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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.

Tutors

We are looking for tutors who have a skill they would love to share with others.

One off workshops or a series of workshops depending on demand.

Contact the Neighbourhood House if that is you.

Septic getting full?

Robert Hampshire will pump out your loo. Septic tanks, porta-loos— no problems Truck has capacity to handle 2 tanks/trip Phone: 0417423983

Please keep your old glass bottles for Robert too as he is a passionate collector.

Bobcat contractor for hire

Slashing, clearing, small earthworks, levelling, preparation for sheds, carports, water tanks and paving and clean ups

Ring Steve 0407190258 or email stephenscroope@bigpond.com

Concrete pavers wanted

Concrete pavers wanted. Contact the Neighbourhood house if you have some you would like to unload.

This space is for you. Do you have a service we should know about? Something you want to sell or buy? Ring us and we will place it here for you.

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 or negatives to digital, record records to USB

Available for cleaning (only)

Contact Natasha 64588162 or 0408477774

Bates' Fencing & Machine Hire

-Large 90hp Compact Track Loader.

Tracks ensure minimal ground disturbance.

- 900 mm Trencher ideal for pipe / cable laying

- 6 ft slasher for paddock, scrub & advanced re-growth clearing with tree pusher, ideal for fence line maintenance.

- 1600mm Road Broom / sweeper

- 300mm post hole auger

- Bucket, dozer blade , pallet & hay forks

- Fan assisted sprayer for difficult terrain

- Experienced operator

- Fully insured & GST registered

- Experienced in Rural fence design & construction

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.*

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Tubbut Neighbourhood House

Use it or lose it

A lot has happened in our area in a very short time. First there was the eagles. Enough said. Then there was the loss of three key members of our community - two of them kept the school open and the other was a key person in several organisations in our district. It is absolutely the right of anyone to come and go from this area as they must and as they please. I am an example of someone who left with my two children at a crucial point - 1985 - and the future of the high school bus was put in doubt. Yet at that time I had little alternative but to leave for all sorts of reasons. It proved to be the right decision although it broke my heart at the time and subsequent events have caused me to wonder. This area gets into the blood; once here, always a part of us remains.

We at Tubbut Neighbourhood House miss Lisa Camp greatly, as I am sure do all the other organisations she was part of as well as the many friends she made up here. We are still in touch and know that she maintains her connection with the area. Imogen and Ben have settled into their new lives well and we look forward to more news of them as they progress through life. We will still see them up here of course.

When the Camp family left, the remaining family decided their children would be better off in Bombala School, a move that would have happened sooner or later. That left our school with no students and the staff without jobs - teachers, assistants and bus drivers. So far as I know, the teachers have been relocated in other schools and we have Sue Collins as our new neighbourhood house coordinator with Lisa Ingram.

The Department is not mucking around. Although the assessors won't have done their job until at least the end of March, equipment has gone to other schools and there are plans for most of the buildings as well. Thanks to Sueanne and her team, we have had a chance to meet with a Departmental representative and hear the plans for the area and the little bit of scope there is for the community to play a role.

At Tubbut we will lose the main building (with kitchen) but the other is likely to remain. At Goongerah, they will lose the main school rooms but the portables may remain. While all IT equipment will be removed, the fibre-optic cable which gave such good internet to the teachers and students, while adjacent Hub and neighbourhood house rely on lousy satellite internet, will remain. Whether we will be able to access this link, which cost the taxpayer hundreds of thousands of dollars, we cannot know.

However, the remaining assets are of no use to us unless we have a plan for them. Our community already has a number of public buildings whose committees of management struggle to maintain. But we are cutting off any future development if we let all the department's assets go.

Let's think: the playground equipment can be used by travellers who stop for lunch and whose children are car-crazy. The toilets at Tubbut will augment the existing limited facility and allow us to open up our facilities for campers and day visitors.

The new office annex might make a terrific clinic for visiting health practitioners which Birgit and Orbest Regional Health are considering.

The shire's community planning process is giving the Errinundra-Snowy people a chance to consider the future of the region as a whole. But we in Tubbut-Bonang have to give thought to the future of the school/hall/neighbourhood house precinct. Walk around and you will see that we have so much here, in the way of buildings and facilities, with the neighbourhood house as the only living breathing heart of it.

But the hall and supper room need work. We need plans for how we can use the facilities. Come a long for a tour, a barbecue and an ideas session on Thursday March 14, bring a salad or sweet and the neighbourhood house will provide the meat.

The info from this meeting will be presented to the Education Department through the Shire's planning process. Even if you are not personally affected, the future of our area depends on a community-driven plan.

If we don't use them, we will lose them.

Tubbut Neighbourhood House



Tubbut Campus

Don't forget the Pottery workshop on the 10 am, 7th March at Tubbut
Bring - your creativity, your lunch and \$5 to cover cost of clay

Computers with Sharon
21st of March Sharon will be here to assist you with any computer issues you may have. Come in and pick her brain.

DVICG MEETING
Wednesday 13th March
10 am at the Neighbourhood House
New members always welcome, encouraged, appreciated and needed.



Save the date
It's Neighbourhood House week the 10th to the 17th of May
We will be celebrating our house on Thursday the 16th of May with a lunch and an activity or two

Yoga
Bonang Hall on Tuesday
Mornings at 9.30

COVER PHOTOS

Last months cover photo was taken by the very talented Barbara Hansen. If you would like to see one of your photos on the cover please email them to us for consideration.

Vale Michelle

Michelle Farran

Michelle lived a very full life, though one tragically cut short.

She was born in Sydney and lived in Canley Vale and the Taree area before going to University at Bathurst and Canberra. Her first job was as a Forest Officer in Bendoc in 1989 and she has been leaving her mark in the area ever since. In that time she has had two husbands, eight children and pursued a wide variety of interests.

Michelle had a razor-sharp intelligence – higher than 99.75% of the population. She was capable of immense empathy and sought out and supported the underdog, the misfit and the different. If she could see a problem that interested her she would get right to the heart of it and needed to fix it right now and nothing would distract her from it. She could talk the hind leg off a donkey that was underwater and encased in concrete. She loved being in the bush – it refreshed her soul and inspired her creative mind. Traditional crafts were a challenge to her love of learning and she was never happier than when tanning a hide or plaiting rope. She was an active scout who in the week before she became ill, kayaked down the Murray for five days. Her musical talents were often on show and culminated in her album 'Rockton' from which songs for her celebration have been taken. If there was a stage and singing going on, Michelle wanted to be there... all night.

Michelle was a fantastic educator. She had an affinity for what the purpose of a lesson was and would draw elaborate pictures to inspire her class to understanding a concept.

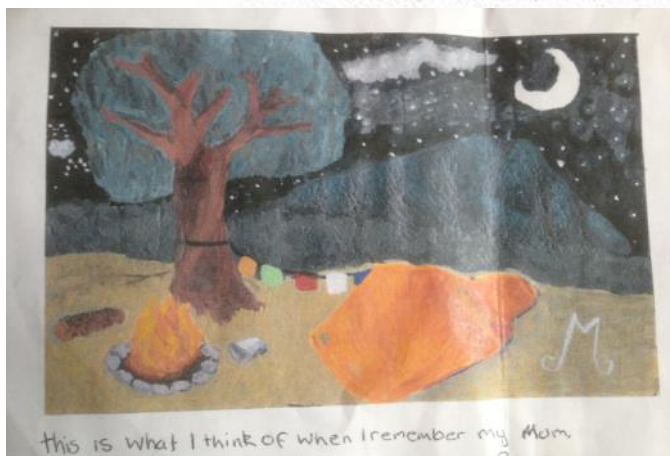
She devoured knowledge about how the brain works and how children develop and used this to work out programs for students with special needs.

Despite being pregnant or breast-feeding for nearly twenty years she was not one to play with her children – preferring to teach them how to cook or sew or gut a fish. She didn't really have an ego so she was excellent at embarrassing her kids, such as being the only adult in her daughters' dance class aged 45.

Michelle loved this area and gave out to her community in so many ways – as deputy controller of the Bendoc SES, as a Regional Commissioner for Scouts, on numerous boards and committees, with the Rotary Community Choir and 23 years as a parent at Monaro Dance Centre.

On the 3rd February 2018 Michelle had a seizure and was diagnosed with Stage 4 Brain Cancer. Over the past year she had to cope with slowly losing her abilities. She kept her spirits; when she found she could no longer read she simply listened to audiobooks. The hardest thing was not being to 'talk in English' anymore. She fought hard despite the increasing discomfort and passed away on Sunday 17th February shortly after midnight surrounded by family.

She will be sadly missed by all those whose hearts she touched.



Out and About

Delegate Pony club held its rally day on Sunday 10th Feb and what an lovely day it was. The riders and instructors had a big day with a lot of different activities organised. The 8 riders started their day with a nice warm up with their mounts. They went on to some general ground work. Learning new techniques to control their mounts. The riders went onto some mounted game practises with riders learning to rein their mounts for command. The afternoon was a session of jumping, positioning ready for preparation to the up and coming local shows. The riders finished their day with some work in cross country jumping and techniques and were put through a small course.

Next rally day is March 3rd 9:30am gear check with a 10:00am start. Please check Delegate Pony Club Community Facebook page for any changes.



Community

GECO Kitchen set up at the Bonang hall for the bike traffic heading to the Superbikes at Phillip Island. It was a nice bonus for the meeting held at the hall on Monday as they ended up having a lunch they hadn't planned on having.



GECO Kitchen is available for local functions with the money raised going to GECO and other community groups, including the local CFA

NAILS ON THE ROAD

We had a call from a local who was travelling between Goongerah and the Gap Road and had the misfortune to receive two punctures from nails on the road. We also received information that another person managed to puncture two tyres travelling between Goongerah and Amboyne.

ERRINUNDRA TO SNOWY COMMUNITY PLAN

There was a great turn out at the meeting on the 20th of February at the Bonang Hall for the Creating the Plan session of the Errinundra to Snowy Community Plan. 21 people from the district came along to participate and have their say on what they would like to see happen in the future in our area.

Errinundra to Snowy District Community Plan



| Making it Happen - Roles and Responsibilities | Place Branding, Marketing and Tourism Session |
|---|---|
| <p>We will establish which ideas will be driven by community, government or other service providers to achieve the plan; and how to manage the process from here to deliver outcomes of the district plan.</p> <p>Food and refreshments will be provided.</p> | <p>Understand the role of marketing the Errinundra to Snowy region and what opportunities exist to improve the brand and visitation to the district. Identify the next steps in the Community plan around marketing and social media.</p> <p>A representative from the Emerald Link project will present the proposal and discuss the State Government Sea to Summit business case funding commitment.</p> <p>Food and refreshments will be provided.</p> |
| Date: Wednesday, 6 March 2019 | Date: Wednesday, 20 March 2019 |
| Time: 4:30pm – 7pm | Time: 4pm – 7pm |
| Location: Bonang Hall | Location: Bonang Hall |

Registrations are essential:

Online:
<http://bit.ly/SurveyErrinundraSnowy>
 Or contact
 Eleni McIlroy
 on (03) 5153 9500

(phone) or StrategicP@egipps.vic.gov.au (email)

What's On

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

RURAL ADVERSITY
MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Would you know how to help a person experiencing a mental health issue or crisis?

When: Tuesday 26 March 2019 and
Saturday 30 March 2019
9am – 5pm lunch provided

Where: Delegate School of Arts
36 Bombala St
Delegate

Cost: Free

RSVP: Friday 22 March 2019
Renata Sheehan
0477 322 107
renata.sheehan@health.nsw.gov.au

RAMHP Coordinator:
Jennie Keioskie
0447278957
Jennie.keioskie@health.nsw.gov.au

The 2-day Standard Mental Health First Aid course is for any interested adult.

You will learn about the signs and symptoms of common and disabling mental health problems in adults, how to provide initial help, where and how to get professional help, what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective, and how to provide first aid in a crisis situation.

Please note that this is an education course, to learn how to give first aid to others, and is not a therapy or support group.

Friends of Errinundra Working Bee at the Old Growth Walk

Sat 13th April

Meet at the Bendoc
DEWLP/Parks Vic Office
for carpooling at 9.00 am
or at the car park of The
Old Growth Walk.

New members are
welcome, you just need to
become a member of the
Friends of Errinundra for
\$5 a year. You will be
covered under the
Volunteer insurance of
Parks Victoria.



The Standard Mental Health First Aid course will teach you how to provide initial support to other adults who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves, using a practical, evidence based Action Plan.

This course is based on guidelines developed through the expert consensus of people with lived experience of mental health problems and professionals.

Mental health problems covered

- Depression
- Anxiety problems
- Psychosis
- Substance use problems

Mental health crises covered

- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours
- Non-suicidal self-injury
- Panic attacks
- Traumatic events
- Severe psychotic states
- Severe effects from alcohol or other drug use
- Aggressive behaviours.

Note: This course is not a therapy or a support group.



What is the format?

This is a 12-hour course which is usually delivered as either a 2-day training package (6 hours per day), or as 4 separate modules (3 hours each). There is also a blended option, with an online component.



Why attend an MHFA course?

Evaluations consistently show that MHFA training is associated with improved knowledge of mental illnesses, their treatments and appropriate first aid strategies, and confidence in providing first aid to individuals with mental illness. It is also associated with decreased stigma and an increase in help provided.



Who can attend this course?

Any adult can attend.



Become an Accredited Mental Health First Aider

Demonstrate your mental health first aid skills by becoming an Accredited Mental Health First Aider. Complete an online assessment after the course to become accredited.



How do I sign up?

Go to the Course Calendar on our website and select a course near you. If organising a course for a group, you can search for a local Instructor on our website to discuss your needs.

Full range of courses available at:
mhfa.com.au/courses



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What's On

Book launch at Cooma Library

Local author **Acacia Rose** is a long time campaigner for the health of the Snowy River. She began writing this novel to explore the beautiful light and landscapes within and around the Snowy Mountains and Monaro Region of NSW.

Her characters draw strength from the mountains, the wild horses and one another.

Ultimately, this is a story about the fight for the freedom of the threatened Snowy River.

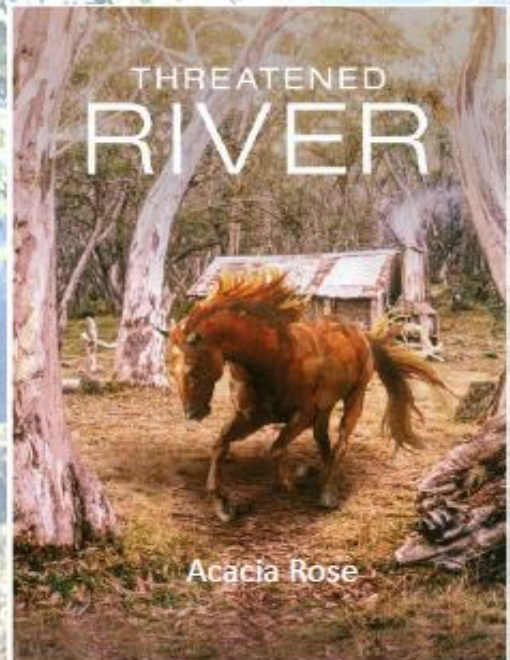
Saturday 9 March

11.30am

Light lunch provided

Please RSVP

6455 1730/library@monaro.nsw.gov.au



Sulari Gentill will be at Cooma Library to launch her new book

All the tears in China

Saturday 16 March at 11.30am

Light lunch provided

Bookings essential 6455 1730/library@monaro.nsw.gov.au

Book sales and signing on the day

This event is in conjunction with Fox Tale Bookshop and Pantera Press



News from the Shire

Bridge works cause minor delays

East Gippsland Shire Council advises residents of minor traffic delays on a number of roads as part of council's bridge renewal program.

Geotechnical investigations being undertaken in a range of communities over the coming weeks. These investigations are important to help find out about the physical properties of soil conditions below the ground. This information is crucial to designing a bridge that suits the site conditions.

To make sure workers are safe while completing this work, some roads may be reduced to one lane for short periods.

The geotechnical investigations are being undertaken by Black Geotechnical.

Tuesday 19 February: Bullock Island, Lakes Entrance

Wednesday 20 February: Mottle Range Rd, Orbost

Thursday 21 February: B Rd, Orbost; Lower Tostaree Rd, Tostaree

Friday 22 February: Wests Rd and Achapanis Access Rd, Combienbar

Saturday 23 February: Upper Wingan Rd, Genoa

Sunday 24 February: Fairhaven Rd, Genoa

Monday 25 February: Gulf Rd, Bendoc

Tuesday 26 February: Craigie Bog Rd, Bendoc; Sunny Point Rd, Buchan

Wednesday 27 February: Buchan South Rd, Buchan South; Wattle Hill Rd, Buchan

Thursday 28 February: Quire Rd, Buchan South

Friday 1 March: B Rd and Jarrahmond Rd, Orbost

Saturday 2 March: West Rd and Achapanis Access Rd, Cann River

Sunday 3 March: Big Flat Rd and Craigie Bog Rd, Delegate

Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 March: Hobbs Rd, Bonang

Thursday 7 March: Gulf Rd, Bendoc

These dates are a guide only as works are dependent on favourable conditions. For more information contact council's Project Supervisor Sean Heinemann on 5153 9500.

Having trouble paying your rates?

Do you need some extra time to pay your East Gippsland Shire Council rates?

If so, ratepayers are encouraged to contact council's Customer Service Centres and ask to speak with customer service centre staff.

For ratepayers who choose to pay their rates in one amount, rates were due on February 15, 2019, and unpaid rates will now start accruing interest.

Mayor Cr Natalie O'Connell said that for ratepayers who may not have been able to pay their annual rates when they fell due it was important to contact council and have a discussion.

"There are several ways we may be able to assist, including an arrangement to pay that is tailored to your situation," Cr O'Connell said.

Although interest is charged on all overdue amounts, if ratepayers enter into and honour an arrangement to pay, the risk of additional costs being incurred because action is undertaken to recover the debt is eliminated.

"Council understands that ratepayers may experience periods of financial hardship due to circumstances beyond their control. We know that this can happen for all kinds of reasons, just one of which is the current drought," Cr O'Connell said.

"Our officers are committed to working with ratepayers to put a plan in place for paying any overdue amounts. It could be an arrangement that spreads rates payments more evenly across a period of time, or if things are really tough, it might be an interest free period that allows the rates to be paid over time without extra costs being incurred."

Council has customer service centres in Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Mallacoota, Omeo, Orbost and Paynesville or can be contacted by telephone on (03) 5153 9500.

Media Enquiries: Luke Robinson (03) 5153 9411 or the Communications Team (03) 5153 9500.

News from the Shire

Drought group working for community

Behind-the-scenes work undertaken by the East Gippsland Drought Reference Group (EGDRG) in response to the prolonged drought being faced by East Gippsland communities is gaining momentum.

Employment opportunities, community group assistance and planning for larger infrastructure work that could provide longer term economic stimulus are hitting the ground, thanks in part to the EGDRG that was formed in late 2018.

Mayor Cr Natalie O'Connell said the intent of the group was to provide strategic advice, guidance, advocacy and action required to support drought-impacted communities in the shire, and maximise support and funding opportunities across all tiers of government.

"We are bringing together key stakeholders to assess on-ground intelligence to ensure that the needs of the community are able to be addressed as this current drought persists," Cr O'Connell said.

"It's important the group is able to provide strategic guidance in respect to the potential long-term consequences for our rural communities and the actions that might be appropriate to minimise any longer term negative consequences

"Among our terms of reference is to ensure a coordinated approach to communication about drought support and activities and ensure that programs and activities delivered contribute to the long-term resilience of our rural communities."

The East Gippsland Drought Reference Group (EGDRG) includes representation from:

- East Gippsland Shire Council
- East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
- Rural Financial Counselling Service – Gippsland
- Federal Member for Gippsland
- State Member for Gippsland East
- Agriculture Victoria
- Victorian Farmers' Federation
- Orbost Regional Health
- Country Women's Association
- Gippsland Farmer Relief Inc
- Other members may be co-opted as required or identified to join the group.

Cr O'Connell said EGDRG members are expected to consult with and report back to their organisation or group.

Pet owners reminded to update details

Pet owners in East Gippsland are being encouraged to update their details as pet registration renewal notices will be mailed soon.

Your pet's current registration tag will only be valid with payment of the 2019-20 renewal notice (due April 10) to East Gippsland Shire Council.

Council's Community Laws Coordinator Bill Petersen said "to ensure you receive your renewal notice please advise in writing any changes of ownership or address for your animal. Letting us know if your pet has passed away can save you the hardship of seeing your renewal notice in the mail. Under Victorian law, all dogs and cats three months of age and over must be registered with their local council. Ensuring your contact details are up to date can also help council's officers reunite lost pets with their owners."

If you have changed your address or phone number, you need to let council know in writing. You can do this online using the name and address form at eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/forms or emailing your new details to feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au. You can also visit one of our Customer Service Centres.

The one form can be used to update your details for other council services in addition to pet registrations.

Pet registrations are due by April 10 each year.

News from the Shire

Autumn Firewood Collection Season starts soon in Gippsland

The 2019 Autumn Firewood Collection Season opens in Gippsland on Friday 1 March and closes on Sunday 30 June.

Gippsland's Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Beth Roberts said: "It's important that people only collect firewood from designated firewood collection areas on public land and stay within collection limits. Interactive maps showing where you can collect domestic firewood from will go live from March 1 when the season gets underway.

Designated collection areas are put in place to protect sites of cultural and environmental significance. The felling of any trees for firewood is strictly prohibited. Authorised officers will be patrolling parks, forests and reserves to ensure people are doing the right thing while collecting their firewood. We're reminding people to stay within collection limits, which are a maximum of two cubic metres per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year. Some households rely on domestic firewood for winter energy, so it's important to consider others when collecting firewood from state forests. Be sure to check local weather and forest conditions before heading out to make sure it's safe before collecting firewood in your area. Some previously available firewood collection areas that have been affected by recent fires may be closed at the start of the season while rehabilitation and dangerous tree work is completed. Other sites may be part of the autumn planned burning program, so it's a good idea to check where burns are happening as these areas may be closed at short notice."

More information including rules, updates and interactive maps showing designated collection areas is available from www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood.

Under the *Forest Act 1958*, people who collect firewood outside designated firewood collection areas or a firewood collection season or take more than the maximum allowable amounts can face fines of up to \$7,928, or a maximum penalty of one year imprisonment or both, if the matter proceeded to Court.

For any further information on firewood collection or to report illegal or suspicious behaviour in public land areas, please contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) on 136 186.

Council puts rate relief on agenda

East Gippsland Shire Council Mayor Cr Natalie O'Connell will seek a rate relief commitment for drought-affected farmers from the State Agriculture Minister this afternoon.

Cr O'Connell will meet with Minister Jaclyn Symes in East Gippsland, with the number one priorities being a commitment for the Victorian Government to subsidise rate relief for the region's primary producers and subsidised transport costs for water and feed as the prolonged drought continues to impact East Gippsland.

"We have heard the calls from our primary production sector, and many others, about farm rate relief as a tangible way of providing assistance. The restriction council faces on providing such relief - either a reduction or deferment of rate payments - is that it is not possible from within council's budget without impacts on services or levels of service delivery. Providing the rate relief without assistance from the Government would have an impact on our budget in the constrained environment of rate capping, and would result in a reduction in service levels across the shire that would need to be absorbed by all ratepayers. I will impress on the Minister that rate relief would remove one of the many financial pressures on our important primary production sector as producers juggle cost pressures of buying in fodder destocking, and reduced production and income. Transport subsidies for water and feed will also be raised as another way of alleviating pressure on those that are struggling. The ball is in the Minister's court," Cr O'Connell said.

Cr O'Connell said Council had come under some criticism for its approach to securing \$1 million in Australian Government funding and how that money will be spent.

"We raised concern, as early as August last year, that affected farm and associated businesses can, fairly, not equate funding for such community focused infrastructure projects as meaningful drought assistance. Despite strong advocacy on the point, it became clear that Council, to access the funding, needed to frame a grant application that focusses on a range of infrastructure projects. We have made representation to the Federal department, our local Member Darren Chester and more recently the Deputy Prime Minister about the funding guidelines.", Cr O'Connell said.

News from the Shire

Property marking saves time and lives

Ensuring your property has a clear, visible house or business address number can make a difference in emergency situations where every second counts.

East Gippsland Shire Council is encouraging residents and businesses to have clearly marked property address numbers.

Mayor Cr Natalie O'Connell said, "Victoria Police, the Country Fire Authority, VICSES and Ambulance Victoria services all report that hidden or non-existent house numbers can waste time and increase response times for emergency services. All properties both households and commercial buildings should be clearly numbered. It's important that numbers are displayed at the front of your property; enabling emergency service to locate your home or business easily. The numbers displayed should be reflective both day and night and the numbers should be attached to a letterbox, a post, a dedicated board or the boundary fence."

Property owners are responsible for clearly marking their homes and businesses, if you are unsure of your rural property address number please contact Council for assistance.

The free Emergency Plus app uses your mobile phone's GPS to allow you to give Triple Zero (000) your exact location in an emergency.

What is Ultra Violet Radiation (UVR)?

UVR affects **everyone**, it comes from the sun as well as artificial lighting such as welding or specialised lights used in hospitals and laboratories.

It's not just related to how hot it is, you can still get burnt on cool or cloudy days.

UVR levels are high enough to damage unprotected skin which can result in skin cancer (UV levels of 3 and above). Cancer Council research says that skin cancer accounts for around 80% of all newly diagnosed cancers*

You can be affected by UVR even if you are in a car or home.

There are many different types of glass. Each provides very different levels of sun protection, for example:

- **House** window glass provides only moderate protection against UVR.
- **Office** building glass has a UPF of 50+ which means it provides excellent protection.
- **Vehicle** glass UVR levels vary. But it's important to remember that a person sitting in a car

How to protect yourself against UVR

Some tips for protecting yourself include:

- **Engineering controls:**
 - Use shade cloth when working outdoors.
 - Put blinds or curtains down to block out sunlight.
- **Administrative controls**
 - Reschedule work so the hot tasks are performed during the cooler part of the day.
 - Provide extra rest breaks in a cool area.
 - Reduce the time spent doing hot tasks (eg. job rotation).
- **Personal protective equipment and clothing:**
 - Wear hats and light clothing that still provide sun protection.

If you're an employer, download the [SunSmart Skin cancer and outdoor work guide](#) for more information

News from the Departments

Wild Dog Management Zone (WDMZ) Work Plan Community Workshop Schedule 2019

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) will hold a series of community workshops in late February and early March 2019 to review the current 2018/19 Wild Dog Management Zone Work Plans and to seek local knowledge and input into the development of new Work Plans for 2019/20.

The work plans will specify operational targets for both government and community wild dog control efforts on public and private land over the coming year and ensure a coordinated, integrated approach to wild dog management. The plans will enable industry and government to more effectively work together using all available tools including trapping, baiting, shooting, exclusion fencing and good animal husbandry to reduce the impacts of wild dogs.

The workshops will also feature:

- Wild Dog Controllers discussing current management techniques, response to wild dog incidents and wild dog behaviour
- Guest speakers covering topics of interest to landholders
- Other topics relevant to wild dog management in your local area.

Dates and venues for the Wild Dog Management Zone Work Plan workshops are attached.

For more information please contact

Vaughn Kingston
Community Engagement Officer - Wild Dog Program
(03) 5155 8121 or 0427 554 219

| WDMZ | Date | Venue | Time |
|------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Gembrook, Noojee, Erica | Tuesday 26 th February 2019 | Neerim Junction Hall, 2957 Main Neerim Rd, Neerim Junction | 10.30am - 12.30pm Morning tea |
| Bairnsdale, Glenaladale | Wednesday 27 th February 2019 | Glenaladale Hall, Glenaladale | 10.00am – 1.00pm BBQ lunch |
| Orbost, Cann River | Thursday 28 th February 2019 | Cann River Hall, Tamboon Rd, Cann River | 10.00am – 1.00pm BBQ lunch |
| Dargo | Monday 4 th March 2019 | DELWP office, 146 Lind Avenue, Dargo | 10.00am – 12:00pm Morning tea |
| Licola, Heyfield, Maffra | Tuesday 5 th March 2019 | DELWP Office, Corner Licola and Firebrace Roads Heyfield | 10.00am – 1:00pm BBQ lunch |
| Omeo, Benambra | Wednesday 6 th March 2019 | Benambra Rec Reserve, Tip Rd. Benambra | 10.00am – 1.00pm BBQ lunch |
| Swifts Creek, Ensay | Wednesday 6 th March 2019 | Tom & Gemma Kings property, 337 Baldhills Rd., Swifts Ck. | 6.00pm – 9:00pm BBQ dinner |
| Buchan, Gelantipy | Thursday 7 th March 2019 | Karoonda Park, 3855 Gelantipy Rd, Gelantipy | 10.00am – 1:00pm BBQ lunch |
| Bonang, Bendoc, Tubbut, Deddick | Friday 8 th March 2019 | Delegate River CFA Shed, Bonang Highway, Delegate River | 10.00am – 1.00pm BBQ lunch |

News from the Departments

Community input wanted into bushfire planning for Gippsland

Land and fire management agencies are calling on the public to help inform strategic bushfire management planning for Gippsland.

Strategic bushfire management planning is a multi-agency process that addresses the risks posed by bushfires on both public and private land. It uses the latest science and technology and draws on community values that need protecting.

Planning teams consist of representatives from Forest Fire Management Victoria, CFA, Emergency

Management Victoria and local governments.

Peter West, Chair of the Regional Strategic Fire Management Planning Committee said:

“Gippsland communities have told us that the most important things to protect are human life, private property, the natural environment, human health and well-being, infrastructure, regional economies and cultural heritage.

“We now need community input into bushfire management strategies to help us strike the right balance. This feedback will inform our bushfire management strategies and guide future work such

as fuel management, targeted community engagement, and prioritisation of government resources for Gippsland.

“Strategic bushfire management planning uses technology developed in partnership with the University of Melbourne to identify those areas in Gippsland where bushfires pose the greatest risk. This modelling approach helps us to direct our bushfire management efforts to areas of greatest risk, including the most effective places to target fuel reduction.

“Previously, this planning process focussed on bushfire risk across public land. This time, we’ve broadened our focus to help determine where to target fuel management on both public and private land,” Mr West said.

“For the first time, priority fuel management categorisation is applied to private land. It is an opportunity to start a conversation with the community about how we can all work together to reduce bushfire risk.”

“The new strategies will guide bushfire risk reduction on both public and private land across Gippsland into the future.”

To have your say, go to: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/bushfire-planning>

About Safer Together

Strategic Bushfire Management Planning is part of the Safer Together initiative.

Safer Together is our approach to reducing the risk of bushfire in Victoria that combines stronger community partnerships with the latest science and technology to more effectively target our actions. For more information see, safertogether.vic.gov.au.



News from the Departments

STRATEGIC BUSHFIRE
MANAGEMENT PLANNING
GIPPSLAND



PHASE 2 SURVEY

Bushfires in Gippsland burn across public and private land and pose a real threat to lives, homes, jobs and the environment. Managing bushfire risk is an ongoing and shared responsibility – a partnership in which everyone has a role.

Gippsland's fire agencies want to work in partnership with local communities so that fire science and expertise is combined with local knowledge to minimise the devastating impact of bushfires.

Phase 1 of our consultation process helped us understand what people care most about (see overleaf) and with Phase 2, we are seeking community feedback on a number of bushfire management strategies. Developing these strategies is a complex task, one that requires in-depth knowledge and understanding of fire science and behaviour, land management practices, resources and capabilities.

By participating in the Phase 2 online survey, you can help us determine which strategies will form part of Gippsland's Strategic Bushfire Management Plan (SBMP).

The survey will open on Monday 18 February 2019 and close on Monday 11 March 2019.

PHASE 1 RESULTS GIPPSLAND SBMP



84%
said they needed one

76%
had an up-to-date plan

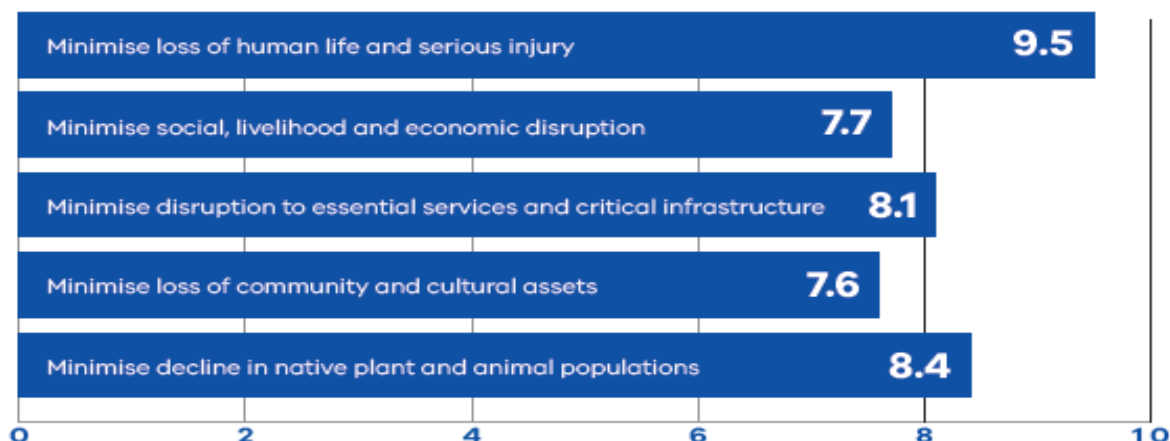


65%
had past experience of bushfire



WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Scale 1 - 10, where 1 = no importance, 10 = maximum importance



Farmers and Growers

Bushfire-ravaged soil takes up to 80 years to recover, research finds

The World Today

By Sarah Maunder

Australian scientists have discovered that forest soils need up to eight decades to recover from bushfires and logging, not just 10 or 15 years.

Their findings could change the way forests are managed, with implications on climate change and forest sustainability.

Scientists studied the soil from Victoria's Ash Mountain forests that supplies water to the entire population of Melbourne.

Bushfires have always been a grim inevitability of Australian summers.

"It's at least 30 years after logging, and at least 80 years after fire," said David Lindenmayer, who was part of the team that studied forest soil regeneration.

David Lindenmayer, Professor of Ecology at the Australian National University, told The World Today that these soil recovery timeframes are "very conservative estimates and we suspect that it may be much longer... potentially up to 150 years. These results are very significant for many reasons. First of all, it suggests that when we're thinking about sustainable management of forests we have to think not only about the trees and the rest of the forest including biodiversity, but now we also have to think deeply about the soils. Soil can determine how quickly the forest grows, the level of carbon in the forests and how much carbon is fixed or released from the soils. It has climate change implications, it has sustainability implications, and it has implications for how we manage these important resources."

Professor Lindenmayer's research showed that when there's a major insult to soil — such as burning or logging — many essential nutrients are lost.

Professor Lindenmayer said "What it suggests is that we need larger areas of undisturbed forests, that's undisturbed by fire and logging to make sure that we maintain the health of these systems. Now this really matters in the case of the Mountain Ash Forest outside of Melbourne, because as a consequence of fire and logging and the combination of both, 98.8 per cent of that entire forest system which supplies most of the water to Melbourne is now 80 years or younger. There will be significant fire and logging effects on the soils, right throughout that entire forest. The Victorian Government needs to step up in order to preserve the forest and Melbourne's water supply "and look more deeply at how to manage these forests and set aside more protected areas that are exempt from these kinds of major disturbances such as logging and fire. There's a straightforward way out of this, almost all of the timber out of this forest goes to make paper and a solution would be to use plantation feedstock instead of native forest timber. We won't lose a single job, in fact it will grow the forest industry to be more substantial than it is now, but using plantation feedstock, rather than using native forest."

Vic Forests is a state-owned business responsible for the harvest, commercial sale and re-growing of timber from Victoria's state forests on behalf of the Government.

Alex Messina, the general manager of corporate affairs, told The World Today that Vic Forests was not consulted about the research, and pointed out that the study was a "piece of research about bushfire, not logging. In the last decade there's been about 3 million hectares of bush burnt in Victoria, compared to harvesting, which is about 3,000 hectares a year, or if you like 30,000 [hectares] over 10 years. That means that the impact of logging is about 1 per cent—in effect, this is a piece of research of fires, not about harvesting, and in any case it finds that the effect of harvesting is substantially less." The state already preserves vast areas for conservation with 94 per cent of public forests being reserved as national parks or state reservations that "can never be harvested". We only harvest anywhere at all in that 6 per cent area, and even in that 6 per cent area we harvest a very small amount of forest — about 3,000 hectares a year, or 0.04 per cent of the entire Victorian public forests. That amounts to four trees in 10,000 per year being impacted by harvesting across the landscape of Victorian public forested area."

Thank You

A HUGE THANK YOU TO TRENT TONISSEN AND ALL DELWP PERSONNEL.

Late Tuesday afternoon the 19th of February- There were two sudden lighting strikes in the hills of Tubbut/ Tingaringy, which ignited at both points of contact. One was pretty much just over the shoulder of the lovely hill directly behind my home, immediately across the Deddick River & part of the Rosendale cluster, the other was in the vicinity of the Tingaringy track. They were very promptly detected & pin pointed between the fire- tower operators of the wider region and the highly strategic use of their different Lighting Tracking Programs. I'd walked up the hill on my side of the river for a better view, but did not have quite sufficient vantage.

I was shortly rung by Trent— at that time at Cann River— telling me that phos-chek would be dropped substantially on the boundaries of both strikes before nightfall; and that they were prioritised as in proximity to residential properties . The following morning a Rappel Crew would be sent in by helicopter with chainsaws & rake hoes , and, if need be water would also be dropped. I absolutely appreciated the clarity of his communication! I was awake & outside for much of that night, which sprinkled & damped down before dawn, welcomingly.

When the cloud had risen next day the helicopter pilot (Adam) circled in and around the hills, briefed by Trent as to the power- lines crossing the road. I was able to stand on the bank side, in front of the pines & watch the dexterity with which the "copter manoeuvred till it was low enough & in position to make 11 line drops- 5 of which were the crew themselves. That was 11am. They found that the trees which had been struck were effectively cold and spent approx. 3 hours cutting & breaking them up to make absolutely certain. Water from Phillip Neven's dam proved to be unnecessary. I should also note that a hands- on crew of 8 attended equally promptly to Tingaringy Track.

Now Trent had also explained to me the very interesting & relevant fact that although NSW has winching capabilities in such circumstances, Victoria does not. So Victoria uses skilled Rappelers instead- which means that equipment can be lifted back out, but not the people themselves. The crew must walk out! And so they did- coming past my house at 3.30pm, where I was able to shake their hands & thank them personally- Tom's crew of 1 girl & 4 guys from the Heyfield Depot, both intrepid & shy all of them! **Who by the way enjoyed the hilly terrain and did NOT find it steep.** The big red & white helicopter which had landed earlier in the centre of my paddock across the road, to take the equipment—landed once again, and I watched & waved from the wall of my small dam opposite as they took off & flew directly overhead back through these beautiful hills. It was altogether a really heartening experience; where co-operation and foresight are key.

I've had an engineering report for awhile now; since we did clay sampling in the centre of that paddock across the road- for a medium—size water point dam for my property. It would be situated precisely where the helicopter landed. I'm also wondering if, in time to come it might be possible to manufacture a Kelp- Seaweed—Algae- based more positively Eco- friendly form of fire suppressant- to preform exactly the same role which the phos-chek does.

With my sincere thanks again and regards to All DELWP staff involved, for your first & second responses.

Shoshanah Leah Keller.

Seniors

WHAT IS A HOME CARE PACKAGE AND WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

During the first round of hearings in the aged care royal commission, we heard many Australians would prefer to receive help at home than move into an aged care facility.

This will not solve all the problems in the aged care system, but it can be possible for eligible older Australians to stay living at home rather than enter an aged care facility via the provision of a “home care package”. The Coalition government has announced funding for 40,000 new home care packages over the last year.

The term “home care package” refers to a fixed amount of money allocated by the federal government to an older person to provide services which will enable them to continue to live independently. The amount of money provided depends on the person’s needs, as assessed by an independent assessment agency.

The person does not receive the cash in hand. Rather, they are allocated a code which they take to an approved service provider who they work with to decide how the money is going to be spent. There are a fixed number of home care packages available. This means a person may be assessed as needing a package but must wait in a national queue, managed by My Aged Care, until a package is allocated to them.

As of June 30 2018, 91,847 people had a home care package managed by one of almost 900 providers. Close to 70,000 people remain on the waiting list.

What support is available?

Most people start using aged care services when they need just one or two services. These might include cleaning, help with showering, or basic home maintenance such as changing light bulbs and installing a raised toilet seat. Services could also include help with shopping and meal preparation, and some allied health services such as physiotherapy.

This entry level of support is provided through the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP), which 783,043 people accessed last financial year.

When a person’s needs change and they require more than one or two services, need additional help coordinating the care they receive, or have more complex needs, they may be eligible for a home care package.

There are four package levels that reflect the spectrum of care needs. A level 1 package is for those with the lowest care needs, and level 4 the highest.

How can someone access these services?

Access to all home support services or home care packages is through My Aged Care, the government portal. A person might be referred through a hospital or their GP. They can also contact My Aged Care directly, or have a family member or other trusted person do so on their behalf.

Registration can be done online or by phone. This can be challenging if people don’t have access to the internet at home or are not digitally literate. And for people with cognitive or physical conditions that limit their ability to communicate, the system can be difficult to navigate.

It’s important that a person who needs help nominates a trusted person who can manage the process; ideally a close family member or friend. They will assist with the assessment process, choosing a quality provider and selecting services that are best suited to their loved one’s needs. The complexity of navigating the current system means agents or brokers have entered the market. Some recruit older people by door knocking or dropping leaflets, offering to act on their behalf. These people may charge large commissions for their work.

It’s important to be on the lookout for what sound like good deals such as “free packages” with no contribution from the consumer. These are often inferior products that deliver very little in actual support for the person.

Seniors (continued)

Who is eligible?

A CHSP assessment will be conducted by a regional assessment team. If you are assessed as needing higher care, an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) will then assess your eligibility for home care packages and residential care. The assessors are usually nursing or allied health professionals who are trained to assess care needs according to the government guidelines.

They will do a comprehensive assessment of the person's cognition and physical capacity to manage at home. This will allow the assessor to understand the person's needs and recommend what type of services would be best suited to support them, such as physiotherapy or personal care.

They will also take into account personal preferences and informal care levels, such as care by family members, friends or even neighbours who help with shopping, cleaning and other tasks.

Someone with a lower functional level and greater needs may receive less funding support than someone functioning at a higher level due to differences in the care available to them.

| Person | Functional limitations | Living situation | Care recommended |
|--------|---|---|---|
| Ron | Limited mobility, walks with four-wheeled walker up to 20m at a time, requires assistance to shower and dress. Does not drive or get out of the house very often. | Lives with wife who is fit and well for her age and does all shopping, cooking, and cleaning. Son visits regularly. Neighbour helps with garden and home maintenance. | Lower level package to provide some personal care and some respite care as generally informal carers are managing well. |
| John | Uses a walking stick but generally quite mobile. Still driving. Poor diet with limited ability to cook and prepare meals. Socially isolated. While coping at present he is at high risk of malnutrition and deteriorating function. | Wife died recently. Children live distantly. No close support. | Higher level package to give greater assistance with shopping, cooking, outings, home maintenance and gardening. |

After an aged care package has been approved, they will be placed in the queue for their approved package level. Once a place is available, the person can nominate a provider to co-ordinate their care.

Care needs will be negotiated with the provider and a plan will be developed. The provider may deliver some or all of the care needs or broker other providers if they don't have those services, or if the person wants a different provider. They may have a local podiatrist they already use, for example, and want to keep seeing that person to receive care under their package.

Seniors (continued)

What is each package worth?

Packages range from A\$8,250 a year for a level 1 package to A\$50,250 for a level 4 package, as seen in the table below.

| Home care package level | Daily subsidy rate | Yearly subsidy rate |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Level 1 | \$22.66 | \$8,250 |
| Level 2 | \$41.22 | \$15,000 |
| Level 3 | \$90.62 | \$33,000 |
| Level 4 | \$137.77 | \$50,250 |

Anyone receiving a package is expected to provide a co-contribution that is fixed at 17.5% of the single aged pension (currently A\$10.43 a day or A\$3,807 a year). This can be waived for hardship.
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Beware admin and exit fees

Managing a package requires administration and case co-ordination. But administration fees are currently not transparent. Providers have been able to charge what they feel is appropriate, which has made it very difficult for consumers to compare different fees.

The government is instituting new rules from July 1 2019 to increase transparency and accountability.

A person can change provider at any time. But providers are able to charge exit fees (although not all do) so it's important to understand the fees and charges – and what you're agreeing to – before signing any contracts.

As of September 30 2018, the average maximum exit amount was A\$232 and 42% percent of providers stated they would not deduct any exit fee.

You're on the list, now what?

Waiting times have become a key issue with some people waiting lengthy periods for a package to become available. The royal commission heard current waiting times are between 18 and 24 months.

While waiting for a home care package, a person can receive entry level support through the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, or may have the option to take up a lower level interim package if one is available.

Two criteria determine how long someone will have to wait: length of time in the queue and urgency of need. A person is assessed as high priority if they would be at high risk of absolute crisis without support. So those with the highest needs should receive a package sooner.

Local History

Continued from the January Tattler

Borderliners who joined the First World War campaign

Sergeant Arthur Charles Hutchison

Service No: 561

Unit: 22nd Battalion

Date of Enlistment: 12th February 1915

Place of Enlistment: Orbost, Victoria

Place of Birth: Cabanandra near Bendoc, Victoria

Next of Kin: John Hutchison (Father), Dellicknora, Victoria

Age at Enlistment: 22 years 4 months (Born 24th October 1892)

Particulars of Service:

10/5/1915 - Embarked at Melbourne per HMAT A14 "Euripides"
7/6/1916 - Transferred to P.U.O. medically unfit at Suez. PUO appears to mean Pyrexia, which is a rise in the body's core temperature, otherwise known as a fever.
16/9/1916 - Proceeded overseas to France
5/10/1916 - Taken on strength 22nd Battalion
21/12/1916 - Appointed Lance Corporal
21/1/1917 - Promoted to Temporary Corporal
31/3/1917 - Marched in to 2ADBD, Etaples
24/5/1917 - Promoted to Corporal in the field
15/6/1917 - To hospital sick, Appendicitis
9/7/1917 - Invalided to UK
10/7/1917 - Admitted to Military Hospital, Richmond
18/7/1917 - Transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford
23/7/1917 - Discharged from hospital to No.2 Com. Dep., Weymouth
4/10/1917 - To No.3 Com. Dep., Hurdcott
10/11/1917 - Marched out to Overseas Training Brigade
23/11/1917 - Proceeded overseas to France
4/12/1917 - Rejoined unit in the field
21/4/1918 - Appointed Temporary Sergeant
5/7/1918 - To hospital sick and reverted to rank of Corporal
20/7/1918 - Rejoined unit
29/7/1918 - Promoted to Sergeant
12/8/1918 - To hospital sick, Diarrhoea until 17/11/1918
28/11/1918 - To UK on leave until 12/12/1918
11/12/1918 - To hospital sick, while on leave, Influenza
20/12/1918 - Discharged to No.2 Com. Dep., Weymouth
5/3/1919 - Embarked for return to Australia per "Nevasa"
25/4/1919 - Medically discharged from AIF

Arthur was the 3rd of 7 children born to John and Sarah Elizabeth (nee Foley) Hutchison (see above)

Arthur married Lilian Veronica Walker and they had a son and a daughter.

Arthur passed away on 21st June 1951 at Bendigo, Victoria at the age of 58 years.

Local History continued

Private Charles Henry Hutchison

Service No: 4466

Unit: 22nd Battalion

Date of Enlistment: 8th January 1916

Place of Enlistment: Melbourne, Victoria

Place of Birth: Dellicknora, Victoria

Next of Kin: Dorothy Isabel Hutchison (Wife), Prahran, Victoria

Age at Enlistment: 33 years 5 months (Born 15th October 1882)

Particulars of Service:

29/3/1916 - Embarked at Melbourne per RMS "Orontes"

16/9/1916 - Proceeded overseas to France

5/10/1916 - Taken on strength 22nd Battalion

8/11/1916 - Killed in action at Flanders, during the Battle of the Somme, at the age of 34 years.

Charlie, who was born at Dellicknora, Victoria, was the third youngest of 14 children born to George and Elinor Ann (nee Pratt) Hutchison. George was born on 21st July 1837 at Rossville, near Goulburn, NSW and died on 6th September 1906 at Rookwood Asylum, Lidcombe, NSW, from senile decay, at the age of 69 years. Eleanor was born on 30th June 1846 at Bethnal Green, London, England, and died on 18th November 1929 at Dellicknora, Victoria at the age of 83 years. The couple married in 1899, and then divorced; cruelty was cited as the reason.

Charlie married Dorothy Isabel Grace Miller Lucas on 11th June 1913 at Bairnsdale, Victoria and they had a son Rupert Alexander Lucas who died soon after birth in 1912, and one daughter, Dorothy Isabelle Grace, who was born in 1914.

Trooper Herbert Francis Hutchison

Service No: 64472

Unit: 15th Light Horse Regiment

Date of Enlistment: 10th April 1918

Place of Enlistment: Dandenong, Victoria

Place of Birth: Dellicknora, Victoria

Next of Kin: Robert Hutchison (Father), Noble Park, Victoria

Age at Enlistment: 18 years 7 months (Born 20th September 1899)

Particulars of Service:

14/9/1918 - Embarked at Sydney per "Port Darwin"

6/10/1918 - Admitted to hospital aboard ship

19/10/1918 - Disembarked at Suez

7/12/1918 - Taken on strength 15th Light Horse Regiment

31/1/1919 - To Beirut on duty

15/2/1919 - To hospital sick, Ulcer on right leg, Abbassia

22/3/1919 - Discharged from hospital to Australian Dep. Stores, Ghezureh

10/4/1919 - To hospital, Ulcer right leg

19/4/1919 - To rest camp

29/4/1919 - Embarked at Port Said for return to Australia per HT "Dorset"

9/5/1919 - To hospital on board ship until 12/5/1919

11/6/1919 - Disembarked in Australia

25/6/1919 - Medically discharged from AIF

Herbert was the 2nd of 7 children born to Robert and Janet Robertina (nee Davis) Hutchison. Robert was born on 20th February 1873 at Bidwell, Victoria, and died on 29th November 1955 at Bairnsdale, Victoria, at the age of 82 years. A mining accident blinded him for some time and he learnt piano tuning at the School for the Blind in Melbourne. Janet was born on 14th September 1879 at Haydens Bog, near Bendoc, Victoria and died on 29th June 1929 at the age of 49 years. The couple married on 19th February 1895 at Delegate River, Victoria.

Local History continued

Herbert married Amy Carter on 25th September 1926 at Malvern, Victoria. Amy was born on 23rd October 1904 at Beechworth, Victoria, and died on 11th April 1948 in Melbourne, at the age of 43 years. The couple had 3 children.

Herbert passed away on 8th April 1937 from tuberculosis, at Caulfield, Victoria at the age of 37 years. He was buried in the Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria. He had been a railway employee

Lance Corporal Robert Cecil Hutchison

Service No: 2689

Unit: 46th Battalion, Anzac Provisional Police Corps

Date of Enlistment: 26th April 1916

Place of Enlistment: Melbourne, Victoria

Place of Birth: Bonang, Victoria

Next of Kin: William Hutchison (Father), Murrungowar, via Orbost, Victoria

Age at Enlistment: 20 years 5 months (Born 21st October 1896)

Particulars of Service:

20/10/1916 - Embarked at Melbourne per A17 "Port Lincoln"
 10/1/1917 - Disembarked at Devonport
 5/2/1917 - To hospital sick
 25/2/1917 - To 12th Training Battalion, Codford, from hospital
 6/3/1917 - Detached for duty at 45th Battalion
 3/5/1917 - Proceeded overseas to France
 8/5/1917 - Taken on strength 46th Battalion
 12/12/1917 - To hospital sick until 15/12/1917
 23/1/1918 - Detached for duty with 13 Australian Field Ambulance
 1/2/1918 - Rejoined Battalion
 27/6/1918 - Promoted to Lance Corporal
 25/8/1918 - Wounded in action, Gassed
 16/9/1918 - Rejoined unit
 22/1/1919 - Transferred to Admin Headquarters
 31/1/1919 - Attached for duty with Australian Provost Corps
 8/10/1919 - Embarked for return to Australia per "Benalla"
 29/11/1919 - Disembarked in Australia
 15/1/1920 - Discharged from AIF

Robert was the 5th of 12 children born to William and Fanny Selina (nee White) Hutchison. William was born on 5th April 1861 at Bidwell, Victoria, and died on 11th March 1919 at Orbost, Victoria, at the age of 57 years. Fanny was born on 1st January 1867 at Mt. Gambier, South Australia, and died on 28th August 1954 at Rookwood, NSW at the age of 84 years. The couple married on 8th December 1887 at Delegate, NSW.

Robert also served in WWII from 6th January 1941 until 22nd May 1943 as a Corporal no. N101715, 103 Australian General Hospital, Australian Army.

Whilst in England, Robert married Margaret (Susanna) Agnes Wyatt at the Church of St. Gabriel's, Church of England, at Pimlico, London, on 17th August 1919. Margaret was born on 1st June 1891 in Ramsgate, Kent, England, and died on 17th March 1988 at Elizabeth Drive Nursing Home, Liverpool, NSW, at the age of 89 years. The couple had 3 children.

Robert passed away on 7th July 1983 at Mount Druitt, NSW, at the age of 86 years (ancestry), or 30th June 1983 (Monaro Pioneers).

Local History continued

Private Thomas James Hutchison

Service No: 4467

Unit: 22nd Battalion

Date of Enlistment: 11th February 1916

Place of Enlistment: Melbourne, Victoria

Place of Birth: Dellicknora, Victoria

Next of Kin: Lily Jane Hutchison (Wife), Dellicknora, Victoria

Age at Enlistment: 28 years 10 months

Particulars of Service:

29/3/1916 - Embarked from Australia
16/9/1916 - Proceeded overseas to France
5/10/1916 - Take 15/2/1917 - To hospital sick, Influenza
24/2/1917 - Diagnosed with Trench Fever
2/3/1917 - Invalided to UK, admitted to Military Hospital, St. Edmonton
1/6/1917 - Transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford
18/6/1917 - Discharged to furlough until 2/7/1917
9/7/1917 - To No.4 Dept. Com., Codford
3/8/1917 - To Overseas Training Brigade
5/9/1917 - Proceeded overseas to France
20/9/1917 - Rejoined Battalion
4/10/1917 - Wounded in action, gunshot wound left arm (severe)
7/10/1917 - Invalided to UK, to 1st Southern General Hospital, Mooney Hill
23/10/1917 - Transferred to 1st Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield
26/10/1917 - To furlough until 9/11/1917, then to No.2 Com. Dep., Weymouth
27/11/1917 - To Overseas Training Brigade
12/12/1917 - Proceeded overseas to France
19/12/1917 - Rejoined Battalion
1/2/1918 - To UK on furlough, to hospital sick whilst on leave
15/2/1918 - Back to France
27/2/1918 - To hospital sick
9/3/1918 - To UK for return to Australia
5/4/1918 - Embarked for return to Australia
31/7/1918 - Medically discharged from AIF

Tom, who was born at Dellicknora, Victoria, was the youngest of 14 children born to George and Elinor Ann (nee Pratt) Hutchison (see above).

Tom married Lily Jane Boag on 3rd June 1908 at Bombala, NSW. Lily was born on 2nd May 1892 at Numeralla, NSW and died on 11th June 1985 at Bexley, NSW, at the age of 93 years. She and Tom had two sons. Tom and Lily were divorced on 28th November 1918 after he returned from the war and found out that Lily was living with another man, George Walter Bradley, with whom she had a son in 1919. Lily married George in 1942.

Tom married Florence Mary Ellen Crawford on 12th April 1922 in Bombala. Florence was born on 13th January 1900 at Browns Camp, near Delegate. She died on 29th March 1958 at Bairnsdale, Victoria. The couple had two sons.

Contributed by Deb Foskey; the hard work was done by Sandra O'Hagan

In the Garden

This Month In Your Patch | By [Helen Tuton](#)



Low temperatures for extended periods of time (all of Tasmania, most of Victoria, the southern highlands of NSW, the ACT and a tiny southern bit of SA)

- Yup... it's a touch warm, but there is still a whole heap of things you can pop in the patch at this time of year. Tasty herbs in the 'burbs that are ready to roll include coriander and basil. You could give mint and lemon balm a go as well, but be careful to contain them, otherwise they can take over!
- Whack these tasty wonders into your Yummy Yard this month: Chinese cabbage, spinach, tatsoi, rocket, silverbeet, broccoli, leeks and lettuces!
- Add some colour and movement to the patch, and pop in some of these little pretties- dianthus, cornflower, pansy, viola, echinacea, stock, verbena and lupins. Having these around your veggies will give some interest to the patch, and act as beneficial insect attractors!
- Top up mulch on your veggie patches, herb gardens and ornamental beds, especially important for weed suppression at this time of year. A hot tip is to mulch after watering the patch, to a depth of about 7cm. Keep mulch clear of plant stems... especially young seedlings. Choose a low environmental impact mulch, one that will enrich your soil as it breaks down.
- Green manure crops, including oats, wheat, faba beans and field peas are good to go now... improve that dormant veggie patch, and get ready for next seasons heavy feeding plants!
- Plants feel the need for a feed at this time of year. A seaweed tea, or any low environmental impact liquid fertiliser, is perfect for the seedlings you've just popped in. Apply to the soil early in the morning, and in the concentrations mentioned on the packet.
- Weeding is an awesome job to do at this time of year. Cut down the competition between your tasty treats and these space invaders, and tidy up your patch. It may sound tedious, but it's incredibly rewarding!

Water smarter at this time of year. Water first thing in the morning, and instead of quickie irrigation, a nice, deep drink a couple of times a week is far more beneficial!

Recipe

Double Chocolate Banana Bread

3 medium-to-large very ripe bananas
1/2 cup (115 grams) butter, melted
3/4 cup (145 grams) brown sugar (I use dark here; either light or dark work)
1 large egg
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon table salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon (optional; I skip it)
1 cup (125 grams) all-purpose flour
1/2 cup Dutch-process cocoa powder
1 cup (about 6 ounces or 170 grams) semisweet or bittersweet chocolate chunks or chips

Heat your oven to 350°F. Butter a 9×5-inch loaf pan, or spray it with a nonstick baking spray.

Mash bananas in the bottom of a large bowl. (You'll have a little over 1 cup mashed banana total.) Whisk in melted butter, then brown sugar, egg, and vanilla. Place baking soda, salt, cinnamon (if using), flour and cocoa powder in a sifter or fine-mesh strainer and sift over wet ingredients. (My cocoa is almost always lumpy, so this is essential for me.) Stir dry and wet ingredients with a spoon until just combined. Stir in chocolate chunks or chips.

Pour into prepared pan and bake 55 to 65 minutes, until a tester or toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out batter-free. (A melted chocolate chip smear is expected, however.) Cool in pan for 10 to 15 minutes, then run a knife around the edge and invert it out onto a cooling rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

The banana bread will keep for up to 4 days at room temperature. I keep mine wrapped in foil.

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