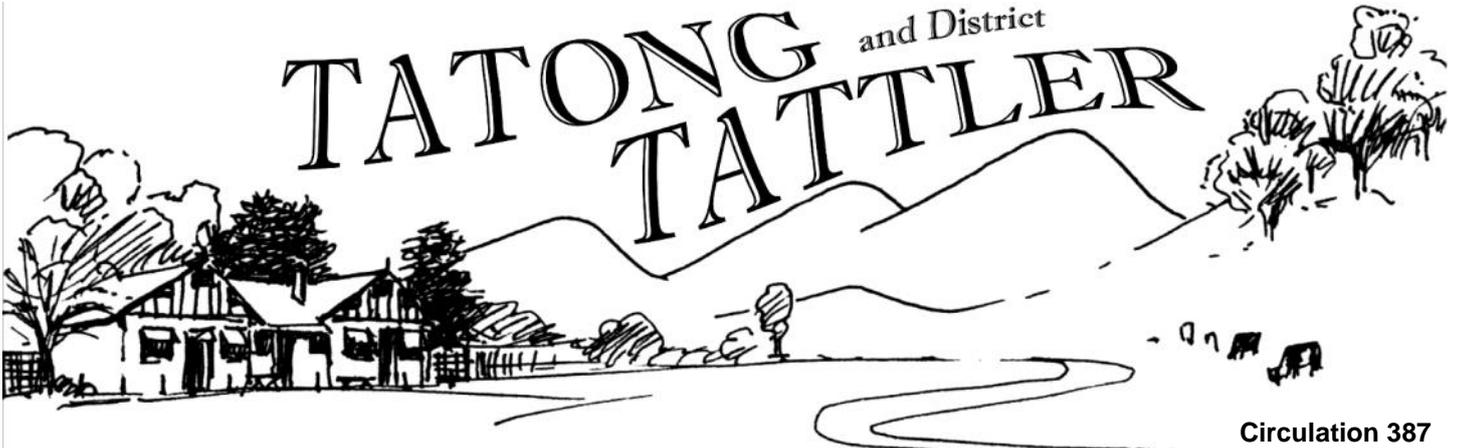


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TATONG MEMORIAL HALL



After a chilly start to the day the sun shone through for a glorious autumn day.

The Tatong Memorial Hall Committee held a sausage sizzle on voting day, to raise funds for the installation of two flag poles at the front of the Memorial Hall

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Hear Ye Hear Ye! White Gate dinner for July...

White Gate



Dates

White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Andrew Marriott	26 Jun	Angus Mcmillan	24 Jul
Terry Trounson	3 Jul	Bruce Burgess	31 Jul
Les Maclean	10 Jul	Hamish Mcmillan	7 Aug
James Parton	17 Jul	Laurie Defazio	14 Aug

The Tatong Tavern kitchen will not be operating on the first Wednesday of July. So the White Gate mob will have to dine elsewhere.

Where to for... Christmas in July?

We can decide just which venue via email. Benalla?

Further afield? (in the depths of winter?) Lunch, instead? Share your inspiration.

- Andrea Stevenson, 0429 439 336

Caryn De Fazio reports, "On Smith Road we have lost some pigs BUT have gained a lot of fresh salamis."

From Linda: "On the De Fazio Dairy farm the weekend was spent making salami and bacon;"





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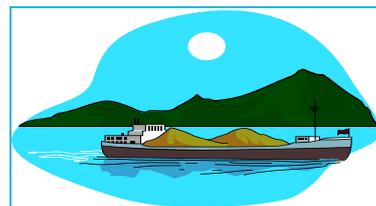
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Chicken in a Basket? No - a Bathtub!

Earlier this year, one of my granddaughters decided to get some chickens to raise. Maybe not such a strange idea, however she was living in suburban Melbourne with her Aunt and Uncle at the time - and kept them in the bathroom.



An indoor cage and heating were purchased and a breeder contacted to provide four little chicks. Two Buff Orpingtons and two Wyandottes.

After six weeks (seems there was a limit to how long a bathroom could be shared with feathered companions, even if it was the "spare" bathroom) and the chicks were moved out onto a grassy patch in the garden safe from predators.



After a while some close inspection showed that each pair of chicks contained a rooster! So - as they grew - what to do with all the cock-a-doodle-dooo?

Who do we know where the early morning crow wasn't illegal and already kept chooks?

Did this make me a sitting duck?

The chickens arrived when they were three months old. Not having kept that breed before - the Buff Orpington couple were a surprise being bigger than we were expecting and quite beautiful in their golden plumage.



The Wyandottes were also a surprise - but in reverse as they were bantams - and quite unusual

with their striped feathering.

Lacking a mother hen to tell them what to do, it took them a few weeks to work out this perch idea and they still huddled together at night in a corner of their shed.



Eventually a big "sort out" was required - and if anyone has a spare 20 minutes I can tell you how I did it.

Our feathered fowl collection is divided into two - the big chooks and the bantams.

The bantams live in a big old aviary attached to the mud brick garage/shed/workshop and had three cross breeds in with them - half bantam and half Araucana and not surprisingly one Araucana hen.

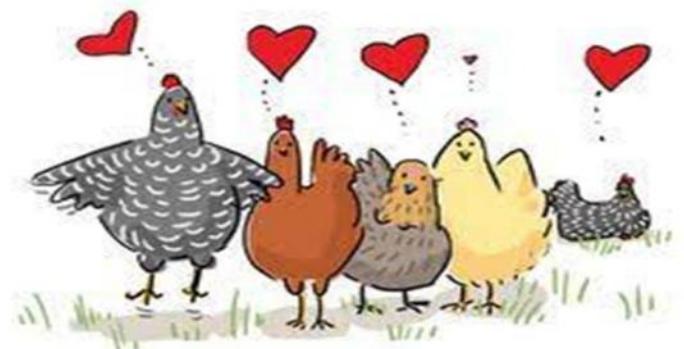
The new chicks were in a shed of their own and the 'big chooks' were in the chook house and yard.

It only took two or three mornings conducting feathered traffic control waving my plastic leaf rake around to get everyone where they were required.

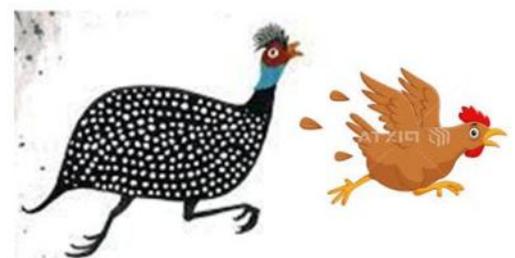


Now the big chooks have the Buff Orpingtons in with them - their old rooster having died a couple of months ago - the Wyandottes are in a sub section of the chook yard with the Araucana cross OEG hens and the Araucana hen.

The OEG Bantams are a world unto themselves and currently have two roosters with them - one of which is most definitely "the boss"!



Oh Yes! I forgot - one male Guinea Fowl who decided to chase all the chooks and being more trouble than any dog caused much chaos and added at least one day to the exercise.



Kathy Z

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Michael Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1933-40, was born in the Tatong district 1872.

The following is abridged from Barry Gustafson's biography "From the Cradle to the Grave", with his kind permission. Some details are from other sources. This text can be found on www.vicnet.net.au/~tathg.

Part 3

Death of Johanna Savage

Johanna recovered but a little over a year later she suffered appendicitis. Before Lister's discoveries, opening the stomach meant almost certain death. Johanna was ill for weeks, lying in bed in the heat of mid-summer, surrounded her family. She was 39 years old; her children aged 16, 15, 13, 11, 9, 7 and 5. Rowland recalls: "Doctor Henry was in constant attendance, and everything possible was done under the circumstances, but Mother developed excruciating pain. I shall never forget it—the agony of peritonitis. No hospital, and little was known of general anaesthesia and major surgery. Her screams! In her few easy moments, with no thought of herself, saying always 'God is good' she tried to console and advise Father as to what he should do for himself and the seven children after she had gone. One of her own countrymen, Reverend Father Kennedy of Benalla, administered the last sacraments.

"Before the dawning on 10 February 1878 the soul of our dear mother, a very fine, game little woman passed from this earth, with our broken hearted father, Rose, Richard, Hugh and Mrs McNaughton kneeling around her deathbed, praying. Mick and I were not told until morning, along with Willie and Joe. Mick was not quite six years old then."

1878 continued to be a dismal year for the Savage family. Good harvests early in the year were negated by low grain prices. Then heavy rains and flooding in October and November led to the 1879 harvest being the lowest yield on record. The newspapers noted that 'from Benalla to the Murray nothing but sheer ruin stares many in the face'.

Richard Savage, struggling to get his new farm established, failed to make the required improvements on part of his Rothesay selection and forfeited about half of it.

Nevertheless, in March 1880 Rose paid £24 to take out a licence on a selection of 392 acres next to her father's farm. Over the following years the Savage family cleared, fenced and cultivated this property, which was eventually combined with Richard Savage's farm and worked more and more as a dairy farm. Rose continued to live with and care for her father and six younger brothers, the lively teenager becoming a substitute mother.

Rothesay School

Before Victoria introduced the first comprehensive system of free, compulsory and secular education in 1872, many Australians remained illiterate.

Richard Savage was an educated man who acted as election poll clerk for the Rothesay district, and wrote letters for neighbours unable to read or write. Within months of the passing of the 1872 act, he organised a petition and sent off several letters requesting the government to establish a school at Rothesay. He pointed out that there were six families with twenty-two children, including the seven young Savages, under the age of fourteen in the district. He arranged for a temporary school building opposite the farm on which the Savage family was itself in temporary residence. The chairman of the local Education Board of Advice wrote that 'Mr and Mrs Savage of Rothesay near Benalla—most respected farmers' were prepared 'to receive a female teacher and give her the necessary accommodation' in order to get the school started.

In August 1874 the Rothesay school, State School Number 1438, was opened. The initial twenty pupils, sitting in four seven-foot-long desks, were crowded into a room twelve feet by eleven feet and with a height of seven feet. One of the first teachers described 'the heat at times quite oppressive and fatiguing'.

In 1879 a new school building, still so small that Michael later recalled 'one could hardly turn round in it', was erected. His father organised a dance to mark the opening. This started at 6.30 p.m., with the dancing and singing to violin and concertina going on until daybreak, when a children's picnic was held. In this year 7-year-old Michael started school.

Continued next month



Garden Daze

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



July - and so far not a lot of sunshine this winter.

Rhubarb - (*Rheum rhabarbarum*) is an easy-to-grow perennial happy in full sun through to deep shade, which once established can be harvested indefinitely.

Typically planted as crowns, now when growth is slowing down during the colder months, is a good time to plant Rhubarb divisions. Whether purchased from a nursery, shared between friends or increasing a crop - it is as easy as - dig the plant up, divide and replant.



Rhubarb thrives best in rich soil with good drainage. Prepare the soil before planting by adding a mixture of compost and cow manure dug into the planting hole.

If dividing an old clump - identify the growing points at the base of the rhubarb clump. Split the clump vertically through the top with a sharp spade. This will help prevent damage to the growing points. Ensure that at least three stalks and some roots are attached to each piece. Spread out the roots and plant the rhubarb pieces taking care that the growing point is above the soil level.

Spread more compost and cow manure around the base of the plant, top it all up with some mulch and water in well.

Wait with harvesting until the plant is well established. Harvest by pulling stalks away from the base. Hold the stalk near the base and gently pull it away from the crown. This ensures the whole stem comes away and doesn't leave a stump, which can cause rot. For the same reason - never cut the stems.

Harvest the thickest stems and always leave plenty of stems behind to promote new growth.

Stalks are not always red, and although green stems taste just as good. It is the red stems which are the most popular.

Varieties with red stalks include:

- Red Dragon - vivid red stems
- Silvan Giant - thick red stems - good in cold climate
- Sydney Crimson - red stems
- Ever Red - crimson red stems - sweetest variety

It is claimed that stems also tend to develop stronger red colouring in cooler climates.



Rhubarb will shoot up tall flower spikes and set seed when they're ready. Making flowers and seeds takes a lot of energy away from growing stems and the flower spikes will need to be removed. High-nitrogen organic matter together with increased watering should discourage flowering.



Rhubarb is very sour-tasting and it was only when sugar became cheaply available in the eighteenth century that it began to be cooked and eaten - prior to that it was mainly used for its medicinal qualities.

The leaves and roots of Rhubarb are toxic to both people and animals (including the chooks) so the best use for them is as an addition to the compost heap.



Take secateurs when picking a bunch of rhubarb - it is a then simply a matter of standing next to the compost heap and cut the leaves off where they can fall straight onto the heap, the neat handful of stems are taken into the kitchen.

Baked Rhubarb Crumble.

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger or cinnamon
- 60 g unsalted butter
- 75 g plain flour
- 2 tablespoons rolled oats
- 2 cups sweetened stewed rhubarb



Mix sugar, baking powder & ground ginger or cinnamon together in a bowl.

In another bowl, add the flour and oats.

Crumble the butter into the flour mix and use your fingers to squeeze the ingredients together and form pea-size pieces.

Toss the flour mixture in with the sugar mixture.

Butter a baking dish.

Spoon the cooked fruit into the baking dish, then strew over the topping.

Bake at 200°C for 30 minutes or until the topping is golden brown and bubbling at the edges.

Serve with cream or ice cream.



Happy Gardening

Kathy Z

Gawn to Town

Roundabout sort of question

When driving, it is handy to know the road rules. Kangaroos never learn them; ever failed to give way to an oncoming kangaroo? Traffic laws may seem irrelevant down the rutted end of a dirt track, the sort of place where one feels outraged on encountering another car, but in higher traffic density there is merit in having regulations to fall back on.

So, here is a quiz for you; in Victoria, is it legal to enter a roundabout, when another vehicle is already in the roundabout? I laughingly said, well of course it is. Look at the online videos showing how to use a roundabout, with pictures of several cars entering at once. Look at the multilane roundabouts, like the Haymarket Roundabout on Elizabeth St, Melbourne; several lanes, and taxi drivers pulling suicidal stunts. The beauty of a roundabout is allowing several vehicles to enter at once. And as VicRoads emphasises, the important thing is to keep the traffic moving.

However a friend recently had an interesting experience in Mansfield. She paused before entering the roundabout, observed one other vehicle on the far side, and so proceeded into the roundabout. Next thing she was being pulled over by the police. She swears they told her that it is illegal to enter a roundabout while there is another vehicle in the roundabout.

She ended up having to re-sit her licence. And once she had successfully regained her license, she asked the instructor, is it legal to enter a roundabout when there is another vehicle in the roundabout? She was told – no, it isn't.

Now perhaps MUFWVM (My Unfortunate Friend Who Visited Mansfield) is delusional, although she seems pretty sane to me. But in the extraordinary event that this is true; that some archaic law means thousands of Victorian drivers are breaking a road rule every day; then the Haymarket Roundabout is grossly over-engineered.

I sent off a message to VicRoads asking this burning question (and it would burn a hole in your wallet, and your lifestyle) but I haven't had an answer yet.

Now, should it be true (that a driver ought not enter a roundabout when another vehicle is on it) I suggest that the drivers of Victoria take action to encourage the law-makers to update the driving laws, to match those we're all taught when learning to drive. All we need to do, is to obey this hypothetical law. If, all across the land (especially at the Haymarket Roundabout) only one driver was on the roundabout at any time, traffic would come to a standstill, and someone might pay attention.

If it is true, then it is a handy revenue-raising trick. Teach the proletariat to break the law, then nab them for breaking the law. And if it is true... how many

other such tricks are out there?

If anyone has a Boolean answer to this question (that is, Yes, or No), then kindly send your information to the Tatong Tattler. There being no roundabout in Tatong will not protect locals who venture to the suburbs of Tatong, such as Benalla and Mansfield. And, should you be charged with this offence, if you can keep your cool, do record the audio on your phone. Trust me, it'll go viral.

And at last we would have clarity!

Until then... Good luck to you, if you enter a roundabout when there is another vehicle already in it, and the police are watching.

(But if you're on the Haymarket Roundabout, you'll have enough other stuff to worry about.)

- Andrea Stevenson

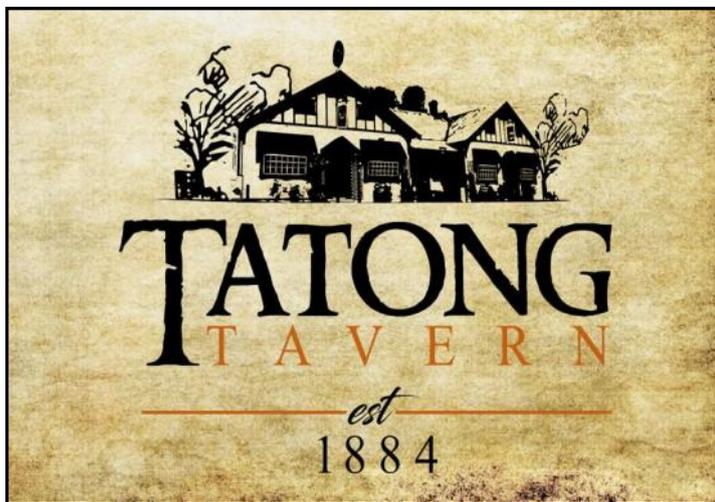
Top 10 Reasons why Farm Trucks are Rarely Stolen

1. **They have a range of about 50 kilometres before they overheat, break down or run out of diesel**
2. **Only the owner knows how to open the doors.**
3. **It is difficult to drive fast with all the fencing gear, rags, ropes, chains, syringes, buckets, boots and loose papers in the cab**
4. **It takes too long to start, and the smoke coming up through the rust holes obscures vision in the cab**
5. **The blue heeler sitting on the passenger seat looks pretty mean**
6. **Farm trucks are distinctive; the farm name is emblazoned on the driver's door, the passenger's door is a different colour, and everyone in the district knows the truck by sight.**
7. **The hay bales on the back hamper rear vision, so it is hard to see who is in pursuit. Side windows are usually covered in duct tape.**
8. **The top speed is about 80kph**
9. **If you succeed in stealing it, the cost of running it means you'll just end up dumping it somewhere... like on a farm.**
10. **It is hard to commit a crime when everyone is waving at you.**



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WHAT'S ON AT THE TAVERN

26th June—Kitchen will be closed for meals for a few weeks while we rebuild . We are very excited!! Hopefully our new spang dangled shiny kitchen will be up and running by mid July with a new yummy, tummy warming winter menu

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Canberra – what a surprise!

Have you ever been to Canberra?

What did you think of it?

Have you been back?

I was never very fond of Canberra. I remember seemingly going round and round huge roundabouts and not knowing where to jump off. I found it hard to find a servo or shops.

I would tell people that I'd been to Canberra twice – the first and the last time. Admittedly my visit was some fifty years ago, but I was still in no hurry to return.

Friends of ours in Sydney had need to be in Canberra for a singing competition taking place on a Saturday. We decided to catch up with them and make a weekend of it. After an early Friday morning start, we met them for lunch at Poppy's, the café at the War Memorial. An afternoon guided tour was only enough time to show a tiny fraction of the exhibits and whet our appetite to see more. Our guide said, "If you were to spend only one minute at each exhibit, it would take 55 days to cover them all".

On the Saturday we visited the Botanic Gardens. The gardens are on the lower slopes of Black Mountain and have the most comprehensive display of living Australian native plants in the world.

It is well laid out, so that even a couple of old bods like us can wander around quite easily.

The highlight for me, though, came on Sunday. The morning was to be spent at Old Parliament House, now called

the Museum of Australian Democracy. We actually spent most of the day there, having both morning tea and lunch in the café.

New Parliament House opened in 1988. Bob Hawke was Prime Minister, Joan Childs was the speaker and John Howard was the opposition leader. It's as if a bell rang at the Old Parliament House

and everyone left to go to the new one, leaving everything behind. All the old typewriters, ash trays (remember them?) with cigarette packets and coffee cups, and the old in trays and out trays etc., etc. There are even cardigans and jackets still over the backs of chairs. What was very, very obvious were the unbelievably cramped working conditions – the move was overdue.

Although it is now a museum, very little is roped off. One can sit in the chamber or hold a meeting in the Cabinet Room. At the time of our visit, there were four exhibitions running. The first, 'Behind the Lines', is an exhibition of over 100 political cartoons hung along three corridors. It took us about one and a

half hours to read them all. They are clever and incisive, and were making people chuckle out loud. They all cut through the political spin we get 'fed'.

The next exhibition, 'Democracy DNA', has an artist's picture of each Prime Minister and a 'one pager' on each.

Then on to a journalism exhibition: 'Truth, Power and a Free Press – Can you tell the Truth?' which asks whether or not you are able to discern the truth in all the 'stuff' you see and hear in the various media.

Finally, 'Democracy – Are You In?' looks at the falling level of trust in politicians and institutions and the rising call for change among the Australian public.

This left very little time to do little more than rush to the National Museum and have only an hour to have a quick look around. One thing we did notice – many of the exhibits are items that we have here at home

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As Arnie said, "I'll be back!"

John Knapper



What are we doing and what more can we do?

Unlike elsewhere Britain's obsession with catching insects morphed into observation, using an army of citizen scientists and creating an awareness of entomological patterns. Now, in the UK, an organisation called Bug Life exists to roll out a network of bug attractive patches and corridors across the country, filled with wildflowers in order to sustain invertebrate life. Anyone can contribute. British wildflowers have sustained a massive 95% decline which causes insects to be trapped in tiny isolated areas. This has resulted in loss of wing size for those used to travelling great distances, loss of breeding opportunity, and limiting biodiversity. On their website you can view the maps showing the corridors – it looks like someone threw a plate of spaghetti at these maps.

Unfortunately government in Australia does not respond well to the urgency of these problems. Committees, reports and the like can create situations where a creature is lost because funding is too late. David Lindenmayer describes it as “counting the books whilst the library burns.” He has written many books on various aspects of our environment. His book *Wildlife Conservation in Farm Landscapes* written with a number of other scientists, is a clear guide covering all the groups of creatures as well as plants. There is a useful classification of farm landscape types and what is needed for each. He explains provision of the right environment for native plants and creatures with all the alternatives according to landscape type and recognises the difference between allowing nature to take its course and planning a recovery.

Chemical companies, like the tobacco companies, might be in denial but a UN report dispels the myth that the world cannot feed itself without the use of pesticides. Regenerative agriculture and government support for reseeded the plants that support insects are proving effective. Europe's Pollinator Initiative, set up by the EU, looks to researching and educating in order to redress pollinator imbalance and absence. Under this program it has been discovered that honeybees supplement the work of wild bees, not the other way around. Funding is available to farmers to seed in wildflowers to support pollinators. There is much research in Europe that indicates that given the chance beneficial insects can reduce pests in crops by as much as 50%.

Bee keeping has become enormously popular in some cities like London but it has become a problem. Too many bees and not enough food. According to a recent article published in The Guardian the same problem exists in Melbourne. Urban bee keeping has risen massively and honeybees compete with native bees for food. Here we have the Wheen Bee Foundation who seek to research and educate in support of bees along with Billions of Blossoms, an offshoot of Flow Hive. The latter is run by the inventors of the beehive that enables the beekeeper to remove honey without disturbing the bees. Crowd funded to the tune of \$12 million they are providing money to assist with tree planting, reforestation

and support for bee friendly farms.. So bee food is the most important thing but remember that varietal plants, especially with double flowers, do not attract bees. Species and single is better. But I know from my own garden this is not a hard and fast rule.

Oostvaardersplassen, outside Amsterdam, is where Frans Vera, a Dutch ecologist, has established a place where nature has been allowed to run rampant. A visit there inspired Isabella Tree and her husband, Charlie Burrell, to turn their failing 3,500 acres estate Knepp, in Sussex, England, into a nature haven in 2002. Within 2 years of selling the dairy herd and the millions of pounds of arable machinery, the place radically changed. Land in the Sussex Weald is basically concrete in summer and sucking sludgy clay in winter. So drainage stopped, ponds developed, fencing disappeared, hedges and undergrowth expanded to a place where, in 2002, the silence faded and summer brought “...the ambient noise: “the low-level surround-sound thrumming of insects – something we hadn't even know we'd been missing.” The pastures were filled with wildflowers, bees, hover flies, grasshoppers, bumble bees and dozens of varieties of butterflies. The ponds were filled with aquatic species and insect and bird life thought to be either extinct or very endangered reappeared in the next 8 years, including 2 migratory birds one of which we all know – the nightingale whose birdsong has been restricted to 3 southern counties of England after a 95% crash in its numbers. By 2019 Knepp had become a resource for scientific study, a multi-award winning conservation site with over 600 species from earthworms to birds, small mammals, aquatic species. Twenty three species of dung beetles in one cowpat!

Of course there is more to both these nature reserves than just birds and insects. In undertaking what is essentially a rewilding, large grazing animals have been introduced. A hard lesson was learnt in Oostvaardersplassen when the savage winter of 2017 saw starving animals. No intervention does not work if there is successful reproduction and no corridors to other places. At Knepp they have just won a battle with the local council who wanted to place 3,500 house estate blocking the corridors of the surrounding woods. Milman: “Insects need safe corridors to move between suitable habitats in order to protect genetic diversity, find better food resources and retreat from the relentless advance of climate change.”

There is an argument about rewilding versus conservation where people make decisions in the latter about what and who goes where based on scientific research. But scientific research does not always get it right – that is nature of it and corrections are a slow process. Rewilding is about letting go rather than setting targets and controls, allowing nature to express itself. Animals are the drivers of habitat creation and always have been so, long before humans. Animal disturbance is what creates open woodland and pasture. Without it we would have closed canopy forests. So Roe and Red deer along with Tamworth pigs, British shorthorns and Exmoor ponies, are considered by Tree to be the best substitutes for ancient herbivores at Knepp. Often a hard ask when agricultural law interferes or restricts as Tree and Burrell found out.

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“Davy Falls”, Tatong (c1890)

Trawling Trove (<http://trove.nla.gov.au>, National Library of Australia) in a moment of leisure, I turned up this aged travel snap. The details are “Davy Falls, Tatong”, published in 1890 by W. H. Ferguson, “negative : glass ; 12.1 x 16.6 cm. (half plate)”. The original is of extraordinarily high resolution; one can zoom in and see that the valley floor is covered in fallen trees.

This photo, taken from a hill on one side of the valley, is surely a hill with a creek to get the name "Davy Falls" (*Unless W.H.'s mate Davy fell over just here.*)

Does anyone know of Davy Falls? A property owned by any Davy's?

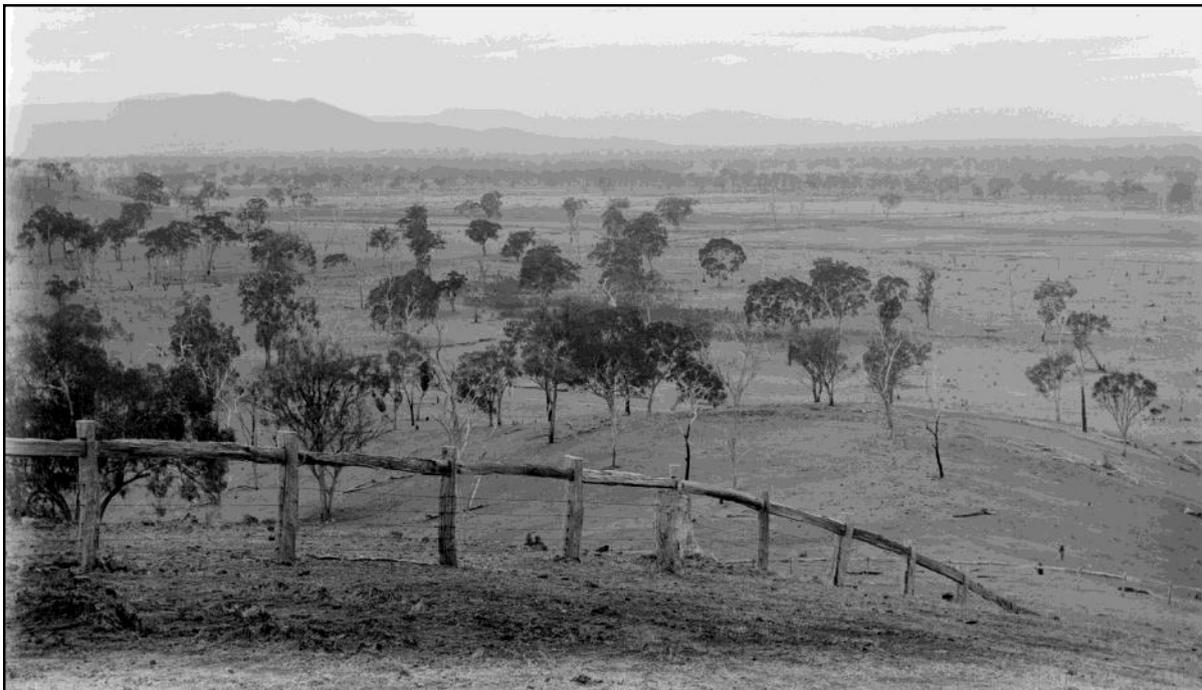
Would anyone recognise the layout?

Below is a cropped section of the hill line. W.H. Ferguson travelled this area as a part of his collection, “Gippsland and the Victorian high country”, and there are other gems, including one of “Sams Falls”, now known as Lex's Falls, on Knappers' place.

Links are on the Tatong Heritage Group web page, www.vicnet.net.au/~tathg

- Andrea Stevenson, for the Tatong Heritage Group.

The multi-layered horizon. It may be that the negative is reversed, and this is a mirror-image of the actual view.



Tatong Valley submitted by Ari from Fern Hills

TATONG

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
2021	76.6	47.8	39.6	8.2	66.5	99.3	154.9	51.5	92.6	66.5	111	40.5	855
2022	219.3	4.8	72.7	81.4	42.5								420.7

WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

The total rainfall for May was 42.5mm and the total in the month of June, up until the 15^h has been 78mm – a lot! I think that, because Murphy’s Law is in charge, the term Global Warming should be changed, in Australia, to Global Wetting.

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Swanpool News

Brrr, it has been cold! Luckily, Sam and Laitha have been lighting the fire at the Store, so customers can dine in in comfort! Our table tennis teams stay active with regular competition, and the Cinema volunteers light a cosy fire in the Supper Room on screening days.

As the Cinema draws to the close of its current season, we are looking forward to some special treats, including a family matinee of "Clifford the Big Red Dog" to mark the start of the school holidays on 26th June, and a complimentary glass of wine at interval for patrons attending our last programme of the season, "Blind Ambition", a heartwarming story of Zimbabwean refugees in Australia embarking on new careers as sommeliers, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July. Check our website for details, www.swanpoolcinema.com.au, or pick up a programme at the Tavern, or at Swanpool Store