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MOLYULLAH MESSAGES

The new playground at the Molyullah Hall is progressing well. A working bee on Sunday 15th saw many locals help out with the final touches of fitting the timbers and levelling the first load of wood chips. A big thank you to Benalla Timber Products for donating the sleepers and to all those that helped on the team day or prepared the very yummy morning tea..... Who wouldn't want to go to a working bee when there is such a yummy smoko?? Hopefully the playground will be fully functional by the next Fish N Chip Night.



FISH 'N CHIPS

This very popular monthly gathering continues to be a success for the Molyullah and greater community. Serving a piece of fish and chips for \$8 it is a great way to round out the week. Held every 2nd Friday of each month from 5:30 - 7:30 (for meals) It is a great way for a casual catch up with neighbours and friends. All welcome.

Michelle

TATONG TOPICS—NOVEMBER 1923

Benalla Standard 2ND November 1923:

The Tatong Tennis Club held an official opening on Saturday last, when there was a large attendance of members and friends. A mixed-doubles, handicap tournament was played during the afternoon, Miss Mona Sullivan and J. Maher, being the winners. The prizes were donated by Mrs. Gardiner, of the Tatong Hotel. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the ladies. There is every prospect of a good season ahead of the club, as many new members have been enrolled and great interest is being taken in the game. During the winter one of the courts was ploughed up and re-made and is now a decided improvement. The thanks of the club are due to Mr. Gardiner, who kindly gave the use of his court on several occasions for club tournaments held recently.

North Eastern Ensign 2nd November 1923:

Conveyance of Mails. Contracts Accepted.

The following tenders for the conveyance of mails for the year ending 30/6/24 are gazetted as being accepted. (*abridged*):

William Jas, Tomkins, Benalla, P.O. and railway station, two-third miles, thirty-six times per week, £104.

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C. A. Rogash, Karn railway station and Molyullah, 11 miles, three times a week, £104.

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T. J. Putt, Lima Station and Lima South, 13 miles, three times a week, £100.

Henry Dennis, Mallam Railway station and Samaria, 6 miles, three times a week £56.

Benalla Standard 2nd November 1923:

Top of Form

On Thursday evening the annual meeting of the Tatong Cricket Club was held, with a good attendance. The President, Mr. A. Harrison, occupied the chair, and Mr N. Coghill, hon. secretary, presented the balance-sheet, which showed a deficit of £2, but the club was well stocked with cricket material. It was unanimously decided to form a club, and the following Office bearers were elected: President, Mr. A. Harrison; Vice-presidents, Messrs J. H. Gardiner and D. H. Coghill; committee. Messrs J. Pry, M. Maher, jun., and J. West; Selection committee.

Messrs A. Harrison, W. Briggs, J. Riggall and J. Haig; Hon. secretary, Mr. N. Coghill. Mr. Gardiner gave a donation of £2 to give the club a clean start. It was decided to purchase matting. A communication was received from Swanpool, asking the club to travel over to them next Saturday, and this was accepted. The secretary was instructed to write to the other clubs, and endeavour to form a local association. A fair number turned up for practice on Saturday last.

Benalla Standard 9th November 1923:

Top of Form

TATONG V.F.U. (*Victorian Farmers Union*)

The monthly meeting of the Tatong branch V.F.U. was held on Saturday last. The ladies held a social evening in the main hail, which was well patronised. The men's section held their meeting in the other room, Mr. A. Harrison (president) being in the chair. The President, as delegate for the branch, gave an account of the meeting to further the project of buying and pooling rabbit skins. His actions were heartily endorsed after lengthy discussion. Messrs Harrison and Coghill gave an account of their deputation to the Benalla-Tatong Railway Trust, to endeavour to have the tax, with all its expenses, removed for this year, if possible, as there was sufficient money on hand to pay interest and sinking fund for this year, or else to endeavour to purchase the debenture holders out at a premium. It was pointed out by them to the Trust that a special clause enables the Minister for Railways to make available the money now invested in Government inscribed stock, bearing interest at 3 per cent. The heavy loss in interest between 6 per cent, given for the money and that received was pointed out, and also the excessive amount of 10 per cent, cost of collection, viz., £100 in salaries and about £10 in legal expenses to collect £1100. So far as the delegates can ascertain, the only action taken by the Trust has been to ascertain that a rate must be struck for the year that a proposed: rate of £1/2/8 pence on the new shire valuation will bring in the same amount of money as before.

Bottom of Form

The Argus Melbourne 24th November 1923:

TOLMIE DISTRICT. Railway Extension Opposed. After hearing evidence in support of a proposed railway to the Tolmie district (Mansfield, Tatong, and Molyullah extensions) the Railways Standing Committee states that it is not satisfied that the revenue would be sufficient to warrant the construction of the line. In a report tabled yesterday in the Legislative Assembly, the committee says that on the present high cost of railway construction this district must look for its development to the graded metalled roads which the Country Roads Board is constructing. The committee says that the evidence disclosed that when the timber in the forest reserves falling in the 15 mile and neighbouring creeks becomes natured and fit for milling some years hence, the question of extending the narrow gauge railway from Moyhu through Myrree to the valley of that stream should be considered.

Benalla Standard 27th November 1923:

TATONG PUBLIC HALL. Grand Concert with Dance to follow. Friday Evening, 30th Nov. Items by School children and others, concluding with a Farce by the Amateur Dramatic Club. W. Prayle. Hon. Sec.

Compiled by Barry O'Connor. Tatong Heritage Group.

Swanpool News

We are getting used to being cold again, but our bowlers are not to be deterred, and welcome new members to come and join them on Thursday nights for social bowls, as well as pennant competitions.

The Cinema has just turned 32 years old, and is offering the usual mixed programming to appeal to all tastes, at very affordable prices. Following the very successful Seniors' Week matinee, supported by the Ageing Well Benalla team, the Cinema is screening the powerful doco about John Farnham, "John Farnham: Finding the Voice" as part of the Benalla Festival celebrations on Sunday 5th November at 1.30pm, all tickets \$5, thank you to Benalla Rural City Council for making this possible. Our big screen and great sound system provides an ideal setting to see this film.

We are partnering with Anna Smith to screen her "Benalla Shorts" program on Friday 17th November 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, with a complimentary glass of wine for all patrons before the screening, thank you Anna for inviting us to share with you again. And we have weekend screenings which are sure to please, including "Sound of Freedom" on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November at 6.00pm, and "My Sailor, My Love", screening as a stand alone matinee on Friday 24th November, and heading up our Double Bill on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November.

Look out for hard copies of the programme in your mailbox from the end of October, as well as at usual outlets in Bemalla, Tatong and Mansfield, or check online, www.swanpoolcinema.com.au

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Tatong Market & More

A G M

Thursday Nov 9th 2023

Tatong Tavern – 6pm

All welcome

Tatong Market

November 5th - 9-12noon

Tatong Footy Oval

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Join us on the oval

White Gate



Dates

The next **White Gate dinner @ the Tavern** will be **Wednesday 1st of November**. Gets the month off to a good start. Here is a review from Laurie De Fazio:



Do ring the Tavern on 5767 2210 & book yourselves in for 6:30-ish - *Andi*

News from White Gate Central: "A swarm of bees would normally send one running, but when accosted by the frenzied mob at her stables, Miss 16 calmly stuck out her hand as a landing pad so she could inspect them more closely." Caryn De Fazio

White Gate Fire Brigade Roster:

Noel Hutchens	29 Oct	Angus McMillan	26 Nov
Terry Trounson	5 Nov	Hamish McMillan	3 Dec
Les MacLean	12 Nov	Laurie De Fazio	10 Dec
James Parton	19 Nov	Alan Stafford	17 Dec



Linda De Fazio with a Canadian treat; "Beaver Tails". Not actually hacked off tails, but rich pastry. Ought we compete with "Platypus Tails"? "White-Gate Cow's Ears" might be less controversial; Italian pastry, of course.



What's on at the Tavern

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| Sun Oct 22 | Oktoberfest with Dallas Alice from 11-4 |
| Sat Nov 4 | Benalla Festival Twilight Garden Party with acoustic Natoli Duo from 5 pm |
| Sun Dec 12 | Neale Williams Blues Guitarist from 12-3 |

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Theme for the night is Colours of Christmas. Red, Green, Silver & Gold. If possible, please wear something in one or more of these colours, anything from a hat to your socks., some jewellery or a ribbon in your hair.

Topic of conversation will be Christmas memories. Some suggestions to get you thinking are; Decorating the tree. A gift you may have received. Baking with the children. Recalling a family tradition. Maybe even asking for a second helping of pudding in the hope of getting a sixpenny bit. Maybe a song or a film.

We have a few surprises up our sleeve on the night.

We all know that a lot of families are doing it really tough. If you'd like to bring along an item or two of non-perishable goods so that we can put together a hamper for a family in need. (No alcohol please). Hopefully getting a hamper will make Christmas more enjoyable & bring some joy to them this Christmas.

If possible, I'm asking that everyone intending to come along to please phone the Tavern on 57672210 & book to be on the Tatong table, as being close to Christmas they are likely to be busy. Don't let having not booked stop you from coming, you'll be more than welcome.

Merry Christmas to you all.

May God Shower Your Life with Unlimited Blessings on This Day.

Sue O'Brien

Tatong Community Dinner at the Tavern on Wednesday 8th November at 6.30pm.
Now the weather's warming up, why not come along for an enjoyable night out.

Some Christmas suggestions.

EASY CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE
1 kg mixed fruit
2 cups brown sugar
3 tablespoons sherry
225g margarine
½ cup milk
2 teaspoons each of nutmeg, ginger & cinnamon
½ teaspoon bi carb soda
3 eggs, beaten
3 cups plain flour
Method: Soak fruit in sherry for at least 2 hours or overnight.
Melt margarine in milk.
Add to fruit and spices, bi carb soda and eggs.
Lastly add flour.
Decorate with assorted nuts.

DELICIOUS SHORTBREAD
500g butter
1 cup castor sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla essence
1 cup rice flour
Pinch salt

Method: Beat butter and sugar till creamy, add the vanilla. Fold in the combine sifted flour and salt. Roll out and cut into shapes. Grease oven tray. Cook 10 – 15 minutes

HOME MADE BAILEYS
3 large eggs, well beaten
300ml cream
1 tin sweetened condensed milk
1 tablespoon chocolate topping
1 teaspoon vanilla essence
1 cup Scotch whisky

Method: Add all ingredients to the beaten eggs. Bottle and refrigerate for 1 or 2 weeks before using. Keep airtight and it will keep for 6 weeks or more.

Sue O'Brien



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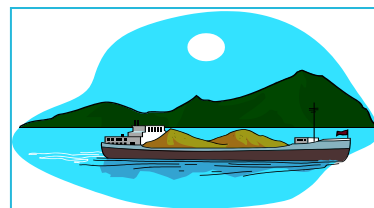
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Who am I? The politics of identity

"The politics of identity [a] symptom of sickness rather than diagnosis, let alone therapy" – Eric Hobsbawm
"if you believe you're a citizen of the world, you're a citizen of nowhere" -Theresa May

I have been wrestling with the whole issue of identity and identity politics for some time. The issue has become increasingly salient as debate on the complex subject of gender identity and its implications becomes more heated as challenges to the rights associated with identity are regarded with disdain and outright anger, and people like JK Rowling are 'cancelled' because of their views on trans issues, and feminist academics who express doubts about gender self-identity, and students who attend their lectures, are labelled 'fascists'.

While attempts to stifle the debate on the issue of gender identity are concerning and one, if I am willing to be cancelled, I may return to in a later post, there is another assertion of identity that I regard as being rather more problematic: the views of the authoritarian Right and its association with race and national identity. I think we need to place this phenomenon in an historical context. The 19th century saw the rise of movements of national 'liberation' – the Risorgimento in Italy, the creation of nation-states in South America. The aftermath of World War I led to the emergence of nation-states from the collapse of the great empires in Eastern Europe – Czechoslovakia, a greatly enlarged Romania, Hungary, the Baltic States and more. At the time, these newly created nation-states were seen as a positive expression of self-determination, at least in the victorious West, although the establishment of large ethnic minorities in newly formed Czechoslovakia, newly created Yugoslavia and expanded Romania led to simmering and unresolved tensions. On the other hand, the Sykes-Picot agreement in 1916 between France and Great Britain led to the creation of the entirely artificial nation-states of Iraq, Syria, and the Lebanon, each one reflecting the vestiges of Imperial hegemony. However, nations, defined as a large group of people who share the same culture, history, or language, but do not necessarily have sovereignty, have not all become nation-states.

Whether nationhood leads to statehood is, to an extent, a geopolitical issue. Perhaps the best example of this is the culturally and ethnically cohesive Kurdish nation, who have only now, and then only in northern Iraq, been able to create a de facto 'state', as a result of the post-Saddam fragmentation of Iraq: a situation hitherto denied them by geopolitical considerations.

The collapse of the French and British Empires after World War II led to liberation movements in their old Imperial possessions, each one constrained by artificial colonial boundaries. This often led to movements that were aligned by tribal allegiances, such as the Shona ZANU and Ndebele ZAPU in what is now Zimbabwe, and in this case to significant post-independence inter-tribal conflict. In the case of the Middle East and Africa, these newly constructed and liberated countries exhibited significant institutional fragility and political instability. What many of these nation-states have in common is the existence of diverse populations, divided by ethnicity, religion, or both, such as Catholic Croats, Muslim Bosnians, and Orthodox Serbs in what was then Yugoslavia (the tensions here were exacerbated by Croatian support for the Axis and Serbian, Slovene and Montenegrin support for the Allies in WWII). Furthermore, as we are painfully aware from re-

cent history, the conflicts in the Middle East involve both ethnic and inter- and intra-religious dimensions. As the great British historian Eric Hobsbawm has observed, there are few, if any, ethnically or religiously homogenous nation-states, even allowing for the ethnic cleansing efforts of the belligerents in the Balkanisation of the former Yugoslavia and the genocidal efforts of the Hutu in Rwanda. The nationalist movement in Northern Ireland, while primarily drawing its support from the Catholic population, has an overarching political agenda. Even in India its Hindu nationalist government with its anti-Muslim policies cannot ignore the inconvenient fact that it is home to the second largest Muslim population in the world. The existence of a nation-state, as opposed to a nation, is then to an extent at least, the result of historical geo-political considerations, and not simply the result of a shared ethnicity and culture.

I would argue therefore that the recent rise in what has been a hitherto suppressed desire for the (re)assertion of 'national' identity is a sham, based on a confusion between the ideas of nation-state on the one hand and nation and ethnicity on the other, and an imagined belief in racial, or ethnic superiority, often evoked by histories of colonial exploitation and ancient victories or valiant defeats. This sham is often based on nostalgia for an imagined past and on a notion of cultural superiority rooted in post-colonial racism, often evoked by those with a visceral dislike of the word 'culture' itself. But above all, to borrow Saïd's word, it is a fear of the Other and the challenge to the benefits that accrued to the Western world from colonial exploitation. For example, we should not forget that the wealth of Bristol and Liverpool is a result of the triangular slave trade and Manchester's textile industry relied on Indian cotton, and policies that prevented India from manufacturing its own textiles. (It should also not be forgotten that Australia's agricultural and mineral resource wealth is based on the historical appropriation of Indigenous land and the legal fiction of *terra nullius*.) While these benefits have been eroded for many by globalisation and the powerful effects of the neoliberal discourse, they have led to increased wealth and income inequality and a more precarious existence – all of which require a scapegoat.

It is ironic that those who are most disadvantaged by these phenomena are those most in thrall to the simplifications of ethno-nationalism. Of course, Marxists would explain this as an example of false consciousness, while critical theorists like Herbert Marcuse would suggest that consumerism has led to the working class becoming integrated into the capitalist system and that the pernicious influence of elite-owned mass communication media and its manipulation of information makes individuals passively complicit in their own oppression. While this may go some way to explaining the rise in the US, parts of Europe and the UK (how else to explain the madness of Brexit) and its shameless exploitation by politicians of various stripes, what has caused the expression of visceral racism in those parts of ex-Soviet Eastern Europe and the rise of the far-Right in countries such as Poland and Hungary and the part of Germany that was once the German Democratic Republic? A lazy answer would be that the populations of many of these countries are naturally racist – the history of pogroms in Poland and Russia and the enthusiastic participation in the Holocaust by elements in the Baltic States and Hungary among others might give some credence to this theory – and that this latent racism was kept in check by the Soviet Union.

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It is more likely that the effects of post-communist shock doctrine policies of financial and labour market deregulation have had the same effect in the East as they have had elsewhere and go some way to explaining the success of right-wing xenophobic regimes in Poland, Hungary and elsewhere. After all, despite the lack of political and market freedoms that characterised the economies of the old Warsaw Pact countries, there was a certain comfort to be had from the often-suffocating embrace of the State and the certainties it afforded.

So, where does that leave us? Firstly, national identity and ethnicity are clearly related but not synonymous and just about every nation-state is composed of multiple ethnicities. So the racist Right's nirvana of ethnic purity is a piece of sophistry that seeks the impossible. Secondly the idea of a nation-state is a construct, not a naturally occurring phenomenon. With obvious exceptions, nation-states began to emerge in the 19th century as empires went into decline – Italy in the 1860s for example, or a dominant state created a nation – Prussia creating Germany in the 1870s. This development continued after both World Wars. Finally, the need for capital accumulation that underpins capitalism drove globalisation. As national barriers became more porous in consequence and the rise in inequality as wealth and income became more concentrated in the West, ethno-nationalist identity politics and populist movements of the authoritarian Right became more popular amongst those who were the losers in this global economic transformation and who were seeking a simple reason for their plight and someone to blame for it.

So it seems that Theresa May was wrong, as she so often was – perhaps we are all citizens of the world after all, but we just don't want to accept it?

Dr Quirkonomics

OUTCOME OF THE VOICE REFERENDUM

To my great relief the Voice referendum was defeated overwhelmingly as we now should all know. Sad for some, but for those interested in such things it has given us a thorough look into the way our government and its systems work in our lives. I am a big admirer of referendums because they reflect the thinking of every Aussie equally via the one person one vote. I also respect and like our voting system for elections which usually gives an accurate picture of the majority outlook, even when it doesn't agree with my own politics.

These constitutional safeguards ensure a reasonable level of fairness for every person and is what makes Australia such a great place for both Aussies and aspiring migrants to live. For all the failings or otherwise of our ancestral origins and the suffering caused during their long evolution they are better than most alternatives.

I am impelled to offer suggestions about the plight of many first nation's people, some of whom are currently living pitiful lives, mainly in remote areas where they no longer live as their ancestors did, but are not able to easily live as does the rest of the population. It is an extremely big ask for them to take on western culture leaving behind so much that is precious to them, but because so many have made that leap we know that it is possible.

Most Aussies have some history of migration, if not in their lifetime it will be in their parents or grandparents choice to live in Australia and they will have brought memories of loss of culture or work and lifestyles once precious to them so the concept of adapting to change is not entirely unfamiliar. The process of assimilation, or integration, is not just about loss because there is also much that can be gained, and it is part of human history for different cultures to gradually include aspects of each-others lifestyles.

As an outcome of the referendum and reading elsewhere about the Maori's similar aspirations in NZ I now think that such indigenous peoples should be able to self-manage their cultural life up to a level that is harmonious and acceptable to the whole population. It would probably be difficult and a long process but ...

My own story is that of the Irish Catholic on my dad's side and Anglo mixture in mum's ancestors. Due to the power of dad's upbringing I felt like I was a part of the Irish diaspora, that is until I became adult and started to see the mind control aspects of such tribalism. It eventually became a great relief to finally be free of that overwhelming pressure for conformity and loyalty to past traditions.

Only we should make our own path in life while taking responsibility and respecting everyone else's choices and lives. Humanity is slowly learning that all people are equal under the Creator and that it is a major form of abuse to imprison the minds of other people within man-made political and belief systems.

Mike Larkin

GARAGE SALES

I am holding a garage sale at my house next door to the Tavern on the same Sunday the 5th of November as the Tatong Market and More at the Recreation Reserve. The reasons for that is mainly that it is difficult to transport all of my sale items to the reserve. On the plus side I will advertise in the Ensign mentioning the rec reserve event as well as in various community group on Facebook.

My sale will start at 8am and stop sometime in the afternoon. Probably when the visitors stop coming, whenever that is. Mike Larkin 0428273613

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Garden Daze

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Last February I wrote about my Amorphophallus Konjac which I had been pleased (and surprised) to see putting up a new shoot from the tuber. This duly grew into the triple leaf that adorns the top of the shoot for the summer and then the plant shrivelled and died down as expected (from reading lots on the internet).



The pot was put into the hot house for the winter where it could dry out and wait for the spring. Amorphophallus produce either a leaf or a flower each year.

Well sometime in September (and earlier than last year) a shoot once again broke through the surface of the potting mix. After a while the new shoot started to look as if this year it could be a flower shoot, and we have been watching it's "progress" with interest.



At the time of writing this - the shoot is about 15 inches (approx 40 cm) high is still a straight shoot but should unfurl the "wings" of the lily flower in the next couple of days.

These plants are fertilized by flies and as such put out a strong smell of rotting flesh. Needless to say - it will stay out in the hot house for its floral display.

There is a giant specimen in the Kew Gardens in London and its flowering is quite an event, producing a giant flower. I believe a plant nursery in Dingley sold "viewing" tickets when they had one in flower, however, I do not know how big that specimen was and I'm not likely to be putting a sign at the front gate.

Birchwood - 653 Odea Road Molyullah will be Open on the weekend of the 29 - 30 October



It is always a privilege to be able to visit Julie and Gary's garden with its beautiful lawns stretching between a profusion of flowers, and shrubs looking at their best. There is a dry creek which winds its way through an area planted with natives and mature trees shade many parts of the garden.

Julie has a wonderful collection of Salvias which I am particularly looking forward to seeing.



Lunch and afternoon tea will be available.

Admission is \$8 with all proceeds to Benalla Hospital, Wangaratta Hospital and The Cancer Council Victoria.

NOVEMBER Vegetable Garden

PLANT: Potatoes, globe artichokes and seedlings of Brussels sprouts, tomato, capsicum, kale, eggplant, zucchini, cucumber, sweetcorn, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, silverbeet, lettuce, leek, Asian brassicas and roots.

SOW: Asparagus, bush and climbing beans, beetroot, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, Asian brassicas, capsicum, carrot, cauliflower, celery, eggplant, kale, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, salad onion, parsnip, pumpkin, radish, rhubarb, summer spinach, swede, sweetcorn, tomato, turnip and zucchini.



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Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
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	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	197.6	51.1	67.2	25.2				569.9

WEATHER IN THE TATONG TOWNSHIP

The impressive news is the 92.9mm of rain we had early in the month. This rainfall and the three other falls till the 15th of October totalled 109.4mm. It is a tad annoying when fire authorities seem to overdo the warnings about bushfires pre-season. We now know that truly bad fires come after drought and that is the last description you would make of this year's weather. September rainfall was 25.2mm.

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. 17th November 9am—5pm



Gawn to Town

Hughie has once more dropped bucket-loads of water on the North East; he must love the rushing and gurgling. When we lived near Moulamein, floods were few and far between. Rain could be quite an extraordinary event! There were floods; with several weeks warning. Time to go shopping, evict guests, and build up any levy banks. And phone people upstream and ask, is it here yet?

When we lived at White Gate it was comforting to know we were well above the famous 1993 flood level, even if water just sat on the landscape. The height of the Hollands was of interest only when going to go to town, so as to avoid the trek back around Emu Bridge rd if Sherwill's Bridge was closed.

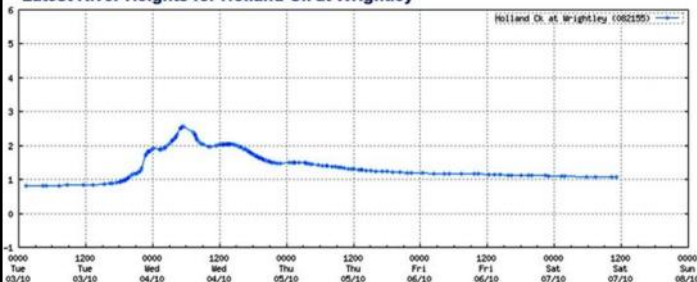
Now, we overlook a Hollands floodplain. Over the first five years, a bit of water sometimes came in at the back... In the past 12 months the Hollands has been in the hen-house four times.

I'm getting a bit of a handle on it. The level of the Hollands Creek at "Kelfeera" (Emu Bridge Rd) gives us about 10 hours warning. 3.5 metres at Kelfeera means "collect tree guards from the back of the paddock". At 4 metres; "fetch dog bedding out of the kennel, consider removing the chook feeder, lecture the chooks on water safety". Over 4 metres; consider moving the chooks.

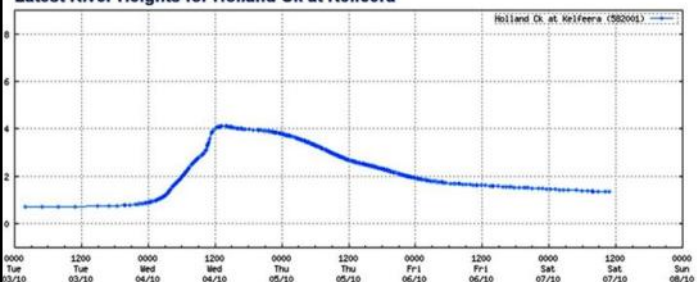
On October 4th the rain fell down, and then the Hollands went up. Round noon it stopped at 4 metres, so I let the hens be. By 10pm it was in the hen house and still rising. The hens stayed on their perches, and were strolling round a damp orchard next morning.

As these BOM graphs show, at Wrightly the Hollands peaked round 6am on the 4th. At Kelfeera (Emu Bridge Rd) it peaked at noon. (To find this data, check http://www.bom.gov.au/cgi-bin/wrap_fwo.pl?IDV60150.html or search for: Victoria Links to Rainfall and River Data and select the link: "Goulburn, Broken, Murray - Riverina" From that page, find the link you want, and click on "Plot" (for the graph) or "Table" (if you like numbers)) It would be interesting to hear from those who have lived alongside the various waterways, as to their observations of the rise and fall and impact of water.

Latest River Heights for Holland Ck at Wrightley



Latest River Heights for Holland Ck at Kelfeera



- Andrea Stevenson PS; If only the Vic Emergency App would say "Hollands at 4.5 metres, move the chooks!"

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