

IRONBARK NEWS

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July 2012

Snow Ball a Great Success

Congratulations to the organisers of the Snowball Bush Dance ; Margrete Lamond and Freya Blackwood.

About 100 people attended and had a great night of fun and dancing to the music of November Shorn.

Thank you also to all the people who supported the dance.

Over \$300 was raised for the piano fund.



Kim and Mark Frazer



Tracey Hannelly



Kylie Preston,



Many children enjoyed the Bush Dance



The Barn Dance is always popular

Work Begins on the Old Garage



Geoff Powlyle, Craig Wheatly and Brian Honeyman, explain how they will stabilize the front wall by adding steel bearers. They have made reinforced foundations for support posts. They expect that they will finish this first stage of the work by next week 15 June.

The next step is to remove the dead ivy from the northern wall. It is expected that this wall will remain standing as it was reinforced by community members several years ago.

The paving that was done when the garage was turned into a garden is still sound. It is hoped that a working bee will restore the gardens to their former glory using native plants that will attract local birds, as well as providing a pleasant place for residents and visitors to relax.

Eva's daughter was married in the Old Garage and Kath Frappell remembers when it burnt down. Apparently the gas cylinders exploded and it was heard all over town! The windows of the post office were smashed as were the windows in the pub.

After the front and back walls are stabilized it is hoped that the south wall will be rebuilt so that it is a courtyard again.

Eventually it is hoped to put some story boards inside to make an outdoor museum.

The Garage

The garage was built by Alf Moxon who lived in a house where Moxon Park is now situated. He was the town's builder and he built several concrete homes in the area.

The garage was also a concrete building and served as his own garage and workshop.

In later years it was used as a wool skin and hide business, before being used again as a garage for mechanical repairs.

Several different proprietors worked the garage over the years, until it was destroyed by a disastrous fire.

Years later the locals decided what remained of the old building did nothing to enhance the street, so a group of energetic people made an effort to try and beautify the area.

The thistles, weeds and debris left after the fire and the pit, which was approximately two metres deep, down the centre of the interior floor, made the area unsafe as well as unattractive.

The Wellington Council provided the soil to fill the pit and after much voluntary labour, the area was levelled and ready for paving.

The bricks were used from the old homes that were demolished in the area where the park is now.

Noel and Helen Grimes at this time owned the shop next to the old garage and Noel took on the position of "Master Paver." The ladies carried the bricks which were stacked on the back fence for Noel to perform his creative style of paving. He also spoke to the owner of the John Smith Nursery in Dubbo and he sold the trees to us at a discount.

A raffle was held and Noel sold tickets in his shop, which enabled us to purchase the plants for the gardens in the garage area.

A seat was made out of logs and placed inside.

Ivy was planted on the shop wall of the old building and eventually both side walls were covered in Ivy and Native Passionfruit.

Working bees and voluntary work kept the old garage inviting and interesting.

It has been a venue for weddings and on New Year's Day in the year 2000 a Combined Church Service was held in the old garage to open the celebrations, which were held in the park.

After the southern wall collapsed and with much discussion with Council, a new phase now begins in the life of the "Old Garage".

Norma Hannelly

The Grenfell to Gulgong Heritage Ride.

On 4th June, Stuart Town welcomed the men, women, horses, buggies, sulkies and wagons of the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Ride.

It was great to see the group arriving, coming down the hill into town with the horses putting on a special effort.

Led by the men of the Gulgong Harness Association, there were 60 visitors, 30 horse drawn vehicles plus support vehicles and a cook. They camped overnight at the Recreation Ground. Stuart Town is about the half way mark of their ride and it is always a pleasure to welcome them.

Although it was terrible weather for such a ride and for camping out, the group were very friendly and enjoyed the dinner catered by the Boehme's Hall committee and helpers, as well as the bonfire afterwards. There were riders from Tamworth as well as the Mudgee and Gulgong visitors.

This year the ride started at Grenfell and took approximately two weeks to travel to Gulgong with many school visits and stops along the way. Their arrival in Gulgong was timed to take part in the street parade for the Henry Lawson Festival.

Jill Stanton

Pope Gathering

The June long weekend became the venue for two special events here at Stuart Town.

Firstly, Mackenzie Glen Young was baptised at St John the Baptist Catholic Church during the Saturday morning Mass. Carolyn (nee Donnelly) and Glen were the proud parents, as well as brothers Kealey and Ethan. Family and friends travelled from Wollongong and Sydney for this occasion.

Sue Cornes (nee Pope) chose to "come home" to celebrate her fiftieth birthday with family and friends. Sue wanted her children and grandchildren to experience life as she lived as a youngster growing up here. The School of Arts Hall was the venue, on Sunday, where Sue and many of the guests had attended school concerts, dances, juveniles, fetes etc.

Family and friends travelled from Tasmania, Sydney, Newcastle, Dungog, Melbourne and the Stuart Town

area. All had a truly wonderful time catching up with people not seen for such a long time.

The delicious food was provided by Carolyn Donnelly and Margaret Patterson.

Ruth Pope

Tennis Courts Ready To Go All we need now is a working bee.



Jeff and Nea Costello from Dubbo marked the lines

CAN YOU HELP?

Now that the court has been resurfaced and the lines marked a working bee is planned for Sunday 15th July to repair and tidy up the court surrounds.

Some things in need of repair include:

1. Repair of fences with a priority on the roadside fence and gate to stop service balls and over shots escaping. All other fences need attention too.
2. Whipper snip and poison long grass and clean up adjacent courts
3. Repair storeroom door and bolt and clean out storeroom. Discard redundant gear.
4. Check condition of nets and winders. Lubricate etc.
5. Tidy up shelter.

If you can help with any, or all of the above, or have other suggestions as well, please come with your gear at 9.00 am Sunday morning.

We are also planning a BBQ lunch to finish up at about 1.00 pm. So if you bring a sausage or two and a beer, the workers can relax and admire their work around the fire. Contact Kate or Steve on 68468414 for inquiries or suggestions.

School News June 2012

The students and staff and four Mums travelled down to Bathurst for our major excursion for the year on the 7-8th June. Our first stop was to pick up Mrs Armstrong in Orange and then to the Bathurst Adventure Playground for recess and a great play on the Flying Fox, Slippery Dips, Spider Web and Maze. It was then time to meet our guide 'Uncle Pete' at the Gold Fields on Mt Panorama. We were entertained with a tour back in time to experience how tough it was to live on the goldfields and try to make a living. Haley, Rowan, Tyler and Ciara were chosen to be blacksmith apprentices and between them helped to make a fire poker (or as Uncle Pete suggested a child persuader maybe). At the end of the tour everyone had a go at panning for gold and got to keep what they found. Some of the Mums were really good at this and caught some kind of gold fever.

After dinner and setting up our rooms we travelled down to the Tenpin Bowl and all the kids had a great game of tenpin to the lights and music of a disco. Some of our dancing was better than our bowling but a great time was had by all.

Next morning we shared breakfast with a bus load of children from Sydney and a school from Coonabarabran and our kids need to be congratulated on their manners during this very noisy session. Their overall behaviour was also something to be proud of. It is no mean feat to take such a varied age group away overnight but the kids were very well behaved and many people commented on this.

We completed a lap of Mount Panorama within the speed limit before dropping in to the Motor Museum and a few pics with our favourite motor racers. Then it was on to The Dinosaur and Gem Museum for a quick tour and look around the magnificent display. By this stage we were all ready for a quick bite to eat at Maccas before travelling home to our loved ones, tired but excited about our few days away.

Have a happy and restful holiday. Students return Tuesday 17th July. *Kim Frazer*

The 2011 Census results

The 2011 Census results have been published and reveal some interesting statistics. They paint a picture of a stable community with average incomes below state and national averages but lower costs in terms of rent and mortgages. The Stuart Town area stretches from Mookerawa, South to Long Point. Our area does not include people living closer to Mumbil in the north. Full data is easy to find by simply Googling Census 2011 and searching for Stuart Town. Some of the findings include;

Population	487	
Female	227	
Male	260	
Median age	48	
Families	142	
Average children per family		1.8
Average people per household		2.3
Median weekly household income		\$803
Median monthly mortgage repayments		\$1000
Median weekly rent		\$65
Average vehicles per dwelling		1.9
Religious affiliation		
Anglican	177	
Catholic	118	
No Religion	76	
Uniting	33	
Presbyterian and Reformed	13	

There is, of course, a wealth of further information about our area on the website, not to mention statistics regarding the state and the nation. The site is easy to navigate. A look at the results is both intriguing and rewarding. *Steve Wilson*

Relocation

Kath and Michael Dickerson have moved from Wellington to Dungog, to be closer to Kath's daughter Lib Read.

Lib and Gil Read have lived in Dungog for several years. Also, more recently Jan and Ron van der Meer have taken up residence there too. Ruth Lesley has been there for many years.

Ruth Pope

Next Meeting of RTC

Thursday 12th July 6:00pm

Next STAA Meeting

Wednesday 18th July 6:00pm

Michael Tolhurst General Manager of Wellington Council will attend our meeting.

CHURCH SERVICES

Catholic Church

Mass each Saturday morning at 8:30am at St John the Baptist Church Stuart Town

Any parents/family members interested and wanting more information, please contact Fr.Tony on 68452061

Anglican

Anglican and non-denominational

Sunday 1st at 5pm Holy Communion

Sunday 15th 10.30 am Morning Prayer and Children's ministry

Home Communion on request.

Ring Clare 68468308

Wellington Services

Fridays – 11am Sundays 8.00 & 9.30am

Tuesday – Friday 8.30am Morning Prayer

Bellhaven - 11.00am 1st Thursday of month

Maranatha – 9.30am 1st, 4th Friday
4.00pm 3rd Friday

From the Bible

The Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart

Samuel 16:7

A thought to ponder –

If a cluttered desk is an indication of a cluttered mind, what is indicated by an empty desk?

Anonymous

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.

21st Kerry and Barry Bowman

BIRTHDAY WISHES

1st Darrell Hurst

2nd June Dickerson, Robert McGregor

3rd Roy Roberts

4th Sasha Muggelton, Barry Bowman

6th Bailey McCallum, Malina Skelly

7th Nicole Trudgett, Cedric Perret

8th Marion Percival

9th Christina Eldridge

11th Tracey Hannelly, Natalie Reid, Lauren Frazer

12th Hayley Hurst, Jaimee Lancaster

13th Belinda Sherring

14th Margaret Patterson, Nicholas Ryan

16th Jeanette Holmes

20th Hannah Trudgett

22nd Ben Flett

23rd Joshua Hurst, Anthony Wren

27th Logan Hunt, Sam McGregor

28th Matthew Hunt

30th Lauren Flett

Many Thanks

To all the people who have rang and asked about my health, it is much appreciated. People are so caring in a small community.

Val

Get Well wishes to Pam Gough, who is home again after a quick visit to Orange hospital.

Welcome home John and Margaret Connaughton

Citizens of the Month



Jill and Gabriel Harris

Wanted to Rent

3 or 4 bedroom house
on acreage

If unattended leave
message

Ph 68467996

Town Information Signs

On the following page is a draft of one of three information signs which the STAA has organised to replace the old town map located at the railway station.

Natalie Bennett has donated her many hours of work to this project which is nearing completion.

Natalie has been liaising with Ruth Pope and Norma Hannelly to ensure the information is correct.

The second sign is a map of the district and the third has information about the town and its history.

The signs will be 2400 high and 1200 wide.

We would like the community to be aware of our plans prior to these signs being made.

This gives an opportunity for you to provide input into the Works Program/Report Card
*Michael Tolhurst, General Manager ,
Wellington Council*

Trudgett Family History - Book

Evening,

Well I have finally finished the book on the history of Robert and Constance Trudgett and their family. The book is 638 pages with photos etc.

I am about to get this book printed and was wondering who would like a copy of the book at this stage I do not know the cost due to the size and colour photos etc contained in the book but believe it will not be cheap. If you would like a copy please advise.

If you know of a family member who may be interested can you also please advise.

As I live in Wollongong, NSW if anyone would like to view it prior to publishing this can be arranged by visiting or if in a reasonable driving distance I can bring the book for a showing, but I would need to know by the end of June so I can have the book printed.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Robert Starkey

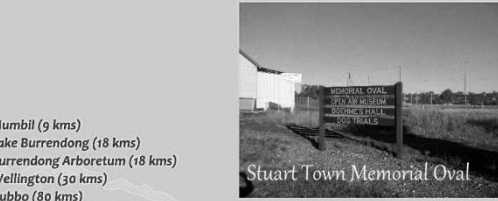
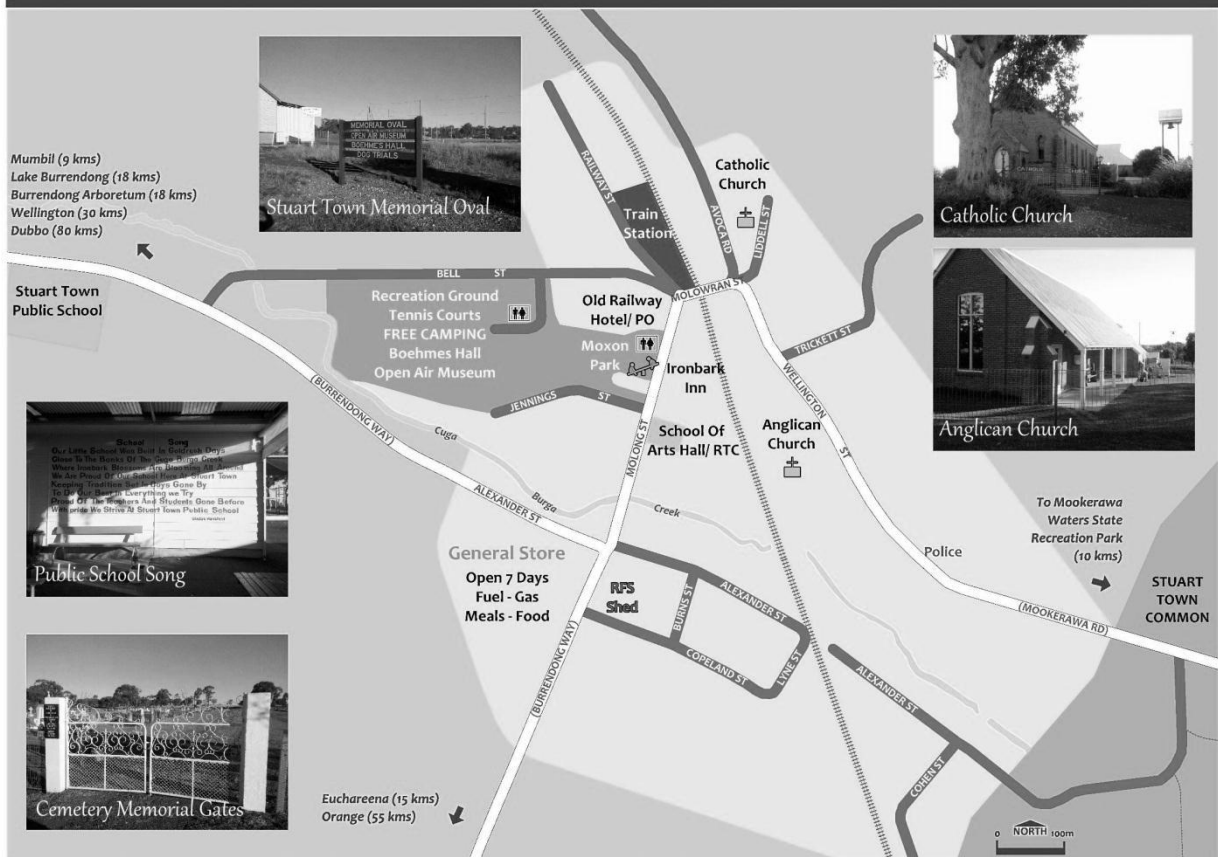
From: rsstar@bigpond.net.au

I would like to personally extend an invitation to attend the next STAA Meeting 18th July commencing at 6:00pm.

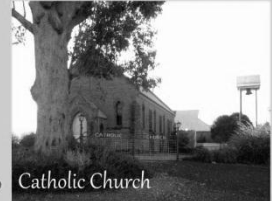


Boehmes Hall

Village Map



Stuart Town Memorial Oval



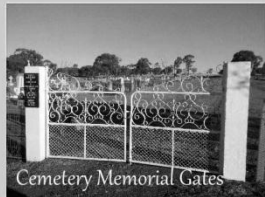
Catholic Church



Anglican Church



Public School Song



Cemetery Memorial Gates

ACCOMMODATION

Lake Burrendong State Park
Cabins, powered sites, camping, fishing, boat ramps, gold fossicking (via Mumbil) - (02) 6846 7435

Mookerawa Waters Park
Cabins, powered sites, camping, fishing, boat ramps, swimming pool (see regional map) - (02) 6846 8268

Stuart Town Common
Camping, fossicking, old mine shafts - contact Common Trust for details
** Extreme caution is advised **
(Access from Mookerawa Rd)

Stuart Town Memorial Oval
Camping, toilets, water - contact RTC
(see village map) - (02) ???????

IN TOWN

Anglican Church
Third Sunday of month 5:00 pm

Catholic Church
Every Saturday 8:30 am

Creative Arts Centre
(02) 6846 8262 - (02) 6846 8311
e: canobola@bigpond.com

Historical Walking Tour
Maps available from RTC

Ironbark Inn
Meals and entertainmentx

Man From From Ironbark Festival
Easter Saturday each year

Moxon Park
Toilets, playground, historical sites

IN TOWN

Plants In Pots
Molong St (02) 6846 8338

Post Office/ Old Railway Hotel
9 am - 1 pm Weekdays

Railway Station
Countrylink train stops daily between Sydney and Dubbo

School of Arts Hall
Adjoining RTC

Stuart Town General Store
Fuel, gas, takeaway meals

Stuart Town Public School
Burrendong Way

Tennis Courts
Keys can be obtained from RTC

STUART TOWN REGION

Burrendong Arboretum
Visit the world class gardens

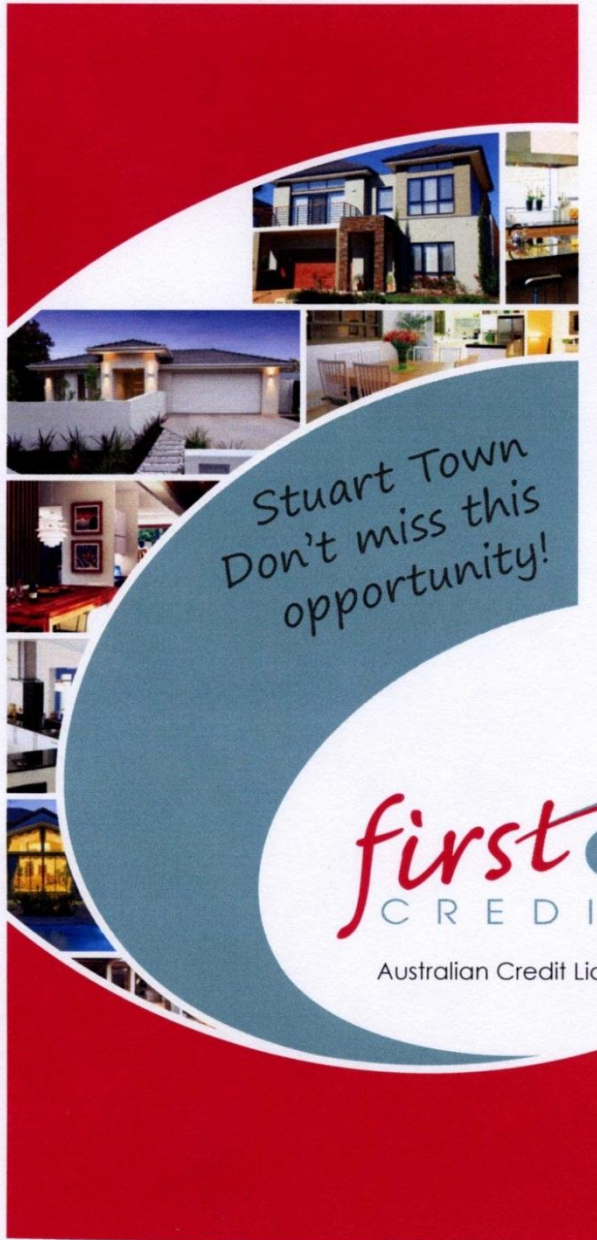
Cemeteries
Ask about historical burials in the area - maps available

Gold Panning
Fossicking sites throughout region

Villages
There are many historical villages to the north and south of Stuart Town, including Dripstone & Mumbil (north) and Euchareena, Farnham, Kerrs Creek

Wellington Caves
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Wellington Visitor Information
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