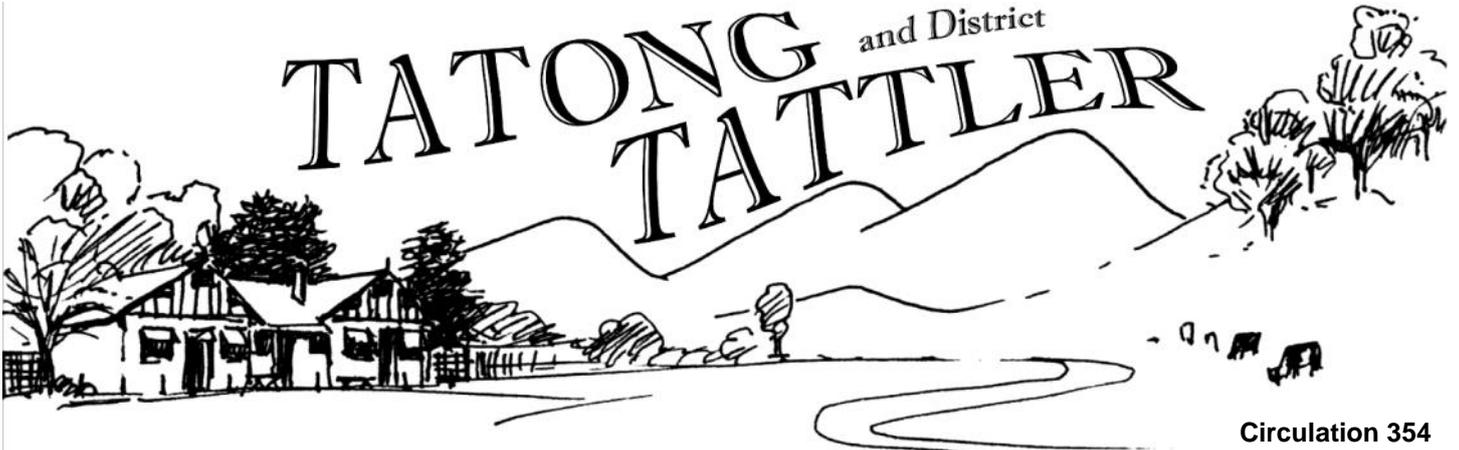


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Stringybark Creek Expedition
Some members of the Tatong Heritage Group went on an expedition to view the new signage at Stringybark Creek.

En route we stopped at Mrs Heller's grave. Emma Heller died in 1885; as there was too much snow to get her body to Mansfield a coffin was brought to Toombulup instead and she was buried there. Her grave is off Madhouse Rd not far from the Tatong/Tolmie Rd.

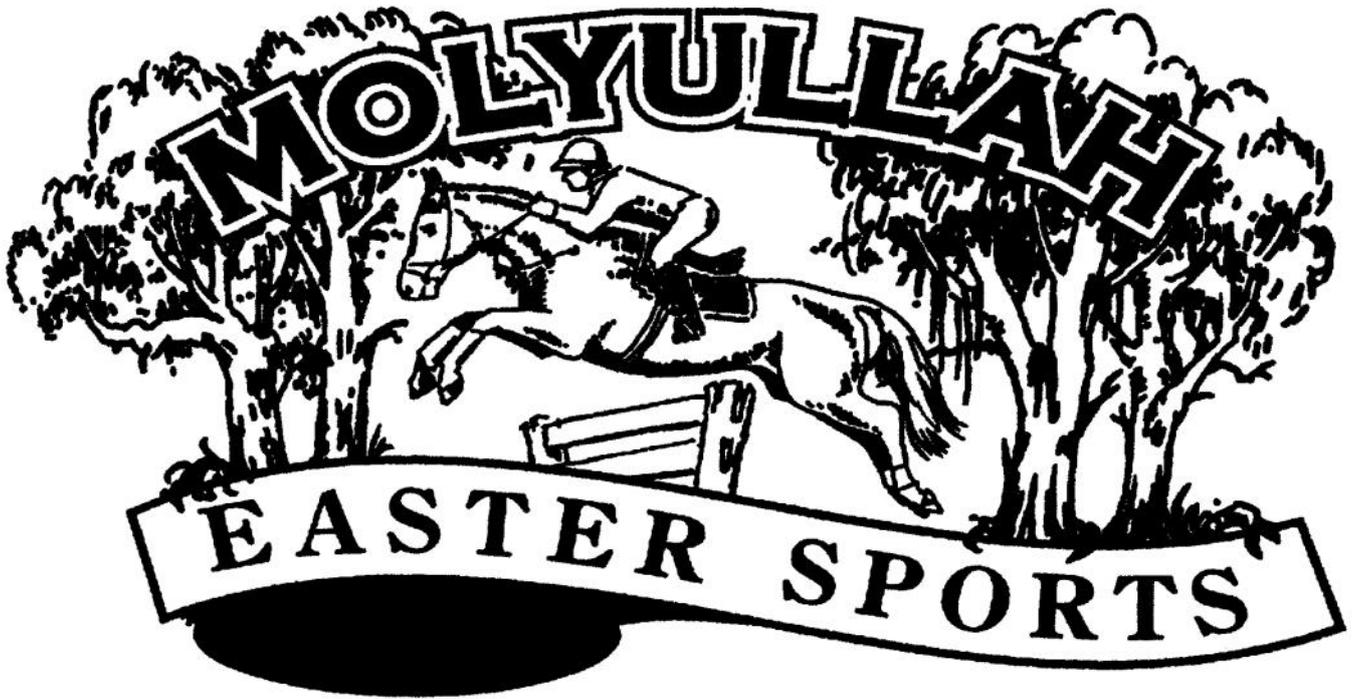
At Stringybark Creek, the new signs were found to be informative, attractive and give a good overview; covering both the Kelly history and that of the policemen who were murdered.

There is now a pleasant 1.4km walking trail through the bush which passes where Sgt Kennedy's body was found.

We drove round to the camping ground, to enjoy lunch at a picnic table in the shade, then set off for home via the Old Tolmie and Tiger Hill roads; an interesting trip so long as one has a good navigator on board (thank you Geoff, and Terry, never needed to check the GPS!)

The Stringybark Creek site is around 27km from Tatong, and makes for a pleasant outing.





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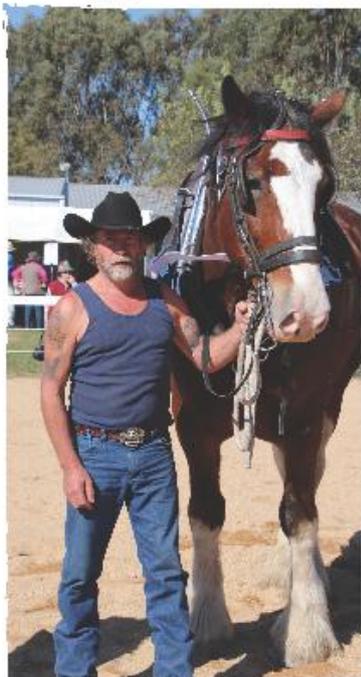
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Patricia had arranged a gift bag for us, so many thanks to the sponsors for their help. To Millers Benalla, Reece Plumbing, Toyota Benalla, Mitre 10, Jenny Milner-Marsha Watson Pharmacy, Benalla Newsagency and Goulburn Murray Credit Union.

Cr. Peter Davis represented Council.

The event was supported by 'Look Over the Farm Gate' which is funded by the Victorian Government, and managed by the Victorian Farmers Federation in partnership with the Country Fire Authority, National Centre for Farmer Health, Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Country Women's Association.

Stress is something that everyone must learn to deal with within themselves – if you ignore it, it only gets worse and it will bite you very hard.

If you feel that you would like to sort things within yourself, or someone you love, put your hand up now.

If you think it's bad for you, stop, and think of your partner – not only do they have to cope with the situation, they have to cope with you as well. Google James Greenshields – resilientleadersfoundation.org/putyourhandup/ – for an inspiring insight about how they not only coped as a family, but came out the other side.

Thank you Pat for taking action. It's not only dealing with the stress of the moment, it's the resilience to stay with everything – not that easy. Put Your Hand Up

Nicole McFarlane



Cheers

JACINTA ARDERN, Prime Minister of New Zealand, for her composure and compassion, but most of all for her inclusive leadership in such testing of circumstances.



Walk the talk!

For most of our working lives Janette and I were in some sort of a sales role. Generally speaking, the types of positions we took on meant our performance was measured very accurately. Whether or not sales were achieved was quite obvious to all. As a result, sales bonuses were achieved or not.

When we were in managerial positions we would have to interview candidates for new or vacant positions. People tend to prepare well for interviews and are ready to 'talk themselves up'. They were always happy to talk about their qualifications or what they will do. Where some fell down was when they were asked to give examples of things they had actually done.

This doesn't only apply to sales, but to just about all the things we do. Many people will have attended meetings at various times. So often there are people who put forward quite good ideas and then sit back expecting others to run with them, never putting their hand up to do anything themselves. Experience tells me that it's so often the same people who are 'the doers'. Experience also says that, later, most criticism comes from the 'non-doers'.

What's that? Reminds you of some politicians? Surely you're not suggesting our polities would talk a lot about what they'll do and then.....???

There's a saying in sales that usually goes along the lines "it's so easy to talk the talk – we need to walk the talk". In other words people need to spend less time talking about what they or other people should do, and get off their backsides and do it.

At the end of the day, "well done" is always better than "well said".

John Knapper

MENTAL HEALTH AND FOOD AWARENESS - AGAIN

I think I have mentioned "mental health food" before but today when purchasing a packet of chocolate biscuits I noticed that it was rated only 0.5 Health Star Rating. As a person concerned with holistic health such ratings need to take into account a person's mental health and we all know that there is nothing better for mental health, in a crisis, than chocolate bikkies, cakes or bars.

Writing like this reminds of "Young Sheldon" of the TV series and his pedantic and literal personality with which I can identify, except for his high IQ! (I think I wrote about him recently but can't remember where or when so just bear with me and my failing memory.)

The amusing thing with Sheldon is that while he is nearly always right he remains "wrong" in the eyes of almost everyone else. The problem being that most of us 'sort-of' hate the truth because what it does is to expose our "untruths" and there is plenty of them!

New words are occasionally needed as new understandings arise and one day a new word will be needed for the compulsive truth teller like Sheldon. Would it be "truthier" for the teller of truth, because we have liar for its opposite?

What I am wondering is who can I write to in order to correct this shocking health chocolate biscuit food labelling scam which is just so 'untrue'!

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Rodwells Benalla would like to introduce our newest Livestock representative, Adam Roberts. He will be a familiar face to some as he joins us from within the Rodwells Network where he has 8 years experience with Peter Ruaro Livestock in Wodonga. For the past 18months he has been the Rodwells Corowa Saleyard Manager. Don't hesitate to give him a call on - 0409 122 388 with any livestock enquires.



Ruralco enters into Scheme Implementation Deed

This information is about the proposed transaction announced on 27 February 2019 under which our parent Ruralco Holdings Limited (**Ruralco**) would be acquired by Nutrien Ltd (**Nutrien**). In carefully reviewing the offer, the Ruralco Board has considered several factors, including whether the proposal is in the best interests of its customers, employees, partners and the wider Australian farming community.

As you may be aware, Nutrien is the owner of Landmark and like us, Landmark and Nutrien understand that in our business, personal relationships, a commitment to providing world-class products and services to our customers are a key to our success. In Ruralco's discussions with Nutrien they have indicated that they are focused on growing their footprint and offerings to the Australian agricultural sector, to reach more farming communities. They are also focused on maintaining a strong workforce throughout their operations in regional Australia.

We want to make it very clear that throughout this transaction process (which may go for six months or more) it will be business as usual for us at Rodwells. Our support for our communities – including those doing it tough – will be undiminished. We are sure you may have questions about what the proposal means for you and we will provide further information as it becomes available on the Ruralco website (www.ruralco.com.au), however please do not hesitate to contact our office if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Parting Thought...



A scientist gets on an interstate train. Sitting next to him is a poor farmer, so to pass the time the scientist decides to play a game with the man. "You ask me a question, and if I don't know the answer or get it wrong, I'll pay you \$10," the scientist tells the farmer. "Then I will ask you a question and if you don't know the answer, you have to pay me \$1." The farmer thinks for a while and says; "Okay, what has three legs and takes 10 hours to climb up a palm tree, but only 10 seconds to get back down?" The scientist is confused and thinks long and hard about the question. Finally, the train ride is coming to an end. As the train pulls into the station, the scientist is still stumped, so he takes out \$10 and gives it to the farmer. "You win," he says. "So, what has three legs and takes 10 hours to get up a palm tree, but only 10 seconds to get back down?" The farmer takes the \$10 and puts it into his pocket. He then takes out \$1, hands it to the scientist, and replies: "I don't know."



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The Frog that Laughed

Has it rained, now the Tattler is out? If so, maybe someone made the frog laugh...

Long ago, before there were any people in Australia, the animals woke one dawn to find all the water was gone. Horrified, they looked in every waterhole that was, the birds flying great distances, but there was no water to be found.

Of course a council was formed, and Mirran the Kangaroo took charge. She outlined their woes at such length that Kurboroo the koala went to sleep, and when she finished she accidentally sat down on Kowern the Echidna. Poor Mirran shrieked and jumped up, and some were so undignified as to laugh. It took their minds off how thirsty they were. After that, everyone had a say, but none had anything useful to offer. Then at midday, Tarook the Seagull arrived with news.

"Three nights ago," said Tarook, "Tattelak the Frog escaped from his prison under the sea. He waddled away into the plains beyond (he is too big to hop) and I followed him, and heard a great slurping. There was Tattelak, drinking. He had drunk salt water for so long that he was terribly thirsty, and he has sucked up all the water of the land." Having told them all she knew, Tarook bowed to Mirran the Kangaroo, and flew away.

Terribly distressed by this news, there was a great hulla-balloo. As the outcry died down, it was agreed that Malian the Eaglehawk should fly to the sea to find out all she could about Tattelak. She returned at dusk.

"Tattelak is the most terrible Frog you could imagine," she said. "He is squatting on a rise near the sea, and has drunk so much that he cannot move. He is huge, and he does not speak at all. No one could tell me anything to help, until I found old Blook the Bullfrog. He was so angry he could barely speak. He says Tattelak he has inside him all the waters of the land, and we will never see it again, unless Tattelak can be made to laugh."

"To laugh?!" cried the thirsty animals. "Who can make a Frog laugh?" "Blook cannot, that is why he is angry," said Malian. At once the animals asked each other who could be funny. Some thought they could, and tried, but didn't get many laughs. So they all set off through the bush, running and hopping, walking and slithering, the birds flying overhead. By morning they came to a swampy plain near the sea, and a creek with no fresh water left in it. On a little hill sat a huge, monster Frog. His beady eyes bulged out, and he gazed out to the ocean, and took no notice of them at all. "If he goes back to the sea," said Merkein the Kookaburra, "he will take all our water with him." So they tried to make the Frog laugh. They danced and capered and pranced, the birds sang ridiculous songs, and the insects sat on his head and told jokes. He ignored them all.

It is hard to be funny when nobody laughs. They became disheartened, but Mirran would not let them stop. She herself did most wonderful jumps before the Frog, and even hopped right over the Emu, who looked so bewildered that all the animals burst out laughing... except for Tattelak the Frog. Menak the Bandicoot with her sisters and brothers performed a dance show, and the possums did gymnastics. But nothing amused the Frog.

Mirran remembered what had happened when she sat on the Echidna, and bravely offered to do it again. The Echidna promptly scuttled away into a hole. They lured her out, and enticed her to let Mirran sit on her; but it just didn't work the second time. Mirran gently lowered herself onto

Kowern's quills, and Kowern groaned, but no one even smiled. The Frog was heard to snore. Poor Mirran was even more sore, and Kowern sulkily went back to the hole in the creek bed. By evening the animals were exhausted, the frog was unmoved, and everybody was more thirsty than ever.

In the creek-bed beneath them, Noy-Yang the great Eel was woken, pinched of the drying earth. Annoyed, she wriggled out to the surface, and approached the sad assembly of animals, to demand an explanation. Then she accidentally wriggled across Kowern the Echidna. Noy-Yang yelled, and threw herself backwards off those dreadful spikes. Punctured all over, she stood on her tail and danced about, shrieking in fury.

When the monster Frog caught sight of the Eel dancing on her tail in the mud-flats, he opened his huge mouth and let out such a great shout of laughter as had never been heard before in the world, and all the waters of the land came rushing out of his mouth. The water filled the swamp, filled the creek, rushed inland to fill all the rivers again.

Tattelak went on laughing, and water kept pouring out of his mouth. He shrank and shrank, and his skin hung in great flabby folds about him. At last all the water had come out, and Tattelak was as small as an ordinary giant, and had to go back into the sea.

Mirran cried out, "There will be a flood!" "Nonsense!" said Warren the Wombat, "Ten minutes ago it was a drought."

But there was a flood... and that is another story. (Condensed by Andrea Stevenson, with deference to Mary Grant Bruce who recorded this story, and to the Kurnai people who told her the tale.)

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G'day to all the locals and visitors. Well we are nearly all the way through March. Our Comedy Night was a massive hit, lots and lots of laughs. It was a fantastic night and so great to see the locals and out of towners having a great time. We will try and do it again for winter.

Come and see Mike Larkin's new mural of the history of the town printed on our water tank as well as the 7m mural in the backyard. We have had no luck with the wall to wall art festival this year but will be trying for the next year.

Don't forget the usual Tuesday Pizza Night from 5pm, Wednesday Wallet Watchers, Thursday \$20 Pot & Parma & Friday Happy Hour from 5.30-7.30.

Bring your mates to your local Pub.

See you all soon,
Pedro, Shirley, Stu ☐ and Ninja ☐



THE LIGHTS OF BUDAPEST

Each evening on our Rhine / Danube cruise, just before dinner, our cruise director gave a briefing on the next day's events. She would go over the tour options for the next day and times to meet for departure. She would give us a heads up on special things to look out for and sometimes local foods we might try.

On the second last night her advice was quite simple – have an early breakfast and be on deck before nine for our approach into Budapest. As always, it was good advice – it was so picturesque.

Budapest has eight bridges linking Buda and Pest, the towns on each side of the river. Budapest became one city in 1873 with the amalgamation of right bank Buda and left bank Pest. Pest is very flat and Buda sits on seven hills. Because of this, Pest was prone to flood and sustain severe building damage. Therefore much of Pest only dates to the 19th century. Buda is much older because of this. It's also the Toorak / South Yarra of Budapest.

Pest has a huge square called 'Heroes Square'. This is where, in 1989, a young man urged a large crowd to throw out the communists. The square was surrounded by Russian tanks and it wasn't long after Tiananmen Square. The world press were there and the Russians did nothing. That young man became Prime Minister.

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John Knapper





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Garden Daze

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



22 March saw the Autumn Equinox - but where is that rain!

A phone call last week in answer to my request in the last Tattler, for Iris for the Plant Stall at the Molyullah Easter Fair had a lovely outcome.

Julie Campbell who has the beautiful Birchwood property in Odea Road, was reducing the size of a clump of Iris and if we would like to call by she would have them dug out and ready to be collected.



Entering Julie and Gary's garden is like walking into Gardening Heaven at any time, but in the middle of this awful dry we are experiencing - it was balm for the soul, as we walked along perfectly

kept paths between green (yes - green!) lawns with a profusion of flowers, and Julie's collection of Salvias - all showing off their blooms.

A man made stony dry creek winds its way through an area of native plants and mature trees shade many parts of the garden. It was hard to believe that just beyond the fence was a world of sun dried paddocks.

Julie and Gary were preparing for a Wedding to be held in the garden the following Saturday and were making sure that everything was to be seen at its best.

Dahlias were in flower everywhere and a walk to admire the variety of blooms kept us busy marvelling at the many types that we had never seen before.

Birchwood will be Open again during the

Benalla Wall to Wall Festival - which is to due to take place on the weekend of the 6 - 7 April. (This may not be definite - check before venturing out) So if you would like to take some time out to "Smell the Roses" this is a great opportunity.



Afternoon tea will be available - together with Julie's yummy cakes.

Another great opportunity for a garden lover (or garden lovers) will present itself on Easter Monday at 8 am.

Over the past years, Julie has very generously provided buckets full of Dahlia flowers for us to sell at the Molyullah Fair. Picking the blooms fresh on the morning of the Fair ensures that the flowers are in peak con-

dition. However this is a big task for Julie, and it would be great is she could get some help.

So - If you would be willing to walk around a lovely garden picking flowers for an hour or so - we would love to hear from you.



Did I say Molyullah Easter Fair?

Mmmm I guess I did. Think this is my 20th year at the Fair and although is it a fair (pun intended) bit of work - it is also a lot of fun.

Each year we meet Mums who have children entered in the horse events, Wives whose husbands are "with the tractors" or "the cars" and then the "tractor and car" people themselves, as well as those who have come to enjoy the Fair, meet up with friends and have a good day out. - We also love hearing how last year's purchases have grown.



If you have anything for or from the garden, for the

Plant and Produce Stall - plants, bulbs, Iris, vegetables, jam, pickle or relish to swell the numbers and variety of Plants and Produce we have for the Stall this year - it would be much appreciated.

It is always a pleasure to be greeted with "I've grown these for you" as a smiling visitor hands over some plants or other goodies.

This year Rex in Benalla has been very busy and we will have some of his beautifully made Insect Houses for sale - great for the garden and the environment and would make a welcome present for a gardening friend or relation.



Looking forward once again to our annual migration to the Molyullah Sports Grounds, helped each year by friends with a Ute and large trailer and a very slow drive. (Mind the leaves!!)

See you there - do come and say Hello.

Kathy Z

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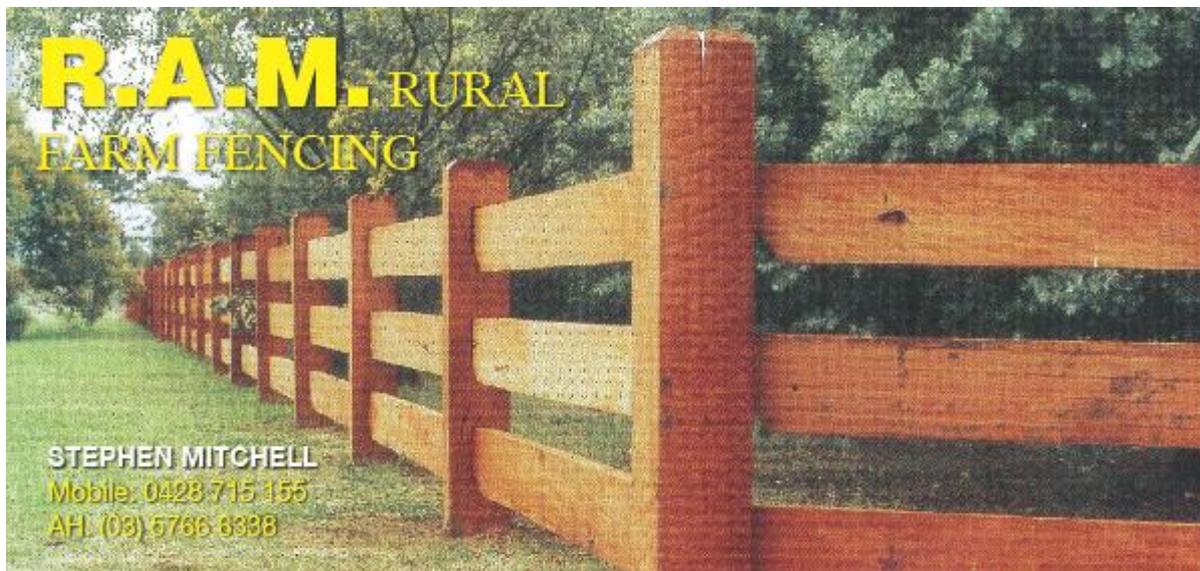
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A Slice of German Life

Sunday, 9th September: England

Easyjet to Stansted in Essex, 25 minutes, flying in over the Zuyder Zee and looking up the German coast. Good-bye.

At the airport we bought Time Magazine with an article on Angela Merkel. Hajo admires her but disapproves. Anna who takes little notice of politics dislikes her. Our generation call her Muttie (mother). She is accused of taking too long to make decisions but it turns out she does her own research and reading, rather than just listening to her advisors. When she has done that she draws those around her into joint resolutions, a characteristic of the German style of democracy and voting system. She is, in fact, regarded as the leader of Europe and the most powerful woman in the world. She will not let Greece fall out of the Union and the Euro. In the meantime we have a new government in Australia and we begin to find that the people we know, who all have some connection with Australia, are puzzled or just laugh at Tony Abbott's 'turn back the illegal immigrants' and 'cancel the carbon tax'. I look back at my country and have this feeling or realization of our insularity. It is an uncomfortable feeling.

And I have been surprised by the outgoing and expressive Germans, the interest as soon as they hear you are Australian, the willingness to help, the politeness. Whilst they have as dense a population as anywhere in Europe requiring tiny roads and cars, on the flat Niedersaxon plain, the skies are huge so you do not feel it.

Little things driven by climate or convenience make Germany and Holland seem technically advanced to Australia. (This went on in the UK). The train doors keep closing we think the trains are about to leave. But it is to keep out the cold. On the outside you press a button on the side of the carriage door and it opens again. Zips on jackets have a double tag at the bottom of the zip. One to do the jacket up, and another to pull up to open the jacket at the bottom so you can get on your bike.

I still can't believe we're leaving. What fun we've had!

This is the last in the series of articles by Hazel Whan of her European trip. The Editor would like to express his thanks for her interesting contribution,

TATTLER PRINTING PROBLEMS

Some readers will have noticed ink haloes around lettering and photos on the odd numbered pages of recent Tattlers as well as extra late deliveries in some areas. These problems are being addressed but it will take time so please bear with us.

This month is our first tryout for the Ricoh machine donated by David Elford and hopefully that will continue the good work of our HP printer which has done well for many years. As with much technology it is not made to last and the manufacturer 'support' may be withdrawn after about 4 years.

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| 2008 | 52.4 | 11.5 | 33.4 | 17.7 | 48.3 | 37 | 114.7 | 58.8 | 18.9 | 1.9 | 89.7 | 64.9 | 549.2 |
| 2009 | 3 | 5.4 | 38.7 | 80.7 | 30.6 | 107.9 | 77.5 | 65.5 | 76 | 48.6 | 72.3 | 18.9 | 625.1 |
| 2010 | 39 | 153.7 | 86.4 | 65.2 | 67.5 | 82.8 | 67.5 | 162.1 | 116.8 | 123.7 | 109.2 | 150.8 | 1224.7 |
| 2011 | 107 | 177.3 | 65.0 | 36.1 | 62.9 | 47.1 | 84.5 | 81.0 | 67.3 | 32.0 | 88.3 | 46.3 | 894.7 |
| 2012 | 82.5 | 94.0 | 184.9 | 18.1 | 35 | 57.6 | 115.8 | 92.1 | 35.5 | 34 | 28 | 30.1 | 773.6 |
| 2013 | 1.8 | 52.4 | 85.5 | 8.4 | 43.0 | 60.1 | 112.1 | 141.1 | 61.2 | 27.5 | 26.2 | 65.3 | 684.6 |
| 2014 | 33.9 | 16.4 | 86.4 | 89.6 | 82.8 | 146.5 | 98.8 | 9.8 | 68.5 | 20.4 | 58.5 | 64.2 | 775.8 |
| 2015 | 44.7 | 29.1 | 5.7 | 87.4 | 70 | 33.7 | 97.3 | 69.4 | 25.7 | 13.7 | 55.5 | 81.7 | 613.9 |
| 2016 | 69.7 | 11.9 | 36.9 | 38.5 | 117.2 | 110.5 | 142.8 | 108.4 | 172.1 | 91.4 | 50.1 | 101.3 | 1050.8 |
| 2017 | 67.6 | 36.2 | 49.1 | 61.7 | 52.5 | 6.5 | 92.1 | 112.4 | 23.9 | 100.1 | 29.3 | 118.9 | 760.3 |
| 2018 | 34.3 | 6.4 | 24.9 | 13.7 | 49.8 | 67.2 | 52.8 | 81.2 | 25.1 | 22.3 | 75 | 73.1 | 525.8 |
| 2019 | 27.7 | 13.2 | | | | | | | | | | | 40.9 |

WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

Bleak is the word as far as rainfall goes with only 8.4mm up until the 15th of March. For February we had a meagre total of only 13.2mm so once again it's hard for anyone with animals, gardens and dams. People are constantly bringing water containers to the water bore facility at the Tatong fire shed in order to cope. Fortunately we have not experienced much in the way of bushfire locally even though our volunteers have had their share of outings to other districts. Anyone new to Tatong and district who is even a little interested in helping with firefighting please contact your local brigade. Many volunteers are not as young as they used to be and it is hard to find crews especially during the working weekdays.

Mike Larkin

ART WORK AND THE RICH HISTORY OF TATONG AND DISTRICT

Thanks to our Heritage Group enthusiasts and people like Greg Kirk we have lots of historic documents and photos of our district.

Now we have the Pedro Schroder and Mike Larkin version of the *Kelly gang prospecting in the Tatong Hills* on display on a small "silo" (tank) at the Tavern carpark. Pedro would like to hold an opening event when he has all the "ducks lined up."

The mural comprises 5 separate scenes four of which are from historic photos and the central feature depicts Ned and the boys at a small creek in the surrounding hills. My painting belongs in the regions where art and facts are blurred because apparently the gang did some prospecting, so I just needed to create a "vision" of that activity. A painting which is not based upon the actual scene or a photo is a tricky exercise which may work, or not, and I am pleased to say that for me it worked well enough. The scene does not depict any of the conflict and bloodshed that the gang experienced even though one character holds a rifle, a small symbol of their outlaw lives. I enjoyed trying to capture the beauty and peace of our bushland in the surrounding hills and especially creating a small creek with plenty of actual water in it. I have not included a photo because it's not officially 'opened' yet and it's a good reason to stop at the Tavern to have a look at the real thing.

Footnote for New Zealand. Speaking of guns and gangs and New Zealand has just experienced its first terrible terrorism atrocity when 50 Muslim people were shot dead in mosques in Christchurch. Ironic for a city named after the Christian figurehead and a reminder that not much has changed since Christianity began just over 2000 years ago. The sympathy for all peoples affected by this massacre will be worldwide but unfortunately, we know that this will not be the end of it while conflicting, human-made beliefs of all kinds continue to create hate, violence and suffering.

Mike Larkin

White Gate



Dates

The next White Gate Dinner @ the Tavern will be April 3rd. Two days after an announcement that Tatong is being relocated to make way for an inter-galactic bypass. While it is still there, book yourselves in for a lovely dinner, and I hope all will be sporting umbrellas by then. And do enjoy April 1st, I wonder what ABC radio will have dreamt up this year...

A Question, concerning this column; is it of use? Does everyone already have the White Gate dinner on their calendar? Do all concerned with the Fire Roster have an official one at hand? Please let me know - it only takes a few minutes to compile this, but is it used?

- Andrea Stevenson, 5762 8445

White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

| | | | |
|----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Angus McMillan | 24 Mar | Alan Stafford | 21 Apr |
| Noel Hutchens | 31 Mar | Bill Sykes | 28 Apr |
| Bruce Burgess | 7 Apr | Matthew Defazio | 5 May |
| Laurie Defazio | 14 Apr | Ross Runnalls | 12 May |



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What's on this month

April 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mar 31 | 1 Tatong Fire Brigade Training. 7pm Fire Shed. | 2 | 3 Whitegate Community Dinner at the Tavern | 4 Play group, 9.30.am Tatong Rec Res . Molyullah Community Dinner at the Tavern | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Mansfield Bush Poets Mansfield Library 3-5pm | 10 | 11 Play group, 9.30.am Tatong Rec Res . | 12 Fish & Chip Night. Molyullah Hall 5.30pm | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Tatong Fire Brigade Training. 7pm Fire Shed. | 16 | 17 | 18 Play group, 9.30.am Tatong Rec Res . | 19 Girls Shed 10.00am at Tatong Hall | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Play group, 9.30.am Tatong Rec Res . | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Samaria Suns Vs GV Giants. Tatong Oval (Ground Permitting) | 29 | 30 | May 1 | May 2 Play group, 9.30.am Tatong Rec Res . | May 3 | May 4 |

2019 Lunar Phases — Melbourne (Australia/Melbourne) Time

| New Moon | First Quarter | Full Moon | Third Quarter | Lunation |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Jan. 6, Su 12:29 | Jan. 14, Mo 17:46 | Jan. 21, Mo 16:17 | Jan. 28, Mo 08:12 | 1188 |
| Feb. 5, Tu 08:04 | Feb. 13, We 09:26 | Feb. 20, We 02:53 | Feb. 26, Tu 22:29 | 1189 |
| Mar. 7, Th 03:05 | Mar. 14, Th 21:26 | Mar. 21, Th 12:43 | Mar. 28, Th 15:11 | 1190 |
| Apr. 5, Fr 19:52 | Apr. 13, Sa 05:06 | Apr. 19, Fr 21:12 | Apr. 27, Sa 08:19 | 1191 |
| May 5, Su 08:47 | May 12, Su 11:13 | May 19, Su 07:11 | May 27, Mo 02:34 | 1192 |
| June 3, Mo 20:02 | June 10, Mo 16:00 | June 17, Mo 18:31 | June 25, Tu 19:48 | 1193 |
| July 3, We 05:17 | July 9, Tu 20:56 | July 17, We 07:39 | July 25, Th 11:20 | 1194 |
| Aug. 1, Th 13:12 | Aug. 8, Th 03:32 | Aug. 15, Th 22:31 | Aug. 24, Sa 00:58 | 1195 |
| Aug. 30, Fr 20:38 | Sept. 6, Fr 13:11 | Sept. 14, Sa 14:35 | Sept. 22, Su 12:43 | 1196 |
| Sept. 29, Su 04:27 | Oct. 6, Su 03:48 | Oct. 14, Mo 08:10 | Oct. 21, Mo 23:41 | 1197 |
| Oct. 28, Mo 14:40 | Nov. 4, Mo 21:23 | Nov. 13, We 00:37 | Nov. 20, We 08:13 | 1198 |
| Nov. 27, We 02:07 | Dec. 4, We 17:58 | Dec. 12, Th 16:14 | Dec. 19, Th 15:59 | 1199 |



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