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Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog

Meet Whitegate's newest resident, **Tucker**.

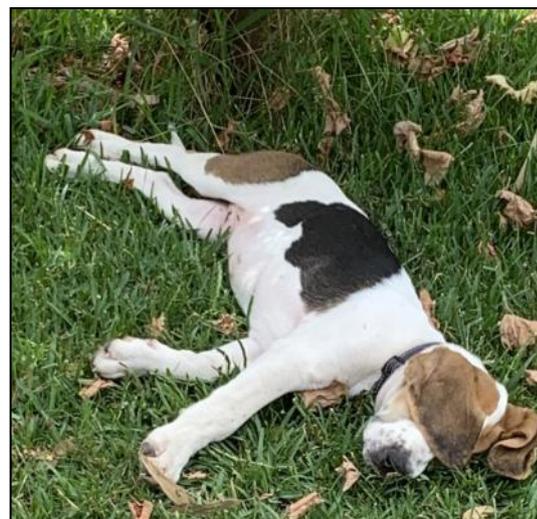
Tucker is a 5 month old tri-colour harrier from Tolmie. He responds well to "sit", "lay", "shake hands" and "bugger off".

He does NOT respond well to "no", "fetch" or "don't eat the chickens".

Tucker is an exuberant drooling machine, who has bonded tightly with Otis the obese sheep, and his master, Leni. Don't be fooled by his size – Tucker literally jumps at his own shadow! His favourite toys are shoes. Just shoes. Leather is irresistible to Tucker, and Leni's cowboy boots are often a casualty of this particular craving.

Tucker needs to work on his 'poker face'. He cannot disguise his guilt, and he is frequently guilty of doing something nefarious – from chasing the geese, to squeeEEEEEEzing through the cat flap into the house, to digging his way out of the dog yard. Not yet de-sexed, Tucker entering dog puberty amorously, and is curiously exploring Nonna and Papa's sheds and stables, extending his perimeters of his own accord.

So, if a harrier happens to appear on your property, gather up your footwear and chickens, and prepare for an onslaught of drool and puppy love.
Xxx Caryn De Fazio.



BOWLS TOURNAMENT RUNNERS – UP

The Smith team of Enid & Graham Smith, Barry Lewis and Bernie Evans played in the Mansfield Bowls Club Annual Labour Day Tournament held on Sunday 13th March at the Mansfield Bowls Club. They won all 3 games of 12 ends each. There was one other team who won all 3 games but finished 2 points up.

Teams were entered from Benalla Bowls Club, Euroa, Mansfield, Moyhu, Moira Club Benalla and Swanpool.

Barry and Bernie are members of Moira Club whilst Enid and Graham are members at Mansfield.

The Mansfield Bowls Club are to be congratulated on a great day played in perfect conditions, the hospitality and catering were excellent.

Barry and Bernie are members at Moira Benalla and Enid and Graham are members at Mansfield. Enid is Barry's sister.

Joan Lewis.



BOWLS PENNANT

Congratulations to Moira Benalla A3 Pennant Team who will play in the Grand final of the Ovens and Murray Bowls Regions on Saturday 26th March. Moira finished on top of the ladder and they defeated Milawa in the Semi-Final 2 on Saturday 12th March. Moira 85 shots 14 Points to Milawa 71 Shots 4 Points. Barry Lewis and Bernie Evans are members of this A3 Pennant Team.

Best wishes to Moira for the Grand Final. They will play the winners of the preliminary final between Milawa and Club Mulwala to be played on Saturday 19th March.

Joan Lewis.

Table Tennis News

The 2022 season is almost upon us with competition matches commencing on 4th of May. Practice nights will be held on the 13th, 20th and 27th of April commencing at 7.00pm and are open to anyone with an interest in trying out their skills or playing in a team. Teams consist of 2 players or can be a parent rotating with any number of children. Don't be shy, come and meet other likeminded community members – you won't regret it, see you there.

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Fergies and Fish'n'Chips

A major part of Easter in Molyullah has always been the Easter Sports and a major part of the Sports has always been the Fergie Tractor Parade around the oval. During the Sports, the tractors were parked in the Hall grounds so everyone could get a good, close up look at these iconic workhorses and talk to their owners.

As we are all too aware, this year will be the third year without the Easter Sports. We've all got our fingers crossed for a return next year.

One of the highlights for the Fergie owners, and lucky bystanders, was always a drive around various parts of the local area. Different courses were rotated to give the drivers a variety of locations and to suit conditions. The photo shows a rest stop next to Sams Creek, Molyullah on one such run.

Despite there being no Easter Sports this year, the Fergies are coming anyway and will be staying at the Molyullah Oval. The routes of this year's drives are yet to be finalised but will happen on Good Friday afternoon, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday. If you're in the right place at the right time, you might be lucky enough to be able to give them a wave.

But wait – there's more!

On Good Friday evening there will be a 'bonus' fish'n'chip night – yes, there will be two fish'n'chip nights in April. It will be a good chance to check out the Fergies and chat to the owners round the campfire.

Frying time, as always, will be 5.30 to 7.00pm and there will be a raffle of a prize donated by the Fergie Club.

Geoff Lee



Farewell to Tatong

After nearly 39 years of living in the beautiful township of Tatong, the time has come to move on. I say nearly 39 years because that was interrupted by the "recession we had to have" when we had to leave for a few years but we always intended to come back to our dream home and we did.

The TATTLER committee, on which Richard served as editor for many years before handing on the reins to Geoff Rintala, organised a lovely farewell for us at the Tatong Tavern. How nice it was to see a few ex participants as well as new members, all of whom we know.

With children scattered to three of the four winds, one in the U.S. one in the U.K. and one in Melbourne, we decided on a sea change.

It is going to be hard leaving a place we are comfortable with, a place where neighbours look out for each other without being intrusive, to go to new pastures but that is life. 35 acres is getting just a bit much for this couple who arrived in Tatong in their '30's.

It is not going to be easy to leave good friends. Many thanks to all who have wished us well in our new venture. Your friendship means a lot to us. It doesn't have to end there though. There will be a spare bedroom in our new home on the Capricorn Coast and a warm welcome will await those who come up to visit us in Taranganba 40 km north-east of Rockhampton.

Sallie & Rick Hann

I wish that authorities would ease up with the dire annual warnings about dangerous fires, floods and disease. Yes they are a reality and it's tough for those affected, but one would almost think that there was a conspiracy afoot to keep the populace in a state of endless anxiety. Little wonder that more children are suffering mental health problems today, something that seemed to be unheard of only a few decades ago.

When talking to friends recently about the freedom we had to roam as kids I feel pity for the kids of today and their future. I know that such comparisons are a standard lament among older generations, nevertheless there is a clearly evident downturn especially in children's freedom to roam and connect deeply with nature.

As Henry Lawson stated in one of his songs "... the mother bush that bore you," signifying the depth of love and nurture he felt from the Aussie bush.

Mike Larkin

Coming Events

8th April Molyullah Fish 'n' Chip night 5.30pm at Hall.

15th 16th & 17th April Molyullah area Fergie tractor tour.

15th April Bonus Molyullah Fish 'n' Chip night 5.30pm at the hall.

15th April Tatong RCH Appeal Auction items on display and raffle tickets Tatong Community Centre 12 noon to 4pm.

FILM REVIEW *BELFAST*

KENNETH BRANAGH'S TALE OF A CHILDHOOD DURING NORTHERN IRELAND'S TROUBLES.

A semi-autobiographical film written and directed by Kenneth Branagh.

Set in 1969, at the start of the country's infamous Troubles, Belfast is a bittersweet memoir, childhood innocence complicated by the turmoil of a different world to come.

The movie is mostly shot in black and white which makes it feel very appropriate to the time when many of us were watching the moon landing in grainy black and white.

Buddy is a 9 year old primary schooler living with his working class Protestant family, his teenage brother, William, Mother and often absent Father, a joiner who frequently works away in England to pay for his family's mounting debts.

Men have landed on the moon but Northern Ireland is beset by civil unrest and Buddy's street- a mix of working class Protestant and Catholic families- is a target.

Soon helicopters are circling overhead, British soldiers are patrolling the streets and a barricade of rubble, barbed wire and burnt out cars has been erected.

The film is charming with its portrayal of childhood despite the almost constant threat of violence. Buddy's interaction with his family and particularly his Grandparents, played by Judi Dench and Ciaran Hinds pull at the heartstrings.

There are scenes of rioting and mob violence, the Troubles haunt nearly every scene but next to the barricades the kids play football.

Music by Van Morrison adds another dimension to a wonderful movie, definitely worth seeing.

Submitted by Linda DeFazio

Cycle Dindi 2022

Cycle Dindi is on again along the scenic Great Victorian Rail Trail on Saturday 2nd April. Organised by the Rotary Clubs of Yea and Alexandra, with assistance from Friends of the GVRT, it is a fully supported family friendly event for adults (seniors discount available) and children. A variety of distances, starting places (Yea, Alexandra, or Merton) and starting times (8am – 11am) are available. It's also Market Day in Yea so come for a browse at the market. Lunch is beside the Goulburn River – a location to relax, enjoy some food and coffee by mobile van Café Amore. The shearing shed at Nutfield is a popular place to stop for Devonshire tea and watch working dogs demonstrate their amazing sheep yarding skills and is included in the entry cost.

CycleDindi22 is a major fundraiser to support Rotary youth projects. Entry forms available at Rotary website www.yearotary.org.au and follow CycleDindi22 updates on Facebook. Queries to cycledindi22@gmail.com and bookings via direct deposit or through www.trybooking.com/BVQGK. Non riders welcome at both Morning tea and lunch for a modest cost.



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Local winners of Benalla Rural City Australia Day Awards.

Russell Byrne and Diane Brosig - Molyullah Achievers of the Year

Russell moved from Melbourne to Molyullah in 2010 so he could be with his partner Diane Brosig. Diane has been a valuable member of the Molyullah community for many years.

Russell and Diane manage the family piggery and are active firefighters in the Molyullah Fire Brigade. They both continued the tradition of the Brosig family in sponsoring the well known Molyullah Easter Sports, the main money maker for the local community. As President of the Molyullah Public Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, Russell set a focus on restoring most of the outbuildings on the Reserve. To facilitate this he introduced a Fish and Chip night for the local community to come together on the second Friday of the month (only interrupted by Covid), where he and Diane, rain, hail or shine cook up a storm!

A great night out catching up with old friends and a wonderful way of greeting newcomers to the area.

The popular pair have also been collaborative in helping organise other groups such as the Heritage group and Landcare groups initiate their projects around the area.



Will Smith - Benalla Young Achiever of 2022

Mental health issues especially over the past two years with the COVID-19 pandemic have been significant for many young people and the general community.

Will has been a key member of the Live4Life Benalla crew since 2020 and is a much admired student at Benalla P-12 College. The Live4Life Benalla crew are students from Year 8 to 10, from both Benalla P-12 and FCJ College who volunteer their own time to be mental health ambassadors in their school and their community.

During his time on the crew, Will has helped organise events and activities for Year 8 students to celebrate the Live4Life program while also promoting the key messages from Teen Mental Health First Aid Training.

Since his first day with the Live4Life crew, Will has been nothing but a positive, kind and engaging leader who is willing to take an extra step to make activities and events successful. Will continuously thinks outside the box and wants to make everything he is involved in the best he can, so everyone can benefit.

Other events, Will supports include IDAHOBIT day, being part of local basketball teams, a youth researcher for the Benalla Rural City Council Youth Strategy and maintaining a great work ethic at his after school job.

It is clear to see that Will is a big part of the Benalla community as he has the ability to go anywhere, anytime and will always be greeted with a big smile from a diverse range of community members. Will is a young person, Benalla Rural City is proud to call a local!



Will is the son of Pete and Beth Smith, dairy farmers from Tatong.

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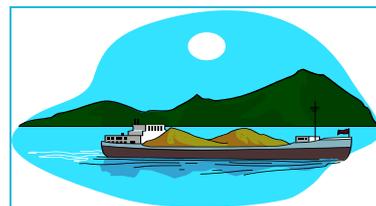
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View from the Warbies

Austrian artist Eugene von Guerard came to Australia in 1852, hoping to find gold. He didn't strike it rich, which was sad for him; but so lucky for the preservation of some history of Australia. To make a living he went back to his profession, sketching and painting scenes of an Australia in a state of transition. In an era when photography was new and rare, and cameras extremely cumbersome, von Guerard travelled through the bush, the farms and the goldfields, capturing the landscape.

One sketch he made was from an outcrop of what we know as the Warbies. Major Mitchell didn't ask the locals what they named the granite range; passing by in 1836 he named it "Futter's range". When Ben Warby took up the Killawarra section around 1844, the area became known as the "Warby Ranges" (phew).

In 1862, Eugene von Guerard sat somewhere on the south eastern spurs, and sketched what he could see; a fine view over the plains, and in the distance, Mt Buffalo and friends. But from where did he make this sketch? The Glenrowan gap doesn't feature; and von Guerard was pretty good on detail.

Sitting at the Glenrowan Vintage Hall, looking up at Mt Glenrowan, my sister Jan and I wondered what the view was like from up there. So we went to find out.

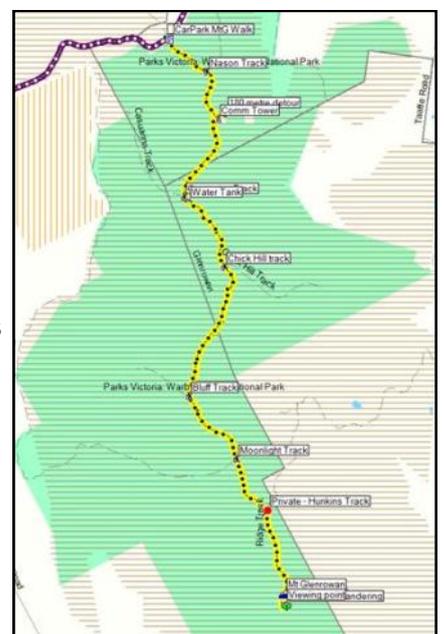
To do the "Mt Glenrowan" Warbies walk we left the car at a car-park on the Taminick Gap road, and set off up a sealed path to the communication tower, then onwards south on a gravel track. It is a little over 4km to "Mt Glenrowan" and "Morgan's Lookout". As we reached the southern end, the first clear landmark I caught sight of was the McDonalds sign on the freeway! The view is spectacular, even when showers obscure Mt Buffalo. The scene of Glenrowan below is lovely, although the quarry behind it is a bit of a blight on the landscape. With binoculars I could even see Big Ned; he doesn't hide so effectively these days.

It was a grand view, but it wasn't the one Eugene had sketched 160 years ago. Maybe he was south of Glenrowan, behind the quarry? Or perhaps from the eastern side of the Warbies. None of these are public land, so it is tricky to check. Do those three rocks still stand, and are they hidden by trees?

It was a lovely walk, and although we weren't walking fast, and had a good stop at the southern end, we took less than the four hours that Parks suggests.

There were some steep bits, and some skidding on loose gravel, but for the most part a pleasant, undulating track. Lovely bushland, some xanthorrhoea (grass trees) lurking along the way, and such a view to enjoy at the southern end! (Geoff Rintala could name some of the mountains in von Guerard's sketch - how many can you name?)

- Andrea Stevenson





Garden Daze

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



Moving into the middle month of Autumn - shorter cooler days and time to think of planting some trees.

Salvias are tough, hardy plants that do well in our local climate. There are close to 1000 species of *Salvias* and they can be found in temperate, tropical and sub-tropical regions, from sea level to mountains.



Mexican Sage

There are no native Australian species - *Salvias* come mostly from the Americas, Europe and Asia.

Classified as annuals, biennials, perennials and herbaceous shrubs - provided they are well drained and get plenty of sun, they will grow equally well in rubbly clay or friable loam.

From groundcovers to three to four-metre-high shrubs, there is a *Salvia* to suit any climate,

season and garden style. Most *Salvias* show off their flowers from spring through to autumn and are happy in garden beds or pots. Great for cutting - these aromatic beauties are beloved by bees and butterflies.

The first *salvias* I grew were from a cutting of the furry leaf Mexican Sage given by a friend, which in time produced a mass of pretty, bright purple flowers. When cut back in winter the stems made good cuttings - most of which grew. Soon I had them in pots around the garden and enough to give away to family and friends.

This had me on the look out for more varieties - most of which have come from the Benalla Market and the garden section of the local hardware.

Some of the more common *salvia* varieties are Spur-flower (*Plectranthus* sp.), Germander (*Teucrium* sp.), Coleus *Plectranthus* sp. syn. *Coleus* sp.), Basil (*Ocimum basilicum* cv.) and Sage (*Salvia officinalis*).



S. Hot Lips

Some *Salvias* have herbal and medicinal properties among these are the Chia (*Salvia hispanica*), Clary Sage (*Salvia runcinate*) and the Chinese Red Sage (*Salvia miltiorrhiza*).

Salvias can be planted en masse for a display of colour in garden beds while the smaller more compact varieties make great decorative pots.

The name *Salvia* comes from the Latin word *salvere*, which means "to heal." *Salvia* has been used for its herbal and medicinal qualities since ancient times.

Planting and care - Mix some organic plant food into the soil before planting and give them some soluble fertiliser from time to time for strong growth and to keep them flowering well.

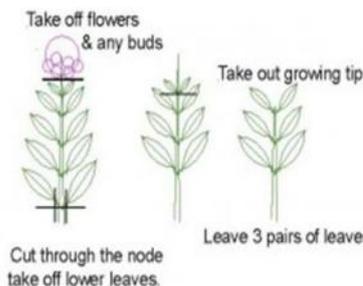
Although tolerant of moderate droughts, it is a good idea to protect their roots with mulch during prolonged periods of hot and dry weather.

Annual and perennial varieties can be pruned after flowering to remove spent flowers and stop them from becoming too top heavy, while the larger shrubby types should be cut to approximately 45cm from the ground in autumn, after which they will produce fresh new growth almost immediately

Propagation - *Salvias* can easily be propagated by either sowing seeds (for annual types) by taking cuttings or dividing old clumps (for biennial, perennial and herbaceous types).

Salvias grown by cuttings, will grow true to form.

Fill a small pot with potting mix - make a deep hole in the middle - fill this with Perlite.



Remove the bottom two nodes of leaves from the cutting and place into the perlite, up to the lowest set of leaves.

Keep in a protected place in the shade until

new leaves form - then pot up into a larger pot.

Julie and Gary Campbell have a lovely collection of *Salvias* in their garden at **Birchwood** O'Dea Road Molyullah.

Watch out for their next **Open Garden** for ideas and inspiration.



Happy Gardening

Kathy Z

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This year we are working very closely with Charity Partners of the Good Friday Appeal - SHOUT FOR GOOD to host an online auction that will be live from April 1st. We are once again having our now famous Cow Poo Lotto which is thanks to the DeFazio family. If you wish to purchase your square go to <http://www.trybooking.com/BXPAU>



Cow Poo Lotto - Tatong RCH Appeal 2022

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Keep an eye out in the next week or so in your mail box and we will have some more information in your letterbox including the link to the online auction.

We are so very grateful to all those businesses and individuals who have donated to our online auction.

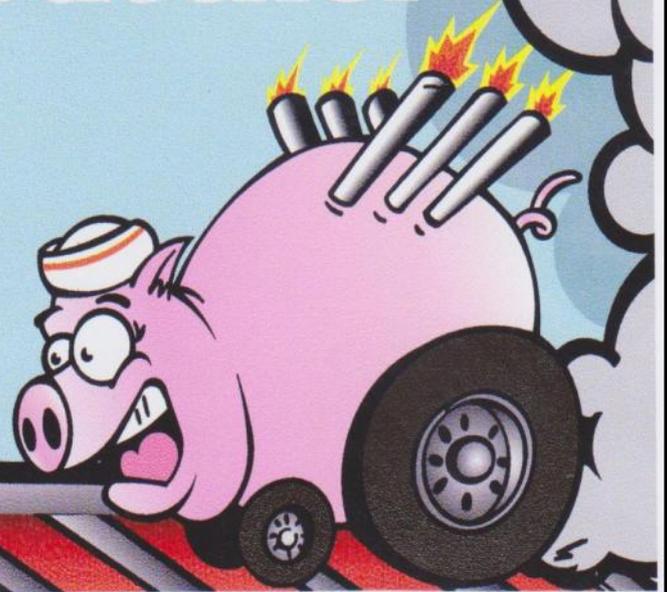
The Tatong RCH Good Friday Committee also wish to pass on our deepest sympathies to the entire Larkin family on the passing of Paul. Paul was a past member of the Tatong RCH Good Friday Appeal and helped raise much needed funds for the Royal Children's Hospital. Paul did a huge amount of tireless work and in the background setting up long terms partnerships. He will be sadly missed.



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White Gate Dates



The next White Gate dinner will be April 6th. Book yourselves in, arrive 6:30/7-ish, and be a part of the Tatong Tavern, 2022 renaissance style.

Reports from White Gate Correspondents;

Linda says "On the De Fazio dairyfarm the calving is starting again. This year the theme for naming the heifer calves is famous female sporting stars. So far we only have Ash Barty but we are expecting big things in the next week. Last year's naming rights went to TV characters; we have Monica, Phoebe and Rachel, amongst others. Any guesses as to where the idea for those came from?"



This is Laurie's 60th year milking cows, back then they had the exciting names of Betty, Spots, Judy, Blondie. Meg was sold as a chopper for the big sum of 24 pound 8 shillings. Also sold 17 calves for 14 pound 10 shillings."



And Caryn De Fazio of Smiths Road says "the pigs are enjoying a diet rich in the pears from Nan Faz's orchard. The 2022 salamis will have a fruity flavour."

White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Angus Mcmillan	27 Mar	Bill Sykes	24 Apr
Hamish Mcmillan	3 Apr	Matthew Defazio	1 May
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Sophie Baker, of Echo Hills, was interested to see the information on Warrenbayne West in the February Tattler.

She said, 'It reminded me of a pic taken of my Great Great Grandfather Thomas Welsh. All my family went to this School until it closed. It was full of daffodils when we were kids, but no building, of course. It was on Welsh's Rd, which was our family's farm.'

The man in the photo is Thomas Welsh, Sophie's Great Great Grandfather, with local children, including 11 of his own. Thomas Welsh was also the Methodist minister for the district.



The Tattler Always Gets Through

The Samaria run delivers to the south-western corner of the Tattler area. New residents will in time take over the Samaria Tattler Delivery run, but not for a while yet. So an emergency stand-in team are delivering the Samaria Tattlers.

In order to note where each Tattler should go, I did the run with Geoff Rintala, Geoff being familiar with that part of the world.

The March edition of the Tattler was being printed in the Tatong Rec Reserve rooms as we set off. The weather was a bit grey, with occasional drizzle.

By the time we reached the Samaria road at Moorngag, steady rain was falling. We dropped off a couple of bags of Tattlers to the mailboxes of delivery folk, then set off to deliver to Samaria.

Fortunately, most people have mailboxes these days, and most of them are rain-proof. Just as well; by the time we reached the Mt Samaria road, the rain was torrential. How it ran down that road! I would have got a photo, but it was raining too much to open the window. But here is a photo of sort of what it looked like.

Geoff remarked that his son, a road engineer, says there are 3 rules for road maintenance: (1) keep the water off the road; (2) keep the water off the road; and (3) keep the water off the road. There was a lot of water running down Mt Samaria road.

Geoff knew where most of the mailboxes were, although two of them were hiding amongst some wattles and kept dodging when we looked. Like an old fashioned navigational challenge, we hunted them down & nailed them in the end.

Eventually we had our Tattlers delivered, although two mailboxes were chock full of old mail, including last month's Tattler, giving the observant sleuth a hint that they were out of commission.

It was good to get up into the hills, even when the said hills were pouring with rain.

Getting out and about in some of the further reaches brings home just what a service the Tattler deliverers do. We print 315 Tattlers, which go out in bags to the volunteer Deliverers, who then distribute each individual Tattler to a resident.

With only a few left-over Tattlers, we drove back down to the Samaria Road, where the rain was falling gently, and made our way to Tatong, where there was no rain at all. Rain, what rain? Said the team printing the Tattlers. But my ute had been washed, and the Samaria run completed - the Tattlers had got through!

We hope that everyone who wants a physical Tattler gets one, and that none go to waste. And that none were soggy.

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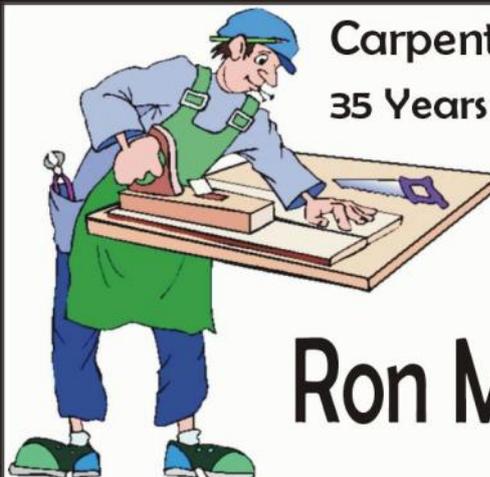
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Swanpool News

We are enjoying a lovely autumn, having had great weather for our successful Motorfest over the Long Weekend, and for our annual community BBQ. Our successful Bowls Club A team is in the finals of the pennant competition, whilst Land-Care is gearing up for a busy year.

The Cinema is looking forward to screening some blockbusters over April, many of which are in Oscars contention, including a film about Richard Williams, father of Serena and Venus, "King Richard", and Clint Eastwood's latest offering "Cry Macho" over Easter, "House of Gucci" the following weekend, and "Death On the Nile" on the last weekend in April, screening as a matinee on 29th April, as well as on our regular evening screenings. Copies of our programme are available at the Tatong Tavern, as well as in our regular outlets in Swanpool and Benalla, and tickets can be bought at the Ticket Box 30 minutes before each screening. Looking forward to welcoming you all!

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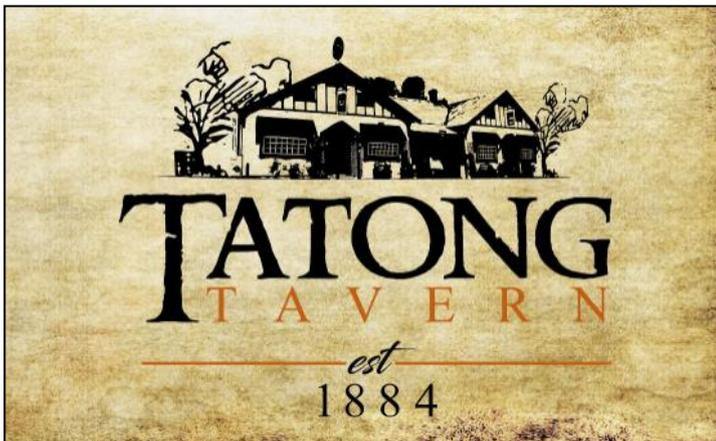
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April already, and the year is flying by, the leaves will be turning soon and daylight savings will disappear. We welcome the cooler nights and of course that means more comfort food and hearty tummy fillers. April also brings Anzac Day, so spare a thought for all our defence forces, past and present and a worthy cause to consider is Soldier On Australia www.soldieron.org.au, a not for profit organisation helping our veterans.

The Royal Childrens Hospital Appeal comes around on Good Friday and even though the Tavern was a late starter this year with fund raising, the meat draw has proved popular with a great effort by the patrons on a Friday night. We had to take down the donated notes off the roof for painting, but, a lot of fun was had putting them all back up.

Talking about fun, our Comedy Night in March was a hoot. Four Melbourne comedians, a raucous bunch of guests, Guiseppie's pizzas and copious amounts of fluid and there were laughs all round. The guys really enjoyed the crowd and hope to come back later in the year.

Just a reminder we are open from 11 am Wednesday to Sunday and meals 12-2 and 6-8. Please get in early if you wish to book a table 0357 672210.

Like us of Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news and info.

We will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.
Happy Easter and Stay Safe!
Stuart and Melisse Robinson – Go Cats

What's Happening at Molly Rose?

I know it's been awhile. Sorry about that. The following is a series of tweets by Jennifer Lynn Barnes that pretty much is describing my life at the moment and why it's been a while since I've put anything in the Tattler.

One time, I was at a Q&A with Nora Roberts, and someone asked her how to balance writing and kids, and she said that the key to juggling is to know that some of the balls you have in the air are made of plastic & some are made of glass. And if you drop a plastic ball, it bounces, no harm done. If you drop a glass ball, it shatters, so you have to know which balls are glass and which are plastic and prioritize catching the glass ones. Nora was not talking about juggling five balls. She was talking about juggling FIFTY-FIVE balls. The balls don't represent "family" or "work". There are separate balls for everything that goes into each of those categories. "Deadline on Project Y" or "crazy sock day at school"

And her point, addressing a room full of women, was not "prioritise kids over work." It was "some kid stuff is glass and some is plastic, and sometimes, to catch a glass work ball, you have to drop a plastic family one, and that is okay."

And the reverse is also true. Sometimes, to catch a glass kid ball, something at work has to slide, and that is okay, too.

If you are juggling 55 balls, some are going to drop, so you have to focus not on broad categories, but on the glass balls.

I think about this ALL THE TIME. I dropped more than one ball today. It is hard to drop any ball, and I hate it! But they were plastic, and tomorrow it will be okay.

As much as I LOVE writing articles for the Tattler, this is a plastic ball that I've had to keep dropping because my life is more than a little chaotic at the moment! There's been a lot of up and downs with family, livestock, Room at the Table and life in general. I think, and I hope, that we'll hit a smooth patch soon. So this was just a quick update as to why my Tattler articles disappeared.

I'm finding it hard to believe that a quarter of the year has almost gone already! And hopefully I'll write you again next month

Carla

Can anybody explain?

We are, it is reported, using cash less and less. Personally, I rarely carry cash, these days, instead using a card for most transactions.

Of course, CoViD sped up the reduction of cash use. During lockdowns people turned more and more to online shopping. Even between and after lockdowns retailers stipulated "card only – no cash".

Where once I might have asked, "Do you take cards?" today I might ask, "Do you take cash?"

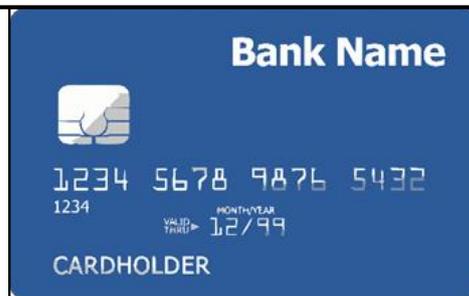
There is, very often, a transaction fee added to the purchase at point of sale. It isn't the retailers' fault. They are charged by the card companies and then pass it on to the purchaser.

Logically there must be a cost involved in processing these transactions. The charges are applied as a percentage of the purchase price, and therein lies my dilemma.

Let's suppose the charge is 1%. If I spend \$100, the charge is \$1. If I spend \$1000, the charge is \$10. The second is ten times the cost of the first. Does it take ten times more people or ten times as long to process because there is an extra zero involved?

To me, the cost of processing each transaction should be the same – both are only one transaction. Surely, a set transaction fee would be fairer?

John Knapper.



Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
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	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

After a puny 4.8mm of rain in the whole month of February, March let rip with 70.1mm up until the 15th of the month. This fire restriction season has had no Total Fire Ban days so far and it does not seem likely going by the greenery in many paddocks, less power in the sun and relatively cooler weather.

Mike Larkin

Mooring Cemetery Trust News.

On Sunday 3rd of April, from 3.00pm the Mooring Cemetery Trust members invite the public to officially celebrate the new rotunda, mural, storyboards, and new lawn section at Mooring.

In 2019 the masterplan was completed. The brief was to develop a plan that addressed present and future needs of the cemetery. The plan has been the basis for all the works we have undertaken. This includes the new lawn area, which has the capacity for seventy-two burials and a rock garden to allow for plaques to be attached and ashes to be scattered.

The new section has been called The Mooring Cemetery Memorial Garden, in keeping with modern cemetery trends. The Cemetery receives no direct funding and relies on grants. We have been extremely fortunate in receiving grants from the State Government for the masterplan, roads, and rotunda: and the Benalla Rural City Council for the restoration of the front gates, the mural, and storyboards.

Landcare and private donations have been used to plant trees, including a memorial avenue.

The cost of "purchasing a plot" goes towards the long-term upkeep of the cemetery. There are no paid employees at the cemetery, only an enthusiastic band of volunteers who ensure that the cemetery is well maintained as a pleasant and reflective public space for visitors.

We will continue to implement aspects of the masterplan and are always interested in welcoming new volunteers.

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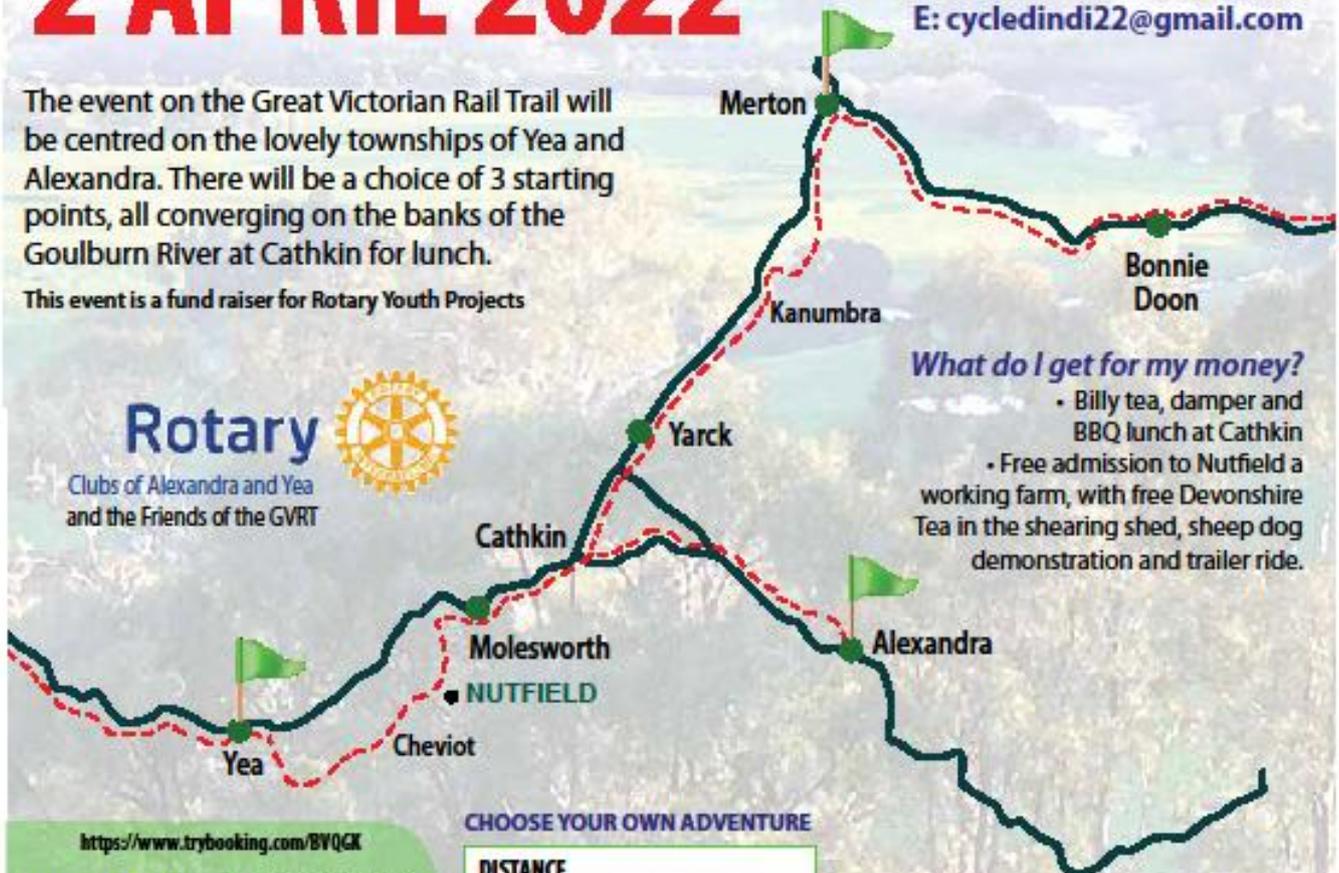
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