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Models for the RACV Solar electric car display.

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Community day combines sport, snags and solar energy!

Hundreds of locals arrived to enjoy the "Let's get together again" event last Thursday at Rowen Park. The event was to launch one of the major projects of the RACV's "Resilience in the Regions" initiative to support communities impacted by drought and bushfire. Just before Christmas, RACV Solar, in conjunction with our own local business - Solar Integrity, installed a major PV Solar installation and battery storage at the Tallangatta Sports Centre. Read more page 11.

Hoppers netball players showing off their skils at Rowen Park.

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Mambo Solution from last edition:

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Calling All Photographers!

Our photo competition is back!

We are pleased to announce that the Tallangatta Herald photo competition is back! Last year we were thrilled with the calibre and variety of photos from local enthusiasts in every category, so we excited to see this year's entries!

Our first category is
'Landscapes'

All photos must meet the terms and conditions listed below and be submitted by the due date: 11th March 2021.

Happy snapping!

Landscape Winner - Belinda Rimell from 2020 Tallangatta Herald Photo Competition

PHOTO COMP TERMS & CONDITIONS

- This competition is open to all participants of all ages and experience.
- Any photos that were entered in the 2020 Tallangatta Herald photography competition cannot be re-entered into 2021 Tallangatta Herald photography competition.
- All photos must be the work of the entrant and you give permission for The Herald to reproduce them in the paper.
- You cannot enter any more than two photos per category.
- Photos must reflect the theme that has been given or the entry will be invalid.
- No screenshots of photos will be accepted.
- All entries must clearly state Name & Category they are entering.
- You will have a month to enter into each photography category.
- There will only be one winner if any category has has less than five photos submitted.
- There will be one winner and one runner-up if any category has more than five photos submitted.
- Winners will be announced in the last edition of the Tallangatta Herald – Thursday 16th December
- Photos must be emailed to us, messaged to us via the Tallangatta Herald Facebook Page, or printed and mailed to PO Box 81, Tallangatta.
- Each edition we will choose a number of photos to showcase from the category in the paper (the number will be dependant on space).

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Wyeeboo Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING
held at the Wyeeboo Community Building (Bullioh Football Netball Clubrooms) on the 25/02/2021 commencing at 7.30 pm.
The purpose of the meeting is to elect no more than (9) persons, that includes (1) representative from each of the (2) user groups, plus up to 7 community representatives as a Committee of Management for a term of 3 years. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting.
For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Sarah Jones on 0419 587 004.

Church Times

Anglican – *All at Tallangatta*
Sunday, February 14 - Eucharist – 9.00am
Wednesday, February 17
Ash Wednesday Service - 8.30am
Sunday, February 21
Eucharist – 9.00am
Sunday, February 28
Eucharist – 9.00am
Sunday, March 7 - Eucharist – 9.00am
Sunday, March 14 – Eucharist – 9.00am

St. Michael's Catholic
St. Michael's Catholic Church Tallangatta
every Sunday at 9am
Sacred Heart at Corryong
every Sunday at 11.30am

Uniting
Sunday, February 14th
Tallangatta 9:30am
Carmyl Winkler
Sunday, February 21st
Tallangatta 9:30am
Rev. Ross Barnes
Sunday, February 21st
Red Bluff 11:00am
Rev. Ross Barnes
Sunday, February 28th
Red Bluff 11:00am
Rev. Andrew Delbridge
Congregational meeting after morning tea
Sunday, March 7th
Tallangatta 9am
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Career Opportunities
Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub
Council is recruiting for two roles at the Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub in Corryong.
- Co-ordinator Resilience and Recovery Projects (full-time)
- Local Area Recovery Officer (full-time or part time by negotation)

Both roles are on a fixed-term contract to 31 December 2021 with an option to extend for a further period subject to funding.
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Mary Grant

WELCOME back for 2021 - let's hope Coronavirus does not raise its ugly head again.

Thank you to all our customers – visitors and locals, who supported us through 2020.

The shop is continually receiving high quality goods for sale. Drop in for a browse.

Lots of fresh fruit and vegetables at very reasonable prices.

Potted plants and hanging baskets.

New seasons jams, sauces, pickles, chutneys, and relishes. Check the labels – there is always some unusual flavour combinations on the shelf.

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Rotary Roundabout

Graeme Aldrich

Farewell 2020

After weeks of meetings with members on a 'rostered' off program due to Covid restrictions it was great to meet with complete attendance possible at our final meeting for 2021. The venue was at the lakeside with a BBQ with the lot and fellowship the top priority for members and guests. It even rained a bit but that was welcome too!!

January 2021

A return to normal meetings saw the organisation of Australia Day in full swing and other items of business taken up once more. These include –

*Setting the date or this year's Expo at Saturday, October 9th

*Contributing $400 to buy two wheelchairs for Wheelchairs for Kids

*Hosting two members of the Tallangatta Astronomy Club, Zac West and Wayne Middleton, to hear of the progress that they are making with their mini Observatory at the Showgrounds

*Preparing for the return of Bowelscan this year. The Club will subsidize half the $20 cost of Bowelsan kits which will be available at the Pharmacy.

Above: Wayne Middleton and Zac West introducing Rotary to the stars – and the planets!!

Australia Day 2021

Our Club was able to stage a full celebration of Australia Day on January 26. A full report appears elsewhere in this issue of the Herald.

Town Entrance Signage – Our original contact with the Astronomy Club was as a result of their enquiry re adding a sign to the 'sign rack' that is located just inside the western entrance to town. Our Club is looking into its origins etc. with a view to improving its communication potential.

The Show Goes On

Tallangatta Show is currently scheduled to go ahead as usual on Saturday, March 6th – Rotary will be there with the usual catering services.

Horticultural Society

Judy Cochrane, Secretary

AT last we are able to hold our meetings again! These will commence on Thursday, February 11th at 7.30 in the Senior Citizens' rooms. Please bring your mask in case our numbers exceed 12 so that we can socially distance correctly. Also we will be collecting our annual subscriptions, a little later than normal. We need to decide what our display will be for the show this year. Please bring all your ideas. As we have so little time to organise this we would be glad of ideas that will be quick and easy to execute.

We have been fortunate with having some good rainfall during January. Of course this has meant the grass is still growing and needing mowing more frequently. Give your Camellias a dressing of potash 10 – 14 weeks before flowering. Fertilise your citrus trees this month. Make sure the soil is damp before applying the fertiliser then water in well. Remove spent flowers from Agapanthus. These can be lifted, divided and replanted in autumn or winter. It is time to disbud chrysanthemums. Remove suckers from rose bushes with secateurs. These usually grow from the base of the bush and have seven leaves instead of the normal five leaves. Roses can be lightly fertilised now. If you plan to grow sweet peas now is the time to apply lime or dolomite to the soil in preparation for sowing in mid March or April. Cineraria and pansy seeds can be sown in late February/early March so that seedlings are ready to be transplanted in April. It is also the month to select your winter bulbs and place them in the crisper of the fridge for 6 weeks to fool them into thinking we live in a cold climate.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the show this year in March.

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Tallangatta Memorial has a new roof!

Louise Coulston (Treasurer Memorial Hall)

AFTER sixty-five years the Tallangatta Memorial has a new roof.

Thanks must go to the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning for a grant of $121,435.00.

The total cost to replace the roof was $131,435.00 of which $10,000.00 was put in by the Tallangatta Memorial Hall Committee of Management.

The original asbestos roof had been leaking for several years when the Committee of Management sought help from DELWP to source funding to have the roof replaced.

Quotes were sourced from the three local plumbers in Tallangatta. As this was a large operation the three plumbers agreed to take on the task as a group.

Firstly, the asbestos was removed then the roof was replaced with corrugated iron. A task that was completed as quickly as possible in case the weather turned wet as we could not have the hall without a roof! The replacement was completed in two stages.

The whole job was completed in two weeks. The painting of the eaves and the repair to water damaged area inside was completed at a later date, because just as the roof was finished in December 2019 the Upper Murray fires started and the Tallangatta Memorial Hall was declared an evacuation centre for people in the Upper Murray area impacted by the bush fires.

It was not only used for evacuees it was the drop off centre for clothing, food supplies and equipment for families who had been affected by the bushfires. The hall was also used by the many government and non-government agencies who responded to support the those impacted by the fires.

The Tallangatta Memorial Hall is a particularly important asset to the town and surrounding community of Tallangatta. It is the largest capacity building in Tallangatta, catering for many organisations who wish to hold large functions, with the seating capacity of up to 300 people.

The Memorial Hall was last upgraded in 2000 with the inclusion of a commercial kitchen.

In 2003 the hall was used by the Red Cross to cater for breakfast, lunch and dinner for hundreds of fire fighters and emergency personnel during the 2003 fires that occurred in the Upper Murray area.

The Committee of Management continue to strive to improve the facilities of the hall so it will continue to serve the town and community into the future.

Thanks again to the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning for their support helping us to achieving our goal.

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WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Ian Trevaskis

THERE aren't a lot of true wilderness areas remaining in Australia, but there are a couple virtually on our doorstep. One of those is the Cobberas Wilderness Area which lies in the remote east alps unit of the Alpine National Park and the other is the Jagungal Wilderness Area, north of Kosciusko's Main Range. These are relatively unspoiled areas of wild, untamed beauty, of expansive swathes of alpine wildflowers, of rugged peaks, of burbling creeks and of ear-shattering silence. I've been fortunate enough to hike in these areas on a number of occasions.

While many Aussies were gathered around their barbies celebrating Australia Day, a small group of us were celebrating in a different way – hiking out of the Jagungal Wilderness area after a 5 day trek. As we were to soon discover, in summer it's also a place of relentless and annoying March flies, of brow-beating heat, and of lung busting climbs.

Our first day began from the Geehi Reservoir as we followed a maintenance track for 18kms on its way up and up to the Schlink Hilton Hut. This hut was constructed by the Snowy Mountains Authority, (SMA), in 1961 for workers maintaining the powerline between Guthega Power Station and Khancoban. The name came from pioneer ski tourer, Dr Herbert Schlink, and, as the name suggests, was once the largest and most comfortable of staff quarters within the backcountry.

Above: Heading to Mount Jagungal in the distance

Next day we walked a couple of kms along the track to Schlink Pass where the 'fun' really began when we went off track and scrub-bashed across country and completed the steep climb to the summit of Gungarton, 2068m. Gungartan is the highest mountain on mainland Australia not within the Main Range. After admiring the views, we continued across 'The Kerries' towards Mawson's Hut. This proved to be a long and arduous afternoon of more scrub bashing until we finally descended to the hut built by Herb Mawson in 1930.

The following day the party split into two groups – one group hiking past the impressive Tarn Bluff to eventually summit Mt Jagungal and finish the day at Derschko's Hut (another SMA hut built in the 1950s); the other group cutting across country to spend the night at Grey Mare Hut and enjoy a rest day while waiting for the others. (At 2,061 metres Mount Jagungal is the seventh-highest mountain in Australia and stands alone in an extensive plain.)

I opted for the rest day and a chance to escape the heat, and our group took the opportunity of brushing up on our navigation skills as we negotiated our way across country towards Grey Mare Hut, arriving there in the early afternoon after a long and refreshing dip in the Geehi River. The original hut, used by miners, was rebuilt in 1949, and some old mining equipment can be found behind the hut along with evidence of the diggings. The hut has become popular with cross-country skiers, and is one of the key survival shelters in the KNP.

After a leisurely and relaxing rest day at Grey Mare Hut we were joined by the other group who marched into camp in the afternoon looking spent and exhausted after hiking in the heat from Derschko's Hut.

And so, in the pre-dawn light of Australia Day, we packed up our tents, closed the hut door and set off on the hour and a half puff and grunt uphill to the top of the range. From there we enjoyed pleasant walking with great views across to Jagungal and the Main Range. Despite our early start we didn't quite beat the forecast rain and for the last hour of the 19km walk we trudged downhill in a steady downpour to the waiting cars.

A visit to a Wilderness Area requires some time and effort, but it's well worth it, for such places are unique and offer the visitor wild and untamed beauty not seen in our more popular national parks.

**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*

Above: Typical Jagungal wilderness

Right: resting on 'The Kerries'

Anglican Activity

Graeme Aldrich

A New Year Under Way

By the time the Herald reaches you six weeks of a new year will have become history with a lot less drama than the same time last year. Ash Wednesday (February 17) is a few days away, marking the beginning of the season of Lent, with Easter – Good Friday on April 2, Easter Day on Sunday, April 4 – just 6 weeks beyond that. Covid restrictions will prevent us from holding a Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) celebration on February 16, but normal Easter services will take place as usual. Watch these columns, your emails and the Church notice board for times.

Another step to Normality

Members of our Tallangatta congregation travelled to Tangambalanga on Sunday, January 31 to enjoy a 'Fifth Sunday' combined Eucharist with our neighbours, followed by a light lunch and a 'conversation catch up' afterwards.

Down the Track

At our 9.00am Eucharist on March 7 we will welcome the members of the Uniting Church Congregation to share our worship, with a cuppa ad conversation to follow.

Clergy Changes

It is with heavy hearts that we learned recently that Fr Mitch Porter, who has shared his unique personality, energy and enthusiasm with the congregations of Tallangatta and Corryong for all too short a time, must move after Easter to a new post as part of the Wodonga Anglican Parish. We will miss his regular visits with us but can possibly look forward to further contact as Wodonga is not all that far away – closer than Corryong, in fact!!

Bereavement

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of former parishioner Betty Shoemark, who passed away recently.

Important Easter Dates

Ash Wednesday – Service and Imposition of Ashes at Tallangatta at 8.30am

Palm Sunday – March 28

Maundy Thursday – April 1 – Service at Tangambalanga at 6.00pm

Good Friday – April 2 – 9.00am service at Tallangatta

Easter Day – Sunday, April 4 – 9.00am service at Tallangatta

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.

Benambra Lodge

At the end of last year the presentation of awards from Benambra Lodge were awarded to students of Tallangatta Secondary College and Tallangatta Primary School presented by VWBro Ernie Cole AFSM PGIwks.

From Tallangatta Secondary College the awards were awarded to Ava Kennett and Libby Saunders and from the Tallnagtta Primary School Lara Pearson And Lucas Paton.

The Tallangatta Show is on 6th March 2021

Louise Coulston (Secretary)

Our show will be a COVID-19 safe event, so please come along and support the 125th Annual Tallangatta Show.

PLEASE NOTE:

We will need all attendees to Register for Contact Tracing purposes.

We have registration forms for you to fill in and hand in at the gate. They are available on the front cover of all the schedules, they will be on the show flyers which will be distributed around the town the week before the show.

They can be downloaded from our website, www.tallangattashow.org.au or you can contact Louise on 02 60712746 to get a form sent to you.

You can also register with our QR Code on the day of the Show. This will hopefully get people through the gate quicker.

Please present your registration at the gate to collect your wristband.

A reminder to everyone who attends to observe social distancing at the show and use a mask if you wish.

The Dog Show and Show Jumping is on the Friday, Saturday will see Woodchopping, Show Jumping, Ring Events, Sporting Horse Events, Children's Events, Dog High Jump and the Upper Murray Horseman's Association is running their Team Penning Event again this year which will run over the Saturday and Sunday.

The pavilion will be packed with beautiful crafts, cakes, jams, sauces, and flowers etc.

If you have something you would like to enter in the show please come along and enter it in the Show. Have a go it is lots of fun.

"HOT CHILLI CHALLENGE"

"Australian Bush Timber Skills Demonstrations "

The pet parade is on again so bring along your pet for the parade. (Remember they must be on a lead)

Miss Show Girl and Master Show Boy is a hit at the Show also.

Bring your family and friends and make the Tallangatta Show a great event which brings the community together for a social and relaxing day.

Below is a registration form for the Show.

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Australia Day in Tallangatta

Graeme Aldrich

Early, but very welcome rainfall, created the need to move this year's celebrations to the Memorial Hall where the Rotary Club once again lived up to its well-earned catering reputation by supplying a hearty Aussie breakfast to an estimated 250 participants. Rotary's President, Jan Dewildt, welcomed the crowd and then called upon Tallangatta Guides to parade the flag and set it at the foot of the stage. All present joined in reciting the Australian Citizenship Affirmation followed by the delivery of an Australia Day Prayer from Corryong and Tallangatta Anglican Parish's Fr Mitch Porter.

Renditions of "Waltzing Matilda" and "I Still Call Australia Home" by Jo Fraser, Kristy Neville and Katherine Lanigan, capably supported by Rhys McKee on keyboard, provided musical entertainment, followed by Guest Speaker, Fr Mitch Porter, who gave a stirring keynote address aimed at urging us all to be proud and reliant and determined to sustain a positive future.

At this point the ever popular Jock Cavanagh took over the microphone with a recitation of 'Who Gives The Bride Away', an entertaining take on an Aussie wedding in the bush, easily keeping the light hearted mood alive.

Cr Denise Anderson responded on behalf the Shire, thanking the musicians, Fr Mitch, Jock ad everyone else responsible for the day's celebrations.

Australia Day Awards were announced by Cr Denise Anderson, and were presented by Fr Mitch Porter in the following categories.

Local Champions

Rob Caddell – for his tireless work over a long period as a Blaze Aid Coordinator restoring fences in the fire ravaged Upper Murray.

Vince Ciccone – for foresight and hard work in the assessment of the needs of the community and turning that into the provision of a necessary asset for the town and region.

Rob Main – for services to the CFA over many years, and, more recently, for heading up the revitalisation of the Ice Breakers Swimming group.

Above: Australia Day Award recipients (left to right) - Gary Matheson, Rob Main, the Rohrich family, Brad and Mandy Crispin, Rob Caddell, Jack Fenz Mace.

Above: Participants wave their Australia Day Flags

Gary Matheson – for his voluntary services as an experienced electrician, installing over 30 generators, provided through St Vincent de Paul, in areas of the Upper Murray that had lost power during the bushfire crisis.

Travis Rohrich – for his contribution to the provision of lifeguards, in both Corryong and Tallangatta, and for his work at the Tallangatta Emergency Relief Centre

The Community of Tallangatta – "for kindness, generosity and willingness to lend a hand through the devastation of the 2019-20 bushfire crisis"

Young Citizen of the Year

Went to Jack Fenz Mace for his willingness to supply light and sound to a range of community activities including Australia Day, Anzac Day, Christmas Carols, Tallangatta Show and Tallangatta Secondary College presentations, and his significant contribution to the Tallangatta Community Theatre Group.

Citizens of the Year

A prolonged accolade and standing ovation greeted the announcement of Brad and Mandy Crispin as joint Citizens of the Year. The willingness of these two young business people, to mobilize their bakery to provide a 24 hour, seven days a week service over a period of around three weeks during the 2019-20 bushfire crisis, was a motivational force in attracting valuable support for their efforts from a large range of volunteers in the wider community. Congratulations on a brilliant achievement.

Raffle Winner

What is more Australian than a Raffle? Cr Denise Anderson drew the winning ticket in Rotary's Thermomix Raffle at the end of Australia Day formalities. The lucky winner, Sandra Klippel, is probably still working out how it operates.

Help shape our future in Agriculture

Council, together with agriculture industry representatives and community members, are developing a Strategic Plan for Agriculture in the Shire to build a stronger, more profitable and more resilient agriculture industry for generations to come.

Mayor Wortmann is encouraging community members to contribute to the plan. "If you would like to help shape the future direction and growth of our agricultural industry, we would love to work with you."

"Agriculture is our largest industry, accounting for over 30% of employment and contributing almost 40% of Towong Shire's economic output each year. The importance of this sector to our economic future is paramount" he said.

"The good news is we already have a huge amount of knowledge of the industry on our doorstep and it is this local knowledge which can make all the difference in building a prosperous industry for generations to come" Mayor Wortmann said.

Community and industry consultation will commence in February 2021. If you are interested in taking part, complete the online form at bit.ly/agriculture-strategic-plan or contact Council's Economic Development Coordinator on 1300 365 222 or email ecodev@towong.vic.gov.au

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Australia Day Community Award Winners 2021

Council, in partnership with local community groups, recognised the achievements of community members at Australia Day Community Award Ceremonies across the Shire on 26 January 2021.

Mayor Wortmann said the events were a welcome opportunity to come together and celebrate as a community after a challenging 2020.

"These awards give us a chance to recognise and thank the amazing people who have made a significant contribution to the Towong Shire community."

"I'd like to particularly call out the stories of bravery and selflessness during last summer's bushfires and throughout our ongoing recovery, I can't thank you enough for your unwavering support for our community."

"A huge thank you also goes to the local community groups that hosted these awards - they wouldn't have been possible without all your hard work."

Join us in congratulating our Australia Day Community Award Winners!

BELLBRIDGE AWARDS

Citizen of the Year Award

David Parker

During last summer's bushfires, David sourced over 40 tool packs to assist farmers and residents, who had lost their sheds and equipment in the fires, to repair and rebuild. He personally delivered the packs and supplies to farms in the Upper Murray region. David has been instrumental in promoting the Bellbridge Childcare Centre, as well as raising a significant amount of money to provide better resources. He also had a striking red beard which was shaved off for charity, raising thousands of dollars for Movember.

Ken Star

Ken, the volunteer CFA Captain for the Bethanga and District Rural Fire Brigade, answered every fire emergency related phone call during the bushfire season last year. He always makes time to help other farmers with slashing, burning off, spraying and shearing before he heads home to start work on his own farm. Ken spent a whole weekend welding a new drag plate for a contractor working in Granya who didn't know anyone in the area. He also works full time on another local farm in addition to running his own farm.

MITTA VALLEY AWARDS

Citizen of the Year Award

Judy Cardwell

Judy has been instrumental in a number of local committees over the years. She was the first female volunteer for the Mitta Valley Ambulance Service, is a founding member of the Butcher's Hook Craft Shop, Secretary of the Eskdale Swimming Pool Committee, and proactive member of the local Landcare Committee.

Young Citizen of the Year Award

Heidi Brookes

Heidi is a young teenager from the Mitta Valley that is always willing to help out in her community, especially at local sporting events and fundraisers. She is regularly seen at the Football and Netball Club on a Saturday working in the kitchen, as well as helping with clean up duties the next day.

Community Appreciation Award

Clive Wright

Clive is a quiet achiever in the Mitta Valley community. He has served many years on the Eskdale Swimming Pool Committee. Clive is a reliable worker who is always willing to help out where he can - whether it be working the BBQ at the footy, mowing the lawn at the swimming pool, or assisting with fundraising efforts.

Fran Ellis

Fran and her husband Allan owned the Eskdale Hotel for over 20 year, providing an environment that brought the community together - a safe place where there was a listening ear and a helping hand. She joined the Mitta North Tennis Club as a young girl, and remained playing with the club as an adult, as well as being on the club committee. She was also involved in the coaching and development of junior primary school children at the Eskdale Tennis Club. Fran is a long-time member of the Eskdale Hall Committee. She was also a member of the Eskdale Caravan Park Committee, ensuring the upkeep of the park. Fran was one of the founding members of the Eskdale Progress Association Committee. She is on the progress sub-committees for the annual Anzac Day march and the Mitta Valley Australia Day Community Breakfast Ceremonies.

Event of the Year Award

Mitta United Football and Netball Club – Wood Day Fundraiser

The Wood Day Fundraiser raised much needed funds for the Mitta United Football and Netball Club in Winter 2020. Trucks were filled with wood from a local property and transported to those in need of firewood for a discounted price.

Local Champion Award

Ambulance Victoria Mitta Valley, CFA Dartmouth, CFA Eskdale, CFA Mitta Mitta, SES Mitta Valley

These volunteer Emergency Services organisations are always the first responders for any bushfire, accident or other local emergencies in the Mitta Valley. During last summer's bushfires these volunteers worked tirelessly to protect their community.

WALWA/JINGELLIC AWARDS

Citizen of the Year Award

Sue Martin

During last summer's bushfire emergency, Sue spent many nights sleeping on the Walwa Bush Nursing Centre floor, and provided community support such as cooking and cleaning, working many 16 hour days voluntarily. Sue is a long standing member of the Bush Nursing Centre Board and has been nominated as Vice-Chair. She is team leader for the Community Emergency Response Team and undertakes considerable emergency training which enables her to provide first aid response to patients while waiting for an ambulance. Sue is Club Trainer to the Walwa Football Club, is working toward the development of the Walwa Men's Shed and has been the instigator of the Walwa Spring Markets.

Young Citizen of the Year Award

Robert Hanna

Robert is a CFA volunteer and worked tirelessly in the bushfire emergency last year, refusing to return to work until the fires were well under control. He is also a SES volunteer. Robert was a volunteer mentor for the AIME education program which supports indigenous students through secondary school into university or employment. He also helped develop the Walwa Hall funding application, incorporating photographs and technical drawings.

Local Champion Award

Sandi Grieve and Joyce Hunt

During last summer's bushfires, Sandi and Joyce supported local residents by providing meals, attending to their medical needs and providing counselling. They often slept on floors, or in their cars, to ensure they were readily available should an emergency arise.

David Hanna & Walwa CFA

Captain David and his team at the Walwa CFA Brigade worked long hours in dangerous conditions during last summer's bushfires. David refused to evacuate the district, and in return saved many homes and properties.

TALLANGATTA AWARDS

Citizen of the Year Award

Brad & Mandy Crispin

Young Citizen of the Year Award

Jack Fenz Mace

Local Champion Award

Rob Caddell
Vince Ciccone
Rob Main
Gary Matheson
Travis Rohrich

CORRYONG AWARDS

Citizen of the Year Award

Pastor Carol Allen
Fay Whitehead

Young Citizen of the Year Award

Sophie Hewatt

Champion of the Year Award

Ian Williams

Local Champion Award

Ralph (deceased), Carol, Tracey and Kate Fair - Hotel Cudgewa
Paul Carkeek
Pat Spicer
Joanne Mackinnon
Darren Jones - Tintaldra Hotel
Jo and Luke Humphrey, Leigh Eeles, Matt Aldridge and Jodie Bonny - Rise from the Ashes Event

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Tallangatta's community garden thrives with positive vibes.

Petrina Mansfield

Photos taken by Andrea Palmer

When speaking with Andrea Palmer about the town's central veggie garden, one can't help but feel an overwhelming sense that she feels lucky to be a part of such a generous and grounded community. She credits the organic nature of the garden's development to the support of the Boomerang Bag volunteers, a strong working relationship with food swap organiser Tamara Barton and the council's willingness to allow them to use the space. "I saw 50 years of mulch sitting in the old pre-school grounds which was the perfect spot for growing veggies. One thing led to another and within eight days the gardens were up and running".

Andrea and her band of merry gardeners are currently harvesting a range of summer goodies including corn, beans, capsicum, eggplant and tomatoes of every variety, shape and size which are available for the whole town to enjoy. When asked what her favourite aspect of the project was, the garden enthusiast found it difficult to pinpoint just one thing "I have many favourite parts; the beautiful sense of community, putting the vegetables on the share table…I don't even mind weeding!"

With such solid foundations, the gardens are set to be a prominent feature of Tallangatta's centre for many years to come. Andrea is proud that the gardens can be part of the town's healthy positive vibe where opportunities to be connected and busy are as important as ever. Anyone wanting to join the volunteer team, can simply turn up on a Sunday morning with their gloves, hat and water bottle and share in the simple pleasures of gardening, conversing with new friends and collecting a bounty of locally grown food. "We encourage people of any age and any ability to come along".

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Two Hour Parking Tallangatta CBD

Please be advised that Towong Street and Banool Road, on the CBD side of The Triangles, is now a two hour parking zone.

For those spending longer than two hours in town, all day parking is available on the other side of Towong Street, on any of the cross streets and in the laneways at the rear of the Tallangatta CBD.

A big thank you to the Tallangatta community for your cooperation in helping make sure there are ample parking spaces for those visiting town.

For more information contact Council on 1300 365 222 or info@towong.vic.gov.au.

HEALTH

Tallangatta Health Service News

COVID-19

COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria continue to be in place and change dependent on any outbreaks such as recently in Western Australia and Victoria. Following state restrictions and guidelines is imperative to keeping us all safe.

Wearing of masks (general advice)

To keep up to date with all advice for Victoria, you may visit the Department of Health website at: https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

If you are visiting Tallangatta Health Service, you are required to wear a mask whilst on our premises.

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.

Visitors to Tallangatta Health Service

Visiting to our acute hospital, residential aged care facilities, Bolga Court and Lakeview, is now unrestricted in regard to the number of people who can visit. At this point, our visiting hours will remain between 12.30pm and 4.30pm whilst we have single point entry and screening. Visitors may negotiate alternative times if these times don't suit by contacting our Nurse In Charge on 02 6071 5200. Our visiting hours are not meant to be restrictive, but are meant to support us in our COVID-19 processes to keep everyone safe. We appreciate everyone's understanding during our restrictions and their support in helping to keep us all safe.

The following rules now apply:

• Visits in resident's rooms – no restrictions on numbers but must maintain physical distancing.

• Visiting in communal areas – areas such as module's kitchen and lounge areas must maintain 1 person each 2 sqm when residents and visitors are together.

• Visitors may gather in outdoor areas, but still maintain 1 person each 2 sqm when residents and visitors are together, with physical distancing and wearing of masks.

• Single point entry and screening of visitors has not changed. Masks are required (supplied) when visiting indoors **and outdoors** whilst in our facility.

• No limits to the number of visitors to Acute patients – but must maintain social distancing.

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

COVID-19 Vaccinations

The roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination is due to commence in Australia later this month. Further information in regard to vaccinations for our community will be distributed once details are provided.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Tallangatta Health Service was held on 16 December 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this was held at the Rowen Park Sports Complex, allowing more room for people to attend whilst also proving a virtual link.

Formal reports were provided and the Annual Report of 2019-2020 was released, showing a net operating profit of $4,722 before capital and specific items. This is not a huge result, but a positive result in a very difficult year.

Staff service awards then followed, with the following staff members receiving awards for service for the 2019-2020 period:

40 Years - Leanne Dobinson, Elizabeth (Libby) Pieper

20 Years - Susan Reid, Valmai Bradford

10 Years - Liza Hurley, Heather Riddington, Robyn Crockett

Congratulations to those who received their awards. The Annual Report of 2019-2020 can be viewed on the Tallangatta Health Service website at: https://www.tallangattahealthservice.com.au/resources/reports.html or a hard copy can be obtained via request by phoning 02 6071 5200.

Above: Valmai Bradford – 20 Years award recipient

Above: Sue Reid (20 Years), Leanne Dobinson (40 Years), and Denise Parry Chief Executive Officer

Australia Day 2021

Residents of Bolga Court enjoyed an Australia Day BBQ

Above: Australia Day BBQ – residents

A traditional Australia Day BBQ was held for Bolga Court residents recently. The dining room was adorned with Australia Day paraphernalia, providing a change of scenery with a real Aussie feel.

An enjoyable day was had complete with "snags, rissoles, and salads" and lots of camaraderie.

Above: Australia Day BBQ - lunchtime

Above: Australia Day BBQ - flags

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How to apply

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SCHOOLS

Bethanga Primary School

Rachel Saunders

We have had such a wonderful start to the school year at Bethanga. We have welcomed 5 foundation students and recognised our 3 grade 6 students with the presentation of their year 6 t-shirts (which they designed themselves). Students were bubbling with enthusiasm as the school term kicked off, reconnecting with friends and eagerly jumping straight back into routines and learning. Along with our regular core subjects, this week our Bluearth program also commenced. Bluearth is a facilitated program aimed at improving students through movement and mindfulness. Cathryn Gordon, a Peninsula local and qualified Bluearth coach will deliver a fortnightly program in 3 local educational settings (Bellbridge Early Years Centre and Talgarno PS) which will build teacher capacity to extend the program in the following week. This program will beautifully support our PE and EQ programs as well as provide leadership opportunities for our older students.

Students and Staff have been so patient and understanding as the sound of drills, hammers, trucks and excavators echo throughout the school grounds… It will all be worth it when our beautiful Sensory Play Space is completed next week – we can't wait to share photos in the next edition of the Tallangatta Herald!

Year 6 Students

Foundation students

SPORT

Sustainable spotlight on sportsground

Community day combines sport, snags and solar energy!

Petrina Mansfield

Peter Haysey, The Projects Coordinator at the Tallangatta Sports Centre was proud to be a part of the launch which, in his mind, is not only reassuring during times of crisis but a great step in providing sustainable electricity to the "sports centre and potentially all around this local hub including the motel and possibly, one day, the school." As he spoke, the familiar echoes of team mates calling for the ball and the frequent pierce of the netball whistle swirled around the grounds. "The bushfires during summer and then the pandemic over winter has left many of our youngsters starved of physical activity. Recreation has always been the heart and soul of the community so I am very happy to see all the facilities coming to life again"

This project will provide electricity options should Tallangatta become the epicentre for fire and emergency again. "… we are thrilled to be delivering solar and battery storage to 28 facilities around regional Victoria and providing energy resilience in an emergency situation" Says Andy McArthy, spokesperson for RACV Solar.

Jonathan Thomas, President of the Tallangatta Cricket Club was pleased with the turn out too as he cast a proud eye over some of his up and coming juniors practising their fast bowls against the first grade opening batters. "We are proud to be a part of an event which celebrates our town as a great place to live now and in the future".

Players from the U17s working hard during a training session held as part of the 'Let's get back together' event.

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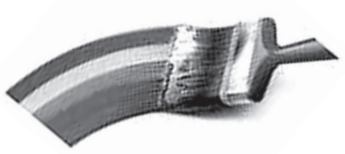

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SPORT

Coach Joel O'Reilly gives his team a pep talk during the 'Let's get back together' launch at Rowen park Thursday 4th February.

LOOKING STRONG - Hopper's u17s are looking 'strong' says coach Joel O'Reilly after the team's third pre-season training session last Thursday at Rowen Park. He says the players seem keen and focussed with a priority on fitness at the moment. "Some of the players are even staying on to train with the seniors for some extra fitness which is an impressive commitment". The inclusion of some new recruits from around the district has already had a positive impact on training. "I've introduced a few new drills and they've picked them up really quickly". While O'Reilly was not keen to make any premature claims about the 2021 season, he is confident that his players are in a good frame of mind to be highly competitive and field a strong side each week.

T.C.M. Cricket Report

Manny Chessari

A lot has happened since the last report so below is a summary of what has happened since December 19th 2020.

A Grade

A well deserved win against Raiders where Tallangatta made 169 (Phil Neville 65 not out) and dismissed Raiders for 121 with Same Stephens taking 5 for 21.

East Albury had a comfortable win in making 5/246 and then restricting Tallangatta to 184 (P Neville 30, A Belci 30)

A close fought encounter saw North Albury make 9/223 and then restrict Tallangatta to 9 for 209 (Ollie Willett 66)

A rain shortened game saw Corowa make 119 off their 28 overs (Mat Armstrong 4 wickets) and then restrict Tallangatta to 9 for 112.

Another rain shortened game saw Lavington make 6 for 112 off 25 overs and then restrict Tallangatta to 9 for 92.

The most recent game was against Albury who batted first and made 9 for 201(Clint Ried 3 wickets). Tallangatta struggled to 136 with Ollie Willett making 44.

B Grade

Tallangatta made 153 against Raiders (Jonty Thomas 50) but were just pipped by raiders who made 6 for 155.

Tallangatta made 7 for 179 (Tom Gibbs 54), but were no match for East Albury who made 2 for 180.

87 for Tom Gibbs was enough to steer Tallangatta to 7 for 200 which was enough to deliver a win over North Albury who made 140 (Alex McDonald 3 wickets).

A forfeit was followed by a washout and then the game against Lavington on a small ground with synthetic wicket where Lavington smashed 6 for 306 thanks to 167 off 75 balls from Jayden Beaumont with 12 fours and 15 sixes. Tallangatta made a decent reply with 220 (Nic Paton 48).

The final game against Albury saw Tallangatta struggle to 63, but made Albury work very hard, at one stage having them 6 for 52 (Tom Reilly 4 wickets).

Its been a tough year, but the club has remained positive with some fine efforts at different stages, but the teams have just lacked the depth to capitalise on opportunities.

Keep up the good work!

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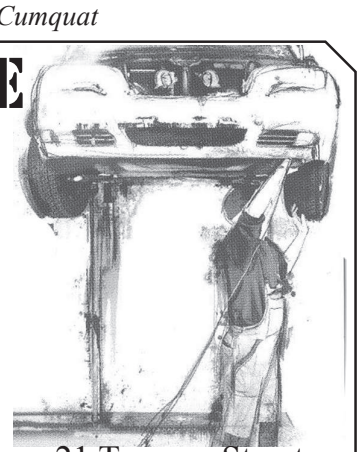

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Australia Day!!

Rikki Schliebs, winner of the Kiewa and District Achievement Award, being congratulated by Deputy Mayor, Peter Croucher

Deputy Mayor, Peter Croucher, presenting the Indigo Shire Community Award to Milton Turner, Stephen Larkin, David Sutherland, Greg Miller and Nerida

The threat of rain did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the Australia Day ceremony at the Kiewa Memorial Park. Supported by the Kiewa-Tangam Lions Club, the crowd was entertained with speeches and songs before the annual awards were presented by Indigo Shire Deputy Mayor, Peter Croucher.

The Sandy Creek Recreation Reserve Committee was a joint winner of the Indigo Shire Community Award. During the bushfire trauma last year, the Sandy Creek Recreation Reserve was used as a hub for the distribution of hay and fodder for farms in the Upper Murray Valley, where stock feed had been burnt. The Committee worked tirelessly to coordinate the program and along with many local volunteers, stored, loaded and delivered the much-needed stock feed to grateful farmers. A real community effort. The award was accepted by Committee members Milton Turner, Steve Larkin, David Sutherland, Greg Miller and Nerida Kerr.

The Kiewa and District Achievement Award went to Rikki Schliebs for his volunteer work over many years with many local clubs and groups. More recently, Rikki picks up rubbish from local roadsides, a task that he does on his mobility scooter. He says he does it because he loves his local community and obviously takes pride in having it look clean.

A third award was made this year to acknowledge an act of bravery. Young Tom Steinhauser was driving with his mum when he realised she was having a hypoglycaemic attack. Tom put his mum's car into Park, removed the keys and called 000. He remained calm and was able to guide emergency services to their location. Tom received a Lions Achievement Award.

The Guest of Honour for the ceremony was Jenny Dale, who was the first elected mayor of the newly formed Indigo Shire in 1997. Jenny served on Council and as mayor over several terms. She was also the Vice President of the Municipal Association and served on the Bush Nursing Association, as well as volunteering for many local organisations. Jenny said she sees Australia Day as an opportunity to celebrate all we love about Australia. She congratulated community groups and acknowledged the wonderful work that volunteers do in our community, then wished everyone a happy Australia Day.

In her address, Lions Club Youth of the Year Winner, Helen McCormack, urged everyone to put aside harsh prejudices and keep an open mind about changing the date of Australia Day, which some regard as Invasion Day.

Olivia lamb also addressed the crowd and explained her feelings about living in Tangambalanga. Apart from the fun she gets from hearing people try to pronounce "Tangambalanga", Olivia loves that she feels safe here and appreciates the community involvement.

Barry McIntosh entertained the crowd with songs including the appropriate "I Am Australian" and the ceremony closed with the National Anthem.

As always, The Kiewa Tangam Lions were on hand with a sausage sizzle while the crowd took the opportunity to mingle and chat. Britto gave children rides in his coach and "Shazza"and "Dazza"gave everyone a laugh. Another lovely community event.

Barry McIntosh entertained the crowd

Shazza and Dazza

Guest speaker - Jenny Dale

Diary Dates

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

* Tangambalanga Craft Group Monday 8th of Feburay 10-30am

* RSL Annual general meeting Thursday 18th Febuary 6:30pm

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Community News

Vale

It is with deep regret that we farewell

Veronica Thompson
Passed away 10th January 2021

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

Doris Gear – 95 this Australia Day

How many people can boast a Public Holiday to celebrate their birthday? Our very own Doris Gear turned 95 on Australia Day this year. Unfortunately, on account of Covid19 protocols, our exercise group was unable to throw her a morning tea after exercises.

However, Doris was feted by members of her family able to travel to this area under current guidelines. Doris was transported to Euroa as it was considered the half way mark from Melbourne for family to meet.

They celebrated with a meal and a sponge for dessert. Doris also received a number of beautiful flower arrangements.

ENGAGE

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Planning for the development of a new Council Plan and Community Vision is now underway and we want you to be involved.

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Do You Know?

As a child attending school in the 50's, we all transported our lunch in a brown paper bag. The sandwich, generally white bread with tomato (home grown), making the bread soggy and frankly unpalatable! We also took Vita Wheat biscuits with butter and vegemite and I usually had a slice of home baked chocolate cake. A piece of fruit rounded out the contents. As I really didn't like cake much, I was able to swap the cake for another piece of fruit. Drink bottles were not required as we managed to drink from school water fountains.

The sandwich, biscuits and cake were wrapped in WAXED paper! But this is no longer available in Supermarkets. Why, with the addition of "prints", has it become expensive and only available as an upmarket product?

Interesting how the humble wax lunch wrap has re-emerged. - Pam Davis-Jones

Tangambalanga Craft Group

The Tangambalanga Craft Group will start meeting again on Mondays, commencing on the 8th of February.

We will be changing our venue to the Lions Den opposite the Tangam Store.

We start at 10-30am with morning tea and finish after lunch.

It will be good to catch up with old friends again after the 'lockdown'.

All new members will be made most welcome.

For enquires contact Aly Read: 0448 825 999.

RSL News

KIEWA RSL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When- Thursday 18th February

Where- Lion's Den, Kiewa East Rd Tangambalanga

Time- 6.30 for 7.00pm dinner

Who is invited?-

All former or currently serving members of the Australian Defence Force and spouse/partner.

RSVP to Secretary Damian Ley 0407 618659 by Tuesday 16th February

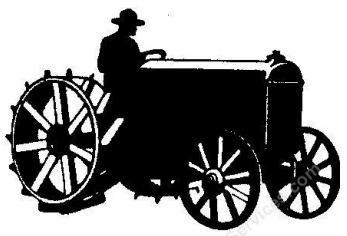
Historical Society Update

We are currently unable to proceed with a Public Meeting in order to ascertain interest in the formation of a local Historical Society. We had also hoped to attend the Open Day at the former NECMA site mooted for April 5th, where we were hoping to explore the possibility of having the use of part of the portable in situ. If able to utilise this site, we would have an area in which to catalogue, store and even eventually hold small exhibitions. Our small group currently operates under a SOP with Kiewa Valley Historical Society.

During this time of social isolation, would be a good time to explore the history of your property. Much of this can be done online via the Titles Office or if you have an Old Law Deed, much of the information would be recorded on the Deed. As a help, Theyre Weigell was the first Attorney General for the new State of Victoria after it was split from the Colony of NSW.

We would appreciate expressions of interest in the formation of the Society and potential names, logo etc that would tie Kiewa, Tangambalanga and Kergunyah.

If interested, please email me, pjdavisjones@hotmail.com



Police Chat

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If 40 is the new 30, and 50 is the new 40, does that mean that 2021 is the new 2020? No-one expected a pandemic in 2020. It's fair to say that we know this year is going to have its moments, so, let's all try to put a positive spin on it.

Planning how you will react if another lockdown occurs can reduce some of the anxiety in the event that it actually happens.

This can be as simple as knowing what TV series you want to binge watch, planning a Zoom date with your family/friend every week, or checking out maps for new walks, hikes or rides. And it's not lost time. You can still go on those adventures and catch up with your friends and family if lockdown doesn't eventuate.

If you're struggling to cope with all that was 2020, please reach out. Remember that your GP can assist with a mental health care plan.

With Valentines Day fast approaching, I'd like to take this opportunity to say, Roses are red, Violets are Blue, Victor Selway, I love you xx

Stay safe,

LSC Lisa Lorenz

Tangambalanga Police Station

At the Cinema

By Maggie Heffernan

Title: Promising Young Woman
Director: Emerald Fennell
Starring: Carey Mulligan, Bo Burnham, Laverne Cox
Recommended for: Mature Audiences
Rating: MA15+
Stars: ★★★★★
Genre: Drama
Where you can watch: In cinemas and available on demand to buy at GooglePlay.

What was so interesting and captivating about "Promising Young Woman", was the unexpected and unknown. The basic premise of the film is a woman getting her revenge on those who did wrong. This film brings a new representation of women, showing that powerful women don't always have to be particularly good.

Mulligan gives an amazing performance that will surely sweep the awards season. There is also a great supporting star-studded cast that carries each dynamic of the story.

This film is a must-watch for any gender. It is an exposé and a showcase of the grittier and difficult parts of the female experience.

Director, Fennell, has created a masterpiece that will impact cinema for years to come.

Promising Young Woman is available to see in cinemas or to purchase on demand at GooglePlay.

TANGAM FAMILY FUN DAY

Tangambalanga main street was busy with families, stallholders and a display of old and new motorbikes on Sunday 31st January. Many of the bikes on display contained the Royal Enfield Brand and people were encouraged to vote for the best bike in six different categories. Along with the bike competition, was a group of local marketeers and stall holders, all displaying their wares. With plenty of food and refreshments from the local pub and store available, locals and visitors alike were guaranteed a fun time. The day was the brainchild of Tangam Union Hotel publican Anthony Keck and local motorbike enthusiast Brian Bailey and was promoted to showcase the town of Tangambalanga and local businesses.

KVPS News

New Staff at Kiewa Valley Primary School

2021 has arrived at Kiewa Valley Primary School with a couple of new faces on board. Mrs Deb Bowman will be on leave for the first 6 months of the year and is replaced by Acting Principal, Mrs Kelli Jacobsen. Kelli comes to Kiewa after 14 years at Bright P – 12 College. Kelli has been a Classroom Teacher, Leading Teacher, Year Level Coordinator and finally, approximately 6 years ago, she became an Assistant Principal. She has taught primary classes across the year levels and also taught numerous secondary subjects, as Bright is a Prep to 12 college. She loves teaching. Last year Kelli taught a Year 8 English class, but has taught numeracy, science, geography and VCAL, as well as being a reading and numeracy intervention teacher.

Teaching has enabled Kelli to be involved with some amazing people and opened many doors for her. She has a strong passion for rural and remote schools and public education. She has travelled to Europe for an educational tour with the Country Education Partnership and in 2019 was lucky enough to head off on school camp to Nepal, trek the Annapurnas and build a classroom in a small school in the Kathmandu Valley.

Kelli lives in Harrietville and although it's a long drive each day, it is a beautiful drive. She has two boys, who are 15 and 10 years old. They attend Bright P12 College. Kelli lives on a small hobby farm, which has 3 acres of blueberries. She loves all things sport, plays basketball and has just retired from playing netball.

Motorbikes are a huge part of her life, with both her boys and partner obsessed with riding on the weekends. They love travelling as a family and camping.

As Kelli settles into a new role and school for semester one at Kiewa Valley Primary School, she looks forward to working with a new community.

The school has a new grade 3 / 4 class this year, taught by Mrs Ashlee MacCalman (Mrs Mac). Ash attended Kiewa Primary School, "a long time ago". She lives in Osbornes Flat with her husband, James and three children. When they had their children, they decided that Ash would stay at home with them and it was while Ash was at home that she decided to begin studying her Bachelor of Education (Primary). Ash studied part time and completed placements at Yackandandah Primary, Wodonga Primary and also here at Kiewa, last year. She is looking forward to working with the students, their families and the staff at Kiewa Primary this year.

Cass Costello, who has worked at the school in a temporary role during 2020, gained an advertised position as an educational support person last year. Cass is working in the Foundation/One classroom this year.

We welcome the three ladies to our staff and wish Mrs Bowman all the best for her leave for semester one this year.

Leanne Hadley

Ashlee MacCalman, (3 /4 classroom), Kelli Jacobsen (Acting Principal) and Cass (Integration Aide, F/1 classroom)

KVPS New Foundation students with teachers - Janene Elliott and Ebony Riddout

Tangam Tennis Talk

Here we are at the pointy end of the season again. Before we know it tennis season 2020-2021 will be done and dusted.

The McLambs ended up taking out the pre-Xmas night comp and did it very easily. Well done, Sarah, Mike, Cam & Kate.

The post-Xmas Fast Four Comp is on again through February, with 6 teams competing in the fast and fun modified competition.

February is a busy month at our club - Friday nights see section 2 playing, with Section 1 and our juniors there on Saturdays. The Association's McKimmie Junior Tournament will be held at our courts, hosted this year by Mount Beauty and we will also be holding a Hot Shots Carnival Day for beginner juniors.

Semi-finals will be the weekend of the 20th February and the Grand Final will this year be held at Tallangatta on February 27th. Section 1 should see some finals action and in Section 2 the Brown team are again hovering around the top four and will be trying their hardest to push their way in. Good luck – we hope you get there.

Good Hitting to all.

Hot Shots Bowls

January has been a busy month for our bowls Club with 6 of our members travelling to Warrnambool to play in the Victorian State Ladies' Fours and Over 60's Men's Pairs. Ron and Rob made it to the last 8 pairs in Victoria; Jude, Carol, Heather and Margaret made it to the last 15, losing their game by 2 shots.

Back home there were 3 teams playing in the Ovens and Murray State Mixed Pairs with Bill and Debbie making it to the Semi Finals. We also had 3 players in the Ovens & Murray State Singles with Jude making it to the last 8; Bill, Deb and Jude to play in February.

In the Club Championship Singles, Colin Coulston beat Robin Gallagher and Deb Crothers beat Heather Schliebs.

State Ladies' Fours

The Pennant teams are going very well with them well-placed on the ladders and even our A1s are having a few wins this year.

Good bowling!

From The Archives…

A series of articles reflecting on our more recent history

THE LAGOON HOTEL

Fire was the scourge of many a building in the old days and another district building to meet that fate was the much-loved watering-hole the Lagoon Hotel in Kiewa. Situated next to the current Kiewa Store, the original building had been built in 1859 and served the local community until January 21st, 1971 when it was destroyed by fire. Described as a rambling, single-storied weatherboard building, it burned quickly and nothing could be saved. The proprietor at the time, Mr R Mckinlay, lost all his personal possessions, but carried on the hotel business in a shed at the back of the site for several months. Later that year, a group of locals, led by Mr Dan Ley, tried to form a cooperative to raise funds to rebuild the hotel, estimating that $50,000 would be needed. However this proposal was unsuccessful. Sadly this iconic building, and all it meant to the community, was lost forever.

Above: Mr S Speers and Mr D Ley at the burnt Lagoon Hotel
Below: Lagoon Hotel

Cricket's *CRANKY* CURATOR

Kiewa Cricket Club News and Update.
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KCC B Grade in new playing shirts

Welcome to 2021 – we hope it is better for all than 2020 was.

Those of you who are Big Bash cricket fans may have seen our photos on the tele on Boxing Day. As part of our entry in the Toyota Good for Cricket Raffle, our club was given the opportunity to enter in the Bash for Cash competition and we were lucky enough to be chosen as the recipients for the Renegades v Thunders match. Every six hit in this match resulted in $500 cash coming our way! While the Renegades were a little light on for us, the Thunders were awesome! Ollie Davies smashed 5 sixes in a row just on his own! All up we received the magnificent sum of $6,500, which is of course, a very big deal for our little club. How good was it sitting back watching the game and watching the dollars roll in! We also need to thank everyone in the community who have purchased tickets in the Toyota Good for Cricket raffle to support us. This raffle will be drawn on the 26th February, and there are 3 Toyotas to be won.

On-field has been a bit of a mixed bag, but all of our teams except our 16's look like they will be heading into finals.

Our club had a great representation across all age groups in the recently held Junior Country week - in the Under 15's - James Furze, Charlie Heffernan & Will Paton; Under 14's - Sam McCoy and Jack Edwards; Under 13's - Ethan Slocombe and Will McCoy and Under 12's - Rory O'Brien, John Dove, Ned Heffernan, Matilda Heffernan and Toby Hartshorn. Well done all for your efforts and for doing our club proud and big congratulations to the 14's and 13's for being part of the winning grand final teams.

If you have seen us on the field lately you may have noticed our new playing shirts. These shirts are part of our transition to coloured clothing, which is where each club is heading, as a result of a directive from Cricket Albury Wodonga.

Don't forget to drop in and watch some cricket as we charge towards the finals!

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Until next time,
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KCC A Grade in new playing shirts

Kiewa reps who were in the winning Junior Country Week teams on the 31st January. Left to right Will McCoy (Under 13's), Jack Edwards and Sam McCoy (Under 14's)