

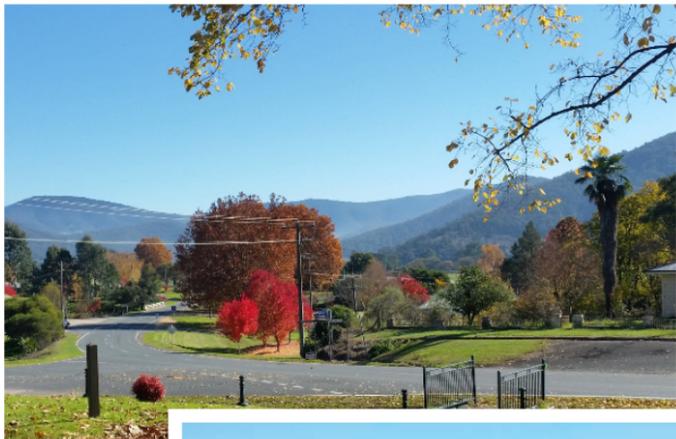
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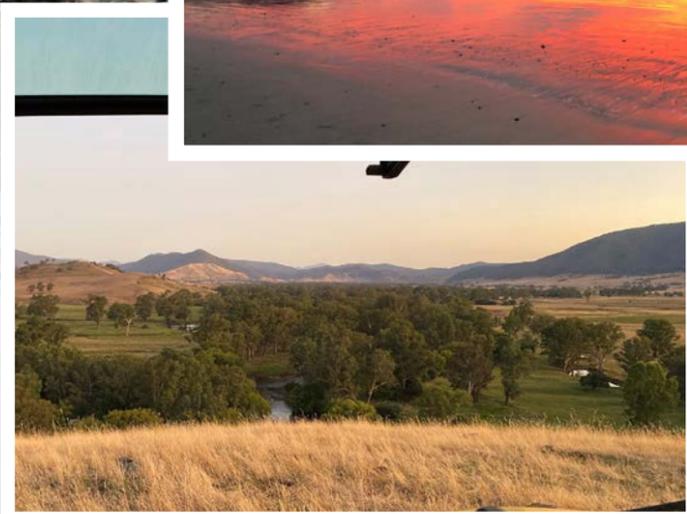
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OBITUARY

Bruce Ronan 13/5/1923-28/8/2019

Clyde Ronan

BRUCE died at Westmont Aged Care one year ago and will always be missed by those who knew and loved him. He had been in High Care, was 96, and was having a difficult time with a collapsing body. His time had come, but he had been well cared for and was close to Mum, conveniently next door in the Apartments. They spent most afternoons together. He had a lovely service at Conways with a surprising number of people in attendance, officiated by Monica Conway (nee O'Farrell), a Noorongong girl.

A descendant of Irish and Scottish immigrants he was born to be a farmer, to be sure. Starting with birth at the Tallangatta Hospital, and ending with burial at the Yabba Cemetery, there was a lot in between. His first home was at Stonroy (Noorongong), in a house called Inverness which his father built after returning from the not-so-Great War. The house and family were later put on a dray and moved to the bright lights of Wodonga, just prior to the not-so-Great Depression. Grandad always had work but 'struggle town' was grim and they eventually moved back to farming at Bowler with Aunt Edie and Harry Andrews (the grand red brick house just beyond Eskdale). It was quite a stretch on bikes to the Eskdale School but he still managed to help with the milking before and after school. Always in a hurry (a lifelong fast walker) and running late he was speeding down the hill near Larsens when the chain came off and he inadvertently left the road opposite the school, hitting a log that was in his way. The other kids, facing the flag could see the disaster unfolding. He was knocked out, and had to be rescued by the whole school. His education at Eskdale was a disappointment compared to Wodonga and a farming career was preordained anyway so he left school with a Merit Certificate and commenced fifty years of life on the land. They moved to McDonalds at Gundowring where he had the opportunity to ride over to Dederang for his drivers licence. He demonstrated to the Policeman how to park a car, using the horse of course, and rode off with his licence. Moving again they came home to Stonroy and the farm was rebuilt with a new dairy, sheds, fencing, and herd improvement. He was proud of the cows, and herd testing and butter factory quality reports measured their success, and are what we now refer to as Key Performance Indicators. A timber board (not quite a white board) at the dairy recorded the cows performance, and he made sure that the house milk came from the best. Most of the cows had names and he knew them personally.

Off farm activities were busy too, with balls to attend, but always making sure to be back to get the cows in. This is how he found Mum, and thus began a marriage of more than seventy years with congratulatory cards to prove it from the Queen and lots of politicians. He played footy with the legendary Fernvale United, including the Premierships. There is nothing of it left now but the memories-the players are all gone, the footy ground supports cattle next to my front paddock at Fernvale, and there are a couple of photos and a stuffed footy in the Fernvale Hall. There were more privations in the form of post war austerity with a struggling economy and shortages of everything but it all eventually fell into place with marriage in 1947, followed not too closely by Glenn in 1949 and Clyde in 1952. There



were cars, tractors, farm development and amazing holidays, all achieved on a purse string. The 3 generations stuck together, fenced in with a menagerie of animals, bonded with hard work and hope. Mum came from Granya via Melbourne, and had relatives in the Upper Murray, so with Dad's friendships made in the Kiewa and Mitta Valleys, and Wodonga, they had an enormous network through the region. Dad seemed to have an encyclopaedic memory of people, and who they were connected to, and what they were up to.

Good farming practices and prosperous times led to 2 sets of boarding school fees and University for the boys, and thereby the much anticipated next generation of farmers was lost to professions. Dad wasn't upset about that. Amidst the school fees there came a drought in 1967 and our water supply from Mailmans Gap Creek went underground (but didn't technically dry up). Feed became scarce and he started cutting down the willow trees that his grandfather had planted in the early days. He reopened an abandoned silage pit and pulled out feed dripping like molasses. The cows loved it. For every problem there seemed to be a solution-there had to be.

Dad was born into the Broken Years after the First World War, survived the privations of the Depression, and endured the austere years during and after the Second World War. The subsequent credit squeezes, droughts, misfortunes of commodity markets, and recessions were problems for which he was well prepared. He saw farming transform from horses to tractors, and manpower to engine power, hand milking to machines, but always the cows and the people were not much different.

Dad belonged to many clubs and organisations, wherever there was a need, or some fun to be had. Inaugural Secretary of the Noorongong Fire Brigade, and later Lieutenant of the CFA. Full back for Fernvale United. President of the Noorongong State School parents association, where the boys very long education started. Member of the Fernvale Hall committee. Active and longstanding member of the Tallangatta High School Advisory Council. President of the Tallangatta Golf Club (and hole in one-er). And probably an association with other organisations I don't recall, but which welcomed Dad in with his shovel and support. On retiring to Albury he was President of Albury Probus and the Commercial Club Golf Club, and played an awful lot of bowls.

He is missed by his family, his bowling mates, and those few peers still standing. He rests at Yabba Cemetery beside his Grandmother Clara Wilson, and near his Great Gandmother Mary McGibbon Thompson (nee Paton) and others, looking across the valley to Stonroy and probably wondering what it was all about.

He is succeeded by his sons Glenn and Clyde, Grandchildren Calum, Rachel, John, Emma, and Sally, and Great Grandchildren Daisy and Hazel. Mum lives on at Westmont in pretty good heath for 96.

Church Times

Anglican – All at Tallangatta
The return to stage 3 restrictions means that our church is closed and not available for regular services.

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

Uniting
Normal services have been canceled due to the return of stage 3 restrictions.

Coffee Break

Puzzles Answers

FROM EDITION 1037
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- ② Answer: Your age
- ③ Answer: He was bald
- ④ Answer: Your shadow
- ⑤ Answer: She's twelve
- ⑥ Answer: White, the house is built directly on the North Pole

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Tallangatta & District Seniors' Club News

WELL, it's the same old, same old at seniors as we are back in lockdown so still following regulations. One being wearing a mask in public, so at least ladies you will be saving on 'lippy'!

It was International Day for Volunteers last week – seniors do a lot of volunteer work in this community. Generally they are the ones who are retired and have the extra time on their hands – (and everyone needs an interest outside the family and home) to get it done = with building bridges (both kinds), delivering meals, to attending accidents, babysitting, meetings, to

sport, fire control and everything in between. So well done to you all, otherwise Tallangatta would be a dull town without you all, you make it tick.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to our vice-president Norma on the passing of her daughter.

Loved your story, Judy, about Cyril's dad getting his tomato patch dug up!

Annual General Meeting should be in October at a date to be finalized, just see how the regulations we are living with go.

In the meantime stay safe and all the fathers, grandies and greatgrandies have a wonderful Fathers' Day.

Anglican Activity

Graeme Aldrich

Regular Services

Because of the return of stage 3 restrictions our church must remain closed and not available for Sunday worship until further notice. Fr. Alan Kelb has been sending out printed details of Sunday Morning Prayer services each week (readings, sermon, prayers etc) and these are forwarded to those on our congregation group email contact. If you would like to be part of this distribution please call Graeme Aldrich on 60 712544.

Weekly Offerings

Parishioners who are still able to contribute an offering to the work of the Church can do so by leaving your contribution with Treasurer, Jenni Crisp, at the Newsagency.

Clergy contact

If you have a need to make contact with clergy, Fr Alan is available on 0418 464053, or you can contact churchwarden Graeme Aldrich on 0417 043134.

Council adopts Annual Budget, focused on economic and social recovery

AT its Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 25 August 2020, Council adopted its Annual Budget 2020/21, with a focus on driving economic and social recovery.

Council will not be applying a rate increase.

The adoption follows a four-week community consultation period which invited public submissions. No public submissions were received.

Mayor Cr David Wortmann said Council was pleased to adopt the Budget. "The next twelve months is a critical time as we rebuild from the bushfires, COVID-19 and border closures".

"The Annual Budget 2020/21 recognises the unique needs of each area of the Shire. Council has focused on enhancing community wellbeing and driving economic recovery, including tourism development across the Shire" Mayor Wortmann said.

The budget includes a range of key projects, including:

- An upgrade of Hanson Street Corryong from Kiell Street to Sugarloaf Road
- Further development of the Great River Road (western end)
- Continuation of the Colac Colac Caravan Park and Tallangatta Holiday Park upgrades
- Upgrading the Bullioh Netball Courts
- Continuation of the Corryong town streetscape upgrade
- Replacement of the Cudgewa playground

- Development of the Talgarno Recreation Reserve tennis courts

- Mitta Mitta and Dartmouth streetscape renewals

- Improving waste management and recycling diversion

- Upgrading the public facilities in Walwa and Cudgewa

- Attracting business and government agencies to operate within our Shire

- Continuation of the upgrade to Georges Creek Road

- Researching Towong's Indigenous history

- Developing new cycle product and hosting cycle events

- Advocating for mobile and internet coverage

- Bethanga town beautification

- Continued tree planting and town maintenance programs

- Sealing part of Wises Creek Road, Talgarno

"This budget also contains the new Bushfire Relief and Recovery Directorate, funded by Bushfire Recovery Victoria, which will deliver the relief and recovery programs for our communities 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.

To view the full list of projects and initiatives included in the Annual Budget 2020/21, visit www.towong.vic.gov.au/about-council/plans-budgets-reports/.



Rotary Roundabout

Graeme Aldrich

Recent Activity

Reduced Activity!!

Once again, with the return of stage 3 restrictions, our Club is not holding regular weekly dinner meetings and

we are not able to carry out a variety of normal activity. We look forward to a return to the things that are so much part of the life of Rotary.

Horticultural Society

Judy Cochrane

As usual there is a lot to do in the garden with spring upon us. Hostas are beginning to shoot so make sure that you get out with the snail bait. If they are growing in pots try this coffee spray around the pot: one cup espresso coffee to 10 cups of water. You need to use espresso coffee as it is stronger than other coffees. As the snails move across the spray their slime activates the caffeine and kills them. This spray can be used anywhere that you have snails and is safer than snail bait if you have a dog. You will need to respray after rain.

By the end of the month tomato plants will be ready for planting out. The Tiny Toms and Grape varieties do very well in large tubs provided you have a wire cage to support them. These can be bought or easily made. Use 3 or 4 stakes or bamboo canes placed evenly around the inside edge of the pot then place chicken wire around the stakes. As the plants grow you can easily keep them within the wire. Make sure that you have your fruit fly traps in place if you plan to grow tomatoes and soft fruit.

In most gardens the spring bulbs are over. These can be dead headed but leave the foliage as this feeds the bulbs ready for next year. A light dressing of blood and bone will also feed the bulbs. Fuchsias, geraniums and pelargonium can be tip pruned to encourage new growth and make them branch out. It is time to fertilize camellias, azaleas and

gardenias.

The aphids will soon be appearing on the roses. There are many "good" bugs and birds that feast on them but if you wish to spray them here is a remedy courtesy of Milton "Gumboots" Kimball. Add 2 cups of vegetable oil and 1 cup of dish washing liquid to 1 litre of water. Mix 1 tablespoon of this mixture into 1 litre of water and spray the aphids. It is best to do this in the evening when the "good" bugs have gone to bed. Probably making up half the mixture would be sufficient for the whole season unless you have a great many rose bushes. Here is a gem from the Old Wives' Lore for Gardeners. Referring to garden pests: 'If it moves slowly enough, step on it; if it doesn't, leave it-it'll probably kill something else.'

As we can't go visiting at the moment at least we can be busy getting our garden ready for the spring planting of vegetables and flowers. This has many benefits as it gives us exercise and an end product that can be enjoyed so Happy Gardening!



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The Mitta Valley Gravel Grinder

COUNCIL has been successful in securing a \$20,000 grant to host an exciting new annual gravel riding event - 'The Mitta Valley Gravel Grinder'.

The grant was applied for under the Federal Government's National Bushfire Recovery Agency, under the Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery (RTBR) Grant Program – Stream 1.

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.

The Mitta Valley Gravel Grinder will meet the growing demand for gravel racing, leveraging on the wealth of quiet, scenic gravel roads throughout the Mitta Valley, passing farm gates, authentic pubs, breweries and the pristine Mitta Valley countryside. The race will start



and finish in the heart of Mitta Mitta and cover a distance of 55km.

The funding will be used to contract a partner to assist with delivering the event

for a minimum of 3 years, as well as developing a brand and marketing.

Mayor Cr David Wortmann said that the event will make a significant contribution towards assisting the Mitta Valley to recover from the summer's bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Mitta Valley tourism industry is highly reliant on tourists travelling the Omeo Highway which was closed in early November 2019 following the ignition of the bushfires in neighbouring Gippsland, and is still experiencing decreased traffic due to COVID-19 restrictions."

"This event will showcase the uniqueness of the Mitta Valley as a prime gravel riding destination, encouraging return visitation to the region and working to stimulate the local economy" he said.

The first event will be held at a future date when it is safe to do so.

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

WALK on the WILD SIDE

Ian Tevaskis

WHILE we are somewhat restricted in where we can enjoy the great outdoors in this time of COVID, that shouldn't deter us from seeking out some solace in nature by escaping the confines of our households.

The Rail Trail is right on our doorstep and a stroll or a bike ride towards the Sandy Creek Bridge offers plenty to admire now that the lake is filling up. Watching the majesty of pelicans gliding across the water, listening to the chatter of grass parrots, or just sitting by the lake and gazing at the hills is one way to momentarily forget these troubled times.

When we are allowed more freedoms, let's not forget that the Albury-Wodonga region is blessed with a diversity of walking and hiking options for anyone wishing to enjoy nature and all it has to offer. Close to home there's Nail Can Hill and the hills around Baranduda. There's the historic gorge area on the outskirts of Beechworth and the ironbark forests of Chiltern State Park. Further afield is Mount Buffalo with its magnificent granite formations; the barren expanses of the Bogong High Plains; the untamed wilderness of Kosciusko National Park; and the rugged peaks around Mount Hotham.

Many of the Border Bushwalking Club's walks take place in the nearby mountains and for me a walk in the mountains is like an adventure into another land; a land where damp mist-filled valleys could



very well conceal trolls and ogres; a land where the intense and overwhelming silence is occasionally broken by the caw of currawongs wheeling ominously overhead; a land of verdant untouched forests and gurgling mountain streams where ancient spirits practise long-forgotten rituals; a place where it seems as if the traveller has brushed aside an invisible curtain and stepped into another time and another dimension, far removed from the humdrum of suburbia.

Then there are the unique characters we sometimes encounter as we wander these landscapes. These fellow travellers are

often the guardians of wise and wonderful stories; they sometimes possess skills and powers that constantly surprise and delight us; they will often encourage us not to succumb to the inglorious defeat wrought upon bodies wearied by the

burdens we shoulder; and they sometimes carry with them a magic elixir which, at the end of the day, will lift our spirits and cast away our discomforts.

I am reminded of a nine day trek some of us took from Taylor's Crossing near Benambra to Dead House Gap near Thredbo Village. It was just such an adventure; a journey filled with much wonder and beauty and completed in the company of some quite special and unique characters.

Your adventure doesn't have to last for nine days; it can be as short as a couple of hours. Unlike contact sports, bushwalking is by nature a social activity as well as a physical one. There are people from all walks of life in our club and every outing provides an opportunity to socialise, meet new people and make new friends. Many walks conclude with a visit to a bakery or a coffee shop to relive and remark on the grand adventure just completed!

To find out more about how you can take an adventure in the great outdoors visit the Border Bushwalking Club's website at www.borderbushwalkingclub.com.au



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Grant Success for Talgarno Recreation Reserve



Above: David Cottee and Mayor Cr David Wortmann at Talgarno Recreation Reserve

TALGARNO Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, together with Council, have been successful in an application for a \$212,000 grant through the Victorian Government's Local Sport and Infrastructure Fund.

The grant is in addition to a \$96,000 commitment of ratepayer funds by Council and \$10,000 commitment from community groups including the Talgarno Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, Talgarno Rural Fire Brigade, Talgarno Brigade Social Club Inc. and Wisers Creek Talgarno Landcare Group.

The grant follows extensive work undertaken with the Talgarno Community, including the development of a Masterplan in 2019. The Masterplan explored the challenges the reserve faces with ageing infrastructure and proposed a plan to improve the reserve for the benefit of all users.

Home to the Talgarno Tennis Club and Taekwondo Club, the reserve is regularly used by nearby Talgarno Primary School. The upgrade will include:

- Two synthetic grass tennis courts
- Two multi-function courts suitable for tennis and netball
- New fencing and drainage
- New LED lighting across the courts
- Shade and shelter areas

Mayor Cr David Wortmann welcomed the announcement. "Talgarno and surrounding areas have endured a lot over the last few years through drought, agriculture downturn and most recently the bushfires. With that comes many social and economic implications – this news is such a welcome relief and will help to bring people together" he said "The Talgarno community is passionate about sports and

creating an environment where young and old alike can gather and safely participate. It is great to see such a proactive community group pursue local initiatives that are vital for the current generation and beyond" Mayor Wortmann said.

Mr David Cottee, President of Talgarno Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, said the Committee and wider Talgarno community are delighted with the announcement that will help turn the Reserve into an outstanding facility. "There are no shops in Talgarno, but there is a wonderfully tight and supportive rural community which continues to flourish with new families and children moving to the area. As a community of dedicated volunteers, the announcement of the tennis court renovations and related works has been received with great excitement" Mr Cottee said. "Consultation for the Masterplan showed that the community considers the Reserve a focal point which is vital to the health and wellbeing of the area. The new additions will complement recent works completed by Council in combination with discretionary funding from Helen Haines MP that saw the provision of a playground for the community" Mr Cottee said.

"I would like to acknowledge our appreciation to all those involved for their efforts in helping us to achieve such a successful result. As a community we now look forward to the next challenge of getting the job done during the current COVID-19 environment" Mr Cottee said.

Prior to the project kicking off, Council and the Talgarno Recreation Reserve Committee of Management will form a project steering group (PSG) of community stakeholder groups to oversee the project.



BEN'S BAKING COLUMN

Carrot cake with cream cheese frosting

In this edition Ben shares one of his all-time favourite recipes along with some tips and tricks for when working in the kitchen.

PREP TIME: 30 MINS COOK TIME: 35 MINS SERVINGS: 12-14

Ingredients

For the cake:

- 440g can crushed pineapple (Drained but RESERVE juice)
- 65ml reserved pineapple juice
- 185ml milk
- 1tsp white vinegar
- 3 eggs
- 265g brown sugar
- 125ml vegetable oil
- 300g flour
- 2tsp baking soda (bi carb soda)
- ½ tsp salt
- 2tsp cinnamon powder
- 2 cups grated carrot
- ¼ cup coconut
- ½ cup walnuts or pecans

Frosting:

- 180g cream cheese (room temperature)
- 225g unsalted butter
- 1tsp vanilla extract
- 480g icing sugar

Instructions

1 Preheat the oven to 180°C or 160°C if you have a fan forced oven. Grease two 8 inch round cake pans with baking paper.

2 In a large bowl whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon.

3 In a separate bowl whisk together the milk, vinegar, eggs, sugar, oil and pineapple juice.

4 Once that is done, stir in the carrot, the pineapple, the coconut and the walnuts and/or pecans into the wet ingredients.

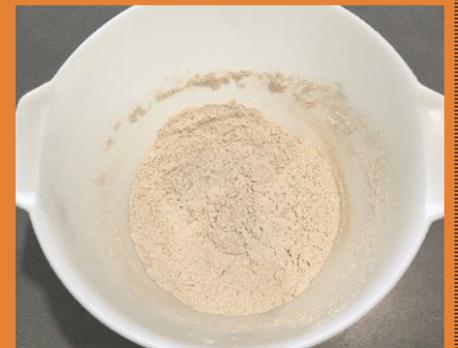
5 Next, pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and stir until the flour is incorporated.

6 Divide the batter between the two cake tins and bake for 35 minutes or until an inserted skewer comes out clean.

7 Once baked let the cakes cool in the pan for 10-20 minutes. Then remove them from their pans and let them cool completely.

8 To make the cream cheese frosting, beat together the cream cheese, butter and vanilla until it is smooth. Then half the icing sugar and pour it in, beat until frosting is fluffy and smooth. Add the other half of the icing sugar and repeat to finish off your frosting.

9 To finish your cake, flip one cake upside down on a plate or cake board and add a layer of frosting place the 2nd cake upside down on the top. Frost top and sides with remaining frosting. You can then decorate the cake if desired.



BAKING TIP:

Always make sure that your cakes are fully cooled before you decorate them!



GOT A COOKING QUESTION?

If you have a question that you would like Ben to answer in future editions of the Herald email Ben at BER0013@tallangatta-sc.vic.edu.au or message him on Instagram @Bens_Baking (and go give him a follow to show your support!).

Tallangatta to tell its unique story through new murals



Above: Mural 1: 'The Town That Moved' - Viking Genetics building, 53 Towong Street

IN September, artist Kirrily Anderson will commence work on two new murals in Tallangatta.

Following community consultation in May, Council asked for feedback on four concepts and locations. Councillors reviewed the engagement results which revealed strong support for two of the four concepts and locations.

Mayor Cr David Wortmann said "As Tallangatta residents will hopefully be coming out of Stage 3 restrictions in September, the bright and vibrant murals that each represent a special story about Tallangatta, will be a welcomed sight to lift the spirits".

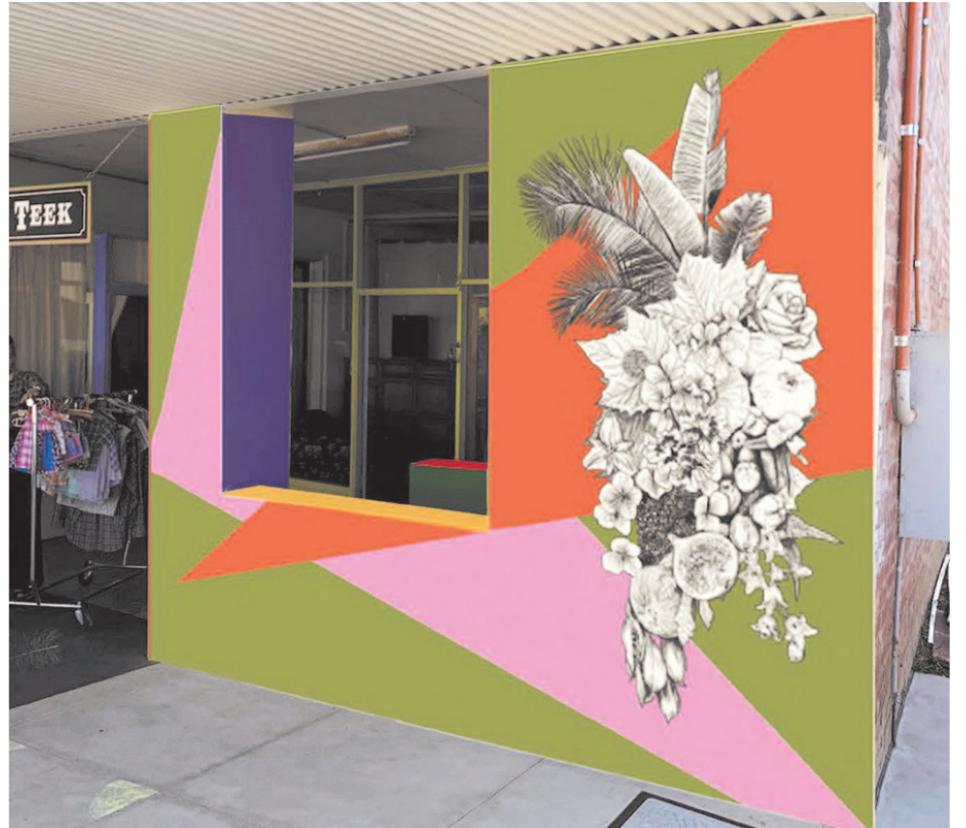
"Community art can be challenging to get right, where every individual interprets art different to the next. That's why community consultation was so important and we really appreciate the

feedback received which guided the selection and placement of the murals. We are now really excited to see the artwork come to life" Mayor Wortmann said.

'The Town That Moved' will be applied to the Viking Genetics building, 53 Towong Street.

The artwork shows buildings from Old Tallangatta including L Reynolds Engineer, the saleyards, Soldiers Memorial Hall and buildings that were relocated - the Crispin family home, the Primary School and the first house to be moved. Featuring the blue of the Hume Weir - the reason for the move, and bronze coloured circles that represent the many pennies that were found under the houses that were relocated.

A second mural 'Grow' will be applied to the Nicola Teek building at 4



Above: Mural 2: 'Grow' - Nicola Teek, 4 Banool Road

Banool Road. Before the town moved in 1956, residents were concerned that their gardens may not grow in the new location. The design incorporates many plants - those that were transplanted from the old town, to what is grown now, fruit vegetables and native flora. The plants sit atop two triangles - representing Tallangatta's central meeting place, 'the Triangles'.

The murals are all part of the Destination Tallangatta project, funded from the Commonwealth Government and supplemented by Council.

View the artwork concepts and find out more about the Destination Tallangatta project at www.towong.vic.gov.au/major-projects/new-development/Destination-Tallangatta-Streetscape-Works.asp



Sandy The War Horse News

Louise Coulston (Secretary)

DUE TO COVID-19 we have not been able to do any fundraising. Early in the year we received a donation from Leigh Fahey for a load of firewood to be raffled. We started this raffle early in March but the lock down happened

and we were unable to go on with it. Members of the committee continued to sell the tickets and we decided to draw the raffle at our last meeting. The winner of this raffle was Margaret Rapsey. Congratulations Margaret on your win and hope it keeps you warm.

We raised \$293.

We have the Memorial Hall booked for a Melbourne Cup Luncheon and hopefully we will be able to run this, so keep the 1st Tuesday in November free and lookout for further details.

Our mission is to create a life size bronze statue of Sandy, being the only horse to come back from WW1 and tell his story to the world. This is a very significant part of Tallangatta's history



and it needs to be told.

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For Sarah, who’s been battling coronavirus for nearly 8 weeks, being separated from her two little boys, has been heartwrenching. On top of coronavirus attacking every one of her body systems, intense pain and acute breathing difficulty, she still has no idea when she will be well enough to see her boys. Sarah’s hope is that by us all doing the right thing, no one else will have to experience the heartache her family has.

Please, play your part and help stop the spread of the virus. If you have symptoms - please get tested. Payments of \$450 are available to help you stay home and wait for your test result.

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To learn more of Sarah’s story go to
vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS

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My favourite place

AREN'T these photos of favourite places just stunning? We've seen a gorgeous variety of local and distant locations. Water has been a reoccurring theme in this category and our photographers have captured moody beachscapes as well as the lake, rivers and streams.

Inspired by the reflective pools of water our next theme is going to be 'reflections'.

We want to see your best mirrored

images, photos that can be accidentally turned upside down and still look the same. Of course you are welcome to get creative with your entries! This theme might call for some Photoshop magic.

Remember to get your photos entries into us by the next edition. You can send them to our email or to our Facebook page (search 'Tallangatta Herald' if you're not following us yet!).



The Peninsula looks to bushfire recovery



Above: Mayor David Wortmann, CEO Juliana Phelps and councillors visiting the Upper Murray Community Recovery Centre in Corryong

PENINSULA residents, including Towong Mayor David Wortmann, and members of Council's Bushfire Recovery Team, are uniting to build a stronger future beyond the bushfires and COVID-19.

The Peninsula is the area between the Murray and Mitta arms of Lake Hume and includes Bellbridge, Bethanga, Granya and Talgarno. The area was not directly impacted by the summer's bushfires, but local business has been hit hard by secondary impacts which deepened after COVID-19 border closures.

Over the past month, residents have met twice and formed a Community Recovery Committee (CRC). Interim chair, James Filby described The Peninsula as "four fractured but connected communities".

"One of the reasons we want to do this, is to help bring us together," Mr Filby said.

"We can apply for project funding, but it's also about cohesion and connectedness".

Mr Filby believes one of the biggest opportunities for the CRC is to improve amenities for visitors, such as a boat ramp

and public facilities next to Lake Hume and further facilities at the western end of The Great River Road.

Cr Wortmann said the meetings had been filled with optimism and good ideas.

"The Peninsula is a growth area and it's good to see families with young children putting their hand up to be involved. They are thinking ahead to what the future of the area can look like for this generation and beyond," he said.

Gary Paxton and his partner, Bridget Bowe are newcomers to The Peninsula after recently buying the Bethanga and

Granya Hotels. Mr Paxton said during the December quarter, the Bethanga Hotel's books showed "a pretty significant first summer".

Bookings for the March quarter were even better, but as the smoke continued to linger, bookings dried up and takings were down 35 per cent. Then, with COVID-19, came a complete shutdown.

Mr Paxton remains optimistic that visitors will return and said marketing was key.

"No-one's going to be travelling overseas in the next few years so those people will spend that money in Australia," he said.

"We have to identify who our market is, and the CRC can drive that through Tourism North East."

Looking ahead, Ms Bowe said the CRC would give everyone a chance to have a voice and to implement a strategy to draw visitors and tourists to the area.

"By putting forward suggestions and problem-solving, we can get some momentum. Collectively, we have got a bit more power here and so what can we do

improve things?" she said.

Residents who would like to participate in The Peninsula CRC can contact the Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub on 1800 518 222.



Above: Coordinator of Resilience and recovery Projects, Andrew Lees

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'OF BOYS AND BOATS'

It's 1956 - the year the Olympic Games came to Melbourne. Jack Spiller and his small-town mates are caught up in the excitement of the torch relay.

But when Jack and the new kid, Heinrich, discover an unfinished sailboat in 'Mad' Mick's shed, Jack's focus changes.

Can he convince Mick to allow them to finish it?

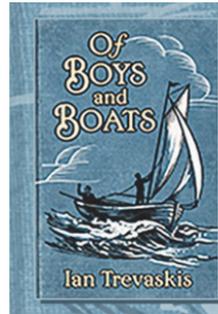
Or has the old man been too damaged by the horrors of WW1.

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When 'Mad' Mick Metcalf enlists in the Great War in 1915 he leaves behind the two loves of his life – Edith Palmer and a half built sail boat. At war's end he returns home, physically and emotionally shattered and when his fiancé Edith dies from the Spanish Flu pandemic sweeping the world he retreats from life to become a recluse, escaping to his memories in the photo album he keeps in his backyard shed.

In 1956 young Jack Spiller, caught up in the excitement of the forthcoming Melbourne Olympic Games, discovers Mick's unfinished sail boat in his shed. After Jack's dog Skip is hit by a car on the street outside his home Mick renders assistance and Jack realises the old man is not really as mad as rumour has it. Jack convinces Mick that he and his mates can finish building the boat. When Mick agrees, Jack sets to work, aided by his best mate, Percy Jackson, who has been crippled by polio, and Heinrich Stein, the 'New Australian' kid. When Jack spies Mick looking through the photo album little does he realise what the boat's significance has in the old man's life.

Jack's own life is not without its problems – his father has been hospitalised with tuberculosis and Jack is worried that



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his father will return to the heavy drinking that preceded his hospitalisation. To add to Jack's woes, he and Percy are being harassed by the local thug, Bruiser Bailey. To compound Jack's despair, Heinrich, a recent arrival from war-torn Europe, threatens to spoil Jack's hopes of winning the heart of Anna De Fazio.

In between working on the boat, Jack and Percy escape the heat by taking Heinrich to the beach, where Jack teaches him the fundamentals of body surfing. They are accompanied by Anna and Jack begins to hope he may yet have a chance of winning her affections. Jack's relationship with Anna begins to blossom and they decide to visit a secluded bayside beach. On the way they are chased through the city streets by Bruiser and his mates and are forced to seek refuge in a derelict factory. At the beach Anna is stung by a jelly fish and Jack resorts to a highly unusual method of relieving her pain by pissing on her leg!

The turning point in the story comes when Bruiser and his gang steal the boat's plans and Mick's photo album. Jack feels obliged to tell Mick and is certain the old man will be furious. Instead, Mick suggests Jack and his mates undertake a diversionary tactic to retrieve the stolen plans and album. A dramatic rescue attempt follows during which Jack and Anna "bomb" Bruiser's riverside hideout with rocks. All goes according to plan with

Heinrich taunting Bruiser who pursues him along the nearby railway tracks. To Percy's dismay, Heinrich saves Bruiser from certain death when an approaching train threatens to run them down. In the meantime, Jack and Anna successfully retrieve the photo album, only to discover Bruiser has destroyed the plans and all hope of finishing the boat appear doomed to failure.

Jack and Anna are intrigued by the photographs in the album, especially those of a much younger Mick and a mysterious young woman. It is only when Anna asks Mick about the photographs that he begins to reveal the secrets of his past. As a reward for returning the album he offers to help them finish the boat.

The boat is finally finished and Jack, Percy, Heinrich and their families accompany Mick to the yacht club where Anna christens Edith's Dream and it is duly launched. As Mick, Jack, Percy and Heinrich sail around the bay, Bruiser attempts to sabotage their celebrations but is thwarted by Percy who attempts a daring counter-attack. Jack overcomes his fear of Bruiser to save Percy and dispose of Bruiser into the bay. As they sail back to the marina it becomes clear that by building the boat Jack and his mates have not only successfully achieved a remarkable task, but in the process they have helped Mick emerge from the fog in which he has been lost for so many years.

This is a heart-warming and touching story that explores the deepening relationships that develop between Jack and an embittered old man; while also touching on themes of bullying, loss and grief, ethnic intolerance and personal aspirations. A fast paced, dramatic and humorous story, Of Boys and Boats will take the reader back to a time of youthful innocence and hope, tempered by heartache and loss. A story that promises laugh-out-loud joy and a celebration of life itself.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ian Trevaskis lives in Tallangatta in north-east Victoria and spent 42 years as a primary school teacher before retiring in search of some peace and quiet. His first book, published in 1990 was the highly successful picture book, Quincy, and earned him a CBCA 'Notable Australian Book' award, prompting him to think there might be something in this writing business. Since then he has had a number of picture books published, including Delilah's Dream (2009) and Edge of the World (2012) and a couple of novels for older readers - Hopscotch Medusa Stone(2009) and Hopscotch Golden Scarab(2010). The first draft of his latest novel was written while on a May Gibbs Creative Time Residential Fellowship in Adelaide.

Ian was born and raised in Geelong where Of Boys and Boats is set and where many of the adventures in this book formed part of his early life. He is an ex-surf lifesaver and is an active firefighter with the Tallangatta CFA. When he isn't writing he is somewhere in the mountains bushwalking or back country skiing.

Ian is available for media interviews, author talks, book readings and creative writing workshops.

18 new Council roles available through Working for Victoria

Council has been successful in its application to take part in the Working for Victoria scheme, keeping more Victorians employed during COVID-19.

The Victorian Government initiative will employ 18 new six month fixed term roles at Towong Shire Council to provide critical services across Towong in response to COVID-19. Locals are encouraged to apply.

Mayor Cr David Wortmann said the \$500 million Victorian Government initiative is matching people that have lost their jobs with employers who need additional staff.

"Towong Shire Council is really pleased to take part in Working for Victoria and is looking forward to welcoming our 18 new employees on board," Mayor Wortmann said.

"If you're looking for a job, we would

encourage you to jump on the Working for Victoria website and register your interest."

Activities will include outdoor work on local or regional infrastructure, environmental management, and art programs to bring communities together.

Under Working for Victoria, Council will provide jobs for unemployed people – whether they have lost their jobs due to the impacts of COVID-19 or have been without work for a longer period of time.

Council has commenced advertising the new roles. Under Stage 3 restrictions, the recruitment process will occur online and over-the-phone wherever possible.

• Program Manager – Working for Victoria

• Human Resource Officer

- Engineer/Project Manager
- Outdoor Team Leader
- Parks and Gardens Officers x 8 positions
- Environment and Parks Officers x 4 positions
- Artists in residence x 2 roles

More than 8,500 Victorians have found positions through Working for Victoria since the program was launched in April, providing a quick return to work and access to training where required.

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SCHOOLS



Tallangatta Primary School RESILIENCE IN ACTION!

Ellyssa Brennan

STUDENTS, families and staff did a sensational job swinging back into remote learning. We embraced our learning from last time, tweaked our approach and got ready to see all our students shine. Check out some of the things they have been up to!

GRADE F/1

During Science week - Indica watches as the "fireworks" in the glass of water appear.

GRADE 1/2

We have been learning about measuring - length, weight and capacity. We made our own balance scales using materials at home. Here is a photo of Grace weighing 2 items from her house and seeing which was heavier or lighter.

GRADE 3/4

Students were tasked to use things from home to create a "scene" to photograph for their photography unit. This is Lachie's scene in which he built a miniature lemonade stand for his Storm Troopers. They must have needed a new job after the Death Star blew up!

GRADE 4/5

Learning for the grade 4-5 classroom in remote learning has been about being creative in the way we share our learning



and work with each other.

GRADE 6

We have created models of the solar system - students were challenged to incorporate movement, size, and

colour. We had models made from fruit, cardboard, using the washing line as well as hand painted examples.

SPECIALIST

Students have been working on refining

their photography skills and have just moved into sculpture. We have seen anything from clever perspective shots using wooden blocks to Riley's Lego dung beetle!



St. Michael's Primary School

WELCOME to another St. Michael's article in the Tallangatta Herald. We try each time to include a variety of things that are happening in our beautiful school - enjoy!

This week, we are saying goodbye and goodluck to Mrs. Amy Bilston who is heading out on maternity leave. Amy and her husband Matt are expecting twins which has caused much excitement within our school community. On behalf of everyone within the St. Michael's & Tallangatta community, we wish Amy and Matt all the best for this exciting chapter of their lives. We will obviously miss Amy here at school but are all looking forward to hearing the baby news in the near future. Keep an eye out for any updates moving forward in this every exciting time.

Mrs. Marsha Ardern and Mrs. Amanda Swift will be taking care of the F/1/2 classroom for the remainder of the 2020 school year. Mrs. Amanda Swift will be running the remote learning platforms (and when we return to the classroom) every Monday, and Mrs. Marsha Ardern will be with us from Tuesday - Friday each week. We feel so incredibly blessed to have Marsha return to our community. Given the situation we have found ourselves in, having someone we all know gives us a sense of ease moving forward. Marsha, Amanda & Amy have been working together this week, ensuring the best possible handover for our students.

The Victorian Government declared Victoria a 'State of Disaster' on August 3rd, 2020. Regional Victoria is in a Stage 3 Restrictions and as part of the government policy is closing all schools across the state from F-12. We have been providing 'At Home Learning' for students and families since. Whilst this has been a challenging time, we are so impressed with the strength our community has. I would like to thank all

families who are positively contributing to this 'State of Disaster' by, where possible, keeping their kids home.

Blessings, Mrs Cassie Lynch

Grade F/1/2

Mrs Amy Bilston

This week, the F/1/2 have been lucky enough to spend some time with Mrs. Swift and Mrs. Ardern. Mrs Swift spent the day in the classroom with some of our class and jumped onto the Google Meet and had a chat with us all. Mrs. Ardern and I have been working together for the last two days ensuring that there is a smooth transition in the coming weeks.

In Reading this week we have been looking at nouns, adjectives, verbs and pronouns. We have been listening to different stories that allow us to search and practice finding these types of words. Our Foundations have been working on how sentences are formed and what is needed to create a good sentence.

In Writing, we are starting to work on persuasive writing. Our first few lessons on this have been about what is persuasive writing and sharing our point of view. We listened to two different versions of 'The Three Little Pigs' and had to decide which point of view we found most convincing.

Our Maths over the last week has taken the form of games around addition. These are proving to be quite popular with many members of the class. Some games from this week have been a different take on 'Go Fish' another game was called 'Get out of My House.' All of these games are providing us with different strategies to add numbers easily and quickly, whilst having fun too.

Our Inquiry topic has been on changing, bending, twisting and stretching materials. This week we are starting to identify materials that can be changed and remade or recycled into new products, for example, paper and plastic. We started the week looking into what is recycling and how does

recycling happen. We have since learnt the process for recycling paper and what it is then used for once it is remade.

As this is my final newsletter for now, I just wanted to say a massive thank you to our wonderful school community. The staff, parents and students at St. Michael's welcomed me into the community almost three years ago and I have felt very blessed to work in such an amazing environment. The students that we have at our school are polite, kind, giving and hard working. I have enjoyed teaching and getting to know many of the students within our school. Thank you parents for your support, feedback and encouragement during this time. I am looking forward to our next adventure and new learning that is coming our way! I will be keeping in touch over the coming weeks and I cannot wait to share with you all our new bundles of joy. Keep safe and take care of each other. I wish you all the best for the rest of 2020.

PBIS & Grade 3/4/5/6

Mr. Nat Sariman

The wheels keep turning in the senior classroom at St. Michael's (remotely speaking). We are continuing to use our platform really successfully and engage with learning as best as we can. Thank you to everyone providing support at home. Your efforts are meaning that your kids are still learning in these tricky times.

Over the last week we have continued our best to engage with our learning as well as maintain our social interactions. The highlight of the week has once again been our Google Meet. This week we had a range of people sharing cool aspects about themselves. We saw Charlie show our class his bow. Obviously we could never do anything like that at school so it was awesome that he could show everyone through a different way.

The routine of our remote learning is really hitting its straps as kids are submitting work regularly and timely.

Our writing this week has taken on an exciting new format with kids writing plays and instead of using characters, we are using Lego or other things around the house. This has been a really fun and engaging task. Everyone is creating clever stories.

In our religion classes we have been finishing off our unit on 'Confirmation.' We have been learning lots about the Fruits of the Spirit and now understand the ritual of Confirmation. Students can identify the symbols and steps that happen within our church that occur during Confirmation.

Lastly, the kids have been studying an endangered animal in our inquiry unit. I look forward to providing updates on this next week. We have all been finding unique aspects on our specific endangered animal, creating posters and a diorama.

Public Masses ~Prayer

Public Masses are currently prohibited but that doesn't mean you have to miss out!

Father Junjun and the team are working hard to live stream Weekend Masses, Holy Hour Evening Prayer, Holy Rosary and Benediction straight from the Wodonga Catholic Parish Facebook page.

Head over, like and support the page while our Parish Priests work hard in such a difficult time for us all.

Enrolments

Enrolments for 2021 are open! Whilst we are operating under restricted guidelines due to COVID-19, we can organise after hours personalised tours with our school Principal, Mrs. Cassie Lynch.

To find out more about our school or to book a tour, please call Kelly in the Office on (02) 6071 2386.

HEALTH

Tallangatta Health Service News



IT is a challenging time for Victorians whilst we are still in a State of Disaster. It is important that we should all think of each other and how we can all stay safe. 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, and the Department of Health 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 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

ALL Victorians are required to wear a mask when they leave home which includes when visiting Tallangatta Health Service. Clinical masks will be provided for our visitors upon entry as re-usable masks are not permitted.

Masks are part of keeping you safe **BUT YOU MUST ALSO CONTINUE** to maintain required social distancing and practice good hand hygiene. Please read our signage and follow our processes.

Infection Control

If you are a community group / business and you would like Tallangatta Health Service to provide education on

Infection Control, please contact us on 02 6071 5200.

Visitors to Tallangatta Health Service

From 22 July 2020, the DHHS 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 (supplied) when visiting patients and residents, maintain required social distancing and practice good hand hygiene.

Asymptomatic Testing

Tallangatta Health Service was pleased to be able to assist the Tallangatta Meat Processors over a two-day COVID-19 asymptomatic (no symptoms and not suspected to have COVID-19) screening blitz on the 19th and 20th of August. This was as a result of the current DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) guidelines for all meat processors/abattoirs to have testing of all staff, and following an approach from Tallangatta Health Service to assist in this process. Tallangatta Meat Processors were very accommodating, providing a suitable testing area on site and a dedicated Human Resources Manager to assist the Tallangatta Health Service staff to get through 82 tests over the two days. Tallangatta Health Service

was on site from 7:30am until 2:30pm on day one, as the majority of the meat processing staff start early at the facility. They returned on day two for a few hours to collect from other workers that were not present on the previous day. All staff from the Meat Processors were supportive and understanding of the process, allowing for a smooth two days of testing. All staff received their results by early the following week.

This was a great joint effort between Tallangatta Meat Processors and Tallangatta Health Service, to help our community stay safe and be confident that we will all work together for our ongoing community health during this time of crisis.

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](https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert)

the Department of Health and Human Services website is at:

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or stay up to date on ABC News coverages.

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

Christmas in July

Residents in Bolga Court and Lakeview celebrated Christmas in July recently by enjoying traditional Christmas fare of roast lunch and pudding along with individual sweet treats. Entertainment was also provided whilst decorations adorned the areas.

Lots of compliments were received

following this special day. Even though COVID-19 restrictions are in place, it was still possible, with a great team effort and careful planning, to make this a joyous time. Thanks to all those staff who helped with organising, cooking, serving, making gifts and decorations, and providing the entertainment.

Thank you to Tallangatta Bakery from health workers

Tallangatta Bakery offered free coffee to all health care workers on Tuesday 11th August. This special offer was appreciated by many at Tallangatta Health Service who gratefully enjoyed

this show of gratitude. Thank you to Mandy, Brad, and all their great staff. It was a lovely way to show your appreciation.

Vaccinations

A reminder that all childhood vaccinations should be kept up to date. If your child requires a vaccination, you may call the Medical Centre on 02

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To apply for an early postal vote, contact the Election Manager from **Wednesday 23 September 2020** on 1300 140 719 and make an application. You must provide a valid reason.

How to nominate as a candidate

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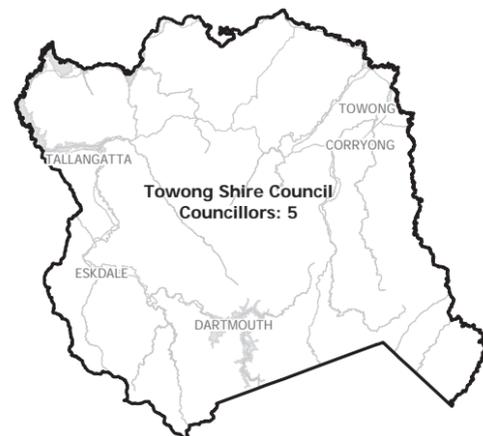
- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for Towong Shire Council **AND**
- be eligible to become a councillor should you be elected **AND**
- have completed the mandatory candidate training before lodging your nomination with the Election Manager.

To nominate, complete the nomination form and lodge it with the Election Manager together with the \$250 nomination fee. Nomination forms can be lodged by appointment during business hours from **Thursday 17 September 2020** until **12 noon on Tuesday 22 September 2020** at:

Towong Shire Council Office, 32 Towong Street, Tallangatta
Visit vec.vic.gov.au for more information and to pre-complete your nomination form using the online Candidate Helper. The online Candidate Helper will be available from **Thursday 3 September 2020**.

If you use the online Candidate Helper, print your pre-completed form and make an appointment to lodge it with the Election Manager along with the nomination fee.

Call the Election Manager from **Wednesday 16 September 2020** on 1300 140 719 to make a nomination appointment.



Online candidate information session

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the VEC's recorded candidate information session can be streamed online from **Thursday 3 September 2020** complemented by state-wide interactive candidate seminars based on the information video. To watch the information session or find out how to join an online interactive seminar, visit vec.vic.gov.au

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Kiewa Valley Kids do it for Science!



Jessica Hutchinson

Science week at Kiewa Valley Kids Childcare Centre - we started the week off with some erupting volcanoes. The children were keen to build up "the biggest volcanoes" and set to work, pushing the sand up into a big mound and patting it until it was smooth. The children had the idea to add some trees for the dinosaurs to hide under and they walked around the yard

collecting sticks and leaves to add to their creations. We positioned them all around the volcano with the dinosaurs. It was now time for the bi-carb soda and coloured vinegar. I asked the children "What will happen when the vinegar goes into the white bi-carb?" One child replied, "It will be a big, big explosion". They each tipped vinegar over and were excited to see the bi-carb and vinegar immediately foam up together and erupt over the top and down

the sides.

The children were investigating cause and effect during this experiment.



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News from the CFA

Our brigade has been restricted to no brigade training or activities for some time now, due to the current virus situation, but that has not stopped us from getting things done around the station ready for us to get back into training in near future.

The lockdown has given builders the opportunity to work on the extension to our meeting room which was made possible through the EMV grants. This will allow larger meetings and training facilities in the area for other brigades and Group to use. It should be ready for the Brigade to get back into full swing training in the future.

These projects don't just happen and a lot

of work goes on prior to the grant approval and building works. We received many letters of support for the project prior to the application -

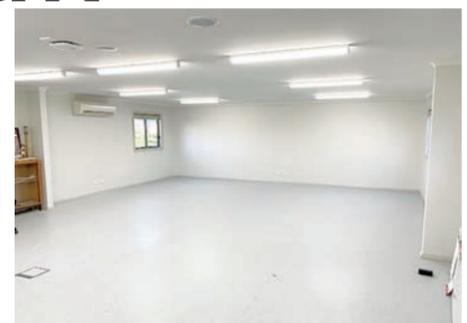
thank you to:

- Bogong Group.
- Local Police.
- Kiewa-Tangam Lions Club.
- Paul King, CFA.
- Local MP, Bill Tilley.

CFA Commander Mark Owens and the CFA building and property department.

And all those who supported this project and made it happen.

Another great asset for the CFA and our



community.

We have also now installed an automatic screen and projector in the new meeting room to assist in class room training activities.

Stuck at home again!

For many of us 2020 was a year to be hopeful about, but the year has certainly presented challenges with the devastating fires for our neighbouring communities and now the many and varied impacts of COVID-19 right across the world.

This time last year I was unable to attend school due to illness. Roll on twelve months from last year and here I am, again unable to attend school. Currently, two class teachers, two OSHC staff, our cleaner and I (like many others) are unable to cross the border. We are NSW residents and as KVPS is out of the border zone, no border permit currently exists for us. Miss Ridout, Miss Grimm and I are currently working from home. We know that the permit issue is also greatly impacting local businesses and employees right across the border.

A school principal needs to be on site to



manage a whole range of situations – most importantly the human-based ones. This situation is extremely frustrating to say the least.

So while we push for and await a solution to this challenge, I thought I would reflect on things to be grateful for:

- The engagement of our students in this

remote learning climate again and the energy that they bring to their class WebEx sessions each day.

- The amazing resilience of our families who are doing their very best in yet again the difficult circumstances that remote learning has created

- The wonderful dedication of our teaching and education support staff who are doing everything in their power to pull remote learning together again to make it the best possible experience for our students as well as care for those students at school who cannot learn from home

- That our community remains COVID free and everyone is taking the necessary steps to keep it this way.

Be kind, check in on those around you and most importantly if you can, keep smiling!

Deb Bowman



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Diary Dates

Do you have an event happening?
Please let us know!

Send Diary Dates or other contributions
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Community News



Vale

It is with deep regret that we farewell
Kane Shields

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

Seasons



Summer by the beach,
Flip flops on my feet,
Ice-cream in my hand,
Now I am complete.

Autumn leaves are falling,
Scattered across the ground,
Coloured red and orange,
It really feels profound!

Winter is coming,
Snowflakes are falling,
I get an icy chill,
Winter is calling.

Spring is fully of flowers,
Bees collecting treasure,
Baby animals waking,
It really is a pleasure!
Sophie S

Kerferd Oration 2020

Pam Davis-Jones

The 2020 Kerferd Oration, delivered by Cathy McGowan, made history on two counts. One, it was streamed online from the Kerferd Hotel in Beechworth and Two, Ms McGowan presented her second Oration.

It was different not having the social interaction at the end of the Oration or being able to ask questions. However, it did save a few carbon credits as we all stayed at home.

Delivering the Oration, Ms McGowan was asked how to support the voice of youth, when economic outcomes are the focus of our national leaders.

“I don’t know the answer ... but longer term I do – we’ve got to have more young voices in Parliament,” she replied.

Ms McGowan raised that she had to “let go” and appreciate the skills of her younger supporters when she ran for Indi in 2012.

This is a segue to the subject of the upcoming Shire Elections. We need younger people to stand as they have better communication skills and are less rigid in their thinking. This would also apply to various community Committees. Having in the past been involved with National Seniors, I agree with their policy of people only being

able to stay in an executive position for two years. This ensures that nobody becomes rusted on.

Do we have a person under fifty, civic minded, working part-time who would like a challenge? As 16 year olds studying politics in 1961, we were required to observe a Kew Council Meeting. We witnessed the start of Don Chipp’s foray into politics. He, as a 24 year old, was the youngest Councillor at the time and went on to have a stellar Political career.

Who will take up the challenge?

New Footpath For Huon- Kiewa Road



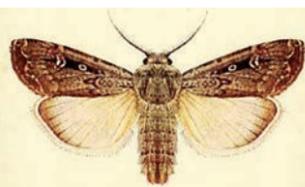
As part of Indigo Council’s ongoing commitment to expand its footpath network infrastructure, a new sealed footpath is being installed to link the footpath at the new Kiewa Valley Estate to the existing footpath into the Tangambalanga town centre. This will be greatly appreciated by the residents in the estate, especially the parents who have had to push prams along the side of the road.



??Did You Know??

Bogong Moths

– *Agrotis infusa* - Body length 25-30 mm; wingspan: 40-50mm; weight: 0.3g; lifespan about a year. Their Winter months are spent underground as eggs, larvae and pupae.



language, previously spoken in north-eastern Victoria.

Bogong Moths are an essential food source for the endangered Pygmy Possum and other alpine marsupials and birds including the Little

Raven.

Increasing temperatures in alpine caves, plus drier conditions, are thought to be the cause of the population to decline. This in turn may cause the extinction of the Pygmy Possum.

Summer months are spent in a dormant state in alpine caves. Migration occurs in Spring and Autumn.

Bogong describes the moths’ brown colouration and comes from the Aboriginal word bugung, of the now extinct Dhudhuroa

Street Library



Tangambalanga now has its own Street Library! Local Readers are invited to borrow and contribute to the recent library share cupboard, located at the side entrance of the Lions Clubrooms in the centre of town. The cupboard was built by Lions Club members and is a valuable resource for book worms in our town.

Left: *Gemma Butler & Imogen Day*

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2020 Council Elections - Mandatory Candidate Training

Under new requirements included in the Local Government Act 2020, candidates must complete a compulsory course to be eligible to nominate with the Victorian Electoral Commission. This includes all serving or former councillors intending to nominate. The online course will take around an hour to complete and ensures candidates fully understand the role of being a councillor and its requirements. Head to our website for more information:

www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/election2020

2020 Council Elections - Are you enrolled to vote?

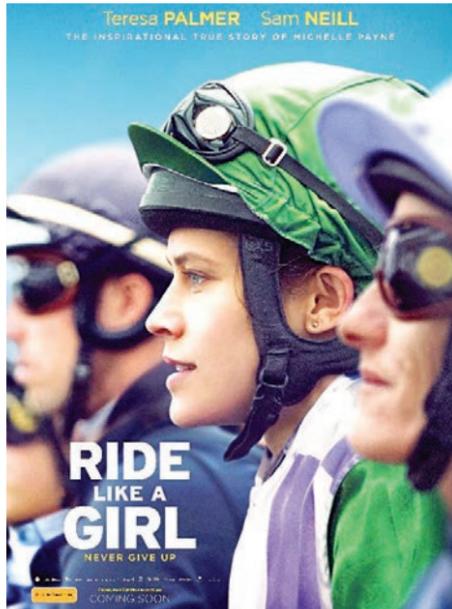
On 24 October this year, Indigo Shire residents will come together to elect the candidates they think best represent their vision and interests for a better, stronger and more sustainable future for our local communities. Make sure you’re enrolled to vote so that you can have your say. You can check your details here:

www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/election2020

Check our website on dates for upcoming council meetings.

All meetings whether held in person in the Council Chambers or conducted electronically will be live streamed at www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/live

At the Cinema



By Maggie Heffernan
Title: Ride Like A Girl
Director: Rachel Griffiths
Starring: Teresa Palmer, Sam Neil
Recommended for: All ages
Rating: PG
Stars: ★★★★★
Genre: Biopic
Where you can watch: Amazon Prime,

Google Play
 "Ride Like A Girl" tells the story of a modern Australian underdog, Michelle Payne, the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup. From childhood to womanhood, we follow her life journey being raised in a horse-riding family to her eventual successful jockey career. There are, of course, some bumps in the road to her win at the Melbourne Cup, like family issues and near death falls that all prove the grit and resilience that this woman possesses.

The performances from Palmer and Neil are both very strong and touching. Other notable performances come from Stevie Payne, who plays himself in the film, a very impressive performance indeed.

Directed by the Rachel Griffiths, the film has great Australian cinematography and overall technical production- though some special effects and musical elements can be taken critically.

"Ride Like A Girl" defines the modern feminist era about never giving up and the desire to be given a fair go. Michelle's story is an inspiration to not only women young and old but for all of the family. This is available to watch on Amazon Prime Video and to rent on Google Play.

Science Week at Kiewa Valley Kindergarten



The children at Kiewa Valley Kindergarten have been participating in Science Week. The theme for Science Week this year was 'Deep Blue'.

Over the past few weeks, we have been experimenting with adding different things to water before it freezes into ice. Some of the things the children added to water included glitter, food dye, shaving cream, toys and water beads.

Everyone enjoyed helping the ice melt by using their hands to move the ice around and hammers to smash the ice and break the penguins free from the giant icebergs.

Other things children had fun experimenting with, included blue water beads. When the beads were placed in our tuff tray they expanded, and we were able to

squash them in our hands. To stop the beads bouncing out of our tray we added slime. The children then extended this activity through using shells, nets and ocean animals to manipulate the beads and slime, this was an extremely popular learning experience.

Another popular sensory experiment that children participated in included messy play on our tabletops with shaving cream, paint and flour. Everyone was able to practise writing their names with their fingers on the table and exploring different sensations at the same time.

In the coming weeks, we will be continuing to learn about ocean animals, volcanoes and we will explore some interesting chemical reactions.



CWA News

We were very fortunate to squeeze in a couple of dinners before Stage 3 restrictions again put a stop to our meetings. We all thoroughly enjoyed our catch-ups with much chatter and delicious meals. Our second dinner was held the night before restrictions were re-introduced, so we made the most of it, even with the necessary mask! We look forward to once again getting together when

restrictions lift. We were also able to recommence our school awards at KVPS (at least we managed one before it was back to online learning!) with an online 'team meeting' assembly. A new experience which was a great success. Could this be how our awards presentation continues for the remainder of 2020??



Lions Club News

Report for the year 01/07/2019 – 30/06/2020

The Kiewa Tangambalanga Lions Club has had a busy, but Covid 19 interrupted, year. We have 31 members and meet twice a month in our Club Rooms that are also utilized by 11 other Community Groups.

We believe that our efforts are helping to improve our community, while at the same time we are having fun.

We are involved in many local activities/events.

- Included in these are:-
- Kiewa Cemetery Mowing
- Manning Football Gates - KSC Football Club and Tallangatta League
- Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
- Australia Day Celebrations
- Christmas Carols
- Local Primary / Secondary Schools Programs
- A major focus this year was our involvement in Bush Fire Relief – both physical and financial.
- Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, our Annual Milk Run was cancelled.
- During 2019 /2020 we again supported many varied projects.
- These can broadly be split into the following

Overseas Aid	\$1180.00
(Including specific sponsorship in Uganda and East Timor)	
Local Charities and Assistance	\$3,000.00
Local Schools – projects / activities / Student support	\$4,078.00
Drought / Bush Fire Relief	\$4,400.00
Senior Citizens Lunch and Christmas Carols	\$1,912.00
Special Lions Club Projects (Medical Research)	\$1,180.00
Total	\$15,750.00

Although our priorities are mainly towards our local community, we do give generous support to projects within Australia and beyond.

Lions Club protocol demand that all money raised from the public must be spent on public projects.

Thanks must go to the Indigo Shire, our local businesses and those many people who have supported our efforts.

Boomerang Bags

On July 20th, the Kiewa Tangambalanga Boomerang Bag group could see the directive coming for everyone to be wearing face masks, so we stepped up to the challenge and started sewing masks instead of bags. When the announcement came in on the 30th that masks were going to be mandatory from the 2nd of August, we were thankfully already ahead of the rush.

Our wish was to make enough masks to supply everyone in our community that wanted one. We put the sewing machines into overdrive and spent every day sewing masks, after work and during the day when we had time off. We then had a big sewing bee on the Sunday before lock down and had an amazing turnout of 21 people in our community to help sew, it was wonderful to see the community spirit. Many of the ladies also took cut-out masks to sew at home. We had a couple of younger girls who were not sewing, circulating, filling coffee cups and ensuring everyone had plenty of the yummy food that they had baked especially for the day. There was also a big pot of pumpkin soup to keep the tummies full. It is wonderful to see our community come together to support each other. The final tally was 400 masks. It was an amazing effort

from everyone who contributed. The Boomerang Bag/Mask Sewing group also wanted to raise some money to upgrade some of our group's sewing machines so there would be machines available for those who do not own their own to be able to come along and sew. Selling the masks we had made, helped us towards achieving this aim.

If you are looking to make some friends and have a nice day out, we would love to have you come along and join our sewing group. We are happy to teach anyone who would like to learn how to sew. We also have non-sewing tasks to be done - like screen printing, cutting and ironing.

Once we are allowed to catch up again, we will be at the Lion's Den on Thursday mornings from 10am till 2pm and once a month on the 3rd Friday night at 6pm till 10pm. We would love to see you come along and make some new friends. Find us on Facebook under Boomerang Bags Kiewa Tangam.





KVPS News



Life at Kiewa Valley Primary School during Covid -19 Lockdown #2

Life at Kiewa Valley Primary School continues through term three with some students working from home with their parents/carers/grandparents supervising their learning. Others, whose parents are essential workers, are able to come to school to be supervised by teachers and Educational Support Staff.

Students have work prepared each week by their classroom teachers and have this both in hard copy work packs and on line for completion. Teachers are doing daily roll calls, mini lessons, small group teaching sessions and drop-in question times, on a daily basis for students working from home.

Parents or students are able to pick up the work packs and hand in completed work on Friday afternoons.

This learning situation isn't the most ideal, but staff and students are certainly making the most of the unusual situation with which we are faced at the moment.



The kinder students were pretty happy with the eggs they collected from the hen house.



Students watching the chooks being fed

During this time of uncertainty in the world, it is great to see that the Kiewa Valley Primary School chooks, who reside at Cluckingham Palace, situated at the back of the school, are back on track and are laying eggs after a cold Winter.

The Palace was built several years ago with the assistance of some parents and volunteers from the Kiewa-Tangam Lions Club. Half of the current chooks were donated to the school by a parent, with the remainder being incubated, hatched out and reared last year in the 5/6 classrooms. The chooks eat food scraps left over from children's lunches as well as pellets to keep them happy.

They also enjoy their daily visits from the kindergarten students, from the on-site Kiewa Valley Kindergarten. The children bring their food scraps up to give to the chooks and love seeing the chooks being fed. They were very excited when they were invited into the hen house to collect the eggs.



Netball Natters



Though the netball season has been cancelled, there was still some netball action to be had for teams who continued to train to stay active and social during these unfamiliar times... until the second wave hit. Going back into stage 3 lockdown meant that all large group sessions could no longer go ahead – and therefore all netballers were sent back into their own little areas.

It's strange to think that if there was a 2020 season, players would be getting ready to battle it out on the Sandy Creek netball court for the first round of finals. This time last year, we had all three senior teams fitting in as much last-minute training ready to try and progress through to the grand final. Both C and B Grade were knocked out in the first two rounds of finals, however A Grade came home with the premiership!! And who better to speak with than the A Grade coach herself, Kath Evans.



What have you been up to in isolation? Have you been watching the Suncorp netball?

I have been working from home and exercising regularly to maintain some fitness and wellbeing. Though I miss socialising and being around the club, I am enjoying catching up on my favourite TV show, Blue Blood, and watching some of the Suncorp netball. I have also been staying in touch with family and friends as much as possible via available resources.

It's the time of year for finals now, what would you and your team have been doing to prepare if the season had been played?

We would be continuing our regular training as well as mixing it up between on track and off track team sessions. The Thursday night dinners at the club would also become more beneficial, not only to enjoy each other's company, but also to continue bonding ready to take on the finals.

If next year's season goes ahead, what do you think preseason will look like? Would it be any different from previous years? (i.e. more fitness components?)

I am guessing we will still have some restrictions around COVID-19 as to how we train, how many we can have and what activities we can undertake, so we will have to plan around this at the time – being flexible in how we approach preseason will be critical.

For me, the key focus we will be to get everyone together, have a strong fitness and skills program and lots of fun. After that, fingers crossed that the Albury Netball Association pre-season comp goes ahead.

Do you know if any of your team members have been doing anything to keep up their fitness and netball skills?

I know most (if not all) of our team have been doing quite a few fitness sessions where they are able to within the rules. They are also making sure they stay in touch with each other to make sure everyone is going ok in the current challenging circumstances. Not sure if there has been much opportunity for the girls to do netball related skills – these will have to be revived next season.

Extra note from Kath.

The girls and I can't wait to get back to Kiewa Sandy Creek Football Netball Club next season. It is such an important part of our lives both on and off the court. We hope everyone is going as well as possible in the current lockdown circumstances. Take care, stay strong, and look after each other – we look forward to seeing everyone soon.

GO HAWKS!!



Ghost Whisperer



DO YOU REMEMBER 2011?

The Kiewa Sandy Creek football team achieved a remarkable feat in 2011 by winning the Tallangatta League Senior Premiership from fifth position. After losing 5 games during the year to those teams featuring in the finals, the Hawks snaffled 5th spot on the ladder. That meant that to win the trophy the boys would have to play 4 gruelling matches. And this they did!

The Elimination Final against Barnawartha was hard and tough and us true blue supporters were about to pack our bags and go home at three-quarter time when Barny led by 5 goals. However, one must not dismiss the Kiewa boys who came in a rush to win by a nerve-wracking 4 points.

The First Semi Final was against Wahgunyah, who had beaten the Hawks by 44 points earlier in the year. Leading by 3 goals at the last change, the Kiewa boys kept the opposition at bay winning by a little over 4 goals.

Mitta United was our next challenge in the Preliminary Final and always a difficult team to defeat. They had beaten Kiewa by 32 points in the penultimate round of the year - but not this time. The Combine got the drop in the first quarter, ultimately winning the match by 10 goals.

So... what a day Saturday 17th September turned out to be!

Weather-wise, fine, if not a little on the cool side. The ground condition was perfect and a big crowd waited with expectation. The Grand Final opponent was Thurgoona, who had twice during the year defeated the



Hawks, albeit by small margins. Thurgoona led by a point at half time. They say the 3rd quarter is supposed to be the 'premiership quarter' and what a battle it turned out to be, with the lead changing hands on numerous occasions. As the siren sounded for three quarter time Thurgoona led by 2 points. As history says, Thurgoona increased its lead to 8 points and the brown and gold supporters thought that KSC had run their race. BUT, as they had done in previous weeks, they dug deep and overran the opposition to win by 4 goals.

What a performance to come from fifth and win the Premiership! Coach Ryan Richardson and his team were widely congratulated on their herculean effort.

Scores:

K.S.C 5.1 7.2 10.4 15.6 - 96

Thurgoona 1.2 7.3 10.6 11.6 - 72

Jye Shield won the BOG Award

*Incidentally the Under 17's also won the flag that year defeating Chiltern by 47 points. They had come from fourth spot and played a team that had lost only once during the year.