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Baking  
Column  
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## The High Country Rail Trail A Path to Bushfire Recovery

**C**OUNCIL has been successful in securing a \$160,000 grant for further development of the High Country Rail Trail.

Funded by the Federal Government's National Bushfire Recovery Agency, under the Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery (RTBR) Grant Program – Stream 2.

The Australian Government has recognised the importance of recovering the tourism industry in bushfire affected regions, and has committed a total of \$10 million to the program. The RTBR program is part of the Government's \$76 million tourism recovery package to protect jobs, small businesses and local economies.

This new funding will support the development of a 'Masterplan' for the future of the High Country Rail Trail, design and installation of consistent signage en-route, and the implementation of a significant cycle tourism marketing campaign over three years.

Mayor Cr David Wortmann said that investment in the High Country Rail Trail will attract the growing cycle tourism market to the Shire and stimulate the local economy.

"After parts of the trail were directly impacted by the bushfires, we knew that

a strong future plan would help to fuel economic recovery in the region."

"Opportunity exists to invest in the promotion of cycle tourism to bring visitors to the trail, and ultimately, to the towns alongside it, which will be welcomed by fire impacted communities" he said.

The High Country Rail Trail runs from Wodonga to Shelley, and showcases several attractions within Towong Shire

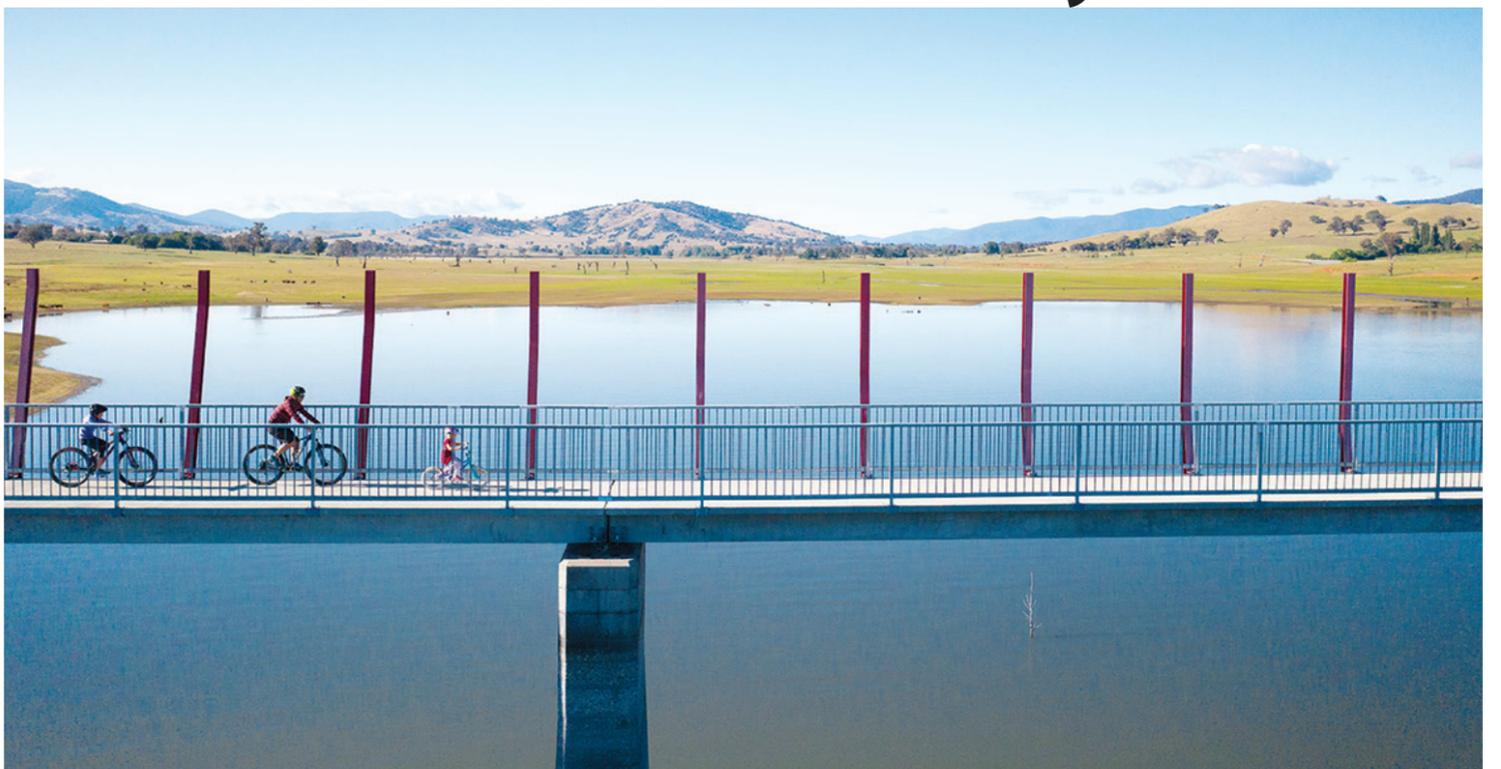
including the Sandy Creek Bridge, Lake Hume and the recently restored Boggy Creek Trestle Bridge.

The trail is entwined in unique local history, from the development of the rail line in 1887, through to the construction of the Hume Dam and relocation of Tallangatta in the 1950's. The line also shares a part in the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Scheme and Bonegilla Migrant Centre.

Council will work alongside Parklands Albury Wodonga, The High Country Rail Trail Advisory Committee, and Tourism North East to deliver the project.

Council continues to advocate for future opportunities to help our tourism industry recover from the summer's bushfires and COVID-19 restrictions.

For further details visit [www.towong.vic.gov.au](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au).



## Op Shop open again

Lorraine Miller

**T**HE Uniting Church Op Shop is open again for business. During our 'shutdown', we had some renovations done - with a new floor in the main room and some rearranging of shelving to create more space and ease for customers. It looks great!

Our hours now are slightly changed: we are open WED - SAT 10am to 4pm. We know the Op Shop has been missed and many people have had huge clean outs while the first lockdown was on and are keen to donate their goods.

How can you help us?

1. Please ensure all goods have been

washed and are in good condition. (We are not a substitute for the tip).

2. Leave goods during times when the shop is open, so they can go inside straight away.

3. Put goods in manageable sized bags or boxes. (The pharmacy has oodles of good sized, sturdy boxes.)

4. Please realise, we are not taking any furniture at the present time.

Remember - many of our helpers are not able to lug heavy boxes, bags or furniture around.

Do call in and say hello, but please check the new restrictions coming into force on the 6th of August first.





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*Hi Everyone! Did you find me in the last edition? Can you find me this week?*

**Did you find me in the last edition?**  
**Mambo Solution From Last Edition:**  
Mambo was on page 8 in the middle bottom photo on the pencil container

## Herald changes: monthly editions

Due to the second round of restrictions being imposed on Thursday, The Herald will again be returning to monthly editions. This means the next paper will not be released until the 3rd of September, 2020.

If you have urgent news, please email us or contact us on Facebook and we will be able to place a post on our page.

As always we would like to thank everyone that contributes to our paper. Our students and our community appreciate the effort you go to.

We would also like to let you know that there will be some changes made to the style and layout of the paper. There could be some small teething issues with this, so please be patient with us.

## Murray River Mayors and CEOs unite in historic push to get restrictions changed

Mayors and CEOs spanning both sides of the Murray River from Corryong to Wentworth are joining forces in an unprecedented show of strength to convince the NSW Government to ease its latest tough border restrictions.

Since the new public health orders came into effect, all 14 councils say they have received messages, emails and phone calls from residents who can no longer get to work or open their businesses, with many already closing their doors.

Amid fears of a devastating economic impact on border communities that have always lived and worked closely together, the border leaders have combined to tell the NSW Government that the creation of a border zone now restricted effectively to a 2km strip on either side of the river is unacceptable and unsustainable.

Towong Shire Mayor David Wortmann says the harsh restrictions are creating stress and anxiety for workers, businesses and families, some of whom are facing enormous financial and emotional hardship because of the narrow permit zone along the border.

'Our request to the NSW Government is simple: please allow border community workers on both sides of the border to do

their jobs,' he said.

'While we understand that both governments are working to restrict the spread of COVID-19, it should be made clear that there are only a handful of active cases of the virus in the border communities yet people living along the Murray River are being heavily penalised through no fault of their own.'

Mayor Wortmann said all 14 councils had taken the historic step of uniting in a collective call for the NSW Premier and Health Minister to amend the order to allow more workers and business owners to cross the border, travel directly to their workplaces, and travel directly back to their homes each day.

'The narrow border strip system is causing a growing amount of harm to our communities as each day passes, so we're urging the government to consult with us so we can save our economies while also ensuring we're all working together to minimize the risk of the virus spreading,' Mayor Wortmann said.

The councils calling for the change are: Albury, Berrigan, Campaspe, Federation, Gannawarra, Greater Hume, Indigo, Mildura, Moira, Murray River, Swan Hill, Towong, Wentworth and Wodonga.

## Coffee Break Puzzles Answers

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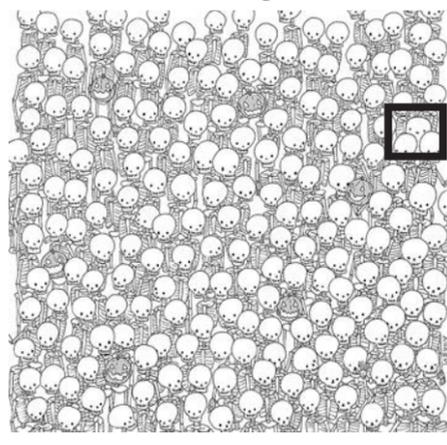
### Brain Teasers / Riddles

- ① Answer: An egg
- ② Answer: A candle
- ③ Answer: All of them
- ④ Answer: A sponge
- ⑤ Answer: Are you asleep yet?
- ⑥ Answer: the future
- ⑦ Answer: there aren't any—it's a one-story house

### Sudoku

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### Find the ghost



*Quiz Answers:* 1) Emperor Theodosius. 2) 1896. 3) True 4) Johnny Weissmuller 5) Baron Pierre de Coubertin 6) 23 7) True 8) Waldi the dachshund. 9) 40 sports; thirty three summer sports and seven winter sports. 10) United States. 11) 1924. 12) An olive branch wreath. 13) London. 14) False; in the years 1916, 1940 and 1944 there was no Olympic Games. 15) 1920. 16) 1908 in London. 17) Michael Phelps. 18) Fred Perry. 19) Rowing. 20) Tokyo.

## Church Times

**Anglican – All at Tallangatta**  
August 9- 9.00am – Eucharist  
August 16 – 9.00am – Eucharist  
August 23 – 9.00am – Eucharist  
August 30 – 9.00am - Eucharist

**St Michael's Catholic**  
Normal services have been canceled due to COVID-19.

**Uniting Tallangatta**  
Sunday 9th August  
*Sunny Kim Tallangatta*  
Sunday 16th August  
*Rev. Rhonda Kissick Red bluff*  
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Sunday 23rd August  
*'Sharing on Sunday'*  
*Tanya Walker*

## Mega Quiz

- 1) In the 4th century (A.D) who banned all pagan festivals including the Olympics?
- 2) In what year was the first modern Olympics held?
- 3) True or false; many years ago in the Olympics the athletes competed naked.
- 4) Which actor competed in the Olympics? (He acted in twelve Tarzan movies.)
- 5) Who designed the five rings of the Olympic symbol?
- 6) How many different countries have hosted the Olympic Games?
- 7) True or false; the 2016 Olympic games was the first Olympics to be held in South America.
- 8) What was the first official Olympic mascot and what was its name?
- 9) How many sports are in the winter and summer Olympic Games all together?
- 10) Which country has won the most medals at the Olympics?
- 11) When was the first Winter Olympics held?
- 12) What was given to the winners at the ancient Olympic Games?
- 13) Which city has hosted the Olympic Games three times?
- 14) True or false; in 1920, 1942 and 1946 there were no Olympic Games due to the World Wars.
- 15) In what year was the Olympic flag first flown?
- 16) Which year had the very the first opening ceremony?
- 17) Which athlete has broken the most records?
- 18) Before Andy Murray, who was the last British tennis player to win a men's singles Grand Slam tournament?
- 19) After retiring from professional cycling, what other sport did Bradley Wiggins briefly attempt to make a career in?
- 20) Where is the next Olympic Games set to take place?

# Council's Proposed Budget 2020/21 Public Submissions Now Invited

At its Special Council Meeting on 21 July 2020, Council endorsed the Proposed Budget 2020/21 including the delivery of key projects, without a rate increase. Council now invites public submissions.

The work of Council is driven by its mission of enhancing the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of Towong Shire now and in the future. It is this mission, together with community feedback, that is considered in Council Plans.

Council is now pleased to share its Proposed Budget 2020/21, in support of the Council Plan (2017-2021), Strategic Resource Plan (to 2023/24), the Long Term Financial Plan (to 2029/30) and community plans including Tallangatta Tomorrow, UM2030, Our Valley, Our Future and Our Bellbridge.

Mayor Cr David Wortmann said Council was pleased to put forward the Proposed Budget. "Council has carefully considered the needs of each region within the Shire, with particular focus on enhancing community wellbeing and stimulating economic and tourism development".

"The next twelve months and beyond is a critical time as we rebuild from the bushfires and COVID-19".

"Towong Shire has a small rate base compared to most other rural Councils. This means we naturally cannot do everything and we need to utilise the funds in the most responsible and effective way for ratepayers" he said.

"This Financial Year Council will not be passing on the approved 5.55% rate increase to ratepayers, instead using State funding to cover the increased service



Above: Mayor Cr David Wortmann at Tallangatta Foreshore

delivery and infrastructure needs of the community".

"We look forward to receiving community feedback on the Proposed Budget and we really encourage people to share their views and concerns through a written submission to Council" he said.

The budget aims to deliver on the six strategic objectives set out in the Council Plan:

1. Organisational improvement
2. Community wellbeing
3. Asset management
4. Land-use planning
5. Environmental sustainability
6. Economic and tourism development

The Proposed Budget delivers on a range of key projects for our community which includes:

- Continuing the Colac Colac Caravan Park upgrade
- Continuing upgrades to the Tallangatta Holiday Park
- Delivering the Bullioh Netball Court upgrade
- Continuing the Corryong town streetscape upgrade
- Commencing Dartmouth and Mitta streetscape upgrades
- Attracting business and government agencies to operate within our Shire

"This budget also contains the new Bushfire Relief and Recovery Directorate which will deliver the relief and recovery programs for the whole Towong Shire with a rebuild and recovery focus not only on the Upper Murray, but also other communities throughout the Shire that

have all been impacted" Mayor Wortmann said.

"Council endorses the budget as financially responsible and I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and our staff for their tireless efforts to achieve the best possible long term outcomes for the communities we serve" he said.

The budget is available for viewing at the Corryong Council Office, Tallangatta Council Office and on Council's website: [www.towong.vic.gov.au/about-council/plans-budgets-reports/](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au/about-council/plans-budgets-reports/).

Submissions on the budget are invited and will be considered in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act. Submissions must be made in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

Any person wishing to be heard or represented in support of their submission must specify this in their submission.

Submissions must be received in writing no later than 5pm on Thursday 20 August 2020 and can be provided in the following ways:

- Emailed to [info@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@towong.vic.gov.au) and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer
- By mail addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Submissions, Towong Shire Council, PO Box 55, Tallangatta Victoria 3700.

Council will consider any submissions received regarding the Proposed Budget 2020/21 prior to final adoption at a Special Council meeting on Tuesday 25 August 2020.

For more information contact Council on (02) 6071 5100 or [info@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@towong.vic.gov.au).

## Conservation Pays - Landholders Invited To Help Endangered Woodland Birds

A Bush for Birds Round 2 funding opportunity has been announced that will help landholders in North East Victoria create and improve habitat for Regent Honeyeaters and Swift Parrots, two nationally endangered birds.

As part of the Bush for Birds project, landholders are invited to submit an Expression of Interest for funding by the 18 September 2020.

The homes of the Regent Honeyeater (*Anthochaera phrygia*) and the Swift Parrot (*Lathamus discolor*) are under threat due to extensive land clearing in southern Australia over the last 150 years. They face extinction unless their woodland habitat is expanded and improved.

Biodiversity Officer Phill Falcke from the North East CMA explained that large areas of suitable habitat for these birds are found on private land. "The project is

paying farmers and landholders to restore and expand areas of native woodland. If managed well these areas can provide benefits for woodland birds and improve land value."

"There are a range of activities that can be funded to help landholders improve remnant habitat including fencing, weed control, remnant woodland restoration, and planting of new trees" Phill said. "We're looking for project sites that are 5 hectares in size or more as bigger blocks provide the best habitat. If you've got a patch of remnant bushland or scattered trees or would like to revegetate an area

linking to some bushland, we'd love to hear from you".

The North East CMA is delivering this project in partnership with Trust for Nature. So far 37 private landholder sites across North East Victoria have already been supported to improve habitat through the Bush for Birds project. The project also aims to increase by 200 hectares the area of land permanently protected for biodiversity by establishing in-perpetuity conservation covenants.

Bush for Birds is supported by the North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA) through funding from

the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Expressions of Interest in the next round of grant funding began on 20 July and will close on 18 September. Details on what types of sites are eligible and the criteria for assessments is available on the North East CMA website.

For further information or to apply online, visit our website at [www.necma.vic.gov.au](http://www.necma.vic.gov.au) or call Phill on 0429 400 411.

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# COFFEE BREAK PUZZLES

Answers will be provided in the next edition of the paper

## Brain Teasers / Riddles

- ① A man builds a house with all 4 sides facing south. A bear walks past the house. What colour is the bear?
- ② What goes up but never comes down?
- ③ A man who was outside in the rain without an umbrella or hat didn't get a single hair on his head wet. Why?
- ④ What's as big as you are and yet doesn't weigh an ounce?
- ⑤ When asked how old she was, Suzie replied, "In two years I will be twice as old as I was five years ago." How old is she?
- ⑥ What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

## Find the 10 Difference



## Wordsearch

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# Horticultural Society

Judy Cochrane

To continue on from the last article about roses here are a few more pointers.

Winter is the best time to plant bare rooted roses or relocate a rose in your garden. Roses have a short dormancy period in Australia. June, July and early August is certainly the period when both planting new roses and relocating existing roses should occur. It is recommended that you plant roses in full sun and away from root competition, particularly tree roots. At a minimum, roses need at least 6 hours of full sun per day. Roses planted in shady areas will not thrive. Roses prefer a rich, loamy soil. By now all your roses should have been pruned. They can be fed during August with rose food which needs to be watered in well. Then mulch the bed and wait for a beautiful flowering period.

Spray your peach and nectarine trees

with a copper fungicide to prevent leaf curl. Hang up your fruit fly traps at the same time.

Feed winter bulbs once they have finished flowering to replenish the bulbs for next year.

Citrus trees should be fed during August or September.

Cut back the leggy growth from Geraniums and Pelargonium and prune back Crepe Myrtles. Remove the twiggy growth from the centre of the tree.

Evergreen shrubs can be pruned at this time of year.

Prune back and fertilize strawberries. They should be divided every second year.

Manure and dig over the vegetable garden ready for spring planting.

In normal times the Horticultural Society would be recommending its meetings in September, however due to the current restrictions this will no longer be happening.

# Dog Waste Bag Dispensers Installed

CALLING all dog lovers - this one's for you.

Council has installed dog waste bag dispensers in Tallangatta. There is one at Pelican Park on the bin near the public toilets, one outside the male bathrooms at Tallangatta Triangles, and another at the

intersection of Lakeside Drive and Queen Elizabeth Drive on the foreshore walking path.

To keep our public spaces clean and safe for the whole community, please ensure you make use of these new dispensers and clean up after your pooch!



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# WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

## Beware the Drop Bear!



Ian Trevaskis

SOME American friends recently remarked how brave us Aussies are because, according to them, the Australian bush is fairly teeming with untold dangers, from deadly snakes and venomous spiders, to man-eating crocodiles and sharks. I assured them we take such threats in our stride, that we are not fazed in the least when we head off on a hike.

I did, however, point out that the most fearsome predator of all is *Thylarctos plummetus*, also known as the Drop Bear, a creature described by the Australian Museum as “around the size of a leopard with coarse orange fur.” I told them how Drop Bears hunt by ambushing ground dwelling animals from above, waiting for as much as four hours to make a surprise kill. They will drop as much as eight metres to pounce on their unsuspecting victims and quickly subdue them with a bite to the neck.

The look on my friend’s faces was classic!

I went on to describe how these terrifying creatures are heavily built with powerful forearms for climbing and holding on to prey and are found throughout the densely forested regions of the Great Dividing Range.

Australian Geographic magazine claims that “While Drop Bears do not specifically target human beings, there have been several cases where bushwalkers have fallen victim to Drop Bear attacks, resulting in serious lacerations.” Most such attacks are considered accidental and there are no recorded instances of human fatalities from Drop Bear attacks.

My friends became rather agitated and nervous when I informed them that Dr Volker Janssen, from the University of Tasmania claims, “It has been confirmed that foreigners are much more likely to be dropped on than Australians”, attributing this selective behaviour to the Aussie liking for vegemite.

“By-products of the interaction between chemicals found in Vegemite and those found in human sweat

repel Drop Bears,” he asserts. “Most Australians eat Vegemite at least once a day, so they permanently exude these chemicals through their skin and are thus protected.”

Volker suggests bushwalkers can defend themselves from these unprovoked attacks by wearing forks in their hair and by smearing vegemite behind their ears and under their armpits!

Of course, the urban myth of Drop Bears is just that, but anyone heading bush needs to make sure they follow some simple safety rules, including:

- Walking in groups of three or more. (In an emergency someone can wait with an injured person while the other seeks help.)

- Checking weather forecasts and acknowledging that weather conditions can change suddenly.

- Being aware mobile phone service is not always available. If walking in remote areas carry a PLB (personal locator beacon) which can be used in an emergency.

- Taking plenty of water, snacks and a first aid kit. In hot weather carry a snake bandage.

- Wearing appropriate clothing, especially now that the colder weather has arrived. This should include a windproof and waterproof jacket, beanie and gloves.

- Letting others know where you are going, your intended route and expected return time.

If you’re serious about going bush, consider joining a local bushwalking club such as the Border Bushwalking Club, ([www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au](http://www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au)) where you can gain invaluable tips and advice while walking with experienced bushwalkers. (And be assured – all our Leaders carry an ample supply of Vegemite just in case there are Drop Bears lurking nearby!)

(More detailed information about Drop Bears can be found at <https://australianmuseum.net.au/drop-bear> and <http://www.australiangeographic.com.au/news/2013/04/drop-bears-target-tourists,-study-says/>)

## Ben’s Baking Column

In this edition of Ben’s Baking I will be sharing a recipe along with some helpful tips and tricks when working in the kitchen.

### Chocolate Brownies

Prep time: 25mins Cook time: 35mins Total time: 1hr Servings: 12-16

#### Ingredients

- 225g unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 2 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 177g brown sugar
- 227g white sugar
- 4 eggs (room temperature)
- 4 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 142g plain flour
- 115g cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 225g roughly chopped chocolate

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 175°C (160° for a fan oven) then line a small baking tray with baking paper and set aside.
2. In a large bowl combine melted butter, oil and both sugars.
3. Add the eggs, vanilla and salt then whisk until evenly combined and light in colour.
4. Sift the flour and cocoa into the wet ingredients until just combined (do NOT over mix). Fold in half of the chocolate chunks.
5. Pour the batter into the prepared pan, then smooth the top, generously top with the remaining chocolate chunks.
6. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until the centre of the brownies no longer jiggles and is just set to the touch.
7. Remove from the oven and allow to cool to room temperature before removing from the baking tray and cutting the brownies. Enjoy!



#### Tips and tricks in the kitchen

- Keep your work area clean, clean as you go to make it easier.
- Don’t take shortcuts or substitutes. e.g. If the recipe asks for plain flour don’t try use other flours instead try find a recipe appropriate for the ingredients you have.
- Don’t give up. Persistence is important in the kitchen if you aim to improve your baking skills.

#### Questions

In future editions I am going to answer baking related questions. If you have a question please email me at [BER0013@tallangatta-sc.vic.edu.au](mailto:BER0013@tallangatta-sc.vic.edu.au) or message me on Instagram @Bens\_Baking.



## Scott Carroll

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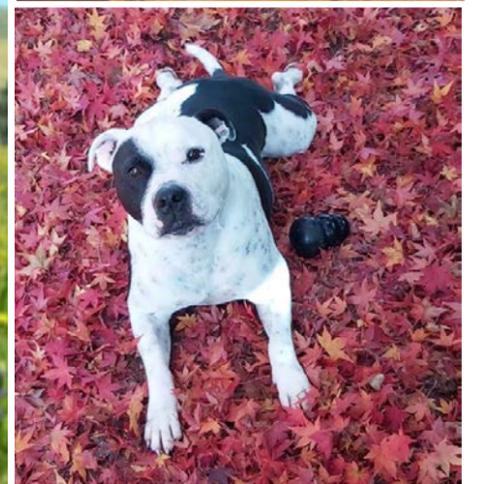
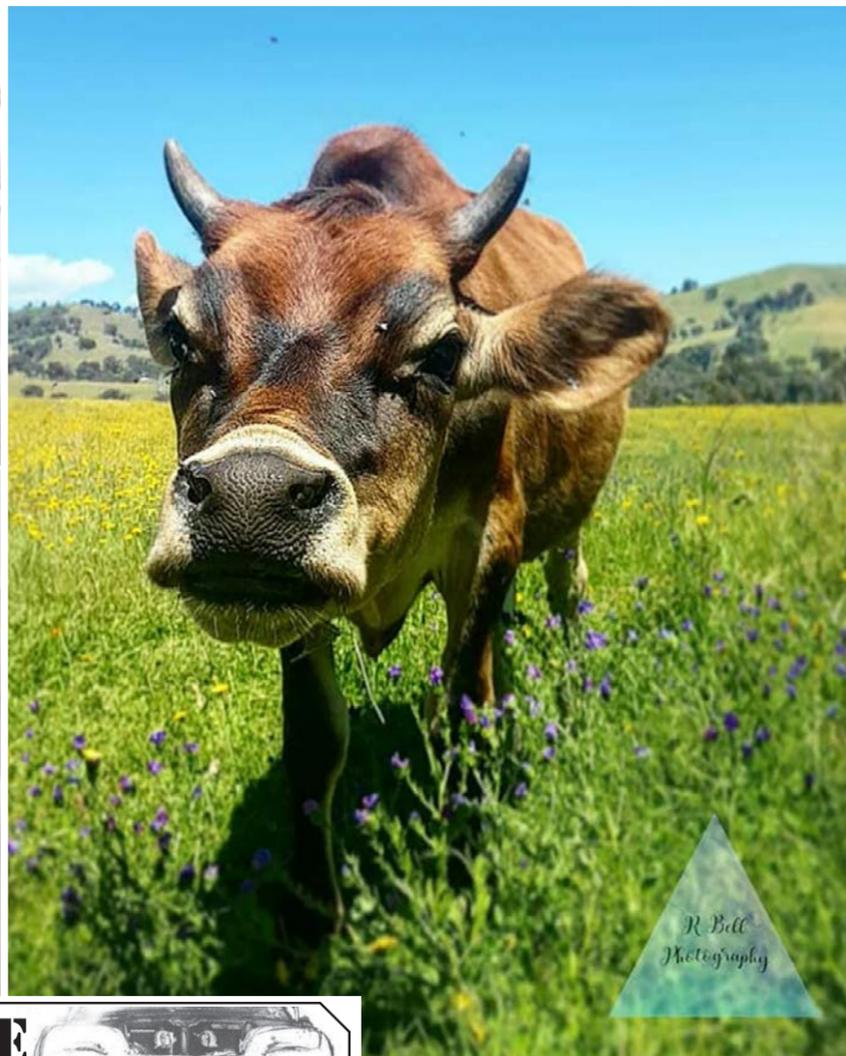
Thank you to everyone who entered their animal photos. It was lovely to see your gorgeous pets and farmyard animals along with some stunning birds.

I don't know about you, but I definitely need a holiday so our next photography theme is 'My Favourite Place'.

Your favourite place could be a holiday destination or your own backyard. You

might have a favourite room set-up for a hobby that you like such as a reading nook, an art room or of course the famous shed, decked out with all types of comfort!

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SCHOOLS



# Bethanga Primary School

## National Tree Planting Day



Rachel Saunders

**D**ESPITE the official tree planting day being cancelled this year, we had a perfect day of sunshine and blue skies for our own tree planting at the Bethanga Rec Reserve last week! Thank you to the members of Bethanga Landcare who

kindly prepared the area on the weekend by mowing and digging holes - we are very appreciative of your support. Students love our 'patch of paradise' at the reserve and could be heard talking about how 'beautiful', 'calm' and 'magical' it is! Along with trees provided by Landcare, students also planted seedlings that they planted themselves as seeds last year... an amazing experience to now see all of the stages of our school planting - seeds to seedlings, trees from last year doubling in size, trees from 2-3 years ago now taller than students and of course, the progress we are always in awe of - the giant gums planted by students 25+ years ago!

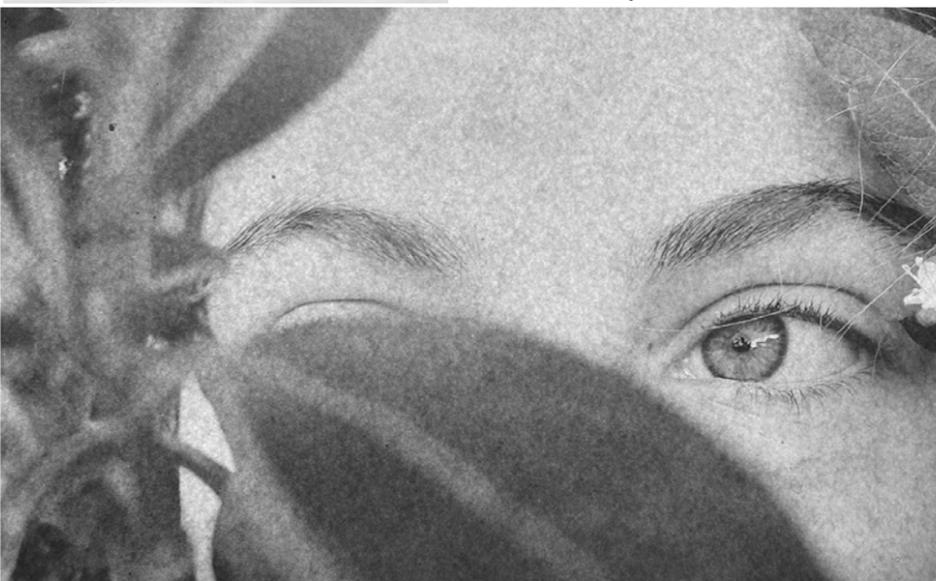
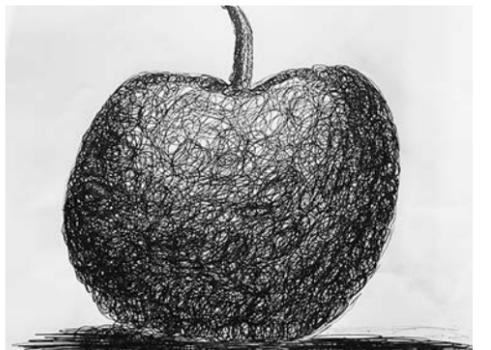
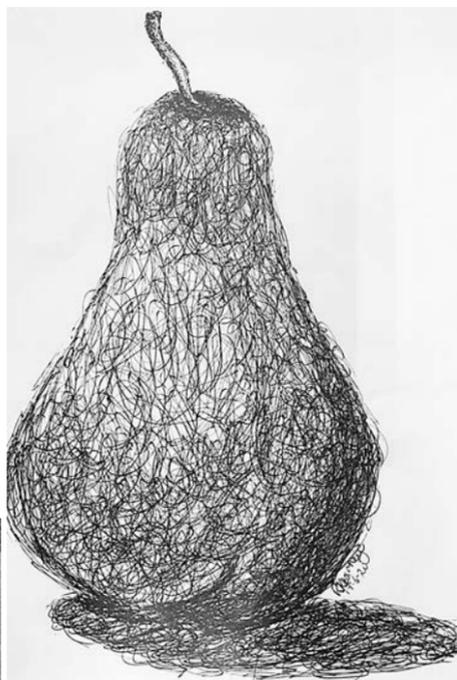


Tallangatta Primary School

## Awesome Art!

**A**T Tallangatta Primary School our students have been doing a sensational job experimenting with a range of art techniques.

Our grade six class has been learning about shading techniques and applied their knowledge to create the appearance of three dimensional fruit. They used either the traditional cross hatching technique or the scribble hatching technique - how fabulous do they look! They have also been experimenting with photography. They have considered how to use elements such as texture and unusual perspectives in their work. Which one is your favourite?



SCHOOLS



# St. Michael's Primary School

## Ziggy - School Dog Training



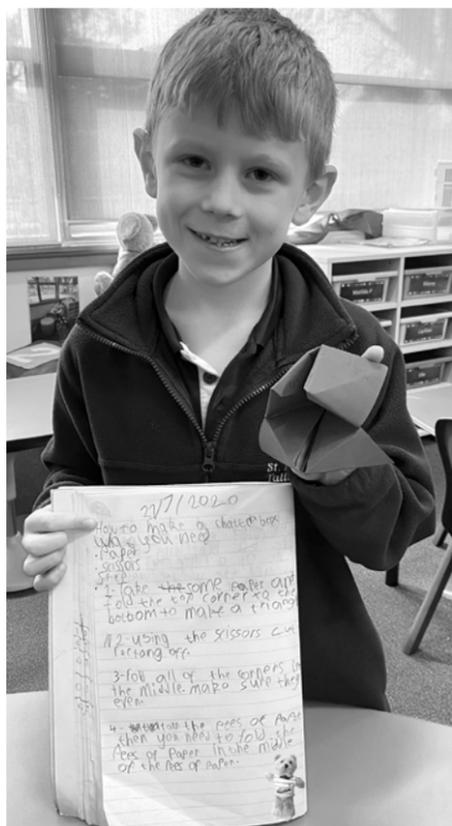
At the start of the year, St. Michael's decided to purchase our very own school dog, with the idea of eventually training him to officially support the wellbeing of the wonderful students in our school. Ziggy has grown up within the school setting and is well and truly at home at St. Michael's.

Training for Ziggy, our school dog, has begun. Ziggy has officially passed his first training module and is proudly wearing his 'L' Plate Training Jacket with pride.

We are so fortunate to be working with the Dog Education Centre to ensure Ziggy is well trained for his very important job in our school. There will be some changes for Ziggy, his routines and practices as we all learn how to encourage him to be the best he can be!



### Grade F/1/2



### PBIS & Grade 3/4/5/6

Our latest PBIS focus is how to be a 'GOOD LISTENER'.

A great trait within people is learning how to be a good listener to all those around. We want to make sure that we are building skills within the people of St. Michael's.

The aim of this is to help the students of St. Michael's to be good friends to each other and to pay attention carefully to their peers and teachers. But most importantly, growing habits to be present in the moment with people in engaging with conversations. Communication skills are essential in developing meaningful relationships.

You can be a good listener by following these easy steps:

1. Look at the person who is speaking
2. Make sure you listen carefully to the words that are being spoken
3. Think about what is being said
4. Listen with your heart because you care
5. Combine all the steps.

In class, the Grade 3/4/5/6 have been making some amazing discoveries through the use of figurative language. Students have made some brilliant posters to show their understanding. I have been very impressed in the way that we have all grasped the concept of figurative language and can define as well as provide examples.

Our poetry unit this week has also taken on some of our figurative language to give our audience a better understanding of our writing. This week we have had some fun writing alliteration, limerick and acrostic poems.

In our maths unit we have continued to work with fractions. We have a range of different workings in our class from students working with equivalent fractions to adding and subtracting fractions with common denominators. Whilst fractions are tricky to grasp it has been so great to see students growing in confidence as we are learning.

In Writing, we have been working on procedures. We have started to investigate how to write a procedure and the structure that is needed to make sure it is easily read and followed.

As a class we watched a video on 'How To Make A Chatterbox.' After we watched the clip we followed it to make one ourselves. This proved to be challenging for some but together we helped our friends and we have been successful. The next step is to write down the procedure so someone else can follow it and make their own. I know there are

many children who are keen to bring this home and share with their families so keep your eyes peeled for chatterboxes appearing at your house in the coming week!

In Reading we have been looking at the structure of sentences and the different types of words that make up an interesting sentence. We have looked at nouns and verbs so far. We have been able to find some of these words in the books that we are reading.

In Religion, we will be looking at a unit on 'Grief and Loss.' The aim of this unit is to learn about:

- Changes that take place in life cycles and seasons
- Some rituals used to say goodbye to loved ones
- Naming and expressing some feelings associated with loss and some ways we can support others who grieve.

In our classroom we have been celebrating Xavier's achievement of reaching 175 dojo points this week. Xavier has been saving up all year to bring his pet to school. This is another way we celebrate individual success here at St. Michael's!



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HEALTH



# Tallangatta Health Service News

It is a challenging time for Victorians at present and we should all think of each other and how we can all stay safe. As a health service we continue to follow regulations and restrictions in response to the current State of Emergency in Victoria, which extends to 11.59 pm on 16 August 2020. Whilst we work under the restrictions which are in place, safe quality care for our patients, residents, and clients continues to be our highest priority, whilst we adapt our activities and processes to our services each day. The implementation of practices accordingly is as required by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to ensure our ongoing safety during Victoria's COVID-19 Pandemic.

Delivering safe high-quality care relies on our staff and volunteers to be committed to the changes they need to make, which can sometimes be several changes each week. As an organisation, we are very proud of our staff and their dedication each day. As a community you should be proud of them too, as they provide the service to and for our community, and often your loved ones.

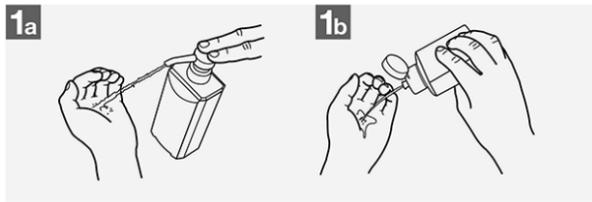
## Wearing of masks

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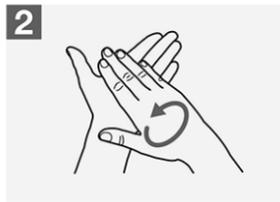
# How to Handrub?

RUB HANDS FOR HAND HYGIENE! WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED

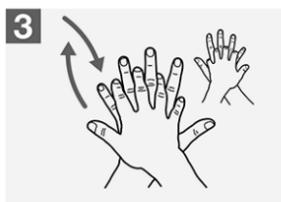
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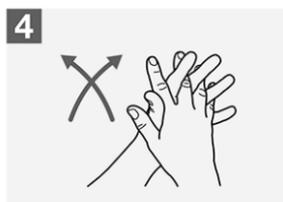
1a Apply a palmful of the product in a cupped hand, covering all surfaces;



2 Rub hands palm to palm;



3 Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;



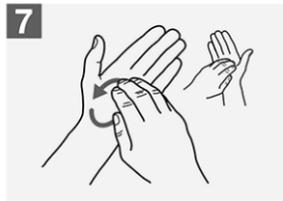
4 Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;



5 Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;



6 Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;



7 Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;



8 Once dry, your hands are safe.

on 30 July 2020 that now require ALL Victorians, when they leave their home, to wear a mask. This is now mandatory, and no longer only for those in Greater Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire.

When visiting Tallangatta Health Service, you will be required to wear a mask at all times. All staff are also wearing masks across the facility. Tallangatta Health Service has had staff wearing masks in place prior to these changes, to align with the DHHS guidelines that were released previously for hospitals and Aged Care Facilities.

Reusable masks will also be available for our community with distribution points to be identified soon. Look for notices on our Facebook page and website as well as those of Towong Shire.

Masks are part of keeping you safe BUT YOU MUST ALSO CONTINUE to maintain required social distancing and practice good hand hygiene.

## Infection Control

If you are a community group and you would like Tallangatta Health Service to provide education on Infection Control, please contact us on 02 6071 5200.

## HOW TO WEAR A MEDICAL MASK SAFELY

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### Do's →



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Remember that masks alone cannot protect you from COVID-19. Maintain at least 6 feet distance from others and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, even while wearing a mask.

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# How to wash hands

STAYING HEALTHY | 5TH EDITION | 2013

A hand wash should take around 30 seconds.



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## HEALTH

# Tallangatta Health Service News



## Visitors to Tallangatta Health Service

FROM 22 July 2020, the DHHS have increased visiting restrictions in Aged Care Facilities and Acute Hospitals.

The following applies to all visitors to Tallangatta Health Service:

- One visitor per visit
- Maximum of one hour per visit
- Each patient or resident to have a maximum of one visitor per day

Visiting hours are between **12.30pm to 4.30pm**.

A variation to these rules may be considered on compassionate grounds, at which time discussion with the Nurse Manager is to occur.

Visitors are to enter via the main front reception for screening and temperature checking, prior to entry into the hospital, Lakeview, or Bolga Court.

Visitors are to wear a mask when visiting patients and residents, maintain required social distancing and practice good hand hygiene.

## COVID-19 Testing

IF you have any symptoms you can call our Medical Centre on 02 6071 5200 or call Albury Wodonga Health on 02 6058 4444 to arrange an appointment for a test.

Alternatively, you may call the **COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 675 398 for advice.**

All individuals being tested for COVID-19 should home isolate until test results are available.

COVID-19 symptoms to be aware of are:

1. Fever OR chills with no other known cause

OR

2. Cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of sense of smell

OR

3. New onset of headache, myalgia (muscle pain), nausea, vomiting and diarrhea

AND

- who are close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19, or
- who have returned from overseas in the past 14 days, or
- are a Health Care or Aged Care Worker

## COVID-19 Information

IT is important that we all stay informed of the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation. Whilst there is an abundance of information circulating, it is important to have a reliable source. The Department of Health website is

available at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert> or stay up to date on ABC News coverages.



## Together We Care Living our values

MANAGING staff fatigue during a Pandemic is acknowledged as a very real issue. Restrictions and guidelines sometimes change on a daily basis, and information is being distributed at an alarming pace. Whilst staff are still encouraged to take leave and access any resources available to them, it is important to keep up morale in what has been a very trying year for the whole community.

As a part of a staff initiative, Tallangatta

Health Service will commence a lucky prize giveaway over the next few weeks. Vouchers will be purchased from local businesses and awarded to staff via a random selection. We hope that not only will this small token provide a 'lift' for morale, but it will also acknowledge that we consider our local businesses who form part of our community.

This initiative will show that we strive to live our values and 'Together we Care'.

## Community Garden Project

WE have been successful under Bushfire Recovery Victoria, Mental Health and Wellbeing funding to establish a community garden. Tallangatta Health Service has available land adjoining Lake Hume that we can utilise.

Growing food in a local community garden has all of the benefits of growing your own food, together with many more. Community gardens provide families and individuals without suitable land of their own or without knowledge or ability to cultivate a garden alone, with the opportunity to explore this and produce food. They also bring together people

from a variety of backgrounds, offering an inclusive exchange environment between people. Children and young people can learn about where food comes from, about living sustainably and caring for their environment.

Our overarching aim is to support positive mental health and wellbeing for our community.

We will be seeking people from our community to be part of our Community Garden Committee. Look out for Expressions of interest in the next month. They will be in the Tallangatta Herald, and on Tallangatta Health Service's website and Facebook.

## 'Community Science for Sustainability' Project Success

TALLANGATTA Health Service has also been successful in being selected as a community for Future Earth Australia's community science for sustainability initiative, in their first Australian cohort. We are one of two communities in Australia chosen. We are very excited, as this links very closely with our community garden. We are seeking to have a garden design which will be sustainable and survive and thrive, and have a set of key questions we want answered.

Future Earth Australia has partnered with the American Geophysical Union's (AGU) Thriving Earth

Exchange to convene and support a series of community science projects for sustainability. A Scientist who is interested in co-producing a community science research project to advance the sustainability priorities of that community will be sought. We are in early steps of this project, so watch this space.

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**CORRECTION**

Council's advertisement placed on 23 July 2020 advised that the Proposed Budget 2020/21 would be adopted on or prior to 1 September 2020. Please see correction below. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused.

**Submissions Invited: Proposed Budget 2020/21**

At the Special Council Meeting held on 21 July 2020, Towong Shire Council endorsed the Proposed Budget 2020/21 and now invites public submissions.

The budget is available for viewing at the Corryong Council Office, Tallangatta Council Office and on Council's website: [www.towong.vic.gov.au/about-council/plans-budgets-reports/](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au/about-council/plans-budgets-reports/).

Written submissions are now invited and will be considered in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act.

Any person wishing to be heard or represented in support of their submission must specify this in their submission.

**Submissions must be received in writing no later than 5pm on Thursday 20 August 2020 and can be provided in the following ways:**

- Emailed to [info@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@towong.vic.gov.au) and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer
- By mail addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Submissions, Towong Shire Council, PO Box 55, Tallangatta Victoria 3700.

Council will consider any submissions received regarding the Proposed Budget 2020/21 prior to final adoption at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 25 August 2020.

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## TANGAM ACTIVE PARK UP AND GOING!

The first stage of the Active Park is almost complete and the children in our community are certainly enjoying this new addition. Situated in the Kiewa Valley Estate, the park provides a mixture of play equipment and nature-based play experiences. The next few stages of the park include a Community

Garden, BBQ and Picnic area, mini pumps and wheel loops and open green spaces with shade trees. Hopefully these stages will not take too long and the residents of Tangam will be able to enjoy this area at their leisure. In the meantime, our young ones can be very pleased with what they now have.



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## Cricket's CRANKY CURATOR

*Kiewa Cricket Club News and Update.*  
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### Kiewa Cricket Club Success Continues

G'day one and all from Kiewa Cricket. With the way this year has panned out to date, I would like to extend our best wishes to everyone in the community and wish this crap thing would just go away. It's a very tough time for the world at the minute, so please take care of yourself and the community simply by doing as asked.

On to what shapes as a hugely different year cricket-wise. I would like to announce that we have appointed big JB (Josh Bartel) Captain-Coach for the coming season after captaining the A Grade to the flag last season and wish him all the success for season ahead. I am also rapt to announce Ryan Bartel's return to the club after a couple of years learning his trade with the big(ger) boys at Tallangatta - welcome home mate and all the best to ya.

It is now time for the REALLY, REALLY,

REALLY big news!

We are super happy to announce that we have been successful in our latest application to Council for funding to demolish the little shed we currently call home and to rebuild with what we know is going to bring the Kiewa Cricket Club into line with the some of the best clubroom and viewing facilities in CAW.

A multi-purpose pavilion will become the new home of Kiewa Cricket Club, as well as Kiewa Tennis Club and hopefully will be used by many other community groups as well. We are all pretty excited at the thought of new, modern clubrooms which actually have comfy change rooms and - yes - showers and toilets! Big verandahs will provide plenty of vantage points for watching both the cricket and the tennis.

A lot of hard work has gone into grant

applications over the past few years and we must give our committee a big pat on the back for that, these things don't just happen, someone has to drive them and at KCC we have had the team to do it.

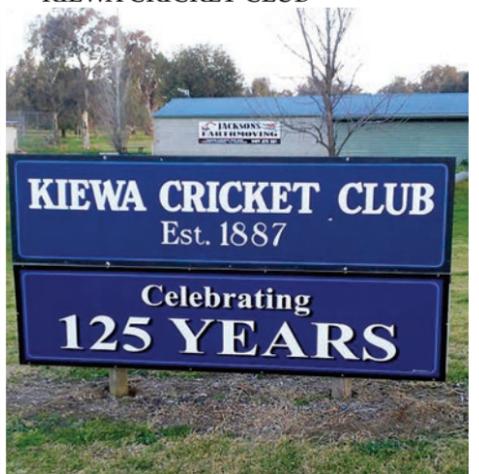
There will be more to come in future issues regarding the facility and what it means to our future and the community as a whole and we would like to thank the KIEWA MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE for their help and backing on this project. We also thank Sven Erikson and his team at Indigo Shire for their assistance and for "going in to bat" for us on this occasion!

We don't have details of commencement dates and completion times to date, but we are pretty excited that it is finally happening and can't wait to move into our new home. More to come, as it happens.

Until next time,  
 HOWZAT,  
 from the CRANKY CURATOR  
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**Tangam Tennis Talk Pg. 4**





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## Community News



### COUNCIL ELECTIONS We Need You!

Indigo Shire Council Elections are due in October and this side of the Shire desperately needs someone to represent us on Council. So much is happening around here, especially with the new housing developments at Kiewa Valley and Beartooth estates in Tangam - we need a local voice to keep the Shire abreast of the needs of our area now and in the future.

Having previously served as a Councillor in the Indigo Shire for 8 years, I know how important this is - we don't want to be overshadowed by the larger towns in our Shire. We need to keep both Council staff

and other Councillors informed of what is happening on our side of the Shire.

Constituents of Kiewa-Tangam and surrounding areas, please consider the opportunity of becoming a councillor. Or maybe you know someone who just needs some encouragement to stand? I found it to be a rewarding experience and certainly beneficial for our community. I am more than willing to meet with anyone interested to discuss what being a Councillor involves. Please feel free to give me a call.

Peter Croucher - Phone 0438 273 260



Kiewa Valley Dance

### Bringing Dance to Tangam!

My dance journey started at the age of 9 in Canberra, ACT, where I grew up. I knew very early on that dance would always be a part of my life, as I lived and breathed it all throughout my school journey.

In 2005 I moved to Melbourne to study my Diploma in Dance Performance with Dance World Studios and not long after I graduated, I discovered my love for teaching others to

dance.

Over the past 15 years I have taught for numerous dance schools throughout Melbourne and have had the privilege of watching students grow into strong mature dancers who have also gone onto studying dance themselves.

Earlier this year my family and I (partner Nick and son Harvey) moved to Wodonga to be closer to our family with the hope to establish our roots and grow our family in a smaller town. We stumbled across Tangambalanga one day and we fell in love with its beauty straight away. We are very excited to become a part of the Tangam community once our new family home is built.

Starting my own dance school has been something on the back of my mind for many years now and I am confident that now is the right time to start this exciting adventure. I am excited to see Kiewa Valley Dance come to life.

If you would like more information about Kiewa Valley Dance please call Jennifer Dean on 0400 939 222 or contact us at [kiewavalleydance@gmail.com](mailto:kiewavalleydance@gmail.com).



### Christmas In July

Some of our Senior Residents celebrated Christmas dinner and a few Christmas Carols was enjoyed by those who attended.



### Vale

It is with deep regret that we farewell

Brian COULSTON Passed away on the 29th July 2020

The Kiewa River Gazette extends its condolences to the family, extended family and friends.



### URGENT HELP REQUIRED

I recently discovered that since the former Kindergarten, known as the Kiewa Valley Early Childhood Centre (and formerly the Tom Mitchell Kindergarten), was handed over to FARMS, which became CEYEC under the control of Anne Bowler as CEO, all records have been lost.

It would be appreciated if former Committee members, parents etc., with knowledge of and/or photos of events could please write an oral history of memories and lend photos for scanning. I donated many

photos of the erection of the new building attached to the CWA Building.

I will be writing/ringing many people I recall from my time involved. Sadly, some former Committee members have died.

It would have been preferable to have the original Minute Books, Inventories and photo albums; however, we may be able to retrieve much of the information.

Anyone with information contact: Pam Davis-Jones, 60273356 or by email, [pjdavisjones@hotmail.com](mailto:pjdavisjones@hotmail.com).

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#### COVID Support

We've purchased a stencil that can be used with chalk or spray paint to support our local businesses in helping customers to practice social distancing.

A member of our staff has been travelling around the shire to paint the stencil in high traffic areas or to mark 1.5M lines in front of shops.

If you feel your business would benefit from this email [tourism@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:tourism@indigoshire.vic.gov.au)

#### Border Closures

With further border restrictions imposed, we understand that there is a lot of anxiety in the community regarding what we can and can't do.

We have been advocating for affected residents and are doing our best to keep you as informed and up-to-date as possible.

For all COVID-19 updates, head to our website [indigoshire.vic.gov.au/Emergencies/COVID-19-Information](http://indigoshire.vic.gov.au/Emergencies/COVID-19-Information)

#### Tourism support

Business Victoria wants local accommodation operators that are hurting as a result of cancellations to register for a new financial assistance package.

The Regional Tourism Accommodation Program is a \$40M fund for regional tourism businesses to cover the costs of refunds, as well as marketing campaigns to boost visitation once the restrictions can be eased.

Register your interest: [indigoshire.vic.gov.au/Business-in-Indigo/Support-for-Business-COVID-19](http://indigoshire.vic.gov.au/Business-in-Indigo/Support-for-Business-COVID-19)



# At the Cinema



By Maggie Heffernan

**Title:** Captain Fantastic  
**Director:** Matt Ross  
**Starring:** Viggo Mortenson, George MacKay  
**Recommended for:** 13+  
**Rating:** M  
**Stars:** ★★★★★  
**Genre:** Drama/Comedy  
**Where you can watch:** Google Play, sometimes on SBS OnDemand

→No, this is not a superhero movie or an Elton John biopic, though understandable if thought so. Captain Fantastic presents a very

different way of living, depicting Ben Cash (Mortenson) a father of 6, raising his children off the grid in the wilderness. This is where Ben teaches his family not so mainstream “life skills”, like how to build a shelter and how to set a broken bone. Tragic circumstances see the family leave their isolated world and enter into society. We see this family, with some of the children never having left the woods, immersed into the capitalist, technological world that only we know. It is amusing to watch the children experience video games, cake, obese people etc. for the first time.

This film is recommended for teenagers and older as it does have some mature themes. It also holds some very relatable themes like the doubts of decision-making for parents, how to grow up and leave the family nest as a young adult and the overwhelming angst of adolescents.

The overall elements from cinematography, music, costumes are all very well executed, vibrantly memorable. But what really makes this film impressive and standout is the amazing acting from each member of the Cash family, old and young. This was widely recognised when Mortenson received an Academy Award nomination for Best Actor and the whole cast received a SAG nomination for Best Cast.

Captain Fantastic will have you laughing, crying, yearning for adventure and connection with your family.

# Police Chat



If I could use one word to describe 2020 it would be overwhelming. With the newest outbreaks in Melbourne and the closure of the NSW / Victorian border on 06/07/2020, it is fair to say that we don't know what will happen tomorrow or next week – or indeed when this goes to press.

What do we want to happen? We want COVID 19 to get under control. We don't want it coming to regional areas. There are some things that are outside our control. We cannot change what the rules are or what other people are doing. We can monitor our own movements, behaviours and attitudes. Consider wearing facemasks – even here in regional Victoria – if you can't remain socially distanced for any reason.

We can be kind. With everything that has happened this year, it is more important than ever to be kind and not to judge other people's behaviours. You don't know what is happening behind closed doors in another person's life. Now is the time to give their attitude/behaviour the benefit of the doubt and to model the behaviour we want others to display. If someone questions your behaviour/comments, perhaps stop and think about the way you're acting.

It is okay to admit if you're not coping. It's okay to ask for help. It's okay to simply Stop. Cry. Stare into space. Scream into a pillow. We're all doing it tough – some tougher than others. So, how do we move through this? One step at a time. There is no single solution that will fix this. The situation as it stands is changing on a regular basis. I believe that COVID19 will be with us for some time – perhaps until a vaccine is created.

So, let's support local business and our own mental health at the same time. Grab a coffee and a friend and sit in the park. Go for a walk or ride. Have a conversation over the phone or on Zoom or Facetime. Stay at least 1.5 metres apart and agree at the onset that you won't hug or shake hands. And talk. Pick a

friend you're comfortable with and talk. Tell them how you're feeling and what's bothering you. Swap stories and help each other.

If you are displaying any symptoms – like the cold or flu – runny nose, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath, inability to taste or smell, you should get tested as soon as possible. Before and after testing you should self-isolate. COVID-19 is highly contagious. I personally have been tested and whilst I admit that the test is uncomfortable it is also brief.

Go to [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au) for the most up to date information.

I'd also like to congratulate some very brave young men. Whilst at the skate park on Thursday 9 July, 13 year-old Nash Macaulay took a spill in the skate bowl at Coulston Park. Whilst in obvious pain, Nash's mates, Bradley Eberle (11 years), Declan Parker-McGinnis (13 years), Ethan Slocombe (12 years) and Harley Wilson (13 years) worked together to get the right help. A very brave Brad called 000 and in a calm manner relayed all the relevant information and answered the call-takers questions clearly. Declan, Harley and Ethan did a great job of contacting parents, getting assistance from netball players, finding blankets and keeping Nash still and calm. All these boys should be congratulated. They were all wearing their helmets and doing the right thing when unfortunately, one of them got injured. Nash underwent surgery on Friday, 10 July. His broken ankle has been set with 3 screws to allow it to heal properly. All these boys have a story to tell and a great reminder why helmets and safety gear should be worn and how important it is to know who to contact in an emergency. SES from Tallangatta turned out to assist with carrying Nash out of the skate bowl and the Ambulance transferred Nash to Hospital. Well done guys, great effort.

Stay safe,  
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# Lions Club News



Lions President Peter Croucher inducting Jack Hurse

The times are definitely crazy at the moment but the Lions continue to soldier on. We have finally been able to get back to conducting regular meetings and it has been great to be able to have proper discussions about how we can support our community best. The toughest challenge is working with reduced fundraising capacity, but rest assured, Lions are always there to lend a hand.

With the new financial year comes a renewed committee and we are happy to welcome back Ken Jones and Peter Read accompanied by a newly-inducted president, Peter Croucher. Our members look forward to meeting the challenges in these continually changing times under your leadership.

We have also seen some fresh faces at the club checking out what goes on behind the scenes and we seem to have impressed Jack Hurse, who took the plunge and has come on board as a new member. Welcome to the team Jack and we look forward to having you working alongside all of us.

And on a final note, thanks to a generous donation of wood, members were able to come together recently with all the gear to cut, split, load and stack firewood for some families who were running low. We are proud to have been able to help out and give back to these families who have supported the community for several decades and we hope they are nice and warm for the remainder of winter.



# KVPS News KVPS Letter Writing and Community Connections



During Remote Learning in Term 2, students at Kiewa Valley Primary School wrote letters to residents at Bolga Court Aged Care in Tallangatta and Westmont Aged Care in Baranduda. The letters were much appreciated by the staff and residents with some students even receiving a letter in return.

Upon returning to school, students in Grade 5/6 have been studying poetry within their literacy lessons. They have experienced reading and writing a range of poetry styles and explored poetic devices including alliteration, similes, metaphors and personification.

After much experimentation, the students wrote a final poem to enter in the Write Around the Murray, River of Stories Poetry Competition, where the topic was 'Change'. Students across both classes wrote a poem and presented it to their peers for judging. The top five in each class were entered into the external competition, of which we are still awaiting the



Julie Hovey receiving letters from Gail Vogel results.

The students discussed other ways to share their poems with the community and it was decided they would create handmade cards including their poems to send in another package to Westmont.

Activities Co-ordinator, Julie Hovey, is planning a visit to the school to deliver more letters, written by the residents. Everyone at Westmont has been delighted with the effort the students have made in their letter writing and look forward to receiving more.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for the students to make positive links with the elderly community, particularly during the COVID-19 restrictions. The letter writing activity not only allowed students to write for a purpose but also formed a new community connection between the school and the aged care residents.



# RSL News

Despite all the current regulations, the Kiewa RSL has remained active. Meetings recommenced in June and unless there are changes will continue to be held on the third Thursday of the month. Members have been keeping in contact with older members supporting them when needed.

Fundraising has taken a severe hit this year with the COVID 19 restrictions and some of

our projects will suffer. We look forward to later in the year when hopefully life will return to a 'new' normal.

Any former service men or women are welcome to join. Kiewa RSL serves the Kiewa, Mitta and Yackandandah areas. Contacts are Colin McMahon, President, 6071 8630, Damian Ley, Secretary, 6071 8499 or for Yackandandah contact Wally Cameron, Treasurer, 0418 123 355.



# KVPS News

## New Banners for Kiewa Valley Primary School



Last year, our students, staff and families spent a significant amount of time exploring and refining the most appropriate vision and values to best represent our school community and lead us into the next four years of our 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.

**Our Vision:** "Our community grows together through kindness as empowered creative learners who believe we can all make a difference."

**Our Values:** Kindness, Integrity, Inclusion and Respect

**Our 4 B's** – Believe, Belong, Become and

Be Kind

Recently, we engaged a graphic designer to design our new values, vision and motto banners. The members of our Student Representative Council gave the designer direction and ideas. In the last week of term two, our SRC students had a sneak peak of the designs and also met with the designer Georgia via WebEx. The banners were hung last week in our multi-purpose room and we are all very proud of the end product.



## Ghost Whisperer



Unfortunately, there is no football taking place this year and so I thought it would be an opportune time to bring out some of the more interesting events that have occurred in the Tallangatta and District Football League over the years and in particular during the 1980's.

\* In 1981, Kiewa Sandy Creek had 4 teams in the Grand Final. The Firsts, Seconds and Fourths all had a win but unfortunately the Thirds were runners-up that year.

\* In 1982, a ladies' Inter League match between Kiewa Sandy Creek and Dederang Mount Beauty took place. Despite cold and wet conditions, the girls were eager to show their talents and skills on the field. The Kiewa girls won and wished to thank their coach Max McGrath and the two runners, Margaret McGrath and Val White.

\* In 1983, the league welcomed an under 17 team from the Army Apprentice School at Latchford Barracks. They used the Barnawartha ground as their home ground and wore the Barny colours of Black and Yellow. (Barny did not field an under 17 team). The Army School won two Premierships in 1983 and 1984.

\* In 1983, the League conducted a Grand Final Running race during the half time



Coach Max McGrath and the winning team interval. Each league club provided 2 runners. The winners received \$50 while the runner-up received \$25. I don't have a record of the winner. If anyone knows, please inform the KRG.

\* In 1985, the Grand Final was played between Holbrook and Wodonga Demons. Neither of these teams are in the Tallangatta League today.

\* In 1983, the four Grand Finals were won by 6 points or less. In the Firsts, Kiewa drew with Holbrook and won the replay the following week; Seconds - Barnawartha by 3 points; Thirds - Army School by 5 points and the Fourths - Kiewa by 6 points. In the replay of the Firsts, a curtain-raiser was organised between Kiewa Sandy Creek and Beechworth under 17 teams. (Beechworth had been the winners of the Ovens and King League under 17's that year).

\* In 1986, there was a voting slip in the Record for spectators to vote for the ground on which they would like the Grand Final to be played. Sandy Creek received 88 votes, Dederang 38 votes, Wodonga 23 votes, Bethanga 16 and Bullioh 14 votes. Needless to say, there were many other grounds that received votes, but Sandy Creek was the winner! (And still is today)

\* In 1986, the Finals gate was manned by members of the Kergunyah Scout Group. The Kiewa-Tangam Lions Club have been the regular gate attendants for many years since.

So - there you have it - some interesting facts and figures from the 1980's!



# Tangam TENNIS Talk

Tennis season may be a little while off yet, but action is happening down at our courts. Late last year our club was successful in 2 grant applications, one from Indigo Shire and another from the Department of Health & Human Services. This money has enabled us to build a permanent shade shelter on the lawn area in front of our tennis courts at Coulston Park. The 10 metre x 5 metre shelter will be a great asset to our club as well as many other park users, providing much needed respite from the sun on match day, as well as giving spectators a shady spot to sit and watch all the action. Out thanks to Adam Vardy for the construction of the shelter and also a big thanks to Stuart for overseeing



the project and to Jack Britton for helping out with the ground works.



Now is probably a good time for everyone to start thinking about the tennis season. Winter sports have been pretty non-existent this year, so we are hoping everyone will be keen to get into tennis. Our AGM will be held towards the end of August and hopefully competition will start up again in October. So, if there is anyone who would like to play in Saturday senior or junior comp, or in our midweek night tennis comp, keep an eye on the Community Facebook page for further information. We are always keen for new players.



## Netball Natters



As the Virus situation seemed to be improving a little, the restrictions eased enough to bring some hope that the netball season would go ahead for this year. With this new-found motivation, more and more teams at Kiewa began training – trying to get a bit of fitness and team bonding happening before the commencement of round 1. Unfortunately, this started to go backwards when the number of COVID cases in Victoria began rising. First, it was decided that the senior competition was off due to the required social distancing measures in place – however there was still a push to get a junior competition going. While senior training was cancelled, all junior teams got down to the courts on their allocated nights to get a bit of netball action happening – being sure to adhere to the restrictions and regulations.

Then the hard decision was finally made. Due to the increase of COVID cases in Victoria, NSW decided to shut their borders. Some of the teams in the Tallangatta and District league are in NSW, so the border

closures made it very hard to get any form of netball competition going. Therefore, it was declared that the 2020 Netball season was cancelled.

So what are the players doing now? Is that simply it for the 2020 netball season?

After speaking to some of the junior coaches, I discovered that teams are actually still training weekly. When I asked them why, this was their general response:

When you train, there is generally an end goal you are trying to achieve. Normally that goal is to get match fit and bond as a team. Though the season is off this year, we still have an aim for training – and that is to keep the girls socialising and active. In this weird time, netball training is at least a constant for them – something familiar and fun they can turn to when all else is stressful and crazy.

While this is a very uncertain time, netball training will continue to be a positive and fun activity for many Kiewa girls. Until some new light is shed on these rather negative circumstances, stay safe, stay well, and GO HAWKS!!