Does Tarago Need a Skatepark?

Some of the young people of Tarago gather to show their support for the Skate Park with the site selection report and list of 92 signatures they have collected so far.

Photo by Gill Shepherd

These kids say yes most definitely yes! There has been much discussion over time about if Tarago wants or needs something for our young people to do. The Tarago & District Progress Association Inc (TADPAI) invite you to have your say by completing the survey in this months issue. Please take the time to read the site selection report prepared by CONVIC constructions one of the world leaders in skate park designs on our website http://www.tarago.org.au/clientfiles/SkatePark.pdf and complete and return the enclosed survey or complete it online via the www.tarago.org.au website to let TADPAI know your thoughts. At the June TADPAI meeting on Monday 15th June we will be showing video footage of the latest designs of skate parks which include recreational facilities for all ages, such as outdoor gym, playground and recreational equipment such as rock climbing walls and outdoor games. Please contact Gill Shepherd, Tarago Skate Park project co-ordinator, on 4849 4221 if you have any questions.
The Centenary of ANZAC Dawn Service was very well attended. The Federal Member for Hume, Mr Angus Taylor laid a wreath in remembrance for all who served from the Electorate of Hume. Estimates suggest more than 300 attended to commemorate our veterans. The Gunfire Breakfast saw the Village Hall filled to capacity and then some with the collection for Legacy totalling $1,045.35.

Comments from the Community have been encouraging regarding the service and the ANZAC Committee have decided to continue the format used this year, although we will ensure that reliable audio is in place for 2016. Some have requested a copy of the slide montage displayed on the Hall stage during the gunfire breakfast. Please email Lou Alaimo regarding this: mlalaimo@gmail.com.

During the Committee’s research an additional 30 World War One veterans were identified as having been born in or having had a significant presence in Tarago, Lake Bathurst, Boro and Lower Boro at the time. Two others associated with Windellama were also identified and details have been advised to the Windellama Historical Society.

Many thanks to all those who support and continue to support the ANZAC Day commemoration events.

Lest We Forget.

Lou Alaimo
Congratulations to the Anzac Committee of TADPAI for this year’s Anzac Day ceremony. It was a very moving service and it was great to see so many people involved representing so many of the service men and women throughout the years from our district. TSAI was proud to be part of the Gunfire Breakfast and the boys on the bbqs worked hard and fast as did us servers to feed the huge crowd that gathered at the Tarago Hall after the service. A special thanks to Peanuts Funny Farm who provided vegan sausages and to Mick’s Multi Trades for providing Baked Beans. Both of these items were a huge hit with those people who couldn’t partake of the bacon, eggs and sausages and the baked beans were loved by all. It looks like we will be extending our breakfast menu to include these in future. Also a very special thanks to Helena Hook for providing the traditional bottle of rum in memory of hers and our beloved Hooky.

The ladies of the CWA once again did a sterling job with the tea and coffee and bread and damper despite the crown numbers and the boiling water issue. TSAI will be donating an urn or urns to the Hall to assist with the volume of boiling water in future for those peak demands like the breakfast. I didn’t get a chance to look up from dishing out food but I was told that the montage compiled by Lou Alaimo of our local soldiers was excellent and we hope to have some of these photos and stories in future Tarago Times issues over the next 3 years - the period of the 100 years anniversary.

Whilst on the subject of Anzac it is with regret that I inform you that the Tarago winds have claimed our Lone Pine tree. We will be sourcing a replacement as soon as possible and investigating why these trees are not coping with the elements as both of them have succumbed in the same way at the same size, whilst the one planted in the school grounds is thriving.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th June at 7.00pm at the Loaded Dog Hotel.

If you have any questions about the TSAI please contact me on gill.shepherd@bigpond.com or phone 4849 4221.

Gill Shepherd
Secretary

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Tarago Police News

It was pleasing to still see the negative results from the high number of RBT that were completed in our area for the month of May, this was a great result considering there has been a heavy traffic presence through our area this month. As a result I’ve made contact with the RMS and local Highway Officers in an attempt to have them conduct speed checks out here especially through the township of Tarago itself, so expect to see an increase in the coming weeks.

We have another long weekend in June so expect both Stewarts Crossing and Oallen Ford Camping Areas to be well attended by locals and visitors alike.

Sadly there have been a few more break and enters in and around our area, I’ve been speaking with Goulburn Detectives and passing on the favourable information that I have received so I thank you all for contributing to trying to keep our area safe from these crooks.

Please remember you are our eyes and ears, if you see something suspicious regardless how minor please make a note of it and let me or my colleagues at Goulburn know. Sometimes the smallest piece of information can point us in the direction of who these crooks are. If you see any suspicious activity, please contact Tarago Police on Phone: 02 4849 4411 or Goulburn Police: 02 4824 0799.

A reminder to people not to pass on any personal information over the phone, there has again been a run of these scams in the rural areas, even though these people sound genuine and it would be nice to think that either your bank or the Government is holding money for you, please don’t give out any personal or banking details as you could find yourself a victim of these scams and out of pocket.

And finally, isn’t it good to see the Dragons winning again……thanks to all my fellow Dragons supporters out there, let’s hope the Blues can win the upcoming series as well.

Stay safe.
Garry Handsaker

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Dear Editor

Moving around the community people talk about the Jupiter wind development. Some assume it’s not going ahead because they haven’t received any newsletters. I tell them what I know, so thought I’d let Tarago Times readers know too.

For those new to this issue, Jupiter, proposed by EPYC, will consist of 100 turbines south of Tarago along the Goulburn/Braidwood Road, 170m or 55 stories tall. Concerned residents formed Residents Against Jupiter wind turbines (RAJwt).

During 2014 RAJwt members studied the issues surrounding wind farms and the planning and approval processes. We started influencing the process to make it fairer, reaching out to help other wind farm afflicted communities.

We conclude:

• the process followed has been biased to favour developers
• the Department of Planning (DoPE) has mostly accepted the word of wind developers, particularly about visual and noise impacts
• local people must challenge the developer’s assertions
• the nominally independent Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) decides on each proposal, but the DoPE appears able to alter decisions in important ways, invariably to the benefit of the developer.

So now, we await the DoPE’s decision on the appointment of Jupiter Community Consultative Committee (JCCC) which represents the community and liaises between developer and community.

RAJwt has contributed to changes to the appointment process for community representatives on CCCs. Until recently DoPE delegated the appointment to the developer, and it’s no surprise that they appointed representatives most in favour of their project. In 2014, DoPE resumed the appointment process, but with a change of Minister, appears to be handing that role to a firm known to work with wind farms. The Principal of that firm has been appointed as “independent” Chair of the Jupiter CCC. Further, the DoPE appears to have shared with the company, personal information entrusted to the Department, of locals interested in becoming members of the CCC. RAJwt has protested to the Minister about this privacy breach, and we await a reply.

EPYC’s next significant step will be to submit its Environmental Impact Statement to the Department. Public exhibition might be late 2015. PAC hearing might be 2016/2017. We have to maintain our commitment and effort for quite a long time.

We are however, not alone in this fight. Over time, the personal harm done to many people becomes harder to hide. The Senate Select Committee on Wind Turbines is exposing problems and may produce important recommendations protective of communities which will be hard for state government regulatory agencies to ignore. The stronger and more active our RAJwt community is, the more effective our voice will be in opposition to Jupiter. Anyone interested in being involved with RAJwt please email contact@rajwt.com.

Jane Keany
On behalf of Residents Against Jupiter wind turbines

LITTERING ON LOCAL ROADSIDES
We are trying to get hold of some signs to encourage people to keep their rubbish in their car until they can put it into a bin rather than tossing it onto the roadside. NSW Government are now encouraging people to dob in a tosser via a mobile phone app, which will in turn lead to fines for those caught. That scheme is being supported by street signs. Hopefully we will have some reminder signs in the village soon.

MEN FROM SNOWY RIVER RECRUITING MARCH
We will be hosting the Men from Snowy River Recruiting March (re-enactment of the 1915-1916 march), with the participants likely to visit Tarago in November for refreshments. We will tell people more closer to the date.

VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION
Cid Riley and Henry Gundry have identified some material at Woodlawn that can be used for the artwork at the Stewart Street Park. Cid has asked Tarago School if the students wish to be involved in creating the artwork, and has submitted plans to council for their consideration.

TARAGO VILLAGE MARKETS
We have finalised the lease for the block of land beside the Hall, and are currently investigating insurance options for stall holders who do not hold their own insurance for markets. Things are getting closer to implementation.

LUMLEY ROAD TREES
Following an article in the Goulburn Post, Judy contacted Geoff Kettle to raise the issue of tree trimming on Lumley Road. TADPAI are concerned that if Essential Energy contractors continue to hack the park side of the trees they will cause irreparable damage, which could result in the tree falling over - most likely
Continued from page 6 into the roadway. We asked Judy to contact Essential Energy to trim the trees to the same height on both road and park sides, under the level of the power lines. We had considered paying for the power lines to be laid underground, but at a cost close to $100,000, which would need to be raised by the community, we cannot justify that expense for what is really the responsibility of the power company.

TRANSFER STATION
TADPAI representatives met with Peter, Tina Riley and Grant Muller from GMC to discuss operations at the Tarago Transfer Station with the decision to transfer waste to Woodlawn Bioreactor rather than back to Goulburn. Grant confirmed that the Transfer station will continue to operate at it’s current site, and that there are no plans to close it down or move it. We spoke about the arrangement of skips. Some construction work is likely to make best use of the skips, and make tipping of rubbish into the skips a bit safer than when the skips first arrived.

MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING PROGRAM
Paul Beileiter raised the suggestion of having a Driving Program for local young people. He has discussed the idea with our local policeman Garry. We will investigate similar programs, and discuss at future TADPAI meetings, but if you have an interest in being involved, please send an email to tadpaisecretary@gmail.com or discuss your interest with Paul.

Our next meeting will be on 15th June 2015 at the Tarago Hall from 7pm.

Have a great month, and hopefully we will see some of you at the next TADPAI meeting.

Neil Shepherd
Secretary

UPDATES FROM OUR DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE
At the time of writing, the renewable energy target deliberations continue. The outcome will have a significant impact on our development pipeline - Infigen continues to support a bipartisan deal that will see significantly more renewable energy investment in Australia than the current stalemate.

A story on ABC’s 7.30 program on Monday, the 8th of May featured Tarago farmer and Lake George neighbour John Reardon. Details can be found on the ABC 7.30 website at http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2015/s4232578.htm

BUSY WORKERS AT CAPITAL RENEWABLE ENERGY PRECINCT
We have been very busy over the last month with many contractors on site as well as our normal workforce. We have also been carrying out some repairs on blades caused by lightning strikes in the storms of recent months requiring the use of a 101-metre elevated work platform.

WIND POWER RECORDS BROKEN IN MAY
Wind power broke several records during the week starting the 4th of May. Wind farms on the eastern National Electricity Market peaked at midnight on the 11th of May at 3,218 megawatts. The week saw the highest amount of wind energy on record, at 388.99 gigawatt hours. Woodlawn wind farm saw several continuous days at a capacity factor of approximately 98%.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY FUND
The Capital Community Fund for the twelve months from 1st July 2015 is $42,000. The Capital Community Committee will meet four times a year to review and approve applications to sponsor community projects in Bungendore and Tarago. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the committee should contact ccc@infigenenergy.com

RUN WITH THE WIND COMMUNITY FORUM
Run with the Wind 2015 will be held at Woodlawn wind farm on Sunday, 11 October 2015. Infigen and fun run organiser 100% Events held a community forum on Thursday, 7th May in Bungendore to meet interested key members of the local community. We were pleased to see representatives of the Bungendore Community Foundation, Australian Wind Alliance and Boro Mt Fairy RFS, who gave up their time to help us out.

The purpose of the forum was helping us to make this year’s fun run better than it has been in previous years, attracting even more tourists, showcasing local produce and fundraising for the local communities. Aside from lots of ideas for family competitions, including a music stand and focussing this year’s fundraising for social support, the key recommendation was to continue holding community forums in Bungendore and Tarago. That is why we are holding a follow-up meeting in the La Porta restaurant in Bungendore at 6pm on Thursday, 9th July.

If you are a small business owner and can offer accommodation packages to runners, please get in touch with us at info@runwiththewind.com.au or call (02) 8031 9900.

CONTACT
If you have any questions about the Capital or Woodlawn wind farms, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with us! We are also on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/Infigen and Twitter at https://twitter.com/infigen.

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GET TO KNOW YOUR ENERGY AND WATER RIGHTS

Goulburn Mulwaree residents are invited to come along to a free information session on Energy and Water presented by the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON) on Wednesday 10th of June, hosted by the Goulburn Mulwaree Library at 184-194 Bourke Street from 10.30am-11.30am. Bookings are essential and can be made by calling 4823 4435.

The Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON) will be providing information on energy and water issues facing consumers in New South Wales.

Key topics of discussion at the forum:
- Energy and water saving tips
- Energy marketing and scams
- How to lodge a complaint with the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW
- Case studies describing common problems and how they can be resolved
- Hardship programs offered by energy retailers
- Current energy rebate information
- Energy accounts payment assistance (EAPA)

The Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW is the government approved dispute resolution scheme for New South Wales electricity, gas and water customers.

EWON is an avenue that provides dispute resolution and helps raise customer service standards in the industries.

EWON can investigate a wide range of complaints such as supplier conduct, supply connection, disconnection and reliability or poor customer service.

EWON can also help you through; investigation of your case, negotiation with the supplier, payment plans and provide you information that could assist your problem. If necessary, the Ombudsman can also make a binding decision to resolve a complaint. The Ombudsman is independent and able to make decisions without any interference, based on what is fair and reasonable.

As an Ombudsman scheme, EWON works towards a fair and reasonable outcome for all parties. They are an independent body - not a consumer advocate, nor do they represent the industry.

$10 MILLION FOR NEW GOULBURN WASTEWATER PLANT

Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor has announced $10 million to build a new wastewater treatment plant in Goulburn. Mr Taylor said as announced in tonight’s Federal Budget, Goulburn Mulwaree Council had been successful in an application for funding under the first round of the Federal Government’s National Stronger Regions Fund.

“I am delighted to be able to announce the single largest infrastructure grant from the first funding round of the new National Stronger Regions Fund has gone to Goulburn. This is a huge win for Goulburn Mulwaree and for the region,” Mr Taylor said. He said the $10 million grant would allow the $40 million first stage of the upgrade of the existing sewer treatment plant to be completed, with Goulburn Mulwaree Council providing the remaining $30 million.

Mayor Geoff Kettle said it was sensational news. “The spin off for Goulburn will be strong growth into the future knowing that we now have a secure water supply, knowing that our future is secure when it comes to wastewater and it opens the opportunity for further large scale investment for our local government area,” Mayor Kettle said. “I sincerely thank Angus as our local member for all the hard work he’s put into this application on our behalf. It just goes to show what a positive working relationship between all levels of government can deliver.”

Mr Taylor congratulated Council on laying the foundations for strong future investment. “One of the biggest issues for the Goulburn region over recent years has been water security. This has been well addressed by Council in recent years, with an investment of $50 million in the Highland Source Project, securing potable water for greater Goulburn. This $10 million announcement will allow a new wastewater treatment plant to be built, using state of the art technology and systems. The four stage $77 million project sets Goulburn up for generations to come.”

Goulburn Mulwaree Council

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The Boer War

The Boer War was fought in South Africa from 1898 to 1902 after the Boers declared war on Britain. 23,000 Australians went to fight for the British in the war, with many serving as part of State contingents prior to Federation in 1901. From this time on our troops were fighting for Australia so this is the first conflict in which our young nation became involved.

Many Australians joined irregular units in South Africa and do not appear on official records. My Grandfather, Edward Candish was in South Africa mining when the war broke out and he joined one of these irregular units.

A total of some 16,000 men, more than 75 nurses and 43,000 horses were sent in formed units and some 7,000 additional Australians served with irregular units or the British army. Nearly 1,000 Australians paid the ultimate sacrifice in South Africa. Boer War casualties are particularly significant because apart from World Wars I and II, the nation lost more soldiers than the total lost in all other conflicts, including Korea, the Malayan Emergency, Indonesian Confrontation, Vietnam, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. Australians and New Zealanders frequently fought alongside each other during the Boer War.

NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL
A memorial to honour and commemorate the 23,000 Australian soldiers and nurses who served in South Africa between 1899 and 1902 is in the process of being built on a dedicated site on Anzac Parade in Canberra. This memorial will fill a missing link in the chain of memorials that recognize the sacrifices of the many Australians who have served in conflicts since Australia became a nation state in 1901. It is the only major war that is not already commemorated on Anzac Parade.

THE APPEAL
At present there is a lot of work being done to raise funds to build a unique memorial on Anzac Parade in Canberra to honour Australians who fought in the Boer War. With the remaining sons and daughters of Boer War participants aged in their 90’s (my mother is 97 and her brother 95) it is important to dedicate this memorial before they have all passed on. The National Boer War Memorial Fund has been opened to raise an estimated $3.5 million to complete the memorial. For this Project to succeed it must have widespread support from both individual Australians, and commerce. Donations are recorded in the Public Register of donations.

Your Tax Deductible donation can be made:
• By mail to: Building 96, Victoria Barracks National Boer War Memorial Association Paddington NSW 2021
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Historical copies of the Tarago Times
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TLG’s next meeting - Saturday 6th June at 9.30am
Members and supporters are invited to the Tarago Hall for the meeting and morning tea.

NEWS
On 2nd May a good turnout of TLG members held a fruitful meeting at the Vaughan’s property in Lake Bathurst. As usual good cooks in the group made morning tea a treat. Afterwards there was an inspection of a potential site for planting Allocasuarina trees as a food source for Glossy Black Cockatoos, and it was recommended to Margaret and Michael that TLG could assist them in planting up to forty trees among existing Acacias and Eucalypts.

THE EARTHWORM HAS MATES
Humble earthworms form a link between Tarago’s own worm farmer Cid Riley, a cattle farmer in the Bega Valley, wheat belt farmers north-east of Perth, and a former Governor General.

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For a growing number of farmers around the country the earthworm is becoming a serious contributor to greater productivity and increased land value. The farmers’ decision to switch to alternative ‘holistic management tools’ including ‘worm juice’ is often driven by the financial distress of facing high transport costs to bring in increasingly expensive artificial fertilizers. As Cid Riley has found there is a growing market for the worm castings from which worm juice natural fertilizer is made. And the worms are helping our environment by grazing on and recycling tonnes of food waste.

At Candelo near Bega the Davison family has used worm juice in combination with rotational grazing and other holistic management tools to turn a degraded 380 acre property into one of profitable cattle production - see the website: http://candelosalers.com/web/The_Power_of_worms.html

On the other side of the country the Haggerty family used similar holistic management methods including worm juice to turn 660 hectares of marginal and degraded land into a productive farm - and from that they’ve gone on using the same tools to productively raise crops and sheep on over 8000
‘CHIMNEY CHICKS’

One year, just before Christmas, my husband (who is also a WIRES member) responded to a WIRES call about some baby birds in a chimney. When we arrived we found five Crimson Rosella chicks, which were actually on the floor of the fireplace (which had been boarded up until the callers had investigated the strange noises they had been hearing!)

There was concern that the babies had been abandoned due to the difficult access for Mum and Dad to feed them, not to mention the difficulty the babies would have exiting the chimney when they fledged! So we relocated them into a deep flowerpot suspended in a tree adjacent to the house, hoping the chicks’ calls would bring Mum and Dad. We and the callers took turns watching over the next 24 hours, but sadly this did not happen, so we brought them into care.

Thus began a huge learning curve - replicating a parrot parent’s feeding of their young by regurgitation! Thankfully a special granivore mix and a syringe filled the bill (if you’ll pardon the pun!) Initially we had to feed them every couple of hours, which with five squirming chicks to deal with took quite some time. No sooner had one feed been done then it seemed like time for another! As they grew their mix was thickened and they were fed via a teaspoon with the edges turned up to replicate the bill of the parents. Eventually the mix was enriched with soaked small birdseed and they gradually learned to feed themselves, firstly from the spoon and then from a dish.

They were with us until mid-January, when they transferred to another carer who had a suitable aviary where they could hone their flying skills and build muscle strength before being released. When ready they were released by leaving the aviary door open, so they could return to the aviary at night for an assured feed and security - until eventually they became totally independent.

They were our first parrot chicks and we were blown away by the speed of their development - skinny little bundles of fluff being syringe fed six times a day, transformed after only five weeks into seed eating juveniles almost ready for release. As the saying goes, ‘a picture speaks a thousand words,’ so I will let these photos speak for themselves!

Should you need advice or help with injured or distressed wildlife, please ring our Branch Rescue Number 4822 3888. Our volunteers will be only too happy to assist.

Kay Muddiman – Publicity Officer

 hectares. For more details see the excellent website: soilsforlife.org.au

The accompanying photo extracted from the Soils for Life website was taken on the Haggerty’s property and had the caption: Grain head size is seen as a reliable indicator of soils health.

The Soils for Life organisation works in with Landcare and actively promotes methods of protecting and enhancing the land that sustains us. Its chairperson is the former Governor General Michael Jeffery who in his role has visited the Tarago district. On ABC radio on 18th May Major General Jeffery referred to the critical loss of some 1% of agricultural land world-wide each year - a problem greatly high-lighted as population growth will require a doubling of world food production by 2050 according to authorities.

For information about Tarago Landcare Group Inc. readers are welcome to contact the President Jeanette Payne on 02 48494225, or at email jeanette.payne@cjsolar.com.au or the Secretary Chris Elford on mobile 0428249416, or email elf.of.oz@gmail.com

Chimney Chicks Above: What a transformation in just five weeks!
Goulburn Evening VIEW Club - Margaret Clarke was the special guest speaker at GEVC in May. Margaret is a trained nurse, but after marrying and having small children, she decided nursing was not on the agenda, so after a few years, she decided to return to her passion and Endeavour Industries became her home, where she has been for the past thirty two years. Margaret began in Oxley Street and the recycling began eighteen years ago. This became too big a business for that site, so they moved to Sinclair Street and the recycling business renamed the Resource Recovery Centre. Margaret has thirty two staff at the centre.

They have set up a second hand shop there as well which is very popular. Margaret says her passion is really the people who work for her, not necessarily the recycling. After her talk, Margaret was asked many questions and she was urged to tell the ladies that the community are still putting the wrong articles in the yellow recycling bin. Everyone was shocked to find out that they were all guilty of placing incorrect items in the bin. Margaret urges everyone to take a closer look at what is written on the top of the recycling bin, and don’t place items in them that don’t belong. Margaret was thanked by Irene who told Margaret she was a very special person and couldn’t thank her enough for coming along to talk. The next meeting of GEVC will be held at Wollondilly Gardens on 9th June. The July meeting will be held at the Heritage and will have a Christmas in July theme.

Lake George Day VIEW Club - At the April meeting, Jan Muirden, Zone Councillor, and guest speaker Rosemary Blake from Tuggeranong Evening, were welcomed. Several guests from Queanbeyan Evening were also welcomed. Jan spoke about the support VIEW Club members give one another and follow-up support in times of need. She also encouraged club outings and visitations to neighbouring clubs.

Pictured Below are Rosemary and Pauline.

The luncheon consisted of miniature food to compliment the guest speakers topic. A minute silence was observed to remember Joanna, long time VIEW member who recently passed away. Joanna will be greatly missed.

Rosemary, a member of ACT Miniature Enthusiasts Association spoke about her fascinating hobby and passion, creating miniatures of everything. She had a fabulous display of some of her fabulous creations for the members to look at and pass around. Rosemary said she is always on the lookout for items that can be used in her creations. Pauline thanked Rosemary on behalf of all present.

NEWS FROM THE SMITH FAMILY - LFL STUDENT AND MUM SPEAK AT CULBURRA BEACH VIEW CLUB

Local Learning for Life Tertiary Scholarship recipient, Gavin and his mother Lynne, along with The Smith Family’s Nowra Learning for Life Program Coordinator, Donna Rogers, attended the Culburra Beach VIEW Club meeting on 4th March as special guests.

The meeting was an opportunity for The Smith Family to both showcase the talents of local scholarship recipients and thank VIEW for their tireless support of all things Learning for Life. Gavin treated the ladies to an inspiring speech about his struggles and successes throughout his education, and highlighted the fact that his autism hasn’t stopped him from achieving great things. Lynne also treated the ladies to an awe-inspiring presentation of her life raising four children, two of which have learning difficulties.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATED IN BRISBANE

On International Women’s Day 169 members of the VIEW Club in Brisbane celebrated with a high tea. Marie-Rose, a second year tertiary student, spoke about her journey from Burundi to Malawi and Zimbabwe, arriving in Australia as refugee in 2009. She said, “I was born in a place where nothing good comes out of something bad, a place where being a woman comes with limitations. But thanks to the Australian community, I do not have to live by these limitations. Despite all the struggles and language barriers, I grabbed every opportunity that came my way. With hard work and effort, I received three academic excellence awards and was nominated by my school for the Young African Australian Star Awards. Let’s not forget the women who are still being denied their right to education. We can all be the voice of the voiceless because one does not have to be powerful and wealthy to uplift someone else’s spirit.” Marie-Rose received a standing ovation. Jean Clarke, Acting National Councillor of the View Club said, “It’s amazing to know this young woman made a solid start to a new life in Australia and has a promising future with the support of The Smith Family.”

LEARNING FOR LIFE GRADUATE SUPPORTS FUTURE GENERATION

Throughout high school and university, Thomas was a recipient of the Learning for Life scholarship. In 2007, Tom became the first person in his family to complete Year 12, and then went on to study International Studies at University through a tertiary scholarship.
He credits the financial support as a huge motivator in his Year 12 attainment. Not only did the program relieve some of the financial burden, but it gave him the support and motivation to maintain solid grades and good attendance. Tom has started as a volunteer iTrack mentor. He wants to give back and thank The Smith Family for the support he received through school, and hopes that his background and experience will allow him to provide valuable support and advice for a student with a similar background.

Please contact Sue Maas on 0418 275 402 if anyone is interested in going along to any of the local VIEW Club meetings.

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Spiritual class for Tarago Yoga

With our usual venue the Tarago Hall booked on Thursday 14th May, with permission from Tom Frame (Mulwaree Anglicans priest-in-charge) we relocated to St Andrew’s church for our weekly Hatha Yoga class given by our teacher Maureen Gambale. Vicki took the opportunity to take this photo with the beautiful stained glass window backdrop of the class during lunge postures. The church is a wonderfully spiritual place for a yoga class and we are very fortunate to have such a lovely venue available to us.

Hatha Yoga refers to a set of physical exercises (known as asanas or postures), and sequences of asanas, designed to align your skin, muscles, and bones. The postures are also designed to open the many channels of the body—especially the main channel, the spine—so that energy can flow freely.

Everyone is welcome to join in the weekly classes at the Tarago Hall. Please arrive at 9.45am for a prompt 10.00am start and the class is for 1 ½ hours. Cost is $15 plus a gold coin donation for the Hall. Bring your own yoga mat and a cushion and blanket for the relaxation session.

Gill Shepherd
Photo by Vicki McMahon
Tarago Truffles and
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by Friday June 5th

Vex Worlds
2015

On the 12th of April, 5 students and 3 teachers from
Goulburn High School set off as the first Australian
National Representative team to the Vex World
Championship in Louisville, Kentucky. The long flight
included many additions to the design and engineering
notebook as well as in-flight meals. Arriving at Louisville
airport the carousel rotated and Frisky arrived but
for half the team the bags were still in Dallas due to
a logistics error. After a long day of flying the weary
travellers made their way to the accommodation. The
first day was filled with retail therapy to recover from
the long flight. Next was a tour of Louisville visiting
the sights such as the Louisville slugger museum and
the city’s science centre where half an hour of bubble
experimentation occurred. Scientists in the past split
the atom but the staff at the centre were amazed as we
split the bubble in two and then re-joined it.

The third day and it was time for competition. Walking
the venue, the high school division was at least 10 times
the size of Veolia multifunction centre. The main arena
had seating for 25,000 people. After checking-in for
the event we went to the field and began practising

as it was the first time we had seen a field since the
nationals last year in November. After a few tweaks here
and there, the robot was ready for the competition. Day
four had arrived and the parade of nations saw Australia
take to the stage to show Aussie Spirit and pride as they
led the other countries on. Our first matches saw Frisky
perform well with a solid autonomous routine and our
drivers calmed executing instructions from the coach.
The day ending in success. Days five and six saw similar
success with the team taking to the skills fields to
score additional points in the overall robotics program
rankings.

Meanwhile in between the matches the team had a
variety of different roles with Mrs Hyland judging robots
in other divisions as well as their engineering notebook.
Mrs Hyland was one of 70 judges picked from the 800
teams in attendance. Mitch and Will had been selected
to be Student Ambassadors. This role was offered only
to the top 60 students out of over 15,000 at the event.
As one of the three nations involved in the ambassador
program they greeted new teams to the program,
escorted industry executives and assisted in marshalling
students during the ceremonies.

On the final day of the competition the team was not
selected to progress to the division finals and placed
46th in their division. Out of the 450 teams competing
for the skills challenges, the team placed 136th in
Driver Skills and 43rd in Programming Skills. During the
awards ceremony the team was awarded the community
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award which is awarded to a team that engages with the community in promoting STEM education and robotics.

We would like to once again thank the TSAI and other community organisations that have supported us throughout this amazing experience. A special word of thanks must go to Mrs Hyland who has supported us from the beginning all the way back in July 2014. We would also like to thank Mr Joseph and Mr Browne for assisting us at the event and providing a different perspective to the engineering challenges faced.

Will Hargan

Pictured above: Will Hargan, Mitch Webster, Ashley Hind, Joe Muscarella, and Emmot Falconer
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Tropical Soda Apple

“REFRESH, RENEW, REGENERATE” was the motto of the 2015 NSW State Conference hosted this year by Tamworth - home of the Big Golden Guitar and country music capital of Australia - in the Tamworth Regional Entertainment & Conference Centre (TRECC) and represented by 254 of the 388 branches of NSW. Pictured Right Maggie Corby is featured with Slim Dusty and Joy McKean.

The ecumenical service, held on the Sunday before the conference, was conducted by Reverend Danny Morris and included items sung by the State Choir. It was a celebration of 93 years of service by members of the CWA of NSW.

The conference attended by Michelle Robinson, Ivy Bahr and Anne Kingston pictured below was officially opened by the Hon. David Hurley AC, DSC (Retd), Governor of NSW, who spoke of the importance of moving forward and the challenge of keeping CWA alive for future generations.

Gomeroi Aboriginal Elder, Aunty Yvonne Kent. Councillor Russell Webb reminded us of some of those issues identified and pioneered by the CWA e.g. mental health, preschools and adult education. Prof Mary O’Kane, NSW Chief Scientist, spoke on the coal seam gas review, consultation and associated human health issues.

Over the four days, twenty motions were discussed and covered issues as diverse as Nurse/patient ratio, Khaki Weed, Medical Marijuana, Wild dogs/Dingoes, Organ Donors, Safety on buses and Food labelling.

President Tanya Cameron advised that following the sale of the Potts Point property, purchase is underway for a new building at Mascot and negotiations for outsourced accommodation through Metro Hotels. During the year over $1,000,000 was raised and $50,000 donated to Nepal for earthquake relief.

Edwina Beveridge, Chair of NSW Farmers’ Pork Committee, gave an informative presentation on running her family pig farm of 25,000 pigs. Despite state-of-the-art infrastructure and methods to reduce their carbon footprint, they have faced criticism from activists wanting to stop pig farming, including spreading incorrect information on social media and being broken into eight times.

The International Officer reported that 20 books and 23 dolls were judged. Mrs Ruth Shanks, president of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) spoke about her visit to Nalini Dutt clinic in India. Donations were sent to PNG, India and Nepal. Ms Grazia Micciche gave an interesting talk on the leading women in Italy. Natalie Isaacs is the founder and CEO of ‘1 Million Women’. Women make 85% of household decisions that affect our carbon footprint. Her campaign aims to recruit women and girls in Australia to collectively cut 1 million tons of greenhouse gas pollution.

It is free to join and her website shows you how www.1millionwomen.com.au

The Easter Show Committee reported that 40,152 scones were sold and $124,940 was raised. In ‘The Land’ cookery competition there were 2425 entries. In the Handicrafts, the winning group was North Coast with 692 points. The Southern Tablelands Group received 661 points, so a very good effort. Congratulations to Pam Hawke who won the Natural Fibres Award, her entry is pictured right.

Special Events included the Gala dinner with Line dancing, a stockman-style horse riding display at AELEC (Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre) and a bus tour to Nundle, with its historic Peel Inn, Odgers and McClelland Exchange Stores, the 1882 Methodist Church, Mount Misery Gold Mine Café (in the historic coffin-makers cottage) and the famous Nundle Woollen Mills pictured left (with demonstrations and, of course, a shop!).

TROPICAL SODA APPLE (Solanum viarum) is an aggressive, prickly, perennial shrub 1–2 m high. It invades open to semi-shaded areas including pastures, forests, riparian zones, roadsides, recreational areas, horticulture and cropping areas. It reduces biodiversity by displacing native plants and disrupting ecological processes. Its foliage is unpalatable to livestock, thus reducing carrying capacities. Prickles on this plant restrict grazing by native animals and livestock and thickets can create a physical barrier for animals.
preventing access to shade and water. The plant is a host for many diseases and pests of cultivated crops, and it contains solasodine which is poisonous to humans.

A native of north eastern Argentina, south eastern Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, it was first identified in Australia in New South Wales in 2010. Infestations traced to properties near Tamworth, Attunga and Inverell and are currently the focus of an eradication campaign.

Tropical soda apple pictured above has the potential to spread in coastal regions of NSW and Queensland, and inland through cattle movements. It reproduces via seed and can regenerate from root material. In NSW cattle movement is currently the major vector of spread. Seed can also be spread by feral animals and birds that feed on the fruit; and via water and contaminated produce, soil and equipment.

Your local council weeds officer will assist with identification, control information, removal and eradication. Infestations can be spread by inappropriate control activities. Individual plants can be manually removed, but care must be taken to remove all the root material, as plants will regrow from root fragments. Fruit should be collected and disposed of appropriately (deep burial or burnt). Particular care should be taken to remove plants in flood prone areas. Herbicide options - always check the label. (Acknowledgements: Plantnet NSW Flora Online; van Driesche R et al. (2002). Biological control of invasive plants in the eastern United States, USDA Forest Service.)

COMING UP:
Thurs 11th June - Tarago International Day
Wed 1st July - Fashion Parade by the Illawarra Machine Knitters 10am at Tarago Hall Details on ad below.
Sept Meeting - Mary Ferguson (Denmar Olive Products).

FROM THE BOOKWORM: “The Night Guest”, Fiona McFarlane’s hypnotic first novel, is no simple tale of a crime committed and a mystery solved. It tells us about aging, love, trust, dependence, and fear; about processes of colonisation. Here is a new writer working wonders with language, renewing our faith in the power of fiction.

MONTHLY RAFFLE: won by Ruth Corrigan.

BIRTHDAYS: Gill Shepherd, Angela Palmer, Shirley Bradley

QUICK QUOTE: “You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.” Mae West.

NEXT MEETING: Wed 10th June at 10am at CWA rooms.

Pictured Above: A poppy crochet from Tamworth

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Community News

Happy Birthday
Gill Shepherd, Shirley Bradley and Angela Palmer

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Tarago Times

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Braidwood National Theatre (Opposite the Bakery)
LONG WEEKEND Friday 5th to Monday 8th June 2015
All types of books in good condition, CDs, DVDs, good quality magazines
Donations needed and most welcome.

Bring items to the National Theatre from 9am Thursday 4th June.
No encyclopedias, academic thesis, journals, textbooks, videos, records or cassettes. Thank you
Contact 4846 1243

Tarago Tomato Tourney

In conjunction with the Tarago Show

The 2016 Tarago Show will have an added attraction of the Tarago Tomato Tourney for next year. You may ask what a Tourney is - the Dictionary describes it as a tournament/a contest of skills. Some of the planned events are:

- COLOURING IN Competition
  Age sections
- PHOTOGRAPHIC Competition
  In my Tomato Patch
  My tomatoes with my Pet
  My Best Tomato
- Guess the Weight Tomato
- Most UNUSUAL or MIS-SHAPED Tomato
- Best HEIRLOOM Tomato
- Nicest CLUSTER
- Best Tomato RELISH
- Best Tomato SAUCE
- Best GREEN Tomato RELISH or CHUTNEY.

All this is in the early planning stage, and there may be changes/additions etc.

I will include each month a CARE OF YOUR TOMATOES section in The Tarago Times leading up to the Tourney.

The Collector Pumpkin Festival had 10,000 visitors the other weekend. This is their 12th year, so that is something to aim for. For now we will start small and see how the Inaugural Tarago Tomato Tourney “grows”.

Contact me if you have any comments or suggestions
Jenni Cole paddockviews@gmail.com or 0429 200 456.

Taylors Creek and Currawang Rural Fire Service AGM

Sunday 28th June at 2.00pm
Taylors Creek Fire Shed

All new and existing members welcome with an afternoon tea to be held afterwards.

VIEW Club Times

Lake George Day VIEW Club
3rd Tuesday of month at 11.30 for 12 midday.
Bungendore Evening VIEW Club
1st Monday of month at 6.45pm for 7.15pm.
Goulburn Day VIEW Club
1st Thursday of month at 11.00am for 11.30am.
Goulburn Evening VIEW Club
2nd Tuesday of month at 6.30pm for 7pm.
Braidwood Evening VIEW Club
1st Thursday of the month.

For contact details for these clubs, please call Sue Maas on 0418 275 402.
A little bit of action this month on the Show front. We had the Loaded Dog Bikers rally on Mother’s Day weekend 9th-10th May. 100 or so bikers braved the mild weather and stayed overnight downing a few amber ales and listening to the band ‘One Ton’; lots of dancing and a few sore heads the next day. As usual they were well behaved and brought a bit of activity and a few dollars into the village. Numbers were a little down this year possibly due to the cold snap. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped us prepare the grounds and then cater on the Saturday. We made around $1,200 on camping fees and food which will help pay for some more improvements to our facilities.

Our next event will be the regional dog show in October 2015. This event has become our second biggest after the show and attracts 200-300 people to our village for 3 days. We will be catering for breakfast and lunch on all 3 days so we will need a few volunteers to help prepare the grounds and do the catering. If you are able to help, give us a yell.

The main news this month is that the Goulburn Show Committee have decided that they will change their 2016 Show dates from April to 5th-6th March, the same weekend as Braidwood and Tarago. They have done this without consultation with either of us and, at our annual Southern Tablelands Show Group meeting, have offered little apology and will not budge from their new position. This is despite the fact that the old dates were agreed in May 2014. An unfortunate bullying tactic by a large Show against us and Braidwood. We are unable to do anything about this situation and our dilemma is that we must now decide whether to persist with our 6th March date or change. Braidwood has decided to stick with 5th March 2016.

The other big news is that we are going to hold a Tarago Tomato Tourney with our Show next year. We don’t expect this to be as big as the Collector Pumpkin Festival but it will add another spectrum to the Show. Keep an eye out for more articles on this event and please offer suggestions.

Show membership needs to be renewed by 31st July 2015 and will not be accepted after that date. Your membership gets you free entry into the Show and gives you the satisfaction of belonging to and supporting one of your community organizations. Membership fees are $8 per adult and $16 per family. To pay simply contact one of the Committee members or put your membership fees and details in an envelope addressed to Tarago Show Society and leave it at the ‘Dog’

The next Show meeting will be the AGM at the ‘Dog’ at 7:00pm on Monday 1st June 2015, as always; it is open to the public. I would like to thank the Committee and all of our wonderful volunteers for their efforts over the past twelve months and I hope that they will stand again for the new committee. If you would like to become part of the team please contact me or one of the committee members or just come along to the AGM.

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As it is no longer the fire season, permits are no longer required for burning, however, the normal obligations apply. If you need to burn, you need to give your details and day(s) of burning to Yass Fire Com, before 3pm weekdays, 6226 3100. Please also notify the Brigade Captain 0419 665 393 and your neighbours, seeing smoke can be very distressing. You need to have a reasonably cleared area, with water at hand. Please be mindful of weather conditions and fire danger ratings. You cannot burn during a total fire ban and you should not burn during windy conditions or periods of high fire danger. There are more details on the RFS web site, http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Although we are no longer in the traditional fire season, winter brings its risks, don’t allow yourselves to become complacent. Make sure all heaters are clean and that clothing and curtains are well clear of your heater. If you have wood heating, make sure you have cleaned your chimney. If you are using electric heating, please ensure that you are not overloading circuits or power boards. If you are using gas heating, make sure your unit is adequately vented.

The brigade’s Annual General Meeting was Sunday 3rd May and the new office bearer’s names appear below:

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Chris Burns  
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Jason McAndrew, Rob Brown, Keith Hunter, Simon Reynolds, Ron Granger, Graeme Evans  
**Training Officer**  
Rob Brown  
**Equipment Officer**  
David Gock

**TRAINING**

Training is held from 11:00 am on the last Sunday of each month. Training will be Sunday, 28th June. If you haven’t been to training for a while, see if you can make it and take the opportunity to brush-up your skills.

Chris Burns  
Secretary  
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HORTICULTURAL ADVICE & GARDENING TIPS
Compiled by Wanda Egan
June ‘15

It would be a great idea to mulch any of your gardens, vege patch or ornamental flower garden with mulch at this time of year if you haven’t already. Any type of mulch will do. Something is better than nothing!!!! If you are not using your vege patch, cover with composted manure and then Pea straw or Lucerne mulch thickly (100 mm) to leave till you start your patch again in late winter/early spring. This helps the soil stay warmer for longer, increases the microbe activity, and keeps the weeds at bay. Plant your Asian greens and lettuce in 2-4 week intervals for many months of supply. Liquid fertilise with worm juice or Seasol for quick growth.

It’s time to divide Peonies, Hydrangeas and other deciduous plants for added colour in your garden. If you have some extra plants, trade them for colours that you don’t have or just give them away. Who doesn’t like getting a gift of a flowering plant?

Visit your local nursery to order or buy your roses and fruit trees that are bare rooted. Your local nursery will be bursting with plants in June and July. Make sure you have prepared your ground in advance of receiving these plants as you only get one real good chance to improve the soil before you plant your roses and/or fruit trees.

Keep an eye out now for Bindii. It is best sprayed in early winter with a selective herbicide. Bindii spray© or a spray that contains Dicamba or MCPA is best used for this weed and other weeds in your lawn. If you have a species of lawn related to buffalo, read instructions as these lawns need a different spray again. Please follow directions as it is a waste of product and time to ‘double the dose’.

It’s time to put any potted plants that may be frost tender under shelter on a verandah or a western wall. Make sure that your indoor plants are not touching the windows too as touching the glass will burn the leaves. I’m still watering my indoor plants once a week as we have the fire going each night.

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At the invitation of our landcare group, Phil McGrath from Local Land Service conducted a training course on the 6th May. I would like to thank the hardy people who came out on a terrible night to complete the course. I would also like to thank Rob for cranking up the fire and making the room cosy and warm and also Helen for bringing up the hot food for supper. It was most welcome.

Phil took us through the do’s and don’ts of using 1080 baits for foxes and Pindone for rabbits. These baits are poisons so there is a set process that must be followed in their use.

Once the paperwork is complete, hopefully some of the newly qualified small farm holders will participate in the next group baiting in this area.

WINDS
At the time of writing this article, we have endured over a week of strong to gale force winds with no rain in that time, though we did have a shower of hail that turned into snow in the last week. There were several accidents on the Federal Highway across the lake due to the extremely slippery conditions. I think this has been most unusual weather for this time of year – usually the strong winds such as those in recent times occur mostly in winter and spring. Once the winds eased the frost began which will slow pasture growth. It has been a very cold May this year.

WATER BIRDS AND LAKE GEORGE
According to Michael Lenz, our dedicated water bird surveyor, Lake George is dry except for a few puddles. All waterbirds he listed last week were on farm dams - I have seen swans on local dams lately. The lake dried out late March. Earlier that month there were still thousands of ducks, mainly Pink-eared and Grey Teal. In February there were many thousands more water birds on the lake, though the water was shallow and confined to the eastern side. Swans and coots were feeding on large algal mats in the south.

As always, visitors are most welcome at any of our meetings which are held on the third Monday of each month. Our members have decided not to meet in June and July so the next meeting of our group will be on Monday, the 17th August 2015 at Nardoo, 322 Taylors Creek Road. For further details or enquiries please contact Ruth on 4849 4543 or Joan on 4844 6250.

Joan Limon
Cookery Corner

Beef Rendang with Turmeric Rice

Ingredients
3 tbsp vegetable oil
2kg beef shin or skirt, cut into bite-sized cubes
2 lemongrass stalks, bashed (Tip for preparing lemongrass- Peel off the first layer and use the bottom, less fibrous part only, discarding the top 5cm. Any leftovers freeze well.)
2 x 400ml cans coconut milk
4 tbsp desiccated coconut
2 kaffir lime leaves, torn
1½ tbsp chicken stock powder (one from an Asian supermarket if desired)
2 tbsp tamarind paste
1 tsp golden caster sugar
¼ tsp salt

For the paste
15 dry chillies
6-8 baby shallots
thumb-sized piece ginger, chopped
thumb-sized piece galangal, peeled and chopped (use ginger if you can’t find it)
3 lemongrass stalks, chopped

For the rice
2 tbsp oil
2 tsp mustard seeds
2 tsp turmeric
10 curry leaves (optional)
700g jasmine rice
2 tsp chicken stock powder

Method
For the paste, soak the chillies in boiling water for 15 mins. Drain, remove seeds and whizz with the rest of the paste ingredients in a small food processor until smooth. Heat the oil in a wok or a heavy-based flameproof casserole dish. Fry the paste for 5 mins until the aroma is released. Add the beef and the lemongrass, and mix well. Once the beef starts to lose its pinkness, add the coconut milk and 250ml water. Bring to the boil, then lower to a simmer, uncovered. Stir occasionally to avoid sticking, and more often towards the end.

Toast the coconut in a frying pan on a low heat for 5-7 mins until golden brown. Set aside to cool. Using a blender, coarsely blend it to finer pieces - but not too fine. Put to one side. After 2 hrs, add the coconut, kaffir lime leaves, chicken stock powder, tamarind paste, sugar and salt to the pan. Simmer for 30 mins more. You should start to see the oil separating from the mix. It’s ready when the meat is tender and almost falling apart.

For the rice, use a heavy-based saucepan with a lid. Heat the oil in the pan and add the mustard seeds. Once the seeds start popping, add the turmeric, curry leaves (if using), rice, and mix well. Add the chicken stock and 1 litre of water. Bring to the boil, then turn down to the lowest simmer and cook, covered, for 5 mins. Remove from the heat, with the lid on and leave to steam for 25 mins.

Enjoy!

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Be in the moment
Relish every second that you have, spending time with those that are dear to your heart
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Accept what is right in front of you graciously
Enjoy it, for the time you have it
Appreciate it for what it is.
The more quality time you have together is best!
Sometimes, you have to accept the time you can manage to squeeze in to see the ones you love so much
And that is ok
Don’t worry so much about the do’s and the dont’s
Simply observe, admire and participate in the memory that you are creating at this very moment; with your kids, your family, your friends
Don’t forget to treat yourself every now and then
I know, you know that you can make and find the time somewhere to take care of yourself.
If you don’t hesitate for others, Why do you put yourself on the back shelf for later? We know sometimes later never comes.
So embrace yourself & all those beautiful people that are spending their lives with you.

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**Exhibitions**

**Wunderkammer**  
Friday, 8 May 2015 - Saturday, 20 June 2015  
The Goulburn Regional Art Gallery presents ‘Wunderkammer’ an exhibition of sculpture and installations using taxidermy, skeletons and plant material to discuss a broad range of conservation issues including climate change, pollution, stewardship, hunting and animal-human relations.  
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Sat 1-4pm  
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**2015 GRC Visiting Artists Program - A Festival of Favourites**  
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5th June 2015 - The Song Company  
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Contact Details: The Goulburn Regional Conservatorium  
160 Bourke Street, Goulburn NSW 2580  
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**The Daylight Moon**  
Friday, 26 June 2015 - Saturday, 22 August 2015  
GRAG presents ‘The Daylight Moon’. The exhibition will focus exclusively on the body of work made in response to Lake George and surrounds, highlighting the artists close links to this space; its agricultural history and the elements of deep time, weather and geography that shape both the land and the artist sensibility.  
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**NAIDOC**  
Friday, 26 June 2015 - Saturday, 22 August 2015  
Shari Lett, a mentee in the Aboriginal Emerging Leadership Program (AELP) will curate an exhibition showcasing exciting contemporary Aboriginal artworks.  
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Monday-Friday 10am-5pm  
Saturday 1pm-4pm  
Closed Sunday & Public Holidays  
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Corner Bourke & Church Streets, Goulburn NSW 2580  
Ph: (02) 4823 4494 for bookings  
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**2015 Taralga Art Show**  
Saturday, 6 June 2015 - Monday, 8 June 2015  
You are invited to attend the 2015 Taralga Art Show - an exhibition and sale of works by regional artists. You can also fill in the activity sheet and help paint the mural.  
Where: Taralga Memorial Hall  
Time: Sat. & Sun. 10am-4pm, Mon. 10am-3pm  
Admission: $2  
Workshops: Sat. 6th June  
Children - clay modelling, 10am-2pm  
Adults - art, 1-4pm  
Official Opening: Sat. 6th, 6pm-8pm. Admission to opening: $10, (children under 5 free)  
Contact Details: Taralga Memorial Hall  
Orchard Street, Taralga NSW 2580  
Ph: Jan Green on (02) 4840 6101  
Visit www.goulburnwaterworks.com.au
**A Cup of Tea**

One day my mother was out, and my dad was in charge of me.

I was maybe 2 1/2 years old. Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a gift, and it was one of my favorite toys.

Dad was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought him a little cup of ‘tea’, which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my mum came home.

My dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was ‘just the cutest thing!’ Mum waited, and sure enough, here I came down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy; and she watched him drink it up.

Then she said, (as only a mother would know), “Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water, is the toilet?”

via email

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Baking soda can do a lot more than just sit in the back of the fridge. Try these easy tips and put baking soda to work in every room of your house!

1. Skip produce washes—just put some baking soda on a damp sponge, scrub and rinse.

2. Soak hair brushes and combs in a mixture of 1 teaspoon baking soda and a small amount of warm water. Rinse and dry.

3. Before you store your patio furniture for the season, scatter baking soda under chair cushions.

4. Keep your grill clean all summer long by putting some baking soda on a damp brush, scrubbing the grate, then rinsing.

5. Freshen rugs by sprinkling baking soda on carpet, wait at least 15 minutes (preferably let sit overnight), then vacuum up.

6. Add 1 cup of baking soda to your next load of laundry (along with your regular detergent) to get clothes cleaner and brighter.

7. Remove baked-on residue by shaking a generous amount of baking soda on pots and pans. Then add hot water and dish detergent, let sit for 15 minutes and wash as usual.

8. Deodorise a funky-smelling dirty laundry basket. Sprinkle baking soda in the bottom of the basket (or over dirty clothes) to keep items fresher until laundry day.

9. To brighten a dull floor finish, dissolve ½ cup baking soda in a bucket of warm water. Mop and rinse for a thorough cleaning.

10. Make your own bathroom scrub by mixing ¼ cup baking soda with 1 tablespoon liquid detergent. Add vinegar to give it a thick, creamy texture.

11. To put out a grease fire, scatter baking soda over it by the handful to extinguish flames.

12. Clean the dishwasher and coffeemaker by running an empty cycle with baking soda.

13. Add ½ cup baking soda to your bath for an at-home spa treatment.

14. To shine tarnished silver, combine three parts baking soda with one part water. Rub onto silver with a clean cloth or sponge. Rinse thoroughly and dry.

15. Sprinkle baking soda in the kitty box, then add litter on top to keep smells to a minimum. Or make a DIY litter, mixing a small box of baking soda with three inches of sandy clay.

16. Use baking soda to brush your pets’ teeth.

17. For instant relief from bug bites, sunburn and poison ivy, mix baking soda with a little water and apply it directly to the sore.

18. Pour in 1 cup baking soda followed by 1 cup hot vinegar to quickly unclog the kitchen drain.

19. Fight dandruff by tabling the shampoo for a few weeks and massaging your wet scalp with a handful of baking soda instead.

20. Gargle with baking soda, or use it as mouthwash.

21. Soak toothbrushes in a mixture of ¼ cup baking soda and ¼ cup water; let brushes stand overnight for a thorough cleaning.

22. Make a fluffier omelette by adding ½ teaspoon baking soda for every three eggs.

23. Scatter baking soda on icy footpaths—it’s not as corrosive as salt.

24. Discourage weeds by sprinkling baking soda into the cracks on your driveway and walkways.

25. Surround Fido’s food bowls with baking soda to keep pests away.

26. Mix a little baking soda into your conditioner and lather on your hair to keep it healthy and resistant to split ends.

27. Have heartburn? Create an antacid by mixing ½ teaspoon of baking soda with ½ cup of water.

28. To clean a toilet, add ¼ cup baking soda to the bowl, swirl, then scrub.

29. Exfoliate your skin with a paste of three parts baking soda to one part water. Apply gently with your fingertips in a circular motion, then rinse.
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