

# TUBBUT TATTLE

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Tubbut Neighbourhood House

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Thanks to Connie Malone for the cover photo.

# CLASSIFIEDS

Orbost Solar and Electrical  
Happy to come to our area and comes highly recommended by the Tubbut Neighbourhood House  
Call Ben on 0434038395



## WANTED

Old crockery of any colour except white, can have patterns, can be broken.

Please contact Sue Collins 64580287 or the NH, or leave at the Bonang Hall.

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Contact the Tubbut Neighbourhood House

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The Goongerah Hub is run by local volunteers and financed by donations. This fantastic venue is a great space for functions & workshops or just a simple drop in. There are comfy couches or a deck out the front to relax & have a cuppa & a chat. Wi-Fi, a stylish Op Shop as well as the Goongerah Good Foods,

**If time and resource permit there is often something to eat!**

**We welcome more volunteers**

**If you see the sign out the front there will be a happy local inside to greet you & help or maybe**

## FOR HIRE

The Tubbut Neighbourhood House has the following for Hire:

Trailer—\$5.00 per day

Wood Splitter—\$10.00 per day

*You can also borrow many of our books & gadgets:*

Laminator, recording VHS to DVD player, Laptop, tablet, digital photo scanner, convert photos, slides

**Available for cleaning (only)  
Contact Natasha 64588162 or 0408477774**

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## Bates' Fencing & Machine Hire

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- Call Mark on 02 64580225



**Tattler Contributions:** We welcome your articles, news, reports on local groups, photos from local events, milestones, interesting stories, poems, biographies, births, deaths, historical items, and more. *We also welcome any letters to the editors.*

# Tubbut Neighbourhood House

Our silk painting masterpieces created at Bonang



## Farewell

I'd like to say a goodbye to all the Tattler readers out there. I've thoroughly enjoyed my 5 years working at the Neighbourhood House and I have made many friends and learnt lots of new skills to take with me on my new adventure in life. I will miss Tubbut and surrounds and all the people I have met over the years.

Thank you to the Committee of Management for their amazing efforts in volunteering their time at the Neighbourhood House and for always supporting our work.

I'll catch up with you for a free feed up here in the future.

All the best & I hope you get some good rain. Lisa Camp

## Thursday Crafts

Come to the Neighbourhood house on any Thursday and get your craft on.

Come and see what we have to play with or bring your own.

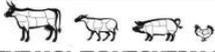
## Men's Night

Peter Quinn came to Tubbut on the 13th September for a get together of pizza and darts with the men. It was great to see that Gary brought his guitar and played a few tunes as well

A big thanks to Cary also for helping pump water to the tanks and setting up the dart board.



# What's On



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When: **Saturday 27th October 2018**

Location: **Bendoc CFA Shed**

Contact: **Snowy River Interstate Landcare Committee**  
02 64584003 or [srilc@bigpond.com](mailto:srilc@bigpond.com)



### Venison

- Venison is a high-value meat
- Venison is high in iron, yet low in fat and cholesterol
- Harvesting free-range deer can help the environment
- Processing your own food has a low carbon foot print & is cost-effective
- Always harvest animals ethically and within the law



Snowy River  
Interstate  
**Landcare**  
Committee

Calling for interest

# EGAG WRAP 2018

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## Rotary Youth Leadership Award

The Rotary Club of Cooma wants young people 18-25 years old, from or living in, the Cooma, Jindabyne or Bombala areas to attend the RYLA Leadership program.

### Apply now

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award is a fully funded, challenging, six day leadership program from 13 to 18 January 2019.

Get the details and your application form by calling Tony on 0413 118 485 or email [abarford@inet.net.au](mailto:abarford@inet.net.au)

Applications close Wed 7 November 2018



**Rotary**  
Club of Cooma



# What's On



Yellow Flag Iris

Corrowong Wallendibby Landcare present

## DELEGATE RIVER RIPARIAN & AQUATIC WEEDS FIELD DAY

Thursday 1st November  
10 am to 3pm

Starting at the School of Arts  
Lunch will be provided.

### AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO RIPARIAN & AQUATIC WEED MANAGEMENT (Justin Hurley Lee - Ecologist Global Land Repair)

- What is the riparian zone, its structure, vegetation zones, function and interdependencies
- Weeds of concern & control measures
- Indicators of a healthy aquatic system in rivers, streams and farm dams
- Aquatic plant propagation techniques

### RIVER WALK FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

### USING DRONES FOR WEED SPOTTING

(Rob Matthews - Helisurveys Airborne Earthcare)

- demonstration of high end and budget drones
- survey techniques & mapping options

Please **RSVP** by 25 October to Robert for catering  
email [raandtmcleish@gmail.com](mailto:raandtmcleish@gmail.com)  
or phone 0467572431

This field day is part of the Integrated Weed Management for Production and Biodiversity project, supported by South East Local Land Services, with funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme through the Community, Industry and Landscapes Fund.



The Friends of Errinundra are trying to choose a logo out of all these great sketches by Dawn Vandenberg.

Can you please help us?

Email us or send the page with your favourites marked to Laura c/o PO Bendoc by mail.

# What's On

SAVE THE DATE

27th and 28th October, 2018

## **DELEGATE HERITAGE WEEK-END**

*Saturday am—Old time Games and lunch by the river.*

*Saturday pm—Enjoy tea and damper at the Settler's Hut (Celebrating 30 years)  
Later wine and nibbles,  
before*

*Dinner and Music at the Country Club.*

*Sunday Morning—Church Service commemorating end of WW1 at Delegate Cemetery and return of Men from Snowy River.  
Walk along the old route into town*

*Lunch at Delegate School of Arts.*



## **Bombala Rotary Market**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**8am – 2pm**

**Along the banks of the  
Bombala River**

*For additional information or to  
secure your stall site please call*

Geraldine Dyer 0448 351 962

Tanya Ingram 0408 301 813

Or email [mgdyer@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mgdyer@bigpond.net.au)



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# Out & About

## Vale Reg Nelson



Reginald Kenneth Nelson was born on the 12th August 1937. He was one of seven children 3 Girls and 4 Boys. Reg was born to hard times during the Depression. His father and grandfather were both ANZACs and had returned home severely affected both physically and mentally from the war. As the Depression of 1929 further impacted on the family the hard times continued. In those days you needed to be fairly self-sufficient to survive, they had cows, chooks and worked hard growing their own fruit & vegetables. Close family bonds were formed as the children grew up together which lasted a lifetime. Reg as a child had a fascination with fire, and the fire brigade was called to put out the hedge on a number of occasions. This may have been the influence toward him eventually becoming part of the fire brigade in later years. While growing up Reg worked delivering milk by horse and cart. He then obtained an apprenticeship as a Plumber doing his schooling at Box Hill Technical College. It was while working as a Plumber and fixing a gas Heater in a residence that a young lady walked through by the name of Val Smith, Reg spoke to her but she walked out saying that she didn't talk to strangers! She must have changed her mind because they starting seeing one another from then on. Once he completed his apprenticeship he was then called up for Military Service.

Reg and Val were married in the late 1950s and moved to their family home in Langwarrin Victoria. There they had their 3 Boys David, Robin and Tim. It was at this time that Reg established his Plumbing business. His younger brother Frank coming to Paint his truck with a picture of a plumber in white overalls. He worked soldering milk cans for local dairy farmers and as his reputation grew as an honest and hard worker then, so did his business.

After a massive fire at the local petrol station, Reg joined the local Fire Brigade and in 1959 was promoted up the ranks to Captain where he held the position for 20 years. He then became a Group Officer with the CFA. Having a natural ability for all types of building and Inventing, Reg would look at a problem and immediately start working out how it could be fixed and "there wasn't much he wouldn't tackle". This saw him come up with many amazing inventions over the years. Aside, from having their Role in Fire Suppression, houses included, The Langwarrin Brigade became involved with Road Accident Rescue after attending the scene of an horrific crash where two young girls died because they were pinned in their car and the Team couldn't get to them. Reg using his creative mind invented what could only be described as a "Large Can Opener" to take the roof off a car in 3 minutes. This was made from a World War II car. Today this large can opener remains mounted on the wall of the Langwarrin Fire Station. This invention supporting them, until they eventually were able to purchase the "Jaws of Life".

# Out & About

Reg also developed protocols, procedures and rescue manuals, to assist with their ongoing Training and Development. Today, the Langwarrin Fire Brigade still have an active role in Road Accident Rescue.

In 1985 Langwarrin's loss was our gain when Reg and Val moved to Bendoc. This meant they would also be closer to family that had already moved to the area. Reg and the family worked hard to build the home where they were to live. One of his friends from the CFA recalling the time he was up here on holidays and helping Reg with the heavy steel trusses for the upstairs flooring and having no crane, but trying to get the upstairs windows in place. It took a lot of luck and some very creative work to get things in place without a disaster occurring.

Following the move to Bendoc, Reg became Fire Control Officer for the Bombala Shire Area in 1987. With his skills and knowledge we were lucky to have Reg. We had some major fires to manage at times, equipment was upgraded with adjustments made to make them more efficient. Fire Stations were built and in some cases some of these Fire stations also became a meeting place for the community. He worked tirelessly for the area. Working and coordinating with many other fire agencies. He believed in the principle of hitting a fire hard and fast and Not playing around until it got out of control. Having Reg organizing crews and Val manning the radio they were an amazing team. They got to spend part of their weekends with their Rural Fire Service families and joined in with their social activities. This continued until health problems forced Reg to retire. So they relocated back to Mt Evelyn in Victoria again to be around family and closer to more tertiary health facilities. In 2012 his beloved wife Val passed away and Reg really struggled with her loss. Accompanied and encouraged by his family Reg managed to take a trip to Hawaii and back which he enjoyed immensely and this helped lift his spirits.

Regs Health slowly deteriorated over time and On the 18th September 2018 Reg passed away peacefully with his family by his side..

Reflections during his Funeral service a member of the CFA recalled the time that his wife and two children had moved in next door to Reg & Val when they were in Langwarrin. They only had a small shed to live in with no hot running water, very little heating, very little building skills and poor as a "church mice". But Reg and Val called in to welcome them to the neighborhood and he told how Reg would turn up each weekend and help and show him how to make his shed livable, turning up with a secondhand water heater and various other bits and pieces to help them make their little home comfortable. And Val would turn up with biscuits or baked goodies. Over this time He said "Reg didn't just bring me fish. He taught me how to fish!" This, was just one of the many similar stories that various people recalled. It was evident by the representation of CFA members that after all these years Reg was still held in very high regard in their area. In his retirement Reg continued to invent various things in his workshop at home. He continued to generously give advice when and where he could when asked.

He was named Dinpop by Andrew his eldest grandchild because he couldn't pronounce Grand pop at the time and the name stuck and he remained Dinpop to his 10 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

The Nelson Family coat of arms bears the words Faith and Work! Reg lived by this, assisting and giving so much to the community.

He will be remembered for many years not just as our Fire Control Officer but as someone who "Tried hard to make our world a better place" I feel proud and privileged to have known him.

Yvonne Camm

# Out & About

## Fire in the pine plantation



The Malec Brothers are currently working closely with the CFA to develop their own Forestry Industry Brigade (FIB) that will be trained by the CFA to prevent and fight fires in the area .

This will include up to 8 members who will be responsible for fire suppression and prevention activities under S23AA of the Country Fire Authority Act 1958

They will be supplying and keeping on site, firefighting vehicles and apparatus including but not limited to:

- 15,000lts all terrain bulk water carrier with monitors
- 2000lts 4x4 fire tanker
- 400lts 4x4 slip-on fire vehicle

They are also working with Land VIC Data to provide them with ongoing information regarding what harvesting has occurred so that they can supply this information to the CFA. That way they can track what timber is remaining and know what areas to target should another fire occur.



# News from the Shire

## Repair stands for cyclists in need

Five bicycle repair stands purchased by East Gippsland Shire Council are being welcomed with open arms ... and a few sighs of relief ... across the region.

Forest Fire Management Victoria staff recently installed repair stands on the East Gippsland Rail Trail at Bairnsdale and in the Colquhoun Regional Park at the Colquhoun Mountain Bike park trailhead.

Council staff installed the remaining three stands beside the store in Nowa Nowa, in the Main Street at Bruthen and Omeo.

The stands, with a total cost of about \$9,500 plus labour, include standard basic bicycle maintenance tool kits fitted to plastic coated steel cables and pumps (suitable for both Presta and Schrader valve types).

East Gippsland Shire Mayor Cr Joe Rettino said the repair stands were a welcome addition, ensuring locals and visitors could get out of most sticky situations in the event of a mechanical problem.

“Such infrastructure is all part of making East Gippsland a welcoming place to live and visit. Hopefully, the repair stands don’t get too much use and all cyclists out enjoying our tracks and trails have limited cause to use the repair stands,” Cr Rettino said.

“As well as sponsoring a number of cycling events, Council are delighted to be supporting a number of projects that encourage cycling for locals and visitors alike, including East Gippsland Rail Trail signage, a linkage trail from Lakes Entrance to the Colquhoun and the Omeo MTB project.”

This Sunday, October 14, East Gippsland welcomes mountain bike cyclists from across Gippsland and further afield when the Colquhoun 3-hour Enduro is hosted by Gippsland MTB Club. Racing starts from 10am off Bruce Track / Princes Highway, Kalimna.

Media Enquiries: Luke Robinson - (03) 5153 9411



## Government increases drought support

The Victorian Government has announced additional technical, financial and personal support for farmers experiencing drought conditions. The \$5 million funding package includes:

\$1.2 million for a drought employment program in Wellington and East Gippsland shires

\$500,000 for a drought co-ordinator in Gippsland, and additional coordination elsewhere

\$1 million dollars for technical and business support for financial decisions on farm

\$1.4 million for drought infrastructure grants

\$400,000 for the Look Over The Farm Gate Program to better support farmer mental health

\$500,000 for a community resilience program

\$400,000 to increase the Rural Financial Counselling Service

More? Agriculture Victoria Information line 136 186

# News from the Shire

## Council to formalise appointment of new CEO

East Gippsland Shire Council will formalise the appointment of Mr Anthony Basford as its new Chief Executive Officer at its Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday October 2. Council's current CEO Gary Gaffney has served in the role for four years and will finish his contract on 14 November 2018.

Mr Basford is currently Director Community, Environment & Planning at Bega Valley Shire Council in New South Wales. He has over 20 years' experience in local government in Victoria and NSW, also working in the non-government and education sectors in Australia and overseas. The Mayor, Cr Joe Rettino, said there had been an extensive recruiting campaign that attracted strong interest from a high calibre of applicants.

"Anthony was identified as our preferred candidate for the role due to his breadth of experience across local government and his strategic thinking," Cr Rettino said.

"We look forward to his commencement and the new thinking that he will bring to drive the organisation forward to meet the needs of our communities and ratepayers."

Once Council formally resolves to appoint Mr Basford as its CEO at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday October 2, a formal Senior Officer contract for a four-year term will be negotiated with Mr Basford and executed prior to his anticipated commencement in the role on 19 November 2018.

Mr Basford will relocate to East Gippsland with his wife and daughter and says he is looking forward to exploring the region and meeting community members.



# News from the Shire

## Bonang and Bendoc Waste Facilities

Staffing of the site and the introduction of user pays waste disposal charges will commence at the Bonang and Bendoc Waste Facilities from Monday 17 September 2018.

From this time, onwards there will be restricted access to the facilities.

Operating Hours for the facilities are as follows

Bonang: Monday 12noon to 3pm, Wednesday 8am to 11am and Saturday 12 noon to 3pm.

Bendoc: Monday 8 to 11am, Wednesday 12noon to 3pm and Saturday 8am to 11am.

Bendoc will accept for disposal waste, recycling and steel.

Bonang will accept for disposal large items, car batteries, gas bottles and tyres. For non-accepted waste and outside of these operating hours Orbost transfer station is your closest alternative.

Please check council's website or with the alternative site to ensure that they can accept your waste prior to arrival.

For further information please contact the Council's waste unit on 51539500

DOMESTIC			
Bin	<b>\$11.00</b>	Bag (Minimum Fee)	<b>\$5.00</b>
Car/Swagon	<b>\$23.00</b>		
Per M3	<b>\$45.00</b>		
Ute	<b>\$45.00</b>		
Ute high load	<b>\$90.00</b>		
	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Large</b>	
<b>TRAILERS</b>	Single Axle Trailer	Single Axle Trailer	All Tandem Trailers
	up to 6 x 4	over 6 x 4	
Trailer Level	<b>\$34.00</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$68.00</b>
Trailer High	<b>\$68.00</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>
Caged Trailer	<b>\$135.00</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>

# News from the Departments

## Snakes slither into spring

The arrival of spring weather in Gippsland means people are getting outdoors at the same time that snakes are starting to become more active.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Forest and Wildlife Officer, Lachlan Clarke said: “Snakes are emerging from their winter hibernation to bask in the sun and to search for food and a mate.

“The recent sunny weather also means more people are spending time in their gardens or in parks and forests,” Mr Clarke said.

“As people and snakes become more active it is quite possible they’ll encounter each other while enjoying the outdoors.

“Eastern Brown snakes, Tiger snakes, Lowland Copperheads and Red Bellied Black snakes are all encountered in the Gippsland region.

“These species are all highly venomous, but it’s rare for them to bite people. However, they are known to bite animals when disturbed. If you are a pet owner and your dog or cat encounters a snake causing you concern, the best course of action is to remove your pet from the area or tie it up while the snake passes.

“Snakes are generally very shy and prefer to keep away from people - often snakes are found in backyards because they are passing through on their way to other habitat.

“Being aware that snakes may be around and being informed about how to react to them is very important at this time of year.”

Some key points to remember about living in or visiting an area with snakes:

- If you see a snake – keep calm and try to move yourself, anyone with you and your pets away from the snake.
- Never touch or attempt to capture or hurt a snake – instead call DELWP Customer Service Centre on 136 186 who will provide you advice or put you in contact with your nearest licensed snake catcher
- Have a spring clean – clean up around the house and cut lawns regularly. Snakes are attracted to shelter such as piles of rocks and timber, sheets of metal, or building materials.
- Undertake first aid training, ensure your first aid kit contains several compression bandages, and if someone is bitten call 000 immediately.
- Snakes are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975. It is illegal to capture, kill or harm them. Bites can occur when people try to kill snakes.



# News from the Departments

## Have you seen this bird?

Have you seen the Regent Honeyeater (*Anthochaera phrygia*) in your garden or a forest near you this spring? If so, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and BirdLife Australia would love to hear from you!

DELWP Natural Environment Program Officer, Willow Bourke said: “The Regent Honeyeater is listed as 'Threatened' under The Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 and 'Critically Endangered' under the Commonwealth Government’s Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

“There have been sightings of Regent Honeyeaters in East Gippsland in recent years, including two captive-bred birds from Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park visiting Stratford early in the year, and a sighting of an adult pair and a juvenile in the Wairewa area last year,” Ms Bourke said.

“This was an exciting discovery, as it reinforces how the birds will travel large distances in search of both food and habitat suitable for breeding.

“The Regent Honeyeater feeds on nectar from flowering eucalypts and shrubs and may choose to breed in Gippsland’s forests and woodlands again this season.

“DELWP and BirdLife Australia will be working together this spring to map and survey likely habitat in Gippsland.

“We’ve worked closely together on Regent Honeyeater conservation actions for years, and in partnership with Taronga Zoo and community members in 2017 we released 101 captive-bred Regent Honeyeaters into north-eastern Victoria to boost local numbers.

“Community volunteers continue to monitor the captive-bred and wild populations. Birds in each captive release have been fitted with a unique colour leg band combination (two bands on each leg).

“Regent Honeyeaters can be recognised by their striking yellow and black plumage, scalloped pattern on the breast, and a pronounced patch of yellowish warty bare skin around the eye. They have a black head and neck feathers, and broad stripes of yellow in the wing and tail.”

BirdLife Australia has produced an identification guide for the Regent Honeyeater:

[http://www.birdlife.org.au/documents/WL-Regent\\_Honeyeater-identification-brochure.pdf](http://www.birdlife.org.au/documents/WL-Regent_Honeyeater-identification-brochure.pdf)

Gippsland locals can assist conservation efforts by reporting Regent Honeyeater sightings to BirdLife Australia on 1800 621 056 or to Willow Bourke at DELWP Bairnsdale on 51520400 with details including location, date, time, leg band colour combinations (if present) and photographs (where possible).

Or you can find out more information on the BirdLife Australia website:

<http://www.birdlife.org.au/bird-profile/regent-honeyeater>

Thanks to BirdLife Australia for the photo.

Regent Honeyeater Male

## Official complaint forms—DELWP

Tubbut Neighbourhood House has copies of the official form supplied by DELWP if you have concerns about your interactions with them over recent months. Please ring or email TNH to have a form posted or emailed to you.



# News from the Departments

## Helping hand for rare frog in far east

A chance check on a hollow log in far east Gippsland has revealed a rare discovery and the possibility of improving the survival of an elusive frog.

The Large Brown Tree Frog (*Litoria littlejohnii*) is listed as threatened under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, and in Victoria it has only been recorded at a small number of sites in East Gippsland.

So, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) staff were excited to be told about a pool of water in a fallen hollow tree that contained Large Brown Tree Frog tadpoles.

DELWP Natural Environment Officer, Marc Perri said this particular pool is the only active breeding site for the frog known in Victoria at the moment.

“This pool of water in the log was discovered by a naturalist from a local environment group. It turned out to be a perfect breeding home for the Large Brown Tree Frog, which was unrecorded in Victoria from 1996 until 2015,” Mr Perri said.

“One of our wildlife survey contractors was working in the area in 2015 and heard the call of the Large Brown Tree Frog. Later that year, volunteers from a environment group heard the frog again in this new location, so it’s a pretty special spot.

“At the moment there are between 15 and 20 tadpoles in the log pool and we’ve recently heard adults at the site too.

“We’re seeing this log as a high-quality breeding site and want to encourage more breeding in the area, so we’re trialling artificial structures nearby that replicate this type of habitat.

“Of course, we can’t just replicate a fallen log like this but we’re hoping that we can place some structures across the forest and support successful breeding for the frog.

“We’re partnering with the Moogji Aboriginal Council Natural Resource Management Team on this project, working with them to construct the first artificial pond structures and then handing over to their construction team to complete the rest.

“It’s a simple design that can be put up in the bush, trying to replicate the fallen log pool habitat. We’re using corrugated iron to catch water and funnel it into a tub with river sand, rocks and logs to form a diverse habitat that might attract frogs to breed.

“We’re hoping that as leaves fall into the water and algae and moss build up, a little ecosystem will form, providing a diversity of habitat, attractive to the frogs. The main criteria we’re trying to meet is that Large Brown Tree Frogs need good, stable pools of water to breed in.

“We’ve been fortunate to receive funding through the State Government’s Biodiversity On-Ground Actions program for this project. The funding means we can run with this trial program and see if we can be successful in supporting the species.”



Pic Right: Darren & Tony finishing tub

# Local History

## Neven's Honey History

### A Story behind Tubbut Honey

Jim Neven (Alan's Dad) bought the block of land in Tubbut in 1930. He had 6 years to fence and build a house when he first bought the place (this was the terms when you bought a block of land up here from Cabanandra to McKillops).

Jim went to Melbourne and met ma and said I've got a block of land, I just haven't got a cook, so she said "I'll come up". They went up Dellicknora and down to Tubbut and she cried and said "I'll never ever see my family again".

They had to cross the Jingalala and the road didn't go where it does today to Tubbut, it went across through the pines through the old Gippsland road out the back of the Neven's. This road was put in by the Unemployed gangs. When the depression was on, they'd bring a truck load of blokes up from Melbourne, they used to camp where the school and hall is, 100 tents or more for 6 weeks then they would go back and another lot would come up (around 1934). Ma used to make the bread and take it down to the workers and when she got to running creek they had just finished it, they let her go over the bridge and then they picked her car up and turned her around and sent her back home again.

Ma had the only car in the district at that time. Ma (Katherine) used to run the post office and butcher shop when she lived in Campbelltown before she came to Tubbut with dad (James Ernest (Jim)). Katherine died in 76 (aged 74) pa died in 82 (aged 84)

The house was built out of the concrete from the river across the road, which was carted up and used to box the walls, Jim's brother, Frank Neven, helped build the house, Frank had the Bonang mill for a while. There were 7 in the family and Frank was the youngest, Alan's Uncle Tom lived in Campbelltown and worked a few bees right up until he died.

Alans mum kept a diary from the moment they moved to Tubbut.

Teddy Ingram (Judy Edwards's dad) looked after the Tubbut farm while we were travelling with the bees. It was nearly all bush here then, he ran a few sheep until we came back to stay

My grandfather Tom Neven had bees in Campbelltown near Ballarat and Castlemaine. He always had bees and used to shift them around with a horse and spring cart, which he didn't do very often. He had bees right up until he died at the age of 92.

Alan's dad Jim used to help his dad with the bees as a kid and before he moved to Tubbut. When my dad came up here to Tubbut, he bought a few of Grandfather Tom's bees and hives with him and he used to put a box under the tree and cut the hives out of the bush. He went out to the Ambyne one day and cut 4 hives out of the trees; we've been to Deddick and cut them out there too. He used to make his own boxes and probably had around a dozen at this stage.

### What's your first memory of the bees?

There's a photo of me sitting on the step of the house and my eyes are all bunged up which was before I started school. The bees were up where the sheep yards are now, I went up there one day when the bees were being worked and they just took to me.



# Local History

I first worked the bees on my own for a couple of days in Goongerah at Joey Camm's place at Reedy creek in 1945 when I was about 12. Joey and Ethel Camm started a post office here later on. We took the bees down there, Dave Kant shifted them, he used to work on the road in Bonang, and he was the only one around with a truck so he used to shift them down the road for us. We went down to take the honey off them in as they were full but dad took crook and mum had to take him into Orbost to the hospital, so I stayed and worked the bees there for a couple of days extracting honey off them. I probably should have been at school. I had a hand extractor to get the honey of the frames, but first I had to set up a makeshift hut by putting 4 posts in the ground and then wrap hessian around it, followed by a roof on the top, a hole had to be dug in the ground to put the tin in (to collect the honey) and the extractor on top and when we were finished we took it down and took it with us when we went.

We travelled around in Mums Willies whippet car (29 model), which we used to get to the bees and cart our gear in and bring the honey home. We had to take a lamp to put under the reducer which is where the wax went, the lamp kept it hot with a water jacket on the side to keep a hot knife in to scrap the wax off the top of the frames

After extracting at Goongerah, Dad was to be taken closer to the doctors as he was that crook with asthma and heart trouble, so we went to Bairnsdale for a couple of years and I went to Tech school there. We took the bees with us and kept working them, had them this side of the Tambo River.

When I was going to school in Bairnsdale, there was a rented house this side of Bairnsdale, opposite the shop on the right side before you go over the bridge. In the spring time I'd come home for lunch, and there was a swarm sitting on the edge of the veranda, so I'd put it in a box.

I always rode around on a pushbike so I'd grab a box and put it under a tree down on the Mitchell River; come back a week later and there would be a hive in there. You don't see swarms these days, haven't seen one for donkeys years.

I left school at 14 and then we took off and went to Mathoura near the Murray River south of Deniliquin. We went up there for the 'red gum honey' and we camped there in the tent with the family, mum, dad and me, (my sister was in Ballarat at that time as she was 10 years older and working) and worked the bees. We did really well there; we must have had about 60 hives at that stage. Honey tins came from Redpaths and we used to sell them 60 pound (4 gallons) 36 shillings a tin (\$7.00) We stayed there for a couple of months in the tent and the mosquitos nearly ate us alive at night time being on the river.

We went from there to Longford just outside of Euroa, onto the red stringy bark, we extracted there for 2 months and then we went up onto the Little Desert for the banksia for the winter, we stayed there over winter with them, that's when we bought the caravan, we hired trucks to move the bees around.

When we were in the south of Nhill we met Bob Heron who worked with us for years and then headed to **Cherrypool** which is down south of Horsham onto yellow box, where we went well with the bees. Then back up to Bealiba onto the grey box and then back down to the Grampians, we stayed there for a while and then we decided to come home as there wasn't much there for the bees.

# Local History (cont)

The next winter we went back to the Mallee. Dad bought another 100 hundred hives from a bloke named Renshaw in Dunolly, an old fella who was getting out of bees; a semi-trailer had to bring us back from there to Bruthen. We brought the load of bees right through in the one go, travelled all night, we got to Bruthen, got off the road and got bogged, we had to then unload them all by hand (which we had to do anyway cos there was no equipment back then) usually you unload a few and then shift the truck and unload a few more etc., we were already buggered from traveling before we had to do this.

Back to Goongerah after that and camped there at Joey Camms again, this side of reedy creek, they had a flat area on the right for our tent and we had the bees up on the hill and at Lilly Pilly (where the bitumen ends on the Bonang), we stayed there for the whole year and took a thousand tins of honey, (I was about 17). We bought an old Stewart truck so we could cart the bees around ourselves. Then we came back home and worked them down at Mckillops bridge (Bills long point, just the other side of the Ambyne) where the kangaroos eat the dirt out of the bank.... we took honey off them there for a good while and then I took them down to Simpsons creek near Orbost in the Austin truck. That was a big and our best day of taking honey, Dad took 51 tins of honey; we started early and knocked of late.

We used to take the honey to Orbost and sell them in 2 pound jars, crates full of jars were carted to Orbost and sold to Baughurst, Herbert's and Dickens shops.



photo-Hives at  
Goongerah

## How we come to own the Austin

We went to the Bairnsdale show and were talking to a salesman about Peugeot cars (they had just come out at this stage), we were looking through all these cars and the bloke said to Dad, you interested in a car? He said no, it's a truck I'm wanting, what sort of truck do you want, he said, Dad said something with a bit of room in the cabin, he said I might have one for ya. He was from Rosedale, so we went to Rosedale to have a look at this practically new truck, the bloke who had it couldn't pay for it, so we paid for it with honey money, it was a 1950 model, 3 months old.

To be continued next Tattler

# Farmers and Growers

## Whisky and vodka flow as Tasmanian farmers embrace spirit of sustainability

When it comes to farming, change ensures long-term survival.

That's the case for two very different Tasmanian farms diversifying into alcohol production, particularly Lawrenny, a historic farm dating back to the 1800s.

Ross Mace has been farming beef on Lawrenny since he bought it 20 years ago, but it's never been big enough to make a good profit.

"We just wanted to run cattle and fatten cattle, but the property isn't really big enough to employ staff and to afford staff, so right from a very early stage we looked to diversify and four years ago the idea of whisky distilling became a possibility," he said.

This whisky lover has embraced the concept with gusto, and is aiming to develop a closed-loop operation where every ingredient is grown on-site. This year the farmer grew his second ever crop of barley — the key base ingredient for his whisky — and according to farmer and distiller Jo Dinsmoor, it gives the product its unique earthy flavours.

"Growing our own barley on-site and malting on-site really gives us an edge, and it really does define Lawrenny's terroir as a whisky producer," he said.

"In the future we will look at cultivating our own yeast strains.

"With all of that, we're really almost self-sufficient to produce a world-class whisky."

Mr Mace has invested millions in the distillery, revamping a historic barn to house the equipment.

"When we are finished — we are building a new bond store now — we'll have invested close to \$3 million," he said.

"Wow, frightening. I should have been 40 years younger."

It's a lot of money to spend on a start-up when the product takes up to seven years to mature. In the meantime, the farm is generating some extra income from its own line of gins and vodkas as well.

For Mr Mace and his wife Mary, the first Lawrenny whisky can't come soon enough, but for now they'll have to make do with gin. The grain that goes into the whisky comes from the farm and every part of the distilling is done on-site. Using potatoes supermarkets have rejected further south on the coast near Dunally, the Daly family are running a very different operation.

The family has been growing potatoes for 30 years, harvesting 6,000 tonnes per year.

Their move into spirits, and in particular potato vodka, grew from a desire to use their reject potatoes.

"We're trying to aim for a no-waste farm," Ruby Daly, the second generation of the farming family, said.

Twenty per cent of the Dalys' annual harvest — or 1,200 tonnes of potatoes annually — are rejected because they're not suitable for the supermarkets due to their shape or blemishes. Some rejects go into a new retail range of potato salads, some go to the cows for dinner, and now 10 per cent of the odd potatoes are going into vodka.

"My mum is the person with the brains behind it," Ms Daly said.

"She absolutely hates waste, she's one of those people that will do anything she can to save product, so she is the brains behind potato vodka."

It hasn't been easy though. Ms Daly and her brother-in-law Tom Bleathman had to hit the books and the internet to find out exactly how to make potato vodka.

"No-one in Australia has any experience with potato vodka, we were the only ones doing it," she said.

"We've really had to research, we have done a lot of self-teaching, we really had to figure out what to do to make it work."

## Farmers and Growers cont...

The family is now producing 400 bottles of potato vodka a month, as well as gin and liqueurs. The higher the volume of alcohol in the bottle, the higher the tax.

Founder of the modern Tasmanian distilling industry, Bill Lark, said the industry was lobbying government.

"We're one of the highest excise countries in the world and it really is a killer for a start-up distillery," he said.

A small rebate has been secured and there's promise of another, but the tax is still high.

Ms Daly feels it hard.

"We're starting to break even with it, but we have to pay a lot of excise tax; \$23 on 40 per cent alcohol," she said.

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Now there are 36 distilleries across the state.

"I suspect there will be something like 40 at the end of the year, but the great thing about that is to a large extent we have all remained great friends," Mr Lark said.

The move into spirits has prompted a lot of interest from other farmers.

"People really want to save their waste," Ms Daly said.

"It is really disappointing how much you throw out.

"Farmers go through so much as it is, and to throw out what they do is just not good enough, so we need to try and all stick together and make it sustainable."

These farming families are not only investing their money in these new spirit ventures — they're investing their heart and souls.

But as with all businesses, there's no guarantee of success.

Excise tax is a struggle for small businesses

One hurdle they need to overcome is the Australian government's excise tax on spirits.

For a bottle of vodka or whisky worth about \$80 or \$90, \$25 goes to the federal government in excise tax.

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*By Fiona Breen—Landline*

# Kids Capers

## COW'S

I THINK IT IS GOOD TO HAVE A  
PET COW.

WHEN YOU ARE SAD YOU CAN GO  
DOWN INTO THE COW'S PADDOCK  
AND CUDDLE IT AND TELL IT WHAT  
IS MAKING YOU SAD. YOU CAN  
MILK IT SO YOU DO NOT HAVE TO  
GO UP TO THE SHOPS AND BUY  
SOME INSTEAD YOU CAN GO DOWN  
INTO YOUR PADDOCKS AND MILK  
SOME OUT OF YOUR COWS.

THE END.

IMOGEN, YEAR 3.



## Cats!

Cats have whiskers, long tails and they  
are fluffy.

Cats live in the bush.

Cats catch their prey with their claws.

Cats eat birds, mice, rats, fish and cat  
food.

Cat food has fish and meat in it.

When you die your cat eats you.

You can keep cats as a pet.

Cats can jump 7 times their height.

Cats are fluffy, clever and cute.

By Kash, Year 4.



## *A good kitten*

Kittens know when you are sad so they lay down with you.  
Kittens are very playful.  
Kittens can jump about seven metres.  
Kittens can catch ducks very well.  
They like to lay in the sun.  
They like chasing things.  
They like chasing each other.  
When they are born they drink milk.  
When they are born they are slimy.  
Cats are helpful because they catch mice for you.  
Kittens are good to have as friends.

By Tahlia, Year 2.



# Kittens

## **Kittens are baby cats**

When kittens are born they can't see, because their eyes are sealed closed.  
They open their eyes after about 5 or 6 weeks later.  
When they come out of their mum they are all slimy looking.  
You can't touch the kittens until they can walk, because then the mum won't like them.  
Kittens also suck on their mums teats.  
Kittens are very clever, because they can find their way around when their eyes are sealed closed.

**BY JOSIE.**

## XBOX SCORPIO

I think an Xbox Scorpio is better than an Xbox one.

*Xbox Scorpions are better because the graphics are so good.*

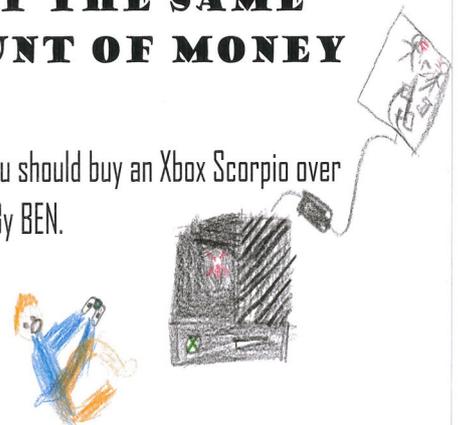
*It has not much lag when playing online and offline multiplayer.*

**XBOX ALSO HAS A LOT OF PLUG IN STATIONS.**

**You can still use the same games for each Xbox.**

**THE PRICE IS ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY NOW.**

That's why you should buy an Xbox Scorpio over an Xbox one. By BEN.



# Health Matters

## **Our health is worth fighting for**

On Friday September 21st, the Bombala-Delegate branch of the NSWNMA (New South Wales Nurses & Midwives Association) invited members of the public to a meeting in Bombala to highlight the continued deterioration of services in our Southern Monaro/East Gippsland region.

## **Staff shortages and recruitment problems**

There was a focus on Delegate as its need is urgent. Without a doctor, its MPS cannot function as intended: a hospital with an Emergency Department, serviced by a doctor and a full nursing staff.

The last resident doctor left in 2007. Since then, a south coast doctor with a plane has provided a monthly service in the town and people in the cross border region attend chosen or available surgeries in regional towns, never closer than two hours drive.

Increasingly, Bombala has also felt the impact of the rural doctor famine leading to increased reliance on locums on short term contracts.

The nurses told their stories. Some of them have worked at local hospitals for years, observing the changes to healthcare delivery over the decades.

## **How our communities are affected:**

Acute care is often unavailable — so patients must travel to Cooma (or Bega) and sometimes further;

When no on-call doctor in Bombala, acute care patients are transported to Cooma on weekends leaving beds in the local facilities empty

ambulances moving patients between hospitals are unavailable in emergencies

nurses holding the fort without a doctor are placed under additional stress

nursing vacancies remain unfilled due to lack of quality applicants and cumbersome recruitment process at state level

we are not classified as 'remote' so incentives do not apply

## **Remote hospitals need the right equipment**

The growth of telehealth provides some comfort to nurses. While not replacing face-to-face health services, internet meetings allow collaboration between medical professionals and consultation from a distance. Of real benefit is the ability it gives doctors to supervise nurses when they cannot attend. Bombala is able to communicate with doctors around the country but currently Delegate is only able to communicate with Cooma.

To perform 'best practice' medicine, the nurses' have an equipment wish-list.

iStat hand held monitor which would enable blood analyses on site within minutes <https://www.pointofcare.abbott/int/en/offerings/istat/istat-handheld>

CoaguChek monitor - a hand-held device used to measure the international normalised ratio (INR) in individuals taking warfarin. The INR is a laboratory measurement used to determine the effects of oral anticoagulants (warfarin) on the clotting system

Bladder scanner – used to assess post-operative patients to avoid infection



# Herbs

## HERBAL PREPARATION SHELF LIFE

5 FACTORS THAT AFFECT HERBAL PREPARATION SHELF-LIFE & POTENCY



## HERBAL PREPARATIONS SHELF LIFE

MIXED SOLVENT PREPARATIONS	OIL-BASED PREPARATIONS	ALCOHOL-BASED PREPARATIONS	WATER-BASED PREPARATIONS
 <p><b>Syrups:</b> 1-2 months (low sugar) 1 year (high sugar)</p> <p><b>Oxymels:</b> 6 months (fresh herbs) 12 months (dried herbs)</p> <p><b>Elixirs:</b> 1-2 years</p>  <p><b>Creams and Lotions:</b> 1-2 weeks</p>	 <p><b>Infused Oils:</b> 6 months to 3 years</p>  <p><b>Salves:</b> 6 months to 3 years</p>	 <p><b>Tinctures:</b> 1-2 years (3-5 years w/ high-proof alcohol)</p> <p><b>Liniments:</b> 3-5 years</p>	 <p><b>Teas, Infusions, and Steeped Compresses &amp; Fomentations:</b> 24 hours</p> <p><b>Poultices:</b> 24 hours</p> <p><b>Decoctions and Decocted Compresses, Fomentations:</b> 48 hours</p> <p><b>Hydrosols:</b> 1-2 years</p>
VINEGAR-BASED PREPARATIONS	SUGAR BASED PREPARATIONS	DRY OR POWDERED PREPARATIONS	
 <p><b>Vinegar Tinctures:</b> 6 months</p>	 <p><b>Herbal Honeys:</b> 1 year (dried herbs)</p> <p><b>Electuaries:</b> 6-12 months</p> <p><b>Lozenges:</b> 6 months</p> <p><b>Glycerites:</b> 1 year</p>	 <p><b>Dry Herbs:</b> 1-2 years</p> <p><b>Powdered Herbs:</b> 6-12 months</p> <p><b>Capsules:</b> 1 year</p> <p><b>Pastilles:</b> 6 months</p>	



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# Calendar

# October 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Silk Painting	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 4WD dinner at Tubbut	21
22	23	24	25 Computers with Sharon	26	27	28
29	30	31 Big Bonang Arvo				

Craft at Tubbut -1st, 8th, 15th,22nd, 29th November  
Classic Car Rally coming through—3rd November  
November 6th—Melbourne Cup Day