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Committee members wanted - no experience necessary, enthusiasm welcome!

The 2021 AGM is planned to take place on Saturday 4th September 2021 commencing at 12 Noon at the Tatong Tavern when the committee for the next year will be elected. We also currently have vacant positions and are in need of a Trainee Editor and Production and Distribution Coordinator and encourage anyone interested in becoming a part of the team producing and distributing your Tatong and district newsletter or wish to attend the Annual General Meeting to get in touch.

Express your interest in a committee position and/or RSVP your meeting attendance by email to tatongtattler@gmail.com

Changes in PDC

That is changes in the position of the Printing and Distribution Coordinator for the Tattler.

Darcy The Secretary.

This is our first edition of the Tattler without the help of Mike Larkin, who has resigned from the Tattler Committee, and also from the position involving the Printing and Distribution of the Tattler.

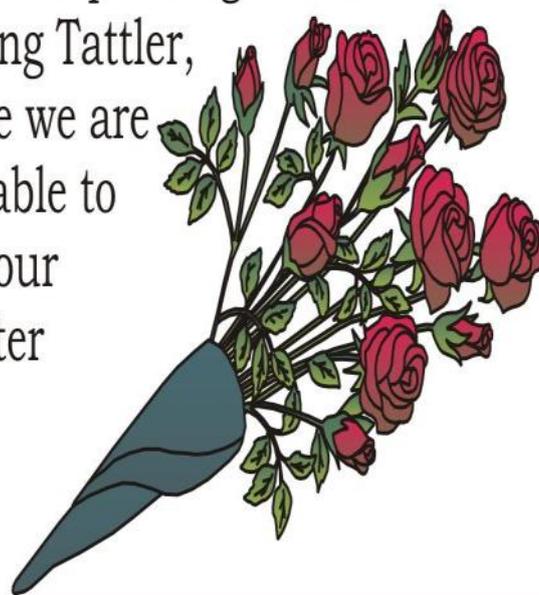
Mike did a great job over the years, as did Maeve who has also resigned.

We are now hoping to refine the process of delivery and ensure everyone in Tatong and District receives their hard copy, and you can help! So next time you see your neighbours please ask if they got this edition, and if not let us know so we can fix the problem by adding their details to our delivery database.

Contact Darcy at darcyhogan@bigpond.com or 0409 167 908

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to the Office of Steph Ryan for printing this month's Tatong Tattler, while we are not able to use our printer



NEMA is organizing Hari Merdeka, an event to celebrate Indonesian and Malaysian Independence. It is being held on Saturday 21 August 2021 at the Cultural Cottage, 3 The Close, Wangaratta. Experience the tastes of Indonesia and Malaysia, join in the games and singing!

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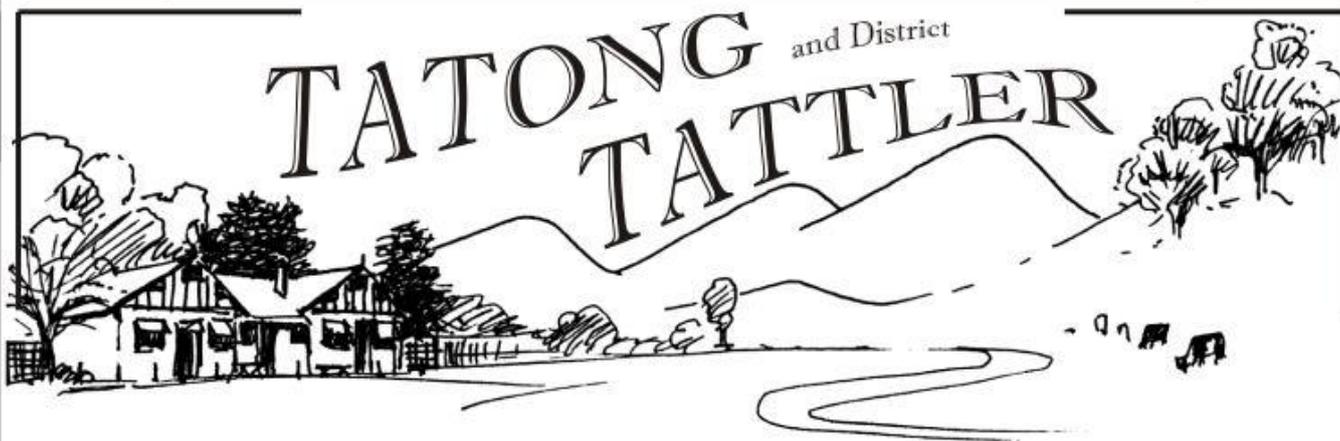
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September Saturday 4th,
11am @ Tavern.

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



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Nominations for Committee Welcome.

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Garden Daze

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



Time to start thinking about spring

planting - As we take out our seed collection an important question is:

How long will vegetable seeds remain viable?

The viability of seeds is dependant upon storage, with ideal storage conditions being "somewhere cool and dry". A closed jar or food storage box in the refrigerator is a good option, while the garden shed although handy to where they will be used, is not a good place to keep seeds as the conditions are too hot in the summer.

Check seeds for quality. Large seeds that are usually smooth and round (or plump), will not germinate well if they have become pocked or wrinkled. Peas, corn, and many other seeds are normally wrinkled but may not look as good as they should.

If in doubt - test for germination. Count out at least 20 seeds - spread onto damp paper toweling and roll them up so that the seeds stay separated, then place the roll into a plastic bag and keep it in a warm place. (around 25 degrees C). When some seeds have sprouted, and a one-week wait indicates that no more are about to emerge - divide the number of seeds germinated by the number of seeds tested to find out your germination percentage.

The table below is an indication of the viability of various seeds.

VEGETABLE	YEARS	VEGETABLE	YEARS
Asparagus	3	Leek	2
Beans	3	Lettuce	6
Beets	4	Mustard	4
Broccoli	3	Onion	1
Brussels Sprouts	4	Parsley	1
Cabbage	4	Parsnip	1
Capsicum	2	Pea	3
Carrot	3	Pumpkin	4
Celeriac	3	Radish	5
Cauliflower	4	Silverbeet	4
Celery	3	Spinach	3
Chinese Cabbage	3	Squash	4
Cucumber	5	Swede	4
Eggplant	4	Sweet Corn	2
Endive	5	Squash	4
Fennel	4	Tomato	4
Kale	4	Turnip	4
Kohlrabi	3	Zucchini	4

Perlite / Vermiculite What & Why?



Perlite and Vermiculite are similar but work in different ways. Both will - aerate the soil - retain moisture - impart nutrients.

Perlite is added to the soil of plants which need to dry out between watering, such as cacti or succulents.



Perlite is made from volcanic rock, which is heated and crushed until it explodes (like Popcorn - only a lot tougher) in order to transform the rock into small white pieces. Perlite has a neutral pH level, holds nutrients and three to four times its weight in water, is clean, sterile, odorless, and non-toxic. Works as a lightweight sand substitute. Won't rot or go mouldy.

The white granular pieces contain about 6 percent water, which will help lighten and loosen heavy, compacted garden soils.

Perlite helps insulate plant roots from extreme temperature fluctuations, is great for seed starting mixes and blending custom potting mix.

Vermiculite is best used for water-loving plants that need their soil to stay moist at all times.



Vermiculite is magnesium-aluminium-iron silicate, an all-natural mineral product, mined and processed into a soil additive which increases water and nutrient retention levels in soil.

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Computer Tat-Tap-Tips

Hacked!

The Tatong Tattler email account was hacked. It was out of our hands for less than a day, and we regained access to it using the Security Contacts set up in the account.

The Tattler email account has several email addresses listed as Security Contacts. Yahoo allows multiple addresses to be listed, whereas GMail allows only one email address as plus one Mobile phone number, in the Security settings.

We knew something was wrong when the Security Contact emails all received notification that the TatongTattler account password had been changed. Once we found that none of us had changed it, we went to retrieve our email account.

Using the 'Forgot Password' process, a confirmation code was sent to one of the Security Contacts, enabling us to change the password again.

Once we regained access to the Tatong Tattler email account, it appeared that all the hacker had done was to read the Spam. A bit like a burglar breaking in to look at the junk mail. Odd, but not acceptable.

Modern society takes email for granted; expecting that email will be delivered in seconds (not always the case), that we can rely on our account, and use it for storage. But in this digital age, like any other, vigilance is needed, accidents happen, and nasty people are out there.

Also, Gmail can get upset if you try to access a Gmail account from an unfamiliar device; it may demand further proof. (Every time I re-image my operating system, Gmail reckons I'm using an unfamiliar device.)

Who hacked the Tattler email account? There's no knowing; I shall send a curse their way; something biological that involves oozing.

Meanwhile, here's hoping your email account is safe. May the day never come, but if it does, the path to password retrieval may rely on having your security well set up. - Andi Stevenson



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CFA Election

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at 7pm.

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attend.

Alanna Gaudion

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SEPTIC PUMP OUTS

Why is it important to pump my septic tank out regularly?

Over time scum and sludge layers build up in your septic tank, eventually limiting the amount of available liquid. This does not allow the septic tank to perform one of its basic functions - to allow for settling of solids below the outlet level.

The waste will then flow directly on to the next part of the system untreated. If this situation persists, the scum and sludge will flow through to the distribution field, eventually causing blockages and malfunction - a messy, smelly and costly exercise to repair.

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



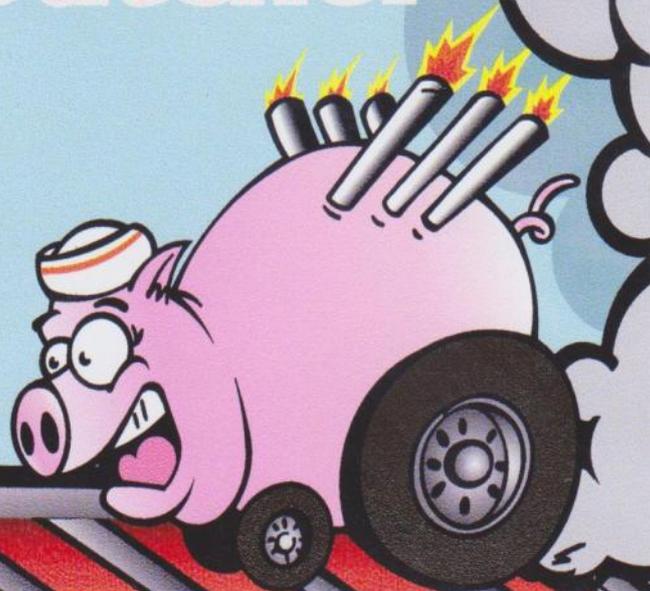
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Gawn to Town

The Covid situation has seen many people leaving the cities for greener regional areas, like Tatong.

So, a warm welcome to all who have sought refuge in the Tatong district! A very warm welcome; a dry, snug, leak-proof welcome, with jacket & gloves. And a scarf. And gum-boots, especially if you're on the flats.

City life has its advantages, which is no doubt why the bulk of the world's population now lives in one city or other. The probability of getting bogged in one's driveway is low, in most cities anyway. The supermarket is probably less than 20km away (although these days driving 3km in inner Melbourne can take a while). The phone signal should be good. There ought not be many wallabies eating the back garden. Thanks to the thermal mass of all that concrete and bitumen, cities are a little warmer. And there are people just everywhere, so city-dwellers ought never be lonely... funny, that.

In the cities and suburbs, there are parks to share; so long as one is allowed out of the house. But compare that with a paddock, a bit of bush, a quiet rural road. Of course, living in the regions does mean living amongst farmers. Speaking as a retired farmer, they can be a pretty rum lot. A farmer needs to be active, innovative, interested in plants and animals, and able to deal with the vagaries of nature. A certain level of insanity helps.

A city woman I once knew observed that in any conversation she had with a farmer, the weather was always mentioned. What was so interesting about the weather? Was it a conversational ploy on running out of things to say? Then there was a child of the suburbs who complained of the rain; why did it ever rain, she raged, rain was no good for anything.

Which brings me to the moon. Before electricity, evening social events were often planned to coincide with the moon, so that there would be light to get home. Everyone knew where the moon was up to. Nowadays some folk are worried if they see it in the daytime, surely the moon is a thing of the night?

Which takes me off on another tangent. A Larson cartoon shared on social media was disparaged by one follower; "...cow? That's not a cow, it has horns, doesn't Larsen know anything?" The derisive replies reeled into the hundreds, but let me weave my way back to learning and experience, of life dependant on the vagaries of the weather, of dark and light.

Welcome, all ye from the cities, well-come from one who escaped the city over 40 years ago. If you're out in the sticks, you'll have noted that the moon can be a handy friend if you have to go out at night. Maybe the weather forecast is more interesting than it used to be. Especially once the waters rise...
- Andi Stevenson



This doesn't tend to happen in Punt Road.



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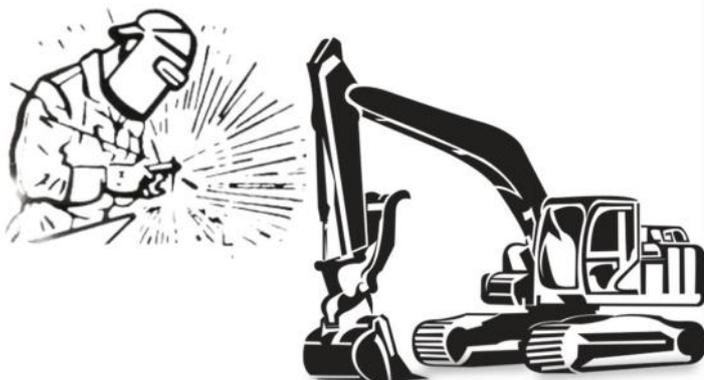
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Do you remember the dobber?

Is there a name for that drowsy state one enters just after lunch while sitting by the open fire?

Finding myself in this place recently, my thoughts drifted back to my school days. In particular, I recalled some of my early classmates – some nice, some not so nice.

Cast your mind back to when you were at school, assuming you are still able to remember that far back. Do you recollect that child who was always dobbing on classmates?

You're in class, the teacher, back to the class, writing on the blackboard, hears something, "Who was that?" asks the teacher. Guess who, with an arm shooting skyward, nearly taking it out of its shoulder

socket, and dislocating it at the elbow, says "Miss, Miss, it was Johnny Miss!"

It was the class dobber of course.

This was the self-same person who would be put 'in charge' of the class whenever the teacher needed to leave the room. Do something 'wrong' if you dare – the class dobber would delight in telling on you before the teacher was even fully back in the room.

Come lunchtime, it was revenge time, but, guess what? Yes, you got it in one. Before Johnny could do anything all he could hear was, "MISS, MISS..."

If you didn't encounter the class dobber, perhaps you suffered the sibling dobber. You know, all the times your darling sibling ran to Mum / Dad saying something akin to, "Mummy, Mummy, look what Johnny just did".

Attempts at revenge were rarely successful here either. Before you could land the killer blow, you would hear, "MUMMY, MUMMY..."

If you didn't suffer either of these, perhaps you were just lucky – or maybe you actually were that goody-goody child.

Now, I have it on good authority (*Knapper et al, 2021*) that most of these dobbers actually grow out of dobbing and turn into quite nice people eventually.

I did say most, not all because I can't help but think that there are still some of them out there amongst us just waiting and watching.

In a way it's sort of nice to think there's someone close by looking after what they think are our best interests.

John Knapper



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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							338.0

WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

Already had enough rain thanks, as well as grey and cold days! Of course there is beauty in the 'worst' of weather due to the changes in colour schemes and moods as well as the deep satisfaction when seeing deep and fast water flowing in the creek and hearing the patter on tin roofs.

The rainfall for June was 99.3mm and up until the 15th of July a very large 51mm.

Mike Larkin



White Gate Dinner @ The Tatong Tavern is scheduled for August 4th. By which time one hopes we will be un-locked, and celebrating. Tammy is probably dreaming up new dishes. The wine is aging to an excellent flavour.

Come August there will be a tad more sunshine, and given all this rain, the grass will be getting into gear. Where it is not submerged. The Hollands Creek is rising; it has a little way to go before it gets to peer over the bank, but the forecast is giving it hope. If I had the energy I'd drag the kayak down, and paddle into town. But I wouldn't be paddling back upstream. And navigating the bridge on Tatong rd could be interesting...

White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

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Hamish McMillan	1 Aug	Matthew Defazio	5 Sep
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