dusted off your BBQ? - Andi Stevenson

Last month the Dairy farmer and I travelled to Europe Whilst it was very wet here, in the Mediterranean it was very hot and dry. The news services were calling it a Super El Nino event, we had no rain for the month and most of the places we visited had not had any significant rain since May.

The heat there is different, it never reached 40degrees but was humid and quite debilitating.

Too hot to make the climb to the Parthenon in Athens, with the other thousands of people, but just look at the view from our hotel! - Linda De Fazio



White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Leigh Humphries	27 Sep	Andrew Marriott	25 Oct
Jason Humphries	4 Oct	Terry Trounson	1 Nov
Norton Grimwade	11 Oct	Dave Sweatman	8 Nov
Henry Thorne	18 Oct	James Parton	15 Nov

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THE GIRL'S SHED

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. Cathy 0488 377 243
Our October Girls Shed will be on Friday 16th October.



MOLYULLAH FIRE BRIGADE 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-Sep-26	Pat Horne
04-Oct-26	Andrew Muller
11-Oct-26	John Ryan
18-Oct-26	Leigh Parker
25-Oct-26	Henry Hill
27-Sep-26	Pat Horne

If you are unable to do your Sunday drive, please contact another member to swap or get in touch with Pat Horne on 0438 626187.

Tatong CFA News

Tatong CFA Brigade will have a General Meeting to be held at the station on 18 October 2026 at 1100hrs. All members welcome.

The acceptance of the successful tenderer for the old ultralight tanker will be ratified at the meeting.

Regards,

Jason Nichols

Captain Tatong CFA

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.....*Recipes by Sue*.....

This month's recipes are all **Gluten Free**

OVEN BAKED CHICKEN RISOTTO

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium brown onion, chopped
200g plain bacon (make sure it's GF)
400gm sliced chicken thigh
1 cup mushrooms, sliced
2 cups Arborio rice
1 litre Campbell's real stock – chicken
1 medium zucchini, trimmed, cut into match-sticks
½ cup frozen peas
½ cup fresh flat leaf parsley, chopped

Method: Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan forced. Heat oil in a large flameproof dish over medium heat. Cook onion & bacon for 2 minutes stirring until softened then add in chicken & mushroom & sauté until chicken is browned for approx. 5 minutes.

Add rice. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute.

Add stock to rice. Stir well to combine. Cover & bake for 15 minutes. Fold through zucchini & peas. Return to oven & bake, covered, for a further 25 minutes or until rice is just tender & liquid has almost all absorbed.

Stir in Parsley & parmesan, season with pepper. Serve.

TUNA & ZUCCHINI PASTA

400g GF dried spaghetti
425 g can tuna chunks in olive oil
1 onion, finely diced
2 garlic cloves, crushed
3 medium zucchinis, washed & coarsely grated
Zest & juice of 1 lemon
8 sun-dried tomatoes, finely chopped
Baby rocket if desired

Method: Cook spaghetti in a large saucepan of boiling salted water as per direction on packet. Drain pasta into a large colander & set aside. Place the pasta pot back over the heat & drain the oil from the tuna into the saucepan. Add diced onion & cook 5 minutes. Increase heat to high, add crushed garlic & zucchini. Cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes before adding lemon zest, juice, tuna & sun-dried tomatoes. Stir over a medium heat until heated through. Return drain pasta to the saucepan & toss to combine. Season to taste with pepper. Serve with GF garlic & garnish with rocket.

RAW CARROT MINI-CAKE WITH CASHEWS & COCONUT ICING

Cake: 2 carrots, peeled & roughly grated

1 2/3rd cups almond meal

2 cups Medjool dates, pitted

2 tablespoons psyllium husk

2/3rd cup desiccated coconut

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Icing: 2 cups raw cashews, soaked in water for 2 hours

2 tablespoons lemon juice

¼ cup maple syrup

2 tablespoons virgin organic coconut oil, melted

½ cup filtered water

To serve - Toast the coconut & hazelnuts.

Cake: Place all the ingredients in a food processor & pulse until combined.

Line a standard muffin tin with paper cases & divide cake mix evenly into them.

Freeze while you make icing.

Icing: Add all ingredients into food processor & blend until smooth, add water gradually as required.

Spoon icing evenly over the cakes, sprinkle with coconut & hazelnut, return to freezer till icing sets

DATE & BANANA BREAD

1½ cups mashed ripe banana

½ cup light extra virgin olive oil

½ cup brown sugar 2 eggs, lightly whisked

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1¾ cups GF self-raising flour

1 teaspoon GF baking powder

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

10 fresh dates, pitted, chopped

½ cup pumpkin seeds

½ cup sunflower seeds

Method: Preheat oven to 160°C. Grease & line a 7cup loaf pan with baking paper.

Combine banana, oil, sugar, eggs & vanilla in a large bowl. Whisk until well combined.

Sift flour, baking powder & cinnamon together.

Add to banana mixture & stir with a wooden spoon until just combined. Stir in the dates with 1/3rd cup each of pumpkin & sunflower seeds.

Transfer batter to pan & smooth top. Sprinkle with remaining seeds.

Bake for 55 minutes, or until cooked when tested with a skewer. Stand for 5 minutes, before transferring to a wire rack to cool.

Miscellaneous Announcements	Swanpool News
The next Girls Shed will be on Friday 16th October at the Tatong Memorial Hall.	The Swanpool Bowls Club members are glad to be back, but are always happy to welcome new members to their small but successful community. Opening Day was celebrated on 19 September, and everyone is hoping for a productive new season.
The next Tatong Dinner will be on Wednesday 14th October at 6.30pm at the Tatong Tavern.	Be very afraid, Swanpool crafters have scheduled their next Craft Day for Saturday 31 October at the Swanpool Pavilion, Albert Heaney Oval, hopefully with no ghoulies or ghosties!. For a small cost of \$10 a head, attendees can look forward to enjoying tea, coffee, cakes and slices whilst creating and chatting together in a welcoming environment. BYO lunch. Contact Shirley on 0407 682 575 with any queries.
The next Whitegate Dinner will be on Wednesday 7th October at the Tatong Tavern	The Oval Pizzeria will be in full swing on Friday 23 October from 5.00pm, with takeaway available. All proceeds go towards continuing improvements at the Oval Pavilion. Enquiries to Marg, 0438 295 060. A new feature has been the offering of delicious desserts as well as pizzas, but you need to get in early to avoid disappointment!
Is anyone interested in forming a book club in Tatong? Swanpool has a book club which seems to be very popular because they are now full and not taking any new members. I thought it would be fun for Tatong to have a book club. To be honest, I have never been a member of a book club but I thought I would broach the subject, get the ball rolling, and there might be people who have and know how they work. Anyway, if you are interested in forming a book club in Tatong you can contact me at lindamaher53@gmail.com . I will wait until the 10th October to see if this is a goer. Linda Maher	The Cinema continues its successful new season with two fabulous Seniors' Festival matinees, as well as a matinee for the Benalla Festival, and a school holiday special. Thanks to the support of the Benalla Seniors' Festival, tickets for the seniors festival matinees are capped at \$5 a head. The first Seniors' matinee will be on Friday 9 October at 10.30am, and features a fun new comedy starring Judy Davis, Jacki Weaver and Miriam Margolyse as three eccentric nuns trying to save their convent. The second Seniors' Festival matinee is "How To Talk Australians", another comedy featuring a group of students and teachers from India arriving to study Australian language and culture, only to find themselves diverted to Dubbo, and encountering real life in the country.
In the September edition of the Tattler is an article about the lovely old clock, which Joan Lewis had brought to the July meeting of the Tatong Heritage Group. The clock was presented to Joan's great-uncle Clem Cordner in 1919, by the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria. Joan also brought items to donate to the Heritage Group, including the minutes of the Karn Tennis Club, once a thriving group. Do note that my write up indicated that Joan donated the clock, which she did not. Apologies for that - <i>Andrea Stevenson</i>	The Benalla Festival matinee sees the return of the enchanting "The Sheep Detectives", back by popular demand. For \$10 a head, patrons can enjoy the sleuthing skills of Hugh Jackman's flock of sheep, followed by a delicious afternoon tea of homemade scones jam , and cream! And we invite families to celebrate School holidays with us with a screening of "Toy Story 5" on Friday 2nd October at 10.30am. As well as these matinees, the Cinema continues to screen a range of interesting and amusing Double Bills, screening every weekend. More details can be found on our website, www.swanpoolcinema.com.au, or on hard copies of our programme, available at various outlets in Swanpool, Benalla and Mansfield. Deb



Recycled in memory of Kathy Z

GardenDaze

*Fruit Trees in Blossom and driveways lined
with Manchurian Pear looking like Brides-
maids all in a Row.*



Well my trusty computer has finally died and while I'm waiting for a replacement John and Janette Knapper have generously let me use theirs (Cuppa and cake included).

I have recently been asked which animal manures are the best to add when planting potatoes. This led me to some research on the net and here are the results.

Sulphate of Potash is beneficial for potato and tomato plants.

Cow: (3-2-1) N-P-K
Sheep—Llama: (0.4-0.3-0.8)
Alpaca: (1.7-.69-1.2)
Chicken: (1.1-1.4-0.6)
Blood and Bone: (8-1.5-1)
Dynamic Lifter: (3.6-1.1-1.7)

Alpaca is good to put straight onto the garden as it does not burn the plants.

And has the advantage for those who keep Alpacas of being left in tidy piles out in the paddock.

Guinea Pig (high in nitrogen and phosphorus) is another for putting straight onto the garden—to be useful tho it depends on how many Guineas you have. Also because of their tiny pellets—handy for pot plants.



Nitrogen Lovers can be fed with :
Chook—needs to be aged—good for leafy vegetables—lettuce, cabbage, pak choi, rhubarb, spinach,

Brussels sprouts and silver beet.

Bit less—for Leeks, celery and potatoes.

Do not use manure in the soil for root crops.

Carrots and parsnips need to be grown from seed - they are available in punnets from garden suppliers, but these will go to seed very quickly.

Parsnips use little space in the garden and can be grown with another crop such as lettuce or radish between their rows.

Parsnip seed needs to be fresh. A good idea is to let one go to seed each year and then take the ripe seed and sprinkle onto the ground.

I was given some fresh seed at the beginning of last summer, and then I forgot to plant it. This seed stayed in the shed over a hot summer and I was doubtful if it would sprout. So I sprinkled it lavishly over the bed.

Now I have parsnip seedlings as thick as a lawn and lots of thinning will be required.

Now to see if I can have the same success with carrots. Well success—not a carrot lawn.

A good idea when planting parsnip or carrot seeds is to add radish seeds to the mix. These will come up very quickly and will give an early crop, however remove any radish remaining after five or six weeks.

Beetroot grows in poor soils, even those extremely saline. Tho it is hoped that your veg garden is in a better condition than this.

What to do with some of the crop

Green Cheese Pie

2-3 onions—chopped

Garlic

Butter

500 g cottage cheese

Silverbeet, chopped

Grated tasty cheese

1 large or 2 small eggs

1/2 cup milk or cream

Pastry (your usual recipe)

Soften chopped onions and garlic in butter.

Mix with cottage cheese and silverbeet or spinach

Add tasty cheese, beaten egg and milk/cream.

Line pie plate with pastry—pack the filling in firmly and cover with more pastry.

Cook 10 mins in hot oven, then reduce to moderate to prevent cheese from becoming "gritty".

Bake further 40 mins—serve warm or cold with salad.

Kathy Z

October 2021

THE ODYSSEY REVIVAL

Movie blockbuster director Christopher Nolan has recreated an I-Max version of Homer's classic story The Illiad (called the Odyssey in Nolan's movie) which was written centuries ago when practically constant wars were being fought for supremacy in the Middle East between the Greeks, Romans and other nearby neighbours. This story was written in great detail by a master story teller, the proof being that it still resonates powerfully after so much time has passed.

I have not seen the current movie but after reading various commentaries about it I am now convinced that I would like to see it, and especially in the IMax cinema. The references to it that I have read reminded me that I saw the Iphigenia story as a separate movie, (which is included in Nolan's movie) at the Carlton Cinema many years ago and wept practically uncontrollably at the shocking and deeply moving depiction of how the Greek King Agamemnon was forced by the circumstances of his reign to sacrifice his own daughter, Iphigenia, in order to satisfy the goddess Artemis who responded with favourable winds for his ships to sail to Troy and rescue the fabled Helen. Such an onerous duty would, I think, be beyond the ability or comprehension of most parents who would rather die themselves than kill one of their own offspring.

"Greek Tragedy" was designed to have this cathartic effect upon an audience and it certainly worked on me. At the time I was going through a divorce and had three young children of my own so I was primed for such a 'gut-punch.' While the female Iphigenia was sacrificed for the 'greater good' untold millions of men have died in war and mostly not for reasons of their own making. Apparently, in the movie all of ship's crew were lost due to their captain Odysseus's fault. Rather than being portrayed as the impeccable hero his life is an example of the unpredictable path we all are liable to experience. This aspect of storytelling is what I find appealing because it is what reality is like.

When I was a young man and keen to make something of myself I was advised to read the classics, one of which was the Illiad and while I found it hard going some of the time it has stayed with me in large part and now here I am immersed in our own cultural disintegration – such vast events can be beyond the comprehension of the majority of the population who nevertheless will, as is usual, be the main victims of it.

While in town on Saturday the 19th September we became immersed in the tractor protest against the forced expansion of the Solar powered factories in our area. I found that when the seemingly endless stream of tractors and trucks rumbled through the main street it was hard to hold back emotion due, in my case, to it being a reminder of the Covid 19 debacle.

My feeling is that while it takes a lot to rile a farmer, at this demonstration they were very hard to ignore and that was borne out by the attendance of a number of sitting politicians who spoke to the crowd at the Benalla showgrounds pavilion.

Another aspect that I like about Homer's time was the principle of "Zeus Law." Zeus was the king of the ancient Greek gods, who reigns supreme over all the other gods and he was the reference point for how to behave in an unpredictable and turbulent world and interestingly these laws run parallel to those of the Christian gospels. Treat your neighbour as yourself, loyalty of husband to wife – wife to husband, a captain to his crew and for today: **leaders to your subjects**. These 'laws,' among others, were what Odysseus was challenged by: break these laws at your own peril – as he discovered!

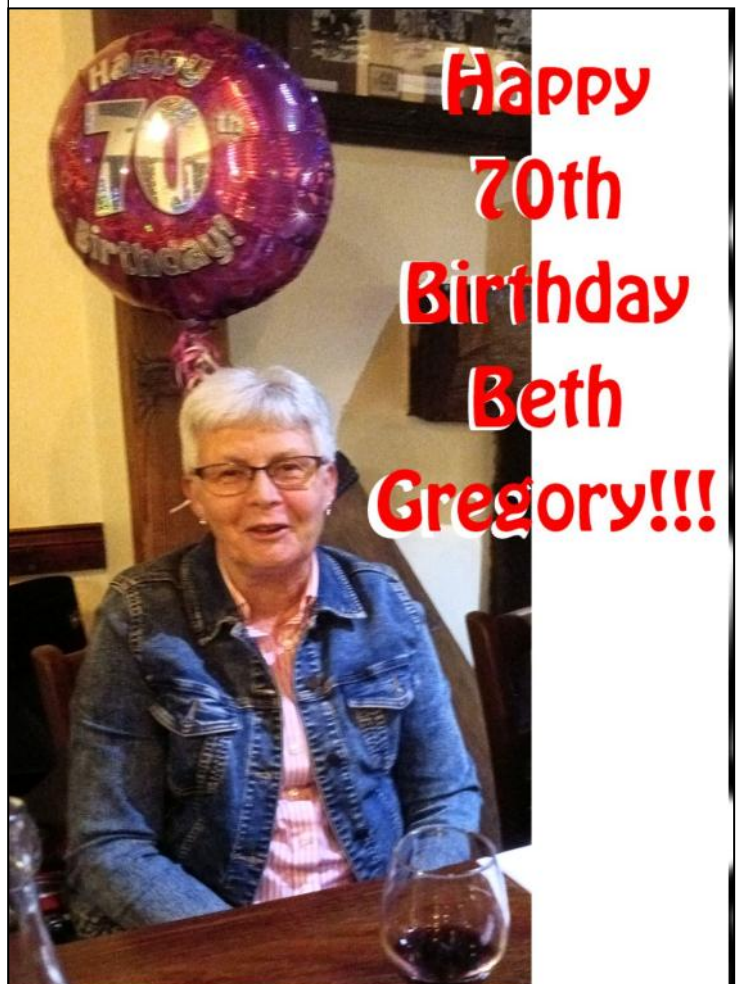
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Here is Laurie De Fazio's Uncle Domenico, who ran a catering business with his wife Rosa, in Myrtleford.

Domenico grew tobacco for many years, and ran the Savoy Club in Myrtleford. At the Early Bird, Caryn De Fazio has a photo of him making a cappuccino at the Savoy Club, many years before it became so

popular in Australia. (photo found by Bev Hakkennes, text from Linda De Fazio)



Wordsearch 'It's in the air...'

Spring!

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The Tattler welcomes another puzzle from contributor Amanda Greene.



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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.	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
2023	25	18.7	61.1	62.8	59.2	197.6	51.1	67.2	25.2	120.8	57.1	98.2	846
2024	156.4	17.6	14.7	26.9	73.8	53.1	76.7	47	42.2	46.4	167.7	48	770.5
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