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White Gate Dates

The **White Gate dinner @ the Tavern** is set for Wednesday July 5th. This is 13 days after the Winter Solstice; shortly after that day, the sun will start getting up a minute earlier. Phew.

The BOM models were suggesting we would have a drier, warmer winter. I'd hate to see what a cold wet one looks like. Thinking of asking Naomi Campbell and Kate Moss what they reckon. - *Andi*

This month on the De Fazio Dairy Farm included Salami Making Weekend. With one very big pig, called Patricia, and 2 much smaller pigs to contend with, it was all hands on deck.

All that cutting up, mincing, measuring of salt, dried capsicum flakes, sweet pepper sauce, 'paparika, as Laurie likes to call it' and cayenne pepper, sticking strictly to Nan Faz's traditional recipe, was achieved almost without

incident. We did have to make an emergency dash to Wangaratta for more pepper sauce when the amount of meat was vastly underestimated. Luckily the retailer was open on Sunday, holding a class in 'Making Salami'. Now it's onto the smoking and drying of the many salamis created with skill, hard work and much fun and laughter on Salami Weekend. - *Linda De Fazio*

And in further news from White Gate Central; "The newly-minted L-Plater on Smith Rd appears to have better driving skills than the eldest license holder on Smith Rd, whose skiddies and high speeds are not ideal role-modelling, especially for a 74 year old man." - *Caryn De Fazio*

White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Andrew Marriott	25 Jun	Angus Mcmillan	23 Jul
Terry Trounson	2 Jul	Bruce Burgess	30 Jul
Les Maclean	9 Jul	Hamish Mcmillan	6 Aug
James Parton	16 Jul	Laurie Defazio	13 Aug

- *Andrea Stevenson, 0429 439 336*

RECOGNITION OF MOLYULLAH CFA VOLUNTEERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Molyullah CFA was held on May 22nd 2023. This meeting was of great significance to Brigade members, and to the Molyullah community, as prestigious milestone presentations and service awards were made. These awards recognise the enormous amount of time and effort from our volunteers that goes into ensuring the safety of our community in times of threat from not only fire events, but also incidents of flood and road trauma.

There are many and varied roles. Brigade life calls for ongoing training to equip our first responders when an emergency event occurs. A management team is also required to take care of other essentials for the optimal functioning of the brigade.

Outstanding achievement awards in the form of CFA LIFE MEMBERSHIP were presented to Bob Whytlaw and Kevin Ryan by Commander Scott Connor on behalf of the CFA. Bob has been an active CFA fire fighter for over 63 years. Over that time he has made himself available to strike team operations throughout the state during 23 campaign fires. Bob has also held Lieutenant roles for many years and provided key support including logistics in major fires. If there is a task to be done Bob is always there.

Kevin has been an active CFA fire fighter for over 59 years and is still currently turning out as a first responder. During this time he served as Captain through a local campaign fire and has long held a position as a Lieutenant. Kevin has also been involved in strike teams, as required, throughout the state. He has had involvement in District 23 operations and his expertise has been sought after. Kevin has always made himself available to advise and assist any community member who needs support to prepare in case of a fire event or its aftermath. Kevin is a very loyal member of the CFA and in his words "I just did my best".

MOLYULLAH CFA LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS were presented by the Captain Dion Stevenson to Bob Whytlaw, Chris Hakkennes, Kevin Ryan, Patrick Horne and Bill Willet (see photo). Each of these recipients has been a part of CFA as a volunteer for over 30 years and all are outstanding in their dedication to the Molyullah brigade. They have been active fire fighters, served as Captain, Lieutenants, crew leaders, tanker drivers and communications officer. These members have always been available to support the Brigade in every facet of its operation from the mundane to the extreme emergency. Their commitment is extraordinary.



Presentations of SERVICE AWARDS were also made by Commander Scott Connor on behalf of CFA to volunteers who contribute to the work of the Molyullah CFA. Recognition was given to members for years of valuable participation both on and off the fire ground.

5 Year Awards - Brett Glazebrook, Maison Ring, Andrew Barry.

10 Year Award - Russell Byrne

15 Year Award - Dianne Brosig, Leigh Parker, Jan Ring.

20 Year Award - Janette Knapper, John Knapper, Steven Brosig-Welch, Frank Fisher, Chris Dossier, Campbell Griffin.

25 Year Award - Dirk Ring, Peter Zoethout.

30 Year Award - John Ryan.

60 Year Award - Bob Whytlaw.

The Molyullah community thank and congratulate members of our local CFA Brigade.

Jan Ring, Secretary / Treasurer, Molyullah CFA.



CFA Brigade News

It was my pleasure and honour to attend the Benalla Group's monthly meeting on 14 June. This meeting was the last meeting to be chaired by out-going Group Officer, Jim Renkin. Jim has been the Benalla Group Officer for 26 years and has been an inspiration to all who know him. Prior to becoming the Group Officer Jim was captain of Swanpool brigade for 14 years and his total service to the CFA spans 55 years.

Jim's last meeting as Group Officer was filled with humour, touched with sadness and deeply emotional. I am sure that all members of the brigade who have ever worked with Jim will join me in passing on our thanks and wishing him all the best for the future. Jim will continue his service to CFA as a Deputy Group Officer and will pass on his knowledge and expertise to the new Group Officer, Phillip Rees.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended the general meeting on 29 May. We have some challenges ahead of us and I am confident that the Brigade Management Team will rise to the occasion.

As you may have noticed work has commenced on the viewing area at the CFA station and the lighting has been installed. This allows the mural to be appreciated even in the dark. Thanks go to Pat Manser and the crew who put together the application for the Council grant that has funded this project.

Members of the brigade attend at the station on Sunday mornings. I encourage all members to call in and have a yarn. If you are rostered on the driving roster, please attend on the days allocated. If you are not on the roster (but would like to help out) there are several vacancies that can be filled.

All the best,
Jason Nichols
Captain Tatong CFA

Tatong CFA Awards presented on Monday May 29th 2023.

10 Years Service Award

- Leigh O'Gorman
- David Keen - Absent
- Ashleigh Chaplin - Absent

20 Years Service Award

- Timmy Szczerkowski
- Terry O'Brien - Absent
- Nathan Delany - Absent

30 Years Service Award

- Mike Larkin
- Robert Mazurak
- Max Jones
- Terry Evans

40 Years Service Award

- Dennis Hevey
- Don Gaudion - Absent
- Dennis Scott - Absent

45 Years Service Award

- Rod Lindsay

55 Years Service Award

- Rob Erskine

A huge congratulations and Thank-you for their ongoing commitment from the Tatong CFA. Without volunteers like these people we can't support our local community or maintain a local brigade. Alana Gaudion.

FURTHER WORK ENHANCES TATONG FIRESHED SURROUNDS WITH MURAL VIEWING PATHWAY, PICNIC TABLE AND HISTORY AND INFORMATION NOTICE BOARD

The concrete viewing pathway, footings for the heritage sign and picnic table slab have been completed by Matt De Fazio and team in their usual very professional manner.

My contribution for this project was to stroll up the road with neighbour Arron and engage in a spell of sidewalk supervision. No doubt we slowed things down just when rain was approaching!

Mike Larkin

TATONG HALL UPDATE

The committee is gradually sorting out various matters needing attention. One such matter is the hall hire charge fees and these will be listed in a future Tattler. The fees are not set in stone because there is so many variables at play. For instance an event which is for the benefit of the local community would be different to a wedding, private party or similar and will probably be charged less. The goal naturally is to encourage use of the community's magnificent facility while being paid the right amount so that the hall is maintained and prospers.

Mike Larkin



What's on at the Tavern

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| Sat June 17 | Open Mic |
| | Live Music with Magnificent Rusty Bastards |
| Sun July 23 | Xmas in July Luncheon |
| Sat Aug 19 | Winter Blues music with Neale Williams |
| Sat Sep 23 | Spring Festival |

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"SPIRIT OF THE TIMES"



TATONG RAILWAY

On Wednesdays a small motor unit nicknamed "Spirit of the Times" ran to drop letters and parcels. It was an enclosed trolley towing a trolley behind.

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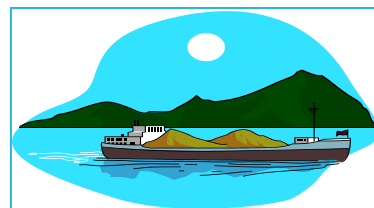
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2022 Tassie Tour – 6 – Bruny Island

Rather than navigate and drive ourselves, we elected to take a guided tour with Bruny Island Safaris. We boarded our small bus at 7.00am opposite our hotel for what was to be a ten and a half hour day. We numbered fifteen plus Rick, our driver and guide.

We were booked on the 8.20am ferry from Kettering. This gave us time for a snack in the ferry terminal café. Two ferries operate simultaneously, one from each side, with the crossing taking ten minutes.

First stop was Truganini lookout where a timber walkway revealed views of the coastline. Morning tea was to be at the next stop, Two Tree Point, Adventure Bay, so named for the two trees that stand at the point where Resolution Creek meets the ocean. Famous explorers stopped here for fresh water – Capt. Furneaux in 1773, Capt. Cook in 1777 and Capt., Bligh in 1788. Bligh had been Sailing Master on Cook's ship.

Accompanying Bligh on his next visit in 1792 was Lieutenant George Tobin, the expedition's principal artist. One of his paintings shows the trees that gave Two Tree Point its name. They are both still standing making them at least 250 years old and amongst the most photographed trees in Tasmania.



En route we picked up fresh oysters at 'Get Shucked Oysters' and bread and cheese from 'Bruny Island Cheese'. Once at Two Tree Bay Rick prepared morning tea while we had a look around.

Morning tea was two oysters each, two soft cheeses and one hard, cheddar type cheese made from raw milk, accompanied by sourdough baguette. Best morning tea ever!!!

A scenic drive through rainforest took us to Cape Bruny and its lighthouse. On the way we saw a white wallaby. These are unique to this area and are a white wallaby as distinct from an albino wallaby.

A tour of the lighthouse was included. It was quite a climb from the car park up to the lighthouse made a lot more difficult by the very

strong wind. Some people chose not to climb the spiral stairs inside the lighthouse.



Lighthouse guide, Matt, took a small group at a time up to the top and explained all the old machinery and lens – it was well worth the climb.

We were able to do one circumnavigation of the walkway around the outside at the top. If we thought it was windy on the ground, we were about to find out what real wind is like. Matt said that this was about the strongest wind he would let people go outside in. It was wild! I felt like I was going to be blown over. We all made it round and back in the door.





Lunch at the Bruny Hotel was also included. Earlier, menus had been passed around the bus so we could choose our preferences. On the way past the hotel on the way to the lighthouse, we stopped and Rick dropped our orders in. So, on return, our tables were reserved and meals ready quickly. Our group each had a seafood dish - absolutely delicious!

As if we hadn't eaten enough, next stop was the Bruny Island Chocolate Co. for a fudge and crumble tasting. Would you believe we bought some?

But wait, there's more - next stop - Bruny Island Honey and a

tasting. Would you believe we bought some honey too?

Still more - another stop at Bruny Island Cheese Co - this time to browse and buy. Just when you thought it was safe – they also make their own craft beer. We bought a wedge of the hard cheese made from raw milk that we had tasted earlier. As Rick had explained at morning tea, these are expensive cheeses - the soft cheeses are about \$100 / kg and the hard cheddar type about \$120 / kg.

Time to join the queue for the ferry and head back to Hobart.

What a great (gourmet) day!

John Knapper.



MOORNGAG CEMETERY UPDATE

The 8 Trust members continue to work at providing a safe and pleasant environment. You will notice that we have two new seats and how well the trees and shrubs are growing!

Special thanks to:

Joe Hakkennes for his excellent diligence in keeping the cemetery tidy and well maintained.

Colin McCauley for watering the new plants and young trees over summer.

Marilyn Armistead for her regular maintenance of the facilities.

All Trust members who are available for duty when there is a funeral (a compulsory function of the Trust)

MEETINGS.

We hold four meetings a year. The next meeting is on Wednesday 16th of August at 10.00 am, in our new shed. Members of the public are welcome to attend. We encourage suggestions for the cemetery, so if you can contact us in advance of the next meeting, we can include your suggestion on the agenda.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

We were successful in obtaining a grant to resurface the main entrance road, and to construct a new road, which will improve access to the right-hand side of the memorial section. This work will commence later this year.

A new notice board at the Cemetery entrance. It will advertise meeting dates and important cemetery information.

New reflective spaces including more trees, shrubs, rocks and seats.

Presently we have two vacancies on the Trust. We welcome new members to join our team.

SAGEDOM AND TRUTH

As it is my major interest I'd like to revisit the concept of truth. Various spiritual teachers have said that it is the truth that sets us free, (obviously free from untruth). Is truth important anyway, when people either don't care, think it is opinion or a belief? Could it be that it is one of the most profound and fundamental concepts in spirituality.

A couple of quotes that I have seen: "Truth is treason in the Empire of lies." And "It's not a lie if you believe it." (A belief is not a fact)

It seems to be getting harder to know what is true in our current world where there is so much conflicting information and compliance pressure. I have no doubt that actual truth is now being deliberately diluted and the reason for this must be that self-centred people want to hide their manipulative and controlling schemes; nothing really new there!

It's not everyone's penchant to delve into the spiritual realm where ultimate meaning and values are found. We mostly just try to fit in and go with the flow because the majority of people like a safe and comforting place to be. Social contagion or group-think is so powerful that in certain situations a lie will come before truth and fact in order to decide even life or death situations. Scientists, probably out of the fear of ostracism and loss of funding, are increasingly relying upon beliefs when they should, in their work, be guided solely by evidence and fact.

To add to the theme of "sage advice:" 'Sage-hood' can be very simple: "Firstly, always endeavour to find, understand and speak the truth, this does not mean opinions, beliefs or whatever group-think, politicians or academic experts call truth. Secondly realize the insignificance of humanity compared to the reality of existence. It usually takes a disaster of one's health or of the natural world for us to realise how little control we have over the course of events.

Mike Larkin

Tatong Community Revitalisation Project

Most of you would have noticed some improvement being made around the town – most noticeably the lighting of the mural on the CFA shed and a viewing area, seat and interpretive signage under construction. These works are part of a larger Tatong Community Revitalisation Project which has received a \$46,000 grant from Council. Other works that will soon get underway include a complete renovation of the Tatong Community Centre and Recreation Reserve outdoor public toilets. These toilets are surprisingly regularly used by people passing through town. Please note that the toilets will be closed for a few months from the start of July. The picnic area near Old Station Bridge will also be upgraded with a new picnic table, interpretive sign, general clean up and landscape planting. The avenue of trees will also get a tidy up and uplift of some branches to make it easier to slash. Keep an eye out for news on upcoming working bees to complete these projects. If you have any queries about the project or would like to help out, please contact Larissa on 0409963267 or rissascott@hotmail.com
Larissa Montgomery

Gawn to Town

Mopokes Ode

When the traffic on the freeway
is buzzing through the hush
The constant noise can sort of get one down
But when the drizzle & the mizzle
have turned the dirt to slush
Then I'm kind of glad we moved into town.

When I feel like making dishes
that the wood-stove bakes all day
Casseroles and puddings
and spuds baked till sublime
Then I think about the wood-heap
and the splinters and the weight
...Downsizing food production is just fine

When the road is long and wet and dark
it is indeed a treat
To have dinner out, despite the long drive back
But when the dinner, and the wine,
are just along the street
Give my regards to kangaroos
awaiting on the track.

When the wind is howling loudly
and the building shrieks and groans
I'll always fear for what's above my head
But here when branches drop on fences,
wallabies still roam
And I just stay here snuggled up in bed.

I guess that I've become a wuss
since moving into to town
And to "Pollyanna" brightness do aspire

**But while I miss the trees and space
and lifestyle on the land
As we age there's plusses to admire.**

**Great-great-granddad died alone
in the bush at Warrandyte
In a shack he'd built himself for to retire
I hope the mopokes sang to him
on the last night of his life
And perhaps the staff will sing to me,
wherever I expire.**

- Andrea Stevenson



The course of Mitchell road, and just how long it had been fenced, was recently discussed on the Tatong Tattler Facebook page. (If anyone has any memories or knowledge to share there, please share by any means that suits.) Of the "Moongag Sheet 2" parish map, Ted Plastow remarked, "...the road drawn (extending from Larkins rd) ... goes up a hill and eventually comes out at the Moongag cemetery. There is not a road there however as you come from Swanpool to the cemetery and you look straight ahead at the T intersection you will see a road reserve covered in trees. That is a continuation of that road and gives some indication of the flora that existed."

Which resolved a question I had, after looking through Trove for mentions of Mitchell rd: reference to "a continuation of the cemetery road from Swanpool to Fern Hills" sounded very strange to a newcomer:

Benalla Ensign, Friday 10 May 1940, page 5



NO ACCESS TO PROPERTY
LANDHOLDER WAITS ON COUNCIL.
REQUEST FOR OPENING OF ROAD.
At Monday's Council meeting, Mr Mann waited on the Council and pointed out that following the leasing of Crown lands in the Tatong riding he found that he had no access to the property owing to Mr E. Stephens having refused him the right to go through his property which had been fenced off. Cr. Harrison pointed out that the part which was fenced was the only road to the property. If the road was opened it would have to be fenced. In answer to questions, Mr Mann said that he had leased the property for three years and was adjacent to Mr J. Mitchell. He had been refused the right to go through Mr Stephens' property. The road was a continuation of the cemetery road from Swanpool to Fern Hills. The matter was left in the hands of Cr. F. A. Cook to go into with the Lands Department to see whether the road had been leased and to see what action could be taken.

Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog

The Annual De Fazio Salami Weekend. Tucker was in his element, ironically spending King's birthday living like a king. From dawn on Saturday morning, he parked himself directly under the meat benches, gleefully gobbling up scraps of pork and gnawing on fresh bones. Apparently this over-indulgence has a rather "gassy" effect on a dog's bowels, but that was an issue that would arise later. In between these feeds, Tucker merrily jumped and played and dug in Nan's garden, burying his newly acquired bones. The kids taunted and teased him, always a little hesitant when getting between a hound and his pork though. Tucker's attention was quickly hijacked by the accidental release of 4 guinea pigs from their cage. The furry little critters quickly disappeared into the berry bushes to shelter from the hound, who fizzled with excitement at the challenge of capturing these elusive creatures. The prickles did not deter him. The screams of the children did not deter him. The scent of fresh pork did not deter him. The battle continued all day, and all night. By Sunday morning, Tucker was still circling the thicket, barking, howling and frothing to get a hold of the guinea pigs. Even a shed full of pork was no distraction. Bucket loads of skinned and chopped fresh pig was not nearly as desirable as the furry little pigs. It was hound vs (guinea) pig, a King's battle. No human could catch the pigs - the berry bushes were lethal, and the hound was bloodthirsty. So the cage was left open in the hopes that the guinea pigs might find their way safely home once the hound either napped or was distracted by something else. It's been a week. Stay tuned.
Caryn De Fazio

I have been having a clean up at our place and came across a number of articles I had cut out of magazines, newspapers & the Tattler.

My Tattler cuttings were really interesting. I had saved lots of articles.

Natural therapies from Linda Maher. Great gardening tips from Kathy Z.

Computer tips from Andi Stephenson. Heritage group info. Photos. Recipes. Etc.

But what I found to be most interesting was reading the profiles on people in the district.

On the White Gate page in 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007 compiled by Andi Stevenson I read about Laurie & Linda De Fazio, Jenny Lacey, Ken & Dianne MacKay, Daphne Beattie, Lyn Hickey, Josephine De Fazio, Leigh Humphries, Tom Sexton, Kristin & Max Marriott, Sally Swanke, Brian Vial, Jillian Ryan, Murray Robertson, Les MacLean, Jo Humphries, Sue Hutchens & Ian Cummins.

Sadly, some of these are no longer with us.

On Young Bloods page in 2009 by Kellie Cairncross I read about Larissa Montgomery, Jade Kirk, Sallie Hann, Jess Hazell, Shane DeFazio, Kellie Cairncross, Mark Osbourne, Leesa & Cheree Treganing & Lyn Lindsay.

On Samaria Snoop in 2005 & 2006 by Judy Oldmeadow, I read about Judy Oldmeadow, Merle Horsburgh, Jessie Wales, & Lynette & Don Dowell. Sadly, Jessie is no longer with us.

It was wonderful reading about these people & I'm wondering if there is anyone who is willing to take up the challenge & profile some more of the people in our area. I imagine this would take up ½ to 1 hour once a month. I know there are others like me who would really enjoy knowing a little more about the people who live in our community.

Sue O'Brien

Letter to the editor

It has been disappointing to observe the apparent lack of care some people have in our community. This is only a very small minority but when there are many great members of our community trying to make improvements and make our town a better place, I wanted to call it out. For a few years now the picnic area has been used as a dumping ground, with the bins continually being abused. As soon as the bins are emptied on a Monday, they are filled again, often until overflowing onto the ground. But the main problem is that they are being used as an excuse to dump hard waste. There have been bikes, ovens, large boxes with packaging, batteries, oil and piles of wire to name just a few of the items. I have previously requested that the bins be removed because I don't think they serve any purpose other than to invite dumping – I think this is the best course of action so if anyone has a problem with this, feel free to let me know.

There was also a very large party recently held in the picnic area with complete disregard for the people who live in the area or for the site, which has been left in a complete mess. Although an attempt has been made to clean it up, at the time of writing this, there was still bottles, cans and rubbish scattered along the banks and in the remains of the bonfire.

With the Tatong Community Revitalisation Project underway, it is the perfect time for us all to reflect on our wonderful community and how we can all work together to make it even better! Maybe that is a project idea, maybe consider joining one of Tatong's community groups, maybe it is getting to know your neighbours or maybe it is just something you can do in your own front yard. If you have ideas but don't know where to start, reach out to one of the many community groups in Tatong or give me a call and I will try to help. Larissa Montgomery 0409963267 rissascott@hotmail.com

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Garden Daze

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



The Shortest Day...Chilly

Nights...Autumn Leaves (still) and Wheelbarrow Loads of Firewood.

This time of year is ideal for me to get a new compost heap underway. The deciduous trees around the house have dropped their leaves, the litter from the chook house needs replacing, the alpacas have left their contribution in tidy communal piles around the paddocks and there is always some grass to be mowed...if the weather gives me a chance. Another great source is the guinea pig house. With their varied diet of fruit and vegetable peelings - there is a good mix of minerals and bugs in the old bedding.



Then all the above is spread out in layers - a giant compost "lasagne", which when composted down is great for building or adding to wicking beds, gardens and making various potting mixes, especially seed raising mix for the coming "get the hot box ready for the tomato etc. seedlings."

As the chook litter begins life as mulch from our chipper it can contain uncomposted bits of branch and raking anything around here (especially the driveway) collects stones - all of which ends up in the compost. So over the years I have been trying various ways of sieving compost when some "nice and fine" was required.

All of my attempts required stopping for the removal and tipping out of the debris. I have a couple of lovely old sieves like the one here, but unless it is only a very small amount to be sieved - this tends to lead to a backache.



My next "solution" was after watching a program where archaeologists used a frame to take the weight of their sieve. An old swing frame (and a lot of bale twine) came in handy here and I used this for quite a few



years. I used a double sieve - one large one to hang from the frame and a smaller one sitting inside where the material was placed. This made it easier to pick up and remove the debris, while a wheelbarrow underneath the swing caught the sieved compost.

Until - there on *Gardening Australia* was a great solution. A revolving sieve - I believe "Trommel" is the correct name, which as it rotated dropped the sieved compost into a wheelbarrow underneath, while all the unwanted "bits" travelled down the length of the wire and dropped into a second barrow at the end.

First it was Jane Edmondson delightedly using one that she came across when filming at a community nursery. Such was the attention this drew from viewers, that within a few weeks - there was Costa himself - building one with instructions for those keen to build one for themselves. Which included us.



Well - as is usual on TV - Costa's job flowed along easily and fitted into the allotted time slot. Ours - strange to say - took a bit longer (and a couple of extra trips to town) however - we have one indeed - just like Costa's (with one exception) and it works beautifully.

Anyone out there in Tattler Land who wishes to follow suit is advised to WATCH the VIDEO first. iView will help here and it is GA Series 27 Episode 33.

There are also lots of "how to's" on the internet.

The demonstration on TV showed one person shovelling compost into the trummel while another turned it via the middle bike rim - which worked perfectly. However, our exception was to make the wooden struts that run the length of the wire jut out about four inches beyond the end wheel. This allows for the trummel to be used by one person standing at the "adding" end.

I fill a few large plant pots with compost - line them up at the business end, add one to the trummel, then using the ends of the wooden struts, five or six turns will quickly see it all sieved and ready for the next pot.

A wheelbarrow underneath catches all the beautifully sieved compost and another at the end catches "the bits". The resulting compost is fine and beautifully aerated - ready to be added to garden beds or made into potting mixes.



Happy Gardening

Kathy Z



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

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

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

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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
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	102.5	49.7	126.6	111.9	232.2	139.2	25	1217.8
2023	25	18.7	61.1	62.8	59.2								226.8

WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

On Thursday the 8th of June we had a huge rainfall of 63mm overnight and that followed 24.7mm the day before which also followed the 10.3mm of the day before that, the 6th of June, totalling 98mm over three days and nights. As I write on the 8th June there is still more rain due from this system from the north.

Mike Larkin



Come along, bring your lunch and some goodies to share, do some craft or just have a chat. Hope to see at the Tatong Memorial Hall.

Patricia 57672287

Next Girl's Shed. 21st July 9am—5pm

TATONG OVAL ARCHERY

Archery is still happening at the Tatong oval every second Sunday afternoon starting at 1:30pm, and in almost all weathers. Currently the next shooting day is to be June the 25th, and every Sunday fortnight after that. A \$5 donation per family for minor costs and oval maintenance is appreciated.

Everyone is welcome to attend this popular sport which is similar in style to playing golf; that is trying to shoot arrows into a seemingly tiny gold circle 20, 30 or 50meters away. In the Olympics the modern archers are so good they shoot 90 meters and still hit gold most of the time.

Typically for most amateurs we never practice enough but it always helps to blame the weather or poor equipment when missing the target or losing arrows.

Mike Larkin

Anyone for Playgroup?

The Tatong Playgroup has been in hiatus since Covid, with kids who were playgroup age a few years ago, now at primary school. So this is call out to see if there are any families in Tatong who have pre-school aged kids who would like to start the playgroup up again? The playgroup was meeting weekly at the Tatong Recreation Reserve and owned equipment in a designated storage area. If you are interested in either running the playgroup or just attending, please get in touch with Larissa 0409963267

The playgroup started in 2009 when a group of new mums started meeting weekly to go for a walk. It grew from there and became a formal playgroup and has seen many families pass through and great friendships formed. It would be great to see it up and running again!

Larissa Montgomery

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John Knapper