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Along with the Kookaburra's and the Magpie's heralding in the dawn on Anzac morning there was the sound of a lone bugler drifting across the town. In line with social distancing regulations many people gathered at the end of their driveways to pause and remember those who fought in wars past and present. No more so than in Nash road where John "JB" McCauley and his family paid tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. "JB" dispatched the haunting sounds of the bugle as the community came together and participated in a very personal Anzac dawn service. This moving service will be remembered for some time to come and who knows may become a regular occurrence for future Anzac mornings?

Thank you, to you, the community of Bunyip & District for a bumper edition of the Bunyip & District Community News. Considering there are very few local events occurring we have had contributions from many, and long may this continue!

In a small way this issue may help to pass a 'little' of your time while you are isolated away from family and friends. Even though the social distancing requirements have been eased, please be mindful of others as you go about your daily lives and remember to keep the hand washing and distancing in mind at all times. Remember those family and friends around us who are not ready to step back into the community and those who are struggling with their mental health and not coping with life as we see it.

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Who lived in that old slab hut with his mother and his dad
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And as the years went on he seemed to live a happy life
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She passed with not a penny to be left of her good will
And father, in his grievance, took back to the pick and spade
And longed to find that speck of gold, to fill the dream he made
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And so bequeathed his worldly things upon his only son
Upon the claim, beside the eucalyptus where he died
The old slab hut stood rotting as the young man sat and cried
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The fireplace- the only part left standing proud and tall
And as the diggers son now had a family of his own
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And marked out where his house would go with stump-holes
everywhere
And as he thrust the shovel, for the last stump left to set
A certain ring came from the earth that he had not heard yet
On hands and knees, he reached down to inspect what he had found
An eighty ounce gold nugget, he unearthed from in the ground
T'was bittersweet to see that young man's dreams had all came true
But life would be so different if the old man only knew
Beside the eucalyptus tree, there stands the young man's home
A credit to the pioneer that took the chance to roam
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As the uncertain times we face continue, our thoughts are drawn to

our immediate families, our loved ones; our local community and how our fellow community organisations and businesses are coping. We admire the resilience and humour our community always displays at difficult times such as these and we love participating in the fun initiatives and ideas that you're sharing, such as the Teddy Bear Hunt and 'obstacle courses on the ground drawn in chalk'. Have you found our Community Bank bears yet? They've returned to home schooling now too and are practising their reading. Being part of a community is who we are designed to be and at times like this we love to be involved in any way we can. Our catchment area extends across the postcodes of 3812 – 3815, so please continue to share your ideas with us.

As we feel the impact of COVID-19 in our community, please know we're here for you. Our branch remains open Monday through to Friday and if you do need to visit us, we've taken extra steps to sanitise our branch, and we're practising social distancing whilst continuing to deliver you great customer service. We ask in return that you only come in if you're well. Whilst we love seeing you in branch, managing your money online or via your phone wherever you can be a safer option. You can access your accounts at home at any time with our secure e-banking service or phone banking. Or while you're on an essential shop, use our ATM to get cash out and check balances. If you need any help at all with any of your banking needs, with internet banking, the app or phone banking, please give us a call on 5629 6091 and we'll guide you through and support you every step of the way. Thank you for being our customers – we're here for you.

Get to know your local Community Bank - Director Profile.

Name: Chris Kelly

Position: Volunteer Director

Lives: Garfield from 2006 -2010 then Bunyip from 2010

Family: Married to Russ

Pendlebury. I share Russ' 3 grown up children & 3.5 grandchildren. We also have 2 furbabies, Maisy & Trixie

Professional Background: I have a long history in cost accounting and management accounting. I am currently doing some bookkeeping in between my many volunteer duties.

Recent Holidays: Our last holiday was with a busload of my family around Ireland. You don't want to get in the way of 33 Kelly's and in-laws! My husband, Russ and I then went on to explore Croatia, Eastern Europe and the Baltic states. Our next adventure will be South America – home of the alpacas. As alpaca breeders, we are looking forward to that.

Memorable Recent Experience: The Bunyip Complex Fires was a very recent memorable experience – one that I hope we won't see again. However, it has been remarkable to see how our community has rallied around those affected and has worked together to do whatever we could to help our neighbours and friends in need.

In 5 words or less what do you love about Bunyip & District Community Bank branch: Being there for the Community

Tell us a bit about your journey as a Board / Staff

Member: I joined the Board as a volunteer about 6 months after the branch opened in Bunyip in 2007. I have been



involved in the Marketing, Human Resources and Financial sub committees over that time. The marketing subcommittee receives requests for sponsorship and help from the local groups in our community - from Nar Nar Goon to Bunyip, across the highway and out on the swamp. It is the most 'hands on' committee but it's where you interact the most with the community.

I have been to many community events over the years and I am still astounded by the people who think I work for the bank. All of our Board members are volunteers. We help to run the company that holds the franchise for the Bendigo Bank. We are not involved with any of the banking. We leave that side of things to the Bendigo Bank staff. Our main job is to oversee the financial position of the company by introducing new business to our bank staff to increase our income, reducing costs wherever possible and to help distribute the profit to the community.

What's the most rewarding thing about your role: Meeting people and watching our community prosper and develop. What we have in the Railway Towns and Districts is unique and we don't want to lose that. I'm a great advocate for supporting our local businesses. It helps us all if we keep money circulating in our community. With the Bunyip Community Bank, our share of the profit goes back into the community as grants, sponsorships and dividends. It's a win-win for all.

What's your favourite memory or achievement within the organisation this year : Sorting through all the grant applications and then watching the successful groups receive their grant funding at our AGM. I have done it 12 times and I never tire of it. I love to see how the money makes a difference to our local groups. It makes me feel that my efforts as a volunteer are all worthwhile.



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TALKIN' ...FISHIN' TRIP TALES

Sometimes you'll return from a fishing trip with no fish, but nearly always we come back with a few amusing stories to tell our Mates, here's 2 of them!

NO.1 *On a fishing trip to the 'Big River' above Jamieson it unfortunately started to pour rain just when we got there, signs were that it had obviously been off and on all through the day, but when you've come all that way it doesn't hurt to have a look and hope for the best. So my mate drove into the camp ground close to the bridge, however we were confronted by a large puddle in what you might just call a driveway, tenderly I instructed my mate to go through steadily on a chosen line I picked, no acceleration just a steady speed. Great, got through easily in a puddle no deeper than 12", not bad for a Chrysler Galant, we cheered! We got out in the heavy rain and stood under the trees for a bit of shelter, while viewing the river in full flood, realised we were crazy to even try in the absolutely hopeless conditions. We decided to make the retreat back to Thornton. On leaving the same instructions applied, go through at a steady speed, but at the last minute my Mate chose the alternate driveway lawful left side yes, but as we soon discovered with a depth at least double the other one with a soft mud bottom. In a panic he chose 1st gear with more power, you guessed it sunk to the axles (A Galant is no 4WD). So after a few choice words it was agreed that (me not being the driver) I would get us out of this while he drove. In the freezing cold rain I exited the vehicle, minus my boots, socks and pants, as these were the only dry clothes I had. We were parked in what now seemed like a small Lake, I donned my waterproof jacket and retrieved a Tommy axe from the boot and proceeded to cut tea tree branches to stuff under the rear wheels, more each time, but with every spin of the wheels he gave me a body spray paint of mountain soil, a shade of burnt umber I'd say! After about ½ an hour of cutting and wedging, escape was finally gained and we were out with me sitting on the boot for weight and the added traction control. I had to stand on the bitumen road in the rain to shower off all the mud, frozen with chattering teeth I dressed in the car with the heater going, caravan park showers never felt SO good!*

Trip instruction now read....."Ron", don't ever try that again!

NO.2 *On our way to one of our favourite rivers, The Mighty Goulburn River, the journey always started with a pre-fishing stop at the Healesville Bakery, the old one in 1980.*

Favourites on the menu were Pie and sausage rolls with sauce, and for dessert...vanilla slice and jam and cream bun washed down with banana or iced coffee Big M's. (I said it was the '80's). With the hot food downed in the Main St we headed on our way. We were eager to get there but still had to tackle the Black Spur run through the winding forest. We had time to make up now, my 1979 Holden Gemini TD sedan with a 5 speed was quite a quick car then, quick on the gear shift with an extra after-market anti sway bar fitted to the rear axle plenty of go and flat out on the corners. (Sorry, a nostalgia moment please).

Heading out of town past the first climb at the lookout we settled in for the rally run to Eildon. The desserts now tempting us to finish off the takeaway meal, my mate already tucking into his vanilla slice seemed unfair with me driving. Powering down the road and into the dip after the first hill climb my mate skulled down his Big M banana carton while I took the first bight out of my huge cream bun, but being in my left hand and on the wheel and needing to change up a gear, using my right hand as I have many times before, accelerating to 90kmh in 3rd I went for the stick change to 4th, unfortunately I selected 2nd gear instead, the de-acceleration was immediate.

Ron's Big M poured up his nose while he was sculling it down and slammed it into the windscreen and poured into all the dash vents slopping side to side like a tide until he caught it floating past. My cream bun in my left hand smashed into the windscreen also but spectacularly, like a huge bug on the other side it slid the entire length still in my hand leaving a snail trail of jam and cream behind it, mixing with the banana milk river below. I swear, I smelt that sour banana smell every summer and every winter I turned the cars heater on, eventually I only got rid of it after replacing the vent hoses. Now we're '60' and 40 years later, Ron and I still have a great laugh about those days.

Just a small disclaimer: We were all young and stupid once! Age brings wisdom and common-sense. Just wish I didn't have to wait so long to get it!

Yeah! We're back onLet's Fish.

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Lest We Forget

By Roman Kulkewycz

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions the Anzac Day remembrances were vastly different from previous years. There was no gathering of groups, instead people stood silently in their driveways at 6am as dawn broke with lighted candles to remember our fallen heroes.

People going for their daily morning walks laid wreaths at the Cenotaphs. President of the Bunyip Branch of the RSL, Colin Teese of Garfield arrived at the Garfield Cenotaph and laid a wreath as dawn was breaking. People, on their morning walks also stopped by the Cenotaph and paid their respects. By mid morning quite a few wreaths and flowers lay at the foot of the Cenotaph

Photo 1 President of the Bunyip Branch of the RSL, Colin Teese of Garfield lays a wreath and pays his respects for our fallen heroes at the Garfield Cenotaph.

Photo 2 Helen and John Legione of Bunyip laid wreaths on behalf of the Bunyip CFA and the Bunyip/Garfield Rotary Club..

Photos by Roman Kulkewycz



Two Hoots tell.....

Its certainly been a roller coaster ride for all local businesses over the last 2 months.

At times new information and restrictions were changing daily which posed problems around making sure we were following the rules with social distancing and numbers allowed on premises at one time.

Another challenge that has faced us all is adapting our business model to continue to be able to remain open and support the community and staff through this time.

At Two Hoots we changed our menu up to be able to accommodate takeaway and home delivery. We also made our range of cocktails available in takeaway which has proved a big hit with the locals.

Two Hoots also offers elderly and vulnerable members of the community free meals delivered to their homes while they were in lockdown as we saw a real need for care and support during a very scary time for many people. We continue to offer this

service to anyone who contacts us via office@twohootswinebar.com.au.

Two Hoots has been lucky to receive great community support which has enabled us to employ an extra staff member to do home deliveries.

Although we have needed to reduce our hours and look at continual innovation we feel positive about the coming months as we come out of lock down are able to greet customers for dine in meals.

One thing is for sure, we will continue to offer takeaway and home delivery along with supporting local people and clubs where we can to say thank you for the support we have received from the community.



My Covid-19 Isolation Activities

By Roman Kulkewycz

I have tried to keep myself busy during isolation over the last few weeks and perhaps in a way I am lucky that this period of isolation has given me much time to catch up on my computer work and sort out photos and stories that I had written a long time ago and forgotten about. However as good as that may be, there is still this overriding pall that has descended over our household that we have lost our freedom. But it's for the greater good and in everyone's interest and really a small price to pay; and we owe it to our community that we observe these strict guidelines in order to get back to some sort of normality soon.

I miss my football too. It's something I look forward to every season. From our place I can see the Garfield footy oval and every Tuesday and Thursday night I would see the oval lights shining brightly and hear the shouts of the players in training echoing in the night. Then on Saturday afternoons looking at the cars parked like sardines in a can and the shouting of the game – all gone!

I have been fortunate to be able to keep in touch with family and close friends via email, phone calls and via Skype. So I have to be grateful for small mercies. I have been ordering some essential things online and shopping locally where I can. Ben and the staff at IGA in Bunyip have been extremely helpful, courteous and cheerfully going that extra mile under difficult conditions to look after the locals. Thank goodness for Tony, Leanne and staff at our Garfield Post Office. They have the patience of a Saint. If Tony can fit a small parcel into his mailbag, he will do so and deliver it to save us from going out into the community. Dinesh and his friendly team at the Bunyip Pharmacy have worked extra hard too and under extreme pressure to ensure locals have their pharmaceutical needs met as has Garfield's popular Pharmacist Narai Jung also ensured that the Garfield and District locals are well looked after. When this crisis is over, we must repay their community kindness and support our local traders by

shopping locally.

I have used my time to clean up things in my garden and taken to cooking and baking as well. I was delighted to find a big bag of bread flour, only to be disappointed when I couldn't buy any yeast anywhere. Then, like a miracle, my gorgeous wife Wilma, doing some sorting in the pantry found a whole box of yeast sachets and I was good to go. I downloaded a recipe from the internet and put all of the ingredients into the bread maker. Five hours later the loaf was baked. It had a soft and fluffy texture on the inside, but the crust had some slightly burnt spots. To cut a long story short (pardon the pun) I had a slice with strawberry jam and found that those burnt spots actually gave it a fabulous old fashioned home baked flavour. Subsequent slices toasted also tasted delicious. Success! More to come.

Buoyed by the success of my baking it was time to move on and cook something different. Coming from a Ukrainian background, I remembered my dear mother making the traditional Ukrainian dish called Vareneki or if you're of Polish background, the same dish is called Pierogi. I have made them for my family before on occasions and they were popular with my kids when they still lived at home. My mother taught me how to make them – so it was time to make another batch. I took photos along the way and posted them on Facebook where I received a lot of complimentary comments and requests for the recipe. I have included it here for those wishing to make it. Something I didn't realise which is equally as important as the Vareneki themselves were the memories of my childhood days that this cooking experience evoked in me. Things I did with my parents, my brother and my friends all those years ago. I realised how important cooking is for residents in aged care facilities because of the associated happy memories it brings back. For those adventurous enough, I have included my mother's Vareneki recipe. Good Luck!

See next page for Roman's Vareneki recipe

For the June issue, maybe you could submit what you have been doing in isolation, what skills or hobbies you have rediscovered or learnt. You can email us at editor@bunyipnews.org.au or leave hard copy in the box at the Bunyip Supermarket. Please put your name and phone number on your article so that we may contact you if necessary. Deadline is Tuesday 9th June.

The Bunyip news is looking for someone to join the team and take on the position of advertising coordinator. Skills needed include being confident with computer programs including MS Publisher, Excel, *(or a willingness to learn)* internet banking and be able to communicate with advertisers, via email and phone. If you think you can help please call on 0419 156 844.
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PIEROGI RECIPE

Ingredients: 3 cups of plain flour
½ Teaspoon salt
1 Egg
½ Cup of Water.

Mix these ingredients until you reach the consistency of bread dough either by adding small amounts of water or flour as you blend the ingredients.

Break off small amounts of dough and roll out thinly. Cut out circles about 4 – 5 inches in diameter using a cup, glass or pastry cutter.

Use a teaspoon to scoop a small amount of filling into the centre of each cut out dough piece and fold over and crimp as in a pastie.

When completed, drop into a big pot of boiling water. Boil for about 2 – 3 minutes until the dumplings float to the surface. Scoop out.

Similar to steamed Dim Sims, these are ready to eat hot with a large dollop of thickened sour cream.

What is left over or if you prefer, let them cool and when needed fry them in butter in a pan until they get a crispy golden colour. Enjoy with sour cream also.

Pierogi Filling

The traditional filling is mashed potato (cold) . Cook and mash your potatoes. Chop up a brown onion and fry in a pan until golden brown. Mix into your mashed potato and allow to cool.

You can also make fruit filling of your choice. These of course you eat with thickened fresh cream. I have used plum and blackberries.

Pierogi is the Polish name for this dish.

Vareneki is the Ukrainian name for the same dish.



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Nine local artists appointed as facilitators for the Western and Central Gippsland bushfire recovery program



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Creative Recovery Network has announced the appointment of nine artists to participate in a new bushfire recovery program designed to support community recovery and resilience building.

The program is in response to the Bunyip, Yinnar South and Walhalla District bushfires in Victoria in February/March 2019. It is a region-wide partnership between Creative Recovery Network and Baw Baw Shire, Cardinia Shire and Latrobe City Council with support from Lifeline Gippsland.

The program is designed to build capacity among local artists to develop recovery programs in disaster-affected communities, as well as foster a sense of communal recovery through the facilitation of unique creative projects.

Three artists from each participating local government area have been appointed to the role of Creative Recovery Artist Facilitator. They are:

- Gülsen Özer, Sue Jarvis and Janine Good for Cardinia Shire;
- Helen Timbury and Rebecca Vandyk for Baw Baw Shire;
- Jo Caminiti and Margie Mackay for Latrobe City;
- Jeremy Kasper who will work jointly across Baw Baw Shire and Latrobe City and;
- Michael Wilkins, a documentary film artist who will work across the three areas to capture the project development.

The facilitators will be mentored in specific requirements for working in trauma impacted communities and will receive training in Mental Health First Aid and an introduction to Emergency Management.

Creative Recovery Network's Amanda Gibson is lead mentor on the project, working closely with the facilitators throughout the process. Amanda is best-known for her work as project lead on 'The Blacksmiths' Tree', a three-tonne stainless steel and copper gum tree sculpture created in response to Victoria's Black Saturday bushfires in 2009.

On welcoming the newly appointed facilitators to the program, Creative Recovery Network Executive Officer, Scotia Monkivitch, said: "I am delighted to welcome our new artist facilitators and thank them for their commitment to the task ahead. In the face of enormous community challenges, it is essential that key recovery efforts come from within and are focused at a community level.

"I am confident that the training and knowledge-sharing we undertake will leave a lasting legacy across the region by equipping artists with the skills to develop and expand recovery efforts into the future.

"We look forward to supporting them in creating impactful programs that can provide a meaningful space for connectivity, social cohesion and shared-experience."

Cardinia Shire Mayor Councillor Jeff Springfield congratulated the three artists appointed as Creative Artist Recovery Facilitators in Cardinia Shire.

"The new Creative Artist Recovery Facilitators will play an important role in helping people in bushfire-affected areas to connect with each other, strengthen their connection to the community and create a lasting legacy to commemorate the Bunyip Complex Fires."

The commencement of the program marks the first segment in a multi-phase process for the development of recovery projects in the region over the next two years.

In response to the current impact of COVID-19, the artists are engaging with their communities through the development of a postal project. This creative consultation process will enable residents to engage in a postal exchange to share stories of their experience, ideas and hopes for their community's recovery and growth into the future.

Ms Monkivitch emphasises that while the focus of this program is the bushfires which occurred in Bunyip, Yinnar South and Walhalla District in February/March 2019, stimulus plans in response to the recent season's disaster impacts are currently in progress in partnership with state and national agencies to implement similar models across a range of impacted communities.

This project has been supported by funding from the State Government of Victoria.

About Creative Recovery Network

The Creative Recovery Network is a national network of artists working with communities as they prepare, respond and recover from natural disasters, assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

The Creative Recovery Network demonstrates the value and importance of arts and culture in building disaster resilient communities from the ground up, so that arts and culture are given a 'seat at the table' when preparedness and response are being planned.



Young people get your creative juices flowing!

Cardinia Youth Services are running a writing competition for young people aged 12-24.

Entries can include short stories, song lyrics, poetry and journalistic articles.

Submit your piece to myplace@cardinia.vic.gov.au by Friday 22 May 2020.

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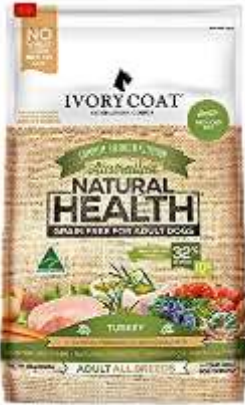
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Night Owls

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Meetings will now be held at the Butcher Shop Hotel (Bottom Pub) in Bunyip on the second Wednesday of the month at 6.30 pm.

For all enquiries please call Lindy on 0419 562 956.

BUNYIP NEWSLETTER – reflection

On Sunday 22 March, as we were entering into the period of lock-down, we had our final service at St.Thomas' outside in the garden in front of the beautiful Christus Rex carving. The new rules were coming in and we could not meet in the church. Just fifteen of us gathered for a rich and beautiful liturgy, which was blessed with gentle rain as we concluded.

Since then the church has been shut and we have not met face to face. We have not however closed down. Somehow as a church we are stronger and the St.Thomas' community is more alive than ever. We have continued to meet week by week, not physically, but in heart and in mind.

Each Sunday at 10 a.m. we have a Spiritual Communion, which encourages people to use their imagination and to keep connected with other members of the congregation. We work through a simple order of service and think deeply about the day's gospel passage. The weekly notice sheet has been maintained and is circulated by post and by hand. It has shared stories of people's well-being and of their creativity

Pastoral care has been strong on the agenda

with a loving practice of care and connection among the community. We use email, the phone and we've done our best to support Australia Post by writing lots of letters.

In the meantime the physical fabric of the church has been maintained. Pam, Tony and Arthur have kept the grounds looking good. Ruth and Tim have kept an eye on the

building. When we re-opened the church for Mrs.Proposch's funeral on Monday 11 May the brass was sparkling.

Margaret Carlyle has kept our new sign up to date with loving messages at Easter, Anzac day and to the police force. Currently we have a thanksgiving for health care workers on our sign, with special mention of the Hillview staff.

We seem to have learnt a lot about the courage of others and our own personal resource. We seem to be growing in faith and understanding. If we can maintain this growth then life will be different as we come out of this lock-down and meet together again.

Some of us are going to engage in a Thomas Merton retreat at home at the end of the month. Others are spending time with Monet's paintings through a colouring project. We look forward to exciting and interesting times as we rediscover ourselves as a congregation.

One of the things I have been doing over these locked-in weeks is reading something of the life and philosophy of Sir Thomas Browne (1605-1682) who lived through the trauma of the English Civil War. He said, 'We carry within us the wonders seek outside us : there is all of Africa and her prodigies in us.'

Maybe others of us have learnt this, as well as me –

we have learnt to wonder and notice beauty again, we have learnt about the resource we contain within ourselves.

Ken Parker the priest at St.Thomas' Anglican Church

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At Concetta's kitchen we have adjusted to deal with COVID-19. We've had to make a few changes to help make things run smoothly for our customers and our staff. We are doing everything to make sure we are constantly sanitising commonly touched areas such as door handles and counters throughout the day and we have sanitizer on the counter for our customers to use as well.

There are lots of takeaway options ready to go in the morning & lunchtime so customers don't have to wait. Lots of phone orders as well for people wanting something specific.

To help control the number of customers in the shop at night time we've had to try a new system where the customers ring their order through and are given a wait time then the customers wait in their car until they receive a text from us to come in and collect their food, this system seems to work well.

We have removed our tables and chairs to make room for social distancing. This has been a hard thing especially on Friday nights because at Concetta's we are a very social business and our customers love to talk to each other and us.

While customers are waiting for their orders we would have a shop full of people sitting at the tables talking amongst themselves which was always lovely to see.

We have a sign in the shop that reads:

There are no strangers here, only friends we have not met yet. So that part of our business we are really

missing. We love having a shop full of people chatting away where we know most of our customers by name this is what makes our town special and unique.

We must say a big **Thankyou** to our wonderful community and customers who are keeping our business going during this time.

We know times are tough for many at this time and we are one of the lucky ones and have been so busy which is wonderful and it's because of the support of everyone that we are so grateful and would love to take this opportunity to say a big

THANKYOU
for your
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**Please stay
safe
everyone
from Connie,
Jo & all the
staff at
Concetta's**



At the Bunyip Football Club, 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of our 1990 senior premiership, the 20th anniversary of our 2000 senior and Under 12 premierships. At this point in time we are unsure when we will be able to celebrate with reunions but hope to do so at some point this year.

The Football Club is still operating and maintaining the Rec Reserve to give people the ability to enjoy the outdoor facilities through this tough time, and we would like to send our gratitude to the sponsors who have supported us through this period.



The Club is looking forward to being involved in getting its members and the community active again now that there has been some changes to the COVID-19 restrictions in regards to group fitness being able to be run in outdoor areas.



Bunyip captain Dean Popley and coach Ben McGee (second) by league president Roger Greyson (left) the Ellisthorpe and District Football League premiership cup. Bunyip, which has had to endure talk of relegation and folding in recent years, assessed its own year Ellisthorpe at Western Oval in Warrack on Saturday.

HERBIES COURIER SERVICE

A smoky, banged up Holden can be heard off down the street
It backfires as it rolls along where curb and pavement meet

As locals wait on eagerly and retailers are nervous
Round the bend and late as hell comes 'Herbie's Courier Service'

The driver stinks to heaven, he appears less than desired
But in this one-horse town there is no chance of getting fired

Old Herb they call him, strange because his name is Tom McGill
His name same as his father, owner of the Grand Hotel

He hails from up round Nowhere creek, this hotel owners son
To keep him from the bottle, he's now on the parcel run

It seems he hasn't washed in weeks, his clothes are all but rags
Whenever you may talk to him, he smells of drink and dags

His cargo: if you placed the slightest value in your freight,
well nine times out of ten it would be broke and running late
You'll see his ute, that tin of bolts. His slogan somewhat clever

Cause underneath his trading name states "better late than never"
He'd turn up with your packages, like a weathered old explorer
And mutter to himself while dropping off your consigned order

His hat was bent, his teeth were black, his whiskey nose was glowing
His boots so badly worn that when he walked, his toes where showing

I met him once, he'd broken down, his ute had boiled the water.
He had to dash, was running from the local grocers daughter

You see, there was a romance blooming many moons ago
But Herb got busy elsewhere then got caught and had to go

The grocers daughter peppered him with shot in his behind
He took off quick and smart before his arse was redesigned

I helped him fix his ute and got him heading down the track
To clear off from the girls and get another load to hack

The next day sure enough he turned up same as day before
With boxes loaded to the hilt and foot flat to the floor

The broken man will never change, he'll never come about
As long as there is grog around, he'll never be in drought

He's 'missed the boat' as anyone in town could be concerned
But buggered they would be if he should fail to return

Cause townsfolk need a parcel moved around from week to week
And Herb still wanders down each day from up near Nowhere Creek

His old ute still roars down the road. His clients still are nervous
Cause in from all the smoke and dust comes 'Herbie's Courier Service'

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Slow Cooked Macaroni Cheese

By A. Lazy Cook

2 cups macaroni
200g cheddar cheese, shredded
2 tablespoons parmesan cheese,
finely grated (optional)
1/4 cup plain flour
25g butter
3 cups hot chicken stock
3 rashers bacon, chopped
1 brown onion, finely chopped
1 cup frozen corn (optional)

Place macaroni, cheddar, parmesan cheese and flour into a large slow cooker. Mix until well combined. Place butter in the centre of the slow cooker.

Pour hot chicken stock over the butter to melt it. Stir to combine.

Add bacon pieces and onion pieces. Stir again to mix well. Cover and cook on high for 1 1/4 to 2 hours (depending on your slow cooker). Stir a couple of times during cooking to break up any clumps, especially at the bottom of the slow cooker.

You'll know when it's ready because the macaroni will have absorbed all the liquid and it will be a lovely golden-brown colour.

Stir in corn. Cook for a further 5 minutes. Enjoy!



I love this recipe best with chopped zucchini in it, but it does add another step! Just add it in after about 45 minutes of cooking.

Feel free to fry the bacon and onion first for a crispy texture, but it's not essential if you're short on time. Does anyone else have any special recipes they'd like to share with the community?



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Graham Briggs

Robert Craig Else

Born 29th June 1922

VX113027, A.I.F. 2/7 Indep. Coy., Australian Infantry who died on 27 March 1943 Age 20

Son of William Craig Else and Adeline Muriel Else, of Bunyip, Victoria.



Robert served in 58th Battalion and enlisted at Casino NSW 25 July 1942 when he was 20. He was a dairy farmer and single, his father William Craig Else is his "next of kin". Robert served in New Guinea. Corporal RC Else was reported missing in action on 27 Mar 1943 presumed dead.

Parents, William Craig Else married Adeline Muriel Walton in 1911 in Victoria. (Vic Mci 8966/1911), children born are Keith Douglas b 1913 Bunyip Sth, d 1931 age 18 at the Kew Asylum an inquest was held, he died of Colitis. Muriel Jean b 1914/d 1914 aged 3 months at Bunyip. Gweneth Lilian b 1918 Sth Bunyip ,d 2011 Traralgon. Robert Craig b 1922 Bunyip d 1943 New Guinea. Joyce Katherine b 192? Bunyip d 2008. John Clifford b 1926 D 1936 age 10 at Warragul.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
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Service No. **VX113027**

Name **Robert Craig Else**

Rank **Private**

Enlisted for service at **Casino NSW** on **25 July 1942**

A (Questions to be put to person called out or previously threatened for voluntary enlistment.)

1. What is your name? **Robert Craig Else**

2. Where were you born? **Bunyip Victoria**

3. What is your present home address? **111/112 Bunyip St Bunyip Victoria**

4. What is your age and date of birth? **20 years 6 months 29 days 29/6/22**

5. What is your trade or occupation? **Dairy farmer**

6. Are you married, single or widowed? **Single**

7. Have you previously served in any Armed Force other than that of the United Kingdom, or in any other force? **No**

8. What is your present address? **111/112 Bunyip St Bunyip Victoria**

9. What is your religious denomination? (If none specified, state "None") **Anglican**

10. Have you ever been sentenced by a civil court? **No**

11. What are you doing following discharge from military service? **Working on farm**

12. I solemnly declare that the above answers made by me are true and correct and that I am willing to serve in the Australian Military Forces, either as directed by the Government of Australia or as directed by the Government of the United Kingdom.

B MEDICAL EXAMINATION

1. I certify the above answers given by the person named above are true and correct.

C OATH OF ENLISTMENT

I, **Robert Craig Else**, do hereby declare that I will do my best and will serve the Commonwealth of Australia with the Australian Military Forces, either as directed by the Government of Australia or as directed by the Government of the United Kingdom, and that I will do all such things as may be required of me by the Government of Australia or the Government of the United Kingdom, and that I will do all such things as may be required of me by the Government of Australia or the Government of the United Kingdom, and that I will do all such things as may be required of me by the Government of Australia or the Government of the United Kingdom.

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ELSE, Robert Craig PVT VX113027 A.I.F. Bunyip War Memorial WW2

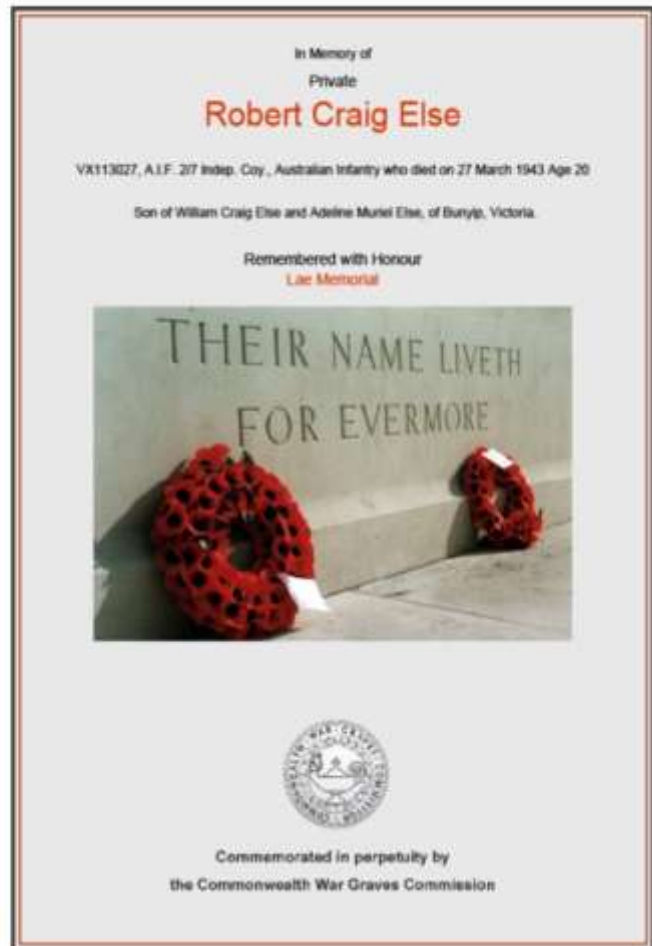
The 2/7th Commando Company was one of 12 independent companies or commando squadrons raised by the Australian Army during the Second World War. Raised in May 1942, as the 2/7th Independent Company, the 2/7th served in New Guinea in 1943 during the Salamaua - Lae campaign before being redesignated as the 2/7th Commando Squadron when it was amalgamated with two other commando squadrons to become part of the 2/6th Cavalry (Commando) Regiment. Later at the end of 1944, it was sent to New Guinea again, where it took part in the Aitape–Wewak campaign. Following the end of the war, the squadron was returned to Australia and disbanded early in 1946.

Formation

In late 1940 the Australian Army began considering the issue of raising independent companies or commando units for the conduct of irregular warfare.[1] Based upon proposals and advice from the British Military Mission in Australia, in March 1941 the Army began training company-sized units that would act independently of higher command to carry out tasks such as raiding, sabotage, and subversion. As the war progressed the role that these independent companies would fulfil evolved towards guerrilla operations such as stay-behind, long range penetration and reconnaissance. In this regard between 1941 and 1942 eight independent companies were raised. The 2/7th Independent Company was one of these units, and was formed in May 1942, undertaking training at the Guerrilla Warfare School at Wilsons Promontory, Victoria.

New Guinea 1942–1943

Following the completion of its training, the company was deployed to New Guinea in late 1942, landing at Port Moresby. From there it was flown to Wau in January 1943, where it was used to reinforce elements of the 6th Division and units Kanga Force during the Salamaua–Lae campaign. Between January and April, the company operated in conjunction with 2/3rd and 2/5th Independent Companies, performing mainly a traditional infantry role. During this time they conducted a number of patrols and were involved in a very successful ambush on a large force of Japanese, resulting in a high number of enemy casualties. Later, they were directly involved with the defence of Wau, before helping to push the Japanese back to Mubo, where they conducted small scale harassment raids. The 2/7th's commanding officer, Major Thomas MacAdie, was awarded a Distinguished Service Order for his gallantry and leadership during this phase of the campaign.



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Closer to the Edge: Isle of Man TT

It's all the hard surfaces that are just so confronting.

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Welcome to the Isle of Man and the Tourist Trophy (TT) course where the dangers are set in stone.

But hang on, is this a motorbike spot or a travel blog? Good question.

As you know I've written about a some of my favourite motorbike rides and shared the joys and challenges along the way. This month I thought I would take a different tack, and asked one of my good friends to share his recent experience on the other side of the planet, on the Isle of Man. Isle of Man you say? Where exactly is that and what is the link to motorcycling?

Nestled between Great Britain and Ireland in the Irish Sea, the Isle of Man is a self-governing British Crown dependency, which basically means it leverages the democratic framework of Great Britain but can determine its own laws. As a result, once a year it closes 60 kilometres of public roads and 'relaxes' the road rules to create the Isle of Man TT Course, where competitors compete on a time trial basis with staggered starts separated by 30 seconds for up to 5 laps (depending on weather conditions).

The course is unrelenting in terms of speed, cornering, changing camber and demands on concentration. While it is a race to the line, it is also undoubtedly an endurance test of attention and focus as the course demands more of the rider and their motorcycle around each bend, crest and dip.

Given the size of the course, many sections of the track have a collective name: *Bray Hill* (a steady but unsettling 4 km decline through suburban Douglas where riders hit 300kph at the dip), *Greeba Castle* where you pass old stone pubs nestling next to the course, the *Gooseneck* (where commitment and respect are required as the rider leans over and feeds on the power through an uphill blind corner), and *Crag-Ny-Bar*, a 90 degree right hander in front of a raucous pub crowd.

The Isle of Man has a population of 85,000 however this swells by over 30,000 during the two week celebration of motorcycling racing with practice during the first week and the second week hosting seven races for different bike classes including large capacity engines, side cars and electric bikes.



The race was first held in 1917 and the course itself incorporates public roads through built up residential areas, narrow sections among sparsely populated rural areas, open countryside and the infamous 'mountain course' which is a 20 km sprint across windswept treeless hills that tantalise the rider with false comfort given the temporary absence of stone walls and gutters but ready to punish without favour if conditions are underestimated and judgement is lacking.

The average speed of the winners in recent years has exceeded 220 kph, and again, that's average speed around the 60 kilometre course. Top speeds on the open sections regularly exceed 300kph, however its important to note that not anyone can compete in the races. All riders must be fully licensed and registered professional racers or must complete a pre-event skills and speed assessment to determine capability and competence to ride the course. Many hopeful riders are denied the opportunity to compete if they cannot evidence the requisite skills.

My mate Tim was fortunate enough to borrow a bike and get out on the course a few days after the races had finished, while signage and stands were still up and he was so enamoured with the challenge and reward the course afforded him, he not only rode the 60 km course twice, he did the mountain section four times (!) until the sun was setting at 9.55 pm and the wind chill was seeping through his jacket.

If you have an interest in motorcycles, and/or may be a more traditional style of motorcycle racing, I'm told you should get to the Isle of Man in late June to soak in the Isle of Man TT and all that it offers. You'll love it.

Write to me on the above email if you have any comments, questions or suggestions.

Until next month, stay safe....cheers

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Victorian local government elections to proceed

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has noted today’s announcement from the Victorian Government that the local government elections for 2020 will proceed as planned in October this year. The Minister for Local Government has confirmed that all local government elections in 2020 will be conducted by post.

Electoral Commissioner, Warwick Gately AM acknowledged the announcement. “The upcoming local government elections in Victoria will support continuity of democratic representation for Victorian communities,” Mr Gately said.

“The VEC will continue to monitor and implement advice issued by the Chief Health Officer of Victoria to ensure the elections are conducted with minimal risk to the health and safety of Victorians.”

Ballot packs will be mailed to voters and will include voting instructions, candidate information, a ballot

paper, and a reply-paid envelope. Postal voting is completely secret. “We will continue to liaise with Australia Post, given their critical role in the elections”. Voters must confirm they are enrolled on either the State electoral roll or their council roll before 4.00 pm on Friday 28 August 2020.

The VEC will take additional measures to protect the health and wellbeing of staff, candidates and the public. This includes provisions to maintain physical distancing requirements and hygiene standards at all election office and count locations. It’s anticipated the adjustments will extend the time period for finalising results by one week. It is important to remember that voting is compulsory for voters who are on the State roll. State-enrolled voters who don’t vote may be fined



Isolation as a Working Mum

by Megan Mathisen

Some nights I lie awake worrying that my kids are falling behind (socially and intellectually) because of home schooling. Then I think it's ok as we are all doing it hard, they will all catch up at some stage.

We are all in the same boat.

I look at social media and some families are flourishing in this pandemic world. Spending more time together, cooking, getting jobs done whilst others are struggling to put on pants (I fall into this second category). The emotional roller coaster begins again, am I failing my family?

I read a comment that gave me such clarity. An unknown author said "*We are in the same storm, but we are not in the same boat*". Whilst some are facing financial ruin, others are bringing home more money than they usually would due to additional government support. Some are struggling with not being able to see friends / family. Some are enjoying the freedom of not having to run from one commitment to the next whilst others are struggling with the extra time alone with their thoughts.

I am still working. As an "essential worker" I leave my house to go to my job 3 days a week. I am also a single mum. Luckily I have a really good relationship with my ex-husband who thankfully, has also kept his job. He is working from home. So he has stepped up and takes the kids on the days I am at work. I am very grateful for the position I am in.

I also feel:

Guilt – my ex is trying to work from home and home school and that's really hard, while I get "the day off"

to sit at my desk, not being interrupted by 100 questions a day.

Annoyed – I go in to my work every day so that people can still access their money but I'm not a doctor, nurse or paramedic, facing the "frontline" so I don't get a parade out the front of my house for going to work. Is anyone thanking the bank staff for assisting to transition customers to on-line banking to help keep them at home and safe?

Frustrated – having the kids go back and forth means that they often leave things behind, a charger here, iPad there. So trying to home school without all the resources is challenging.

Guilt again – because I'm "lucky". I'm lucky I still have a job, I'm lucky I have an ex who can take the kids, I'm lucky to have "time off" while the kids are at their dad's, I'm lucky I have friends who I speak to every day. And because I have no right to feel annoyed and frustrated when I am so lucky.

So for me personally, this time has been a roller coaster. Thankfully there have been more ups than downs. It has given me the opportunity to ask for help. Something I have never been comfortable doing.

I have seen the best of our little Bunyip & District Community – locals supporting businesses, people supporting each other. I have heard stories about the bad things but I hope these are less common than the good.

At the end of it all, you can only be kind. You really don't know what is going on in anyone else's boat and if their boat will survive the storm.



Origin. "Back to Bunyip 1959"

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2 the Bunyip Historical society researched the twenty one WW2 names on the towns war memorial.

Much information was found from the various online sources and much was discovered, many of the men that died were in prisoner of war camps in Ambon or in Thailand, several of the servicemen were pilots who came down in their planes and there were two families that lost two sons or brothers. Members of the society also came into contact with descendants of these men and letters were also discovered. Read about Robert Else in this issue, or have a look on the website bunyiphistory.org.au and read about these brave men and glimpse a little of how they lived. If you are interested in being involved the **Bunyip Historical Society** meets bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month at the Bunyip Hall "RSL" room and have regular speakers (5-6 meetings a year). Membership is \$10 per year.

For more information call 0419 156 844 or 0419 562 956

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Local police update

(18th May 2020)

By Danny Hower, Victoria Police Sergeant

Hello, Hope everyone is keeping safe and looking after each other.

Due to public interest I thought it was appropriate to pass on some serious information pertaining to probably the largest proportion of police work nowadays – family violence. Most legal police actions are as a result of the white man laws and regulations documented in numerous Acts of Parliament and Statute (Law books). These books also contain definitions of some of the words that are used within the legislation which try to explain what the words are meant to mean in that context... still with me - maybe read that again.

One of the law books that police use more than ever is the Family Violence Protection Act 2008 (FVPA) which also contains numerous definitions. The extent of those definitions cover many pages and are probably not something you could discuss in one dinner session.

Below is an example of some of the definitions quoted in the FVPA which are very relevant to daily living and people's behaviours. It's heavy reading but current.

Section 5 of the Family Violence Protection Act defines family violence and safety as:

Family violence - broadly defined to cover:

- physical or sexual abuse;
- economic abuse;
- emotional or psychological abuse;
- threatening or coercive behaviour;
- behaviour that in any other way controls or dominates a family member and causes them to feel fear for their safety or wellbeing or for that of another person;
- causing a child to hear, witness or be exposed to family violence.

Safety means safety from family violence (see above).

Further examples are also documented in length, including but not limited to:

Economic abuse - Behaviour that is coercive, deceptive or unreasonably controls another person without that person's consent. Some examples of economic abuse:

- coercing a person to relinquish control over assets and income;
- removing or keeping a family member's property without permission, or threatening to do so;
- disposing of property owned by a person, or owned jointly with a person, against the person's wishes and without lawful excuse;
- without lawful excuse, preventing a person from having access to joint financial assets for the purposes of meeting normal household expenses;
- preventing a person from seeking or keeping employment;
- coercing a person to claim social security payments;
- coercing a person to sign a power of attorney that would enable the person's finances to be managed by another person;
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goods or services.

Emotional or psychological abuse means behaviour towards another person that torments, intimidates, harasses or is offensive to the other person. This refers only to the actual effect of behaviour on the affected family member. Examples include:

- repeated derogatory taunts, including racial taunts;
- threatening to disclose a person's sexual orientation to the person's friends or family against the person's wishes;
- threatening to withhold a person's medication;
- preventing a person from making or keeping connections with the person's family, friends or culture, including cultural or spiritual ceremonies or practices, or preventing the person from expressing the person's cultural identity;
- threatening to commit suicide or self-harm with the intention of tormenting or intimidating a family member, or threatening the death or injury of another person.

Behaviour that causes a child to hear, witness or be exposed to the effects of family violence. Examples include:

- overhearing threats of physical abuse by one family member towards another family member;
- seeing or hearing an assault of a family member by another family member;
- comforting or providing assistance to a family member who has been physically abused by another family member;
- cleaning up a site after a family member has intentionally damaged another family member's property;
- being present when police officers attend an incident involving physical abuse of a family member by another family member.

Studies increasingly reveal the devastating impacts that family violence have on children both as the primary victim of the violence, as well as by witnessing violence or the effects between parents and/or family members.

Importantly as well, the definition of 'family member' is very broad and we are increasingly getting more reports of parental abuse being committed by adult children of the ice age.

Fortunately more people are coming through our front door seeking advice on long term home issues rather than waiting for things to self-fix or explode.

If you wouldn't do it to someone you don't know, then you probably shouldn't do it to someone you do.

Seriously yours,

Danny Hower, Victoria Police Sergeant 26184

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- Give Brassicas a blast this month, and pop the following into your patch: broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts. Plant some sage with them as a great, caterpillar and moth-repelling companion!
- By putting in peas and broad beans now, you are giving them the winter to extend their roots deep. This means that when the weather does start getting warmer and the frosts disappear you are ahead of the game. Radish, Swedes, turnips and spinach will also crop well if planted now.
- <https://www.sgaonline.org.au/may-in-your-patch/>

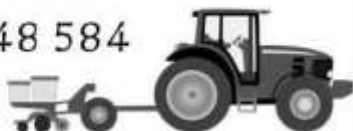


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