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Continuation from February Tattler, of my account of Scouts Victoria Jamboree by Chloe Hakkennes

Day 7, January 4th. Today we visited Outback World, where we did archery, I wasn't very good at that.

We did axe throwing and I got a bullseye. Games played were crossing on rope bridges and swings.

At Water World we did the mud course followed by the water course involving a giant slide, lots of fun.

That afternoon there was a massive dust storm, with everyone running for shelter, we stayed in the bathrooms to keep safe.

The following morning it was off to Fun Fields, where we went on all the dry rides, the pirate ship, voodoo upside down and go carting, that was my favourite. The afternoon was spent visiting the many displays, and board games for some quiet time.

Day 9. We packed our bags, ate cereal for breakfast and lost Lauren before nearly missing our bus for our expedition to Paddle Away. We did the water activities again because it was so hot. For lunch a chicken and avocado sandwich. A wind and rainstorm blew in, and once again we had to run for shelter. We had hot dogs and hamburgers for dinner before going back to the tent to rest.

Day10. We woke up and packed up our tents before having toasties for breakfast. Then another storm blew in and we waited under shelter. Once the rain stopped, we caught the bus to Lake Nagambie, where we went on a 11 km paddle in our canoes, stopping twice along the way. We had lunch and caught the bus back to camp. Then it was off to the Scout Shop to buy and swap badges, there were hundreds to choose from.



Chloe and Mia, Unit 246

Day11. The last day, we packed up the camp, tents, tables, camp stretcher and cooking utensils, it took ages.

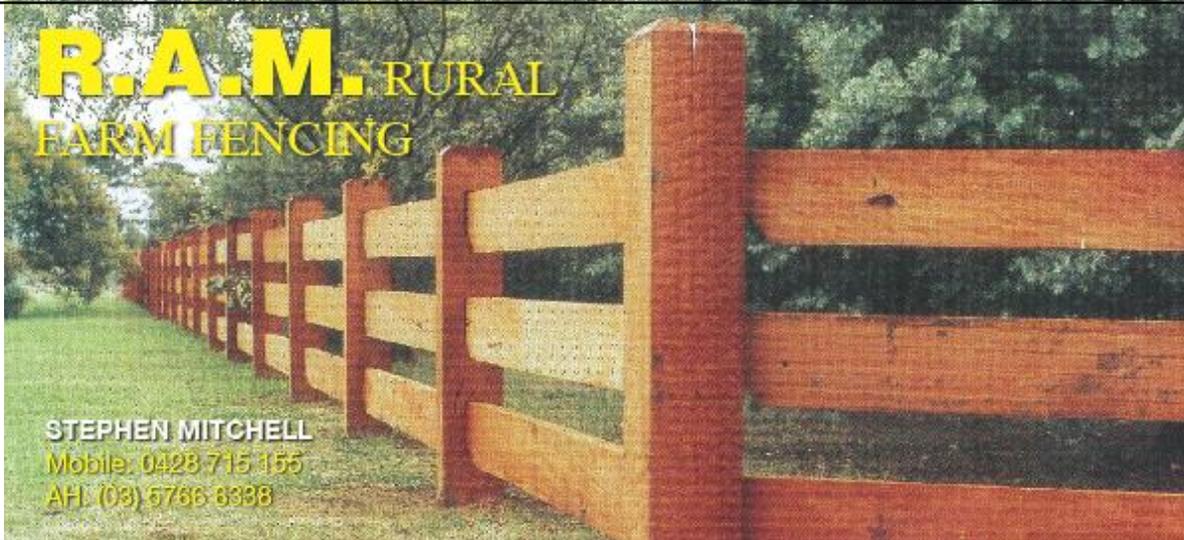
There were 100 buses waiting to take us all home, luckily our camp wasn't far from our bus to load all our equipment.

All aboard, we headed back to the city. Because it was raining, we didn't stop at the park but stopped at McDonalds. then we dropped off 1st Lilydale and 1st Alphington at La Trobe University before finishing our drive to Monash University where 5th Sandringham and 1st Sandringham, which was us, hopped off to meet our parents. It was remarkable and unforgettable.

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Ian's Eulogy

On behalf of the Horsburgh family I would like to begin by thanking everyone that is here today and for those that have sent their condolences. We have received many phone calls and texts.

Ian started his life across the road on the family farm the youngest of 3, his Grandmother (Ma) lived with the family as well and spent a lot of time looking after Dad spoiling him as we have been told. Ma pushed Dad around in his pram on walks around the farm with a gun in one hand and pram in other, shooting crows that were taking eggs from the chook shed or any foxes that crossed their paths. There is a great photo with Ma pushing Dad, gun in one hand pram in the other with a dead fox strung across the top.....taking it back to be skinned for money, those were the days. I certainly can't imagine a grandmother these days doing this and managing all this with only one eye.

As Dad got older he worked on the farm in the early days milking cows, feeding pigs and at that stage I think they even had turkeys. One day while chasing pigs around for Pa, Dad stepped on a brown snake, he fell ill rather quickly... Pa not knowing what to do. Eventually they found the snake bite, all hell broke loose from what I can recall from Nans recollection. Pa immediately tied a shoe lace around dad's leg, then out with the trusty old pocket knife, too many westerns been watched I think. Nan got her way I believe and Pa never cut him, once they got him into hospital the story goes he was given black snake anti venom which put Dad into a coma and almost lost his leg from the shoe lace being on there too long. He recovered and was given a baby cockatoo to rear while recovering, the cockatoo is still there today and still swears, after Dad spent countless hours teaching him how to. I can remember cocky saying, 'Dinners ready Fred' as Nan would always yell this out and if you listened closely at the end of that cocky would then say, you old bastard. He remembered Dads teachings well.

Dad started school at Samaria and then moved into Benalla 31 once Bruce and Helen started secondary school, Helen constantly worried about Dad being there as she thought he was too small. He then went to Benalla Tech where he must of left lasting impressions for when I attend school all those years later teachers would ask if I was Ian's son, yes, I would answer proud as punch, i soon learned that this meant trouble for me, well worth it I reckon.

School wasn't for Dad and he left early working back on the farm and then gaining employment at the local butter factory near Swanpool. Nan told me this is where he learnt the art of drinking long necks (bottles) with the older blokes, much to Nan's disgust. He then gained employment with the State Rivers as many did around the local area and progressed through the ranks, he started a carpentry apprenticeship, constructing the form work for the dam walls, he worked on Nillahcootie, Mokoan and Buffalo and later the channels throughout the dam network. At some stage along this journey he must have met our mother Patty Ryan and it wasn't long before they had a beautiful boy who they named David, couple of years later Anita was born not so beautiful but okay I guess. The State River work dried up and Dad gained employment with a local concreter the Dapos family. Dad became very close with the family and enjoyed his time there. He then started work at the local saw mill Terretts which then became Marbut Gunnersons and finally Gunnersons, he spent the rest of his working career there building saw mills for the company throughout Victoria and as their Head Maintenance Fitter. He built a strong relationship with their bush foreman, Bill Maxwell and started looking after bush crews as well as grading the logging roads. Gunnersons closed in Benalla and Dad continued for a period fixing some of the other mills. He then installed Ryan and McNulty's major band saw, they asked him to stay as their fitter. At that stage all the rules starting coming in about no smoking at work, Dad was told he had to walk to a smoking area if he was to have one, that didn't fit with him so he left. He continued working around the area building sheds, doing shed slabs and even help build his best mate Johnny Lewis's house. I can tell you there was a lot drinking and not much building from memory but the house is still there as solid as a rock. Dad worked around the area doing lots of different jobs even helped with the concreting of Benalla Mitre 10.

In 1992 we lost our beloved Grandfather, Fred. Dad more or less focused on the farm then and looking after his mother Jean until she passed in 2005 and continued to farm the property until his death.

Dad enjoyed wining and dining and certainly enjoyed the company of women, my mates called him Hugh. He married a few times and finally married his true soul mate Linda, they were best mates. Linda enjoyed Dad's life style on the farm and loved us and our kids like they were hers. They went camping and fishing whenever they could with their tribe of bloody fox terrier dogs yapping at every noise. They had a great life until Linda passed far too early in 2012. Dad struggled from then on.

Dad loved parties, he loved any event where he could wet the whistle and have some good music. He loved fishing and continued to do this every cod opening with his mates and especially his good mate Reg Smith and Robyn and there was a good reason for this, Reggie can catch fish in a puddle and Dad loved sending the pics back to me acting like he caught them, I knew who was catching the fish.

Dad loved his mates and loved having a Friday drink with them, every Friday the boys and Jan would be out having a laugh and a grog. Jan helped Dad enormously around the farm and was a great mate to him.

He loved his kids and loved his grandkids more so; he loved playing tricks on everyone especially if he could con one of us to grab an electric fence or get in the paddock with a mad cow. He had a great life and lived it his way. We will miss him greatly sitting on the front veranda having a drink..... Watching all the cars drive past..... Saying to me who's that bastard David, I haven't seen that car around... they drive too fast, these people need to go back to Melbourne.

We will see you another time Dad love David and Anita.



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50 YEAR CERTIFICATES TO ACKNOWLEDGE ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Colin McCauley who received a 50 year certificate and gold stencil last year from the Australian Wool Exchange to acknowledge his 50 years of Service Wool Classing. Colin commenced his wool classing apprenticeship in 1967 when attending the Benalla Technical School, then after leaving school completed his apprenticeship part time at night school at the Benalla Technical School. This was a 4 year course. Whilst attending night school to complete this course he was a shed hand in many shearing sheds around the district.

The stencil was branded onto every bale of wool classed by the wool classers with their registered number so the bales were traceable if not up to standard requirements.

On completion of the course Colin was wool classing in sheds around the district for about 5 months each year. In later years he went teaching Wool Classing through TAFE, at Benalla, Dookie Agricultural College, Wangaratta and at Molesworth, lots of travelling home at night from Molesworth. Until quite a few years ago nearly everyone ran sheep so there was plenty of work. During this time he was also breeding Merino sheep and running his farm.

Joan Lewis

Brian Ritchie.

Leaving High School the day I turned 15, I had a choice of an apprenticeship with my brother-in-law as a plumber or register with a Wool Broker to become a Wool Classer or 3 more years at high school to become a Draftsman.

With the love of a farming life style and having many relations throughout the Western District, I chose to become a Wool Classer starting with Young Husbands Pty Ltd wool brokers at their North Melbourne wool store.

From here a 4 year 2 nights a week of night school at the Melbourne College of Textiles at Pascoe Vale. The course was shortened to 7/8 months due to students being called up for National Service. The "expert course" was cancelled which was very disappointing as it consisted of preparing and servicing machinery, hand pieces, shearing plants, wool presses, overhead running machines.

Younghusbands would send training classers out to shearing sheds as roustabouts and shed hands and work with qualified wool classers in areas throughout N.S.W. , Vic, and South Australia.

I completed the course at Melbourne College of Textiles on the 12th November 1971. While wool classing wasn't always my career, I took on a trade painting course with Berger Paints and am qualified painter. I also spent a 4 year stint at Rich River Golf Club as a groundsman/curator. A 3 year course was offered but I declined.

Leaving Echuca and moving to Tatong on February 2nd 1989, I started up wool classing and wool buying with Watswool Wool Broker P/L Benalla, then with Techwool who took over Watswool P/L. I was offered the manager's position at the wool store and stayed there for 8 years.

I left the wool store and decided to get back to painting and wool classing in shearing sheds travelling all over the country, Benalla and surrounding areas, Euroa, Mansfield, Yarrawonga, Rennie, Ruffy, Wedderburn and Waneering/Whitecliffs.

In November 2021 I received my 50 year Gold Stencil and Certificate of appreciation from the Australian Wool Exchange.

It's been a fantastic journey meeting lots of nice and wonderful people along the way, farmers and their families, shearers, roustabouts, shed hands and taking in a lot of great sightseeing.

No regrets and great memories.

Brian Ritchie

Swanpool News

Like Tatong, there is never a dull moment in Swanpool! Our sporting clubs are continuing to enjoy the mild, if humid weather, and our various community volunteer teams are busy preparing for two major events, the annual Swanpool Motor Show, which will take place this year on Sunday 13th March, over the Long Weekend, and our annual community BBQ, scheduled for Friday 18th March, from 6.00pm.

The Motor Show promises to be even bigger and better than previously, and will be a fun day for all the family. Entrance is \$5 a head, kids under 16 free, and there will be music and lots of food trucks, as well as all those fabulous cars, bikes, and trucks

We have just finalised another fantastic Cinema programme, which includes the latest version of blockbuster "Dune", which we are screening over the Labour Day weekend, Oscar contenders "Spencer", which is a snapshot of Princess Diana's unhappiness with the Royal Family, and "Belfast", which is based on award winning actor and director Kenneth Branagh's memories of growing up in Northern Ireland during the Troubles. We have scheduled a matinee for "Spencer" on Friday 25th March at 11.00am

Patrons who can access the internet can check programme details and pre book their tickets via our website, www.swanpoolcinema.com.au. Tickets are also available at the door. We make sure there are plenty of hard copy programmes available at the Hall, the Swanpool Store, and various local businesses in both Benalla and Mansfield.

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Gawn to Town

Lyricists like to warble about *who* is climbing through the bedroom window, but in my reality the issue is *what*. Mosquitoes tend not to figure in love-songs, despite being driven by blood-lust, but well-fitted fly-screens are essential. Which rather cruels it for acrobatic lovers.

Now that we live on the edge of town, near to the Hume freeway, a southerly breeze calls for a closed window. During the day one can tune out the hum of traffic, but when trying to fall asleep it is astonishing just how much noise floats over the creek, up the paddock, and dives through the fly-wire. Past those frustrated mozzies.

On the farm I liked the window open. The call of the mopoke is a delightful lullaby. The hum of the breeze, the whisper of the trees. The gentle sounds of stock grazing. Less soporific is the sound a bird makes when a creature of prey seizes it at 3am. The harsh shriek of a fox isn't much chop either. That seems less common on the edge of town, or is just that my window is mostly shut?

Then there was weaning time; sheep can make a fair racket, when the lambs are left in the yards overnight. But cattle take the cake on decibels, anxious mothers deafening the countryside for miles around, while their calves bawl encouragingly.

Our dogs were usually quiet at night, but a full moon brings out all manner of bunyips. Or is it a burglar; or a fox in the hen-house? I rarely got up to check; just yelled out the window at the offending canid. Which is a rather wakening thing to do.

Once I was woken in the early hours by a sharp CRACK. Came wide awake; listened; dozed off again. CRACK. Once it settled down to a regular noise I realised it was the electric fence. The next morning revealed that on the warm summer's night a small lizard had decided to take a different route up a gatepost. Sorry, lizard.

When I was a child in suburban Mt Waverley, I slept with the window open. Unfortunately, the garden path just outside was the preferred battleground of the local tom-cats, where they issued their blood-curdling insults before a brief but loud barney.

Each morning for many years, our next door neighbour would start his car, and leave it running for the required warm-up before he set off for work. That is what one did in the '60s. The car sat there chugging away, while the neighbourhood ingested the carbon monoxide. I hated the smell but I can't recall closing the window. Probably rendered too dim by all those toxins.

Some draw their blinds for the night. It is amazing what can creep through closed eyelids. Years ago, when our bedroom overlooked a river flat, I once came awake in the early hours, seeing the pump on the riverbank in flames. I leapt out of bed, crying, "The pump's on fire!" only to have my drowsy partner point out that it was only moonlight. Now awake, and looking with open eyes, it was indeed just bright moonlight reflecting on the side of the big old pressure-pump cylinder, 300 metres away. The picture my brain drew for me was a little over-enthusiastic, but very vivid; I had seen the flames.

Now it is sometimes sleep itself which will not be enticed through the window. I shall study astral projection, and send my soul out through the fly-wire and over the roof-tops and tree-tops. Wave if you see me. - *Andi Stevenson*

Cast Iron Skillet

In the February issue the Tatong Heritage Group queried what the Cast Iron Skillet was.

My uncle, Lex Devitt, had one of these. I can say what he used it for. He had a big open fire and he would place the skillet on coals in this fire place to cook chops, steak, or even heat up a pie. The raised pointed bits meant the pie or meat did not burn black on the bottom whilst leaving the top uncooked. If he cooked dinner this way he did not have to light the combustion stove as he had no power in the early days. We did part with this gem at one of the Tatong Garage Sales a few years ago. Could this be the Devitt skillet?? Hope it went to a good home.

Bob Whytlaw called to let me know that his family had one in his youth. Like Lex, it was used to cook meat but it was placed on the cooktop of the combustion stove. The fats drained into the drain around the outside of the skillet and were then poured into a container for re-use later – nothing was wasted in those days. No doubt it was sold at the Yacca clearing sale – Could this be the Whytlaw version?? Seems to me it could still be handy when camping – making a cook-top over the open camp fire.

Janette Knapper



New Granddaughter

Proud to announce the birth of our 8th grand child, Ada Eliza born on Sunday 6th February '22, at home to our daughter Zoe and husband Kyle on Phillip Island. Weighed in at 4.46kg and 55cm long. Keeping to the family tradition of even numbers of grand boys and grand girls there is now four boys and four girls. This follows my 'skill' in fathering 3 girls and 3 boys in alternate order of gender – girl, boy, girl, boy, girl, boy!

Zoe's first birth, Cecelia (Cece for short) was a caesarean birth in hospital and something of a shock to the system. This latest home birth was in a large heated plastic tub in the lounge room and went to plan, to the great relief of all. Maeve is staying for a few weeks to help family establish, and to mind Cece. I visited a few days after the birth and had the pleasure of adoring this tiny new creature and watching her sleep peacefully on my lap or cuddling and carrying her.

It is particularly rewarding to experience an addition to the family at this time of upheaval in society. Some things remain relatively unaffected by such periodic episodes of human ambition, deceit and tyranny.

Mike Larkin



*Tatong Farewells
Rick & Sallie
Hann*

Rick & Sallie Hann arrived in the Tatong district the week before Christmas in 1983. They had previously been running the Commercial Hotel in Mooroopna.

Sallie had emigrated from Nottingham, England, as a child. Rick grew up all over the place, being in an army family, but mostly in Burwood, Vic.

Rick & Sallie ran the Tatong Hotel from December 1983 to February 1986, and built a home in Tiger Hill road.

In 1984 they bought a block of land in Mitchell road and there built there a home to retire to. But in the meantime, Sallie worked in Melbourne and Rick worked in America.

Their three children, Brad, Justin and Shelley, attended the Tatong Primary School and then the Benalla High School, from 1984 to 1991. Justin left to take up an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic, Shelley moved to University High School and Bradley went to America with Rick.

From February 2004 Rick lived full time in their Tatong home, and in July 2004 Sallie joined him, but commuted each week to Melbourne. Sallie worked in Cooninda before retiring. In December 2005, both had retired completely to enjoy their bush block to the full.

Rick has been involved with the Tatong Tattler committee for almost the entirety of its existence. Sallie joining once she moved back full-time to the district.

Sallie has performed in Tatong Christmas Concerts, and participated in many local events and groups. She has dedicated much time and effort to clearing roadside rubbish from Mitchell Road. She was Cub Scout leader at Moorngag for several years, joined the U3A Benalla Recorder-playing and Creative-writing groups, and is currently an active member of the ladies badminton in Benalla.

Rick was editor of the Tatong Tattler for ten years, and stayed on the committee long after, helping with projects and advising on many matters. He has also been involved in trying to Save the Tatong School, in the Australia day committee at the Benalla council, and he organised the Tatong Australia day breakfast from 2009 to 2015.

A painting by Rick Hann's mother hangs in the Tatong Hall. Daughter Shelley was a member of the Tatong Young Bloods. The time has come to cut down on maintenance of acres, stock,



trees and fences, so Sallie and Rick are upping sticks and heading for Queensland.

Justin now lives in America, and Shelley in England, and Brad in Melbourne.

Tatong will miss them all, but is the richer for having had them as an important part of the community for so long.

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HAPPY WITH TATONG



Tatong publicans Richard and Sally Hann are settling into Tatong admirably after taking over the Hotel from Bill and Maureen Quinton about three months ago.

★ Richard and Sally Hann are pictured outside their Tatong Hotel.

Regular patrons of this popular "watering hole" are extremely happy with their new publicans and even enjoy Richard's skills as a guitarist during occasional sing-a-long performances.

"My wife and I discovered Tatong while on a drive", said Richard. "As soon as I walked into the place I liked the look of it, asked whether it was for sale, then bought it," he said.

He and his wife ran the Commercial Hotel in Mooroopna for about 16 months after moving from Melbourne where Richard worked as a freelance computer softwear contractor.

The only changes being made to the pub are that the menu has been extended to cater for

children (a welcome change for the locals), and it is hoped to build a beer garden and barbecue area.

Tatong's original weatherboard hotel was built by Mr Ted Brown for the licensee, Mr W. Worrall. This hotel was reportedly destroyed by fire in 1923 when a Mr Moon was licensee.

The present concrete building was erected by a contractor, Mr Wallace, for M.C. Clarke. Other licensees, were J. Gardiner, J. Trenerry, J. Wittman, W. Aird, G. Robinson, Arnold and Shaw, Sherritt, R. Claringbold, J. Christophinson, J. Stewart (who bought the freehold), J. Urganhart, J. Walker, J. Smythe and the Quentons.

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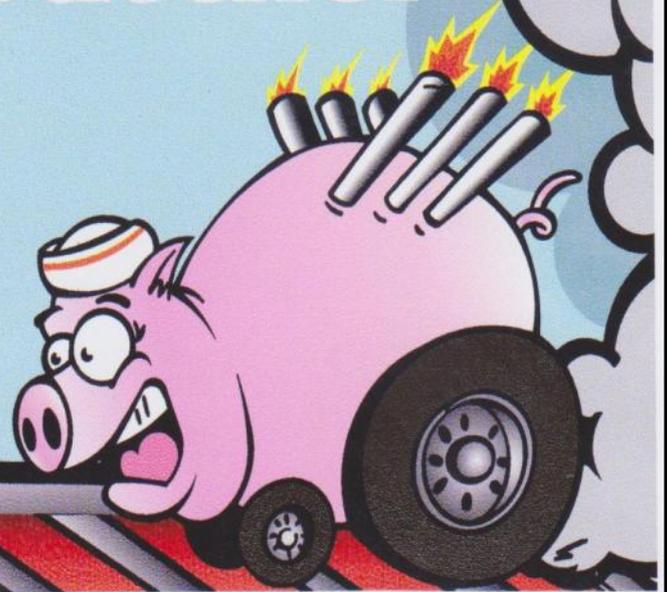
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An Interesting Experiment

Some months ago Australia Post sent households free postcards. Free, that is, because no stamp was required. The idea evidently was to help people keep in touch during Covid.

The idea appealed to me as a good way to test the efficiency (or otherwise) of our postal service! So I collected all the neighbour's postcards and wrote to various friends around Australia. On each postcard I put the date on which the card was posted and informed the recipients to let me know when they received them. All cards were posted at the Benalla Post Office box and none were posted on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

The results were interesting.

Benalla to Coffs Harbour NSW 9 days.

Benalla to Bermagui NSW 8 days.

Benalla to Elsternwick- Melbourne 4 days.

Benalla 6kms out 4 days.

Benalla Next Street! 6 days.

The result were not unexpected but still disappointing.

Confirming my opinion that Australia Post is inefficient was the amount of time was the time letters were taking to get to the UK and Canada where I have family.

A birthday card to an 80 year old cousin posted Mid October for Mid November arrived on January 5th. The UK Christmas cards sent at the end of November arrived on the 13th, 15th and 25th of January respectively. The Canadian one arrived January 19th.

One could say from the overseas delivery times that the fault lay elsewhere. To me it confirms that the problems are this end and Australia Post is in dire need of improvement.

Pip Rigby.

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White Gate



Dates

The March celebration of the **White Gate Dinner @ the Tatong Tavern** will occur on Wednesday March 2nd. At that point I think we can give up waiting for summer to arrive. The fire truck is probably bored, which is surely a Good Thing. After such a whacky season, what surprises will Autumn bring?

Is there any White Gate news? Karn? - well, there was a horse event, thank you Caryn! Any news from round the traps, send to your Tattler.

White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

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This Cooler and Wetter - Summer is almost behind us leaving a lot of green in the paddocks in its wake.

Garlic - *Allium sativum* - Originally from Central Asia - Garlic is in the same family as onion, chives and leek, with a long history of being used all over the world for culinary and medicinal purposes. Varieties include - pungent (or not, if you prefer) slightly sweet, or especially good for storing. To ensure a good garlic bulb for growing, purchase from reputable online seed and plant sellers. Imported Garlic is sprayed with chemicals to reduce the risk of pathogens being introduced into Australia plus a fumigation to stop it sprouting.



Companion plants - Lettuce can be grown and harvested between the rows, without much damage being done to the bulb below. Avoid planting garlic near legumes (peas and beans). Garlic will grow happily in full sun to part shade.

Planting times for cooler areas: March- June

Position/ Spacing/ Requirements - Prepare soil by adding organic matter and manure a few weeks prior to planting. As garlic is grown from autumn to summer, when the soil is quite damp, good drainage is essential to prevent the bulbs from rotting.

Separate the bulb into individual cloves. Place each bulb pointy end up, up to 3 cm deep in rows 10-15cm apart. Water in with a seaweed tea and mulch well as soon as shoots have appeared.

Keep moist for the first few weeks after planting - and apply liquid worm or seaweed fertiliser once a month.



Pests - Garlic suffers from very few pests or diseases. It is occasionally attacked by aphids, a little ironic when one sustainable way to deal with aphids is a home made garlic spray!

Harvesting - is best carried out after the flower (hard neck) or stems/leaves (soft neck) has started to brown and die. Earlier harvest is possible, but the individual cloves may not have formed. It will just be one bigger one. Waiting allows that paper-like wrapping to form, which creates the individual segments.

The soft neck varieties can be used when they are green. They have a pungent flavour and are best cooked.

Using a trowel - gently lift the bulbs from underneath and at the same time gently pull on the stem. They should come out easily. Be gentle though, if the stems have died off they can be a bit brittle.

Once harvested try to rub off as much of the soil as possible *without* removing the papery outer coating. Put the bulbs somewhere with adequate air flow and no moisture to dry them out - this can take a couple of weeks, Try a rack with the bulbs evenly placed, hang them in a mesh bag or try plaiting the stems.



The bulbs will store for a long time if stored correctly.

Try to source locally or from a certified grower that will supply stock that meets Quarantine requirements.

<http://www.diggers.com.au> and

<http://greenharvest.com.au> both stock Garlic Bulbs.

It is time to start thinking about getting some trees into the ground



Planting in March: broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, leeks, beetroot, peas, carrots, parsnips, Florence (bulb) fennel, parsley, coriander, celery asian greens and rocket.



Give Roses a Light Prune now for a flush of flowers in around six weeks. Cut off dead flower heads, cutting down the stem as if you were picking a bunch of flowers and you will be about right.

Happy Gardening *Kathy Z*

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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
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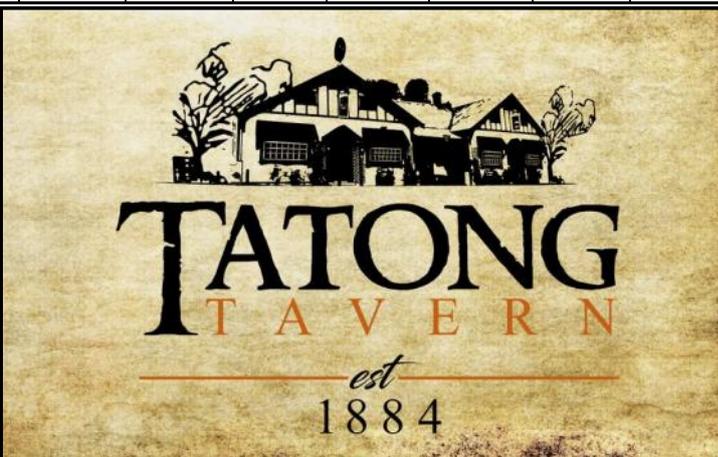
WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

The big news is the huge 219.3mm of rainfall for the month of January. By comparison February has had only 1.1mm up until the 15th. Fortunately the ground is still holding moisture because our unwatered grass was in much better shape than my daughter's lawn in Shepparton yesterday when I visited.
Mike Larkin

More scenes from the Cutting Event at Karn Station



View from the Early Bird Coffee Van



Wow, what a difference a month makes! At the time of writing, we have been in the pub for a month and clearly, all you locals and some are keen to come back!! We have been regularly booked out and regularly run out of food with so many walk ins – (well, I'm still learning the ordering side of things ☺) so a HUGE thanks for your support and a BIG shout out to our staff for stepping up in peak times. We have a number of young staff and it's great to see they enjoy a challenge!

We have been doing a lot behind the scenes to improve the place, the pergola has gone, but geez, doesn't that make a difference to open up the outside area and give more inside lighting. It's great to see kids running around outside and enjoying the space on the weekends. I reckon it may be an early autumn, so get down and enjoy the lovely garden before it turns chilly.

The painters will be starting this week on the outside of the building, and will work their way through to the inside. Don't panic if you see the walls bare inside, all the pictures and nic nacs will be restored and returned when the painting is done! Believe me, there are a lot of pictures to hang. The aircon/heating has been installed and will be commissioned in the coming weeks, so there will be year round comfort for patrons inside, and yes the open fires are definitely staying.

Giuseppe Robinson has arrived in Tatong and is churning out the pizza, so come down and try one of his creations. Our Comedy Night is on Friday 4th March, and we can still take a few bookings due to COVID density restrictions being lifted, so get it in quick. Dinner and show great value at \$50. Ph.0357 672210

Thanks again, cheers
Melisse and Giuseppe Robinson

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