

IRONBARK NEWS

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March 2012

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Stuart Town RTC

Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
10:00am- 4:00pm
Hope to see you there.
If you would like a special luncheon please
contact us on
02 68 468359

Next Meeting of RTC
Thursday 8th March 6:00pm

Agenda: Variety Concert

Next STAA Meeting Wednesday 21st March
6:00pm

Agenda: Garage
Festival

Wellington Council LEP Meeting

6th March

Please come along and have your say

CHURCH SERVICES

Catholic Church

Mass each Saturday morning at 8.30 @
St. John the Baptist, Stuart Town.
Easter Mass will be celebrated at 6pm
on Sunday evening, 8th April .

Fr Tony has issued from St Patrick's
Wellington parish the Sacramental
calendar for 2012.

Enrolment weekend for **all three**
sacraments to be celebrated in 2012

CONFIRMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

RECONCILIATION

will be on Sat./Sun. 12th/13th March.

CONFIRMATION (Year 6)

June 9th / 10th by Bishop Michael
McKenna.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION(Yr3)

August 26th.

RECONCILIATION .

November 8th.

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

Reunions etc are invited and need to be organized
soon.

Parish phone no (02) 68452061

Anglican

Stuart Town Anglican and non- denominational
Sunday 4th 6:00pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 7th 4:30 pm Lenten Eucharist
(to continue throughout Lent)

Saturday 17th St Patrick's Day 10:00am -3pm

Quiet Day- all welcome

Please bring a packed lunch- Tea, coffee, cool
drink available.

Wear something green!

Sunday 18th No service at Mumbil
Confirmation Service and Holy Communion
Bishop Richard Hurford presiding.
One service 9:00am at St John's Wellington.

April services: Palm Sunday
Sunday 1st 5pm (note change to Winter Time)
Holy Communion.

Friday 7th Good Friday 3pm Litany
Sunday 8th Easter Sunday 3pm
Lighting of the New Fire and Holy Communion.

Home communion on request. Contact Clare
68468308

From the Bible

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

James 3: 17-18

A Thought to ponder.

Peace, quiet and rest is her message,
Tired scenery heeds her call,
This gracious lady is Autumn,
Loveliest season of all

Pamela Summers

*While gardening one afternoon I
observed two four year old girls
pushing dolls' prams. As they passed
me one said to the other
"I wish I had a real baby and not just a
doll"*

*Her friend replied "Have you tried the
internet?"*

Kath Frappell

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School News

School News Feb 2012

Students and staff have settled back into the school routine rather quickly and have already had their swimming carnival at Dubbo where all the students that attended received ribbons for their efforts. The non swimmers left at school also

enjoyed a fun day in the hands of Mrs Armstrong. Thank you to the parents who transported their children to Dubbo and Mark Frazer for driving the bus for the rest of the children and staff. The children really enjoy their parents at such events to enjoy their successes.

It was great to see many parents, carers and community members at the Welcome back BBQ held after the AGM P&C meeting on the 16th Feb. We met new members to our community and a very pleasant time was had by all. Mr Grossett cooks a mean sausage and the ladies made some awesome sides and desserts to be shared by all.

The AGM saw Nicole Bruce accept the role of President, Michelle Miller Vice President, Cher Fleeton Secretary and Sam Eade resumed the role of Treasurer. These young mums come to the positions with fresh ideas and enthusiasm and we wish them all the best. We make a special thank you to the outgoing President Sandra Preston and Secretary Marion Percival for many years of hard work and voluntary hours spent at these positions.

The students have been enjoying a new program 'Crunch and Sip' introduced into the school this term. Fruit and water are offered mid morning to keep the students concentrating until recess. Thank you to Cher and Sam for preparing the fruit and Luke Armstrong for providing some fruit from his orchard to kick start the program.

The P&C are running an Easter Egg raffle from now until Easter. Tickets are \$1 and it will be drawn at the Easter Festival. Just ask any of the students for tickets. I'm sure they will find you.

Lastly, we are cleaning up Moxon Park on Friday 2nd March for Clean Up Australia Day and enjoying a sausage sizzle after. If you have a few spare moments come and help us clean up and be rewarded with a sausage after all the exercise.

The Old Falling Down Garage

Owen Johns visited Stuart Town on Tuesday 28th March to meet with locals to discuss the fate of the very sad looking building.

The southern wall collapsed after the ivy had been removed and several wild storms weakened it.



Owen told the gathering that Wellington Council had set aside money to carry out the first stage of stabilizing the front wall with piers.

The community members told Owen that they wanted to save as much as possible of the building.

A plan was suggested that the southern wall be rebuilt with cement blocks however this would be costly and we would have to look for possible funding sources.

The STAA will discuss this project at the next meeting. In the meantime council will clean up the site and ensure that the area is safe.

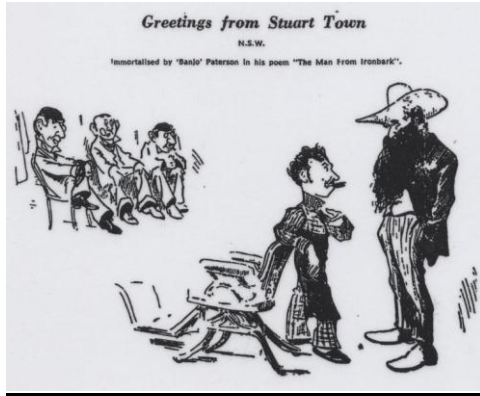
Les and Kath Frappell celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on the 25th January 2012, with a get together at Richard and Barbara's. They were married at the Anglican Church at Stuart Town.

Les and Kath have lived in Stuart Town all their married life at "Malowran" Stuart Town. Australia Day 1995 Les was chosen as Citizen of the Year after many decades of service to the Stuart Town Community. Les has been a member of the Stuart Town Rural Fire Service for 60 years and was Captain for 48 years.

Kath went to school at Stuart Town Public School and was a member of various committees in the community.

They have three daughters, two live in Stuart Town and one in Carlingford and a son who lives in Morpeth, with their spouses. Kath and Les enjoy their eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The Man From Ironbark Festival 7th April Easter Saturday



Come and join the fun at Stuart Town on Easter Saturday, 7th April. Do you know Banjo Paterson's poem "The Man from Ironbark"? Well, start learning it because we want everyone to recite or read this famous poem when we open the festival. Stuart Town of course, used to be called "Ironbarks" before the railway came through, named after the then Premier of NSW.

Plans are well underway for this year's Easter festival at Stuart town. Many of the favourite activities return such as the parade down the main street and the children's Easter egg hunt and pavement drawing. All of the stalls will be returning along with a jumping castle and fairy floss machine. The Billy –boiling competition will have a junior and senior section to give all ages a fair go!

The Art exhibition provided by the Canowindra Art Group will be displayed in the School of Arts Hall along with painting from the local children.

A highlight this year will be a Scottish dancing display by Sally Harris and her group of local enthusiastic dancers. This year the Poetry in the Pub (held at the Ironbark Inn) will offer \$100 prize for the best performance so we call on

all bush poets to come along and strut their stuff!

Excitement is growing for the new Variety Concert which will be held in the Stuart Town School of Arts Hall on the Saturday evening of the festival. Ben Penhall, himself an excellent performer, is calling on his contacts within the performing fraternity. These include an excellent singer, a magician and a card trickster. "It's reminiscent of the old Music Hall entertainment" Ben said.

Local girls, well-known for their great singing, are rehearsing a few songs to entertain the audience.

There will be plenty of food at the Stuart Town General Store, the Ironbark Inn and the School of Arts Hall for morning tea and light meals, a P & C barbecue and a curry stall. If you would like to book in a stall, enter the poetry competition or book a table for the Variety Concert please contact the Stuart Town RTC by phone 10:00-4:00 Wed, Thurs or Friday on 68468414 or email stuarttownrtc@hotmail.com

New Cabins available at Mookerawa Waters Park

Several new cabins have been erected at Mookerawa Waters Park. And they will be ready for Easter.

There are two and three bedroom cabins with all the necessary equipment.

The two three bedroom cabins have enormous patios overlooking the dam.

I'm sure they will be very popular with visitors to Stuart Town looking for accommodation.

Ring the park office for bookings.
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Local Profile and Issues Paper from Wellington Council

Executive Summary

Local Profile

The Wellington LGA is a relatively large local government area located on the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range. Lake Burrendong, the Mayanggu Ganai historic site, and the Wellington Caves are sites of particular significance.

Whilst native vegetation has been heavily cleared for agriculture, there are island remnants of some area remaining (The Catombal Range for example). As a consequence of clearing and continuing cultivation and grazing pressure there are a

number of land degradation issues that have arisen.

The temperatures range from high forties in summer to a little below freezing in winter, the average rainfall is approximately 620 millimetres per annum. There are emerging concerns about the impacts of climate change and declining rainfall. Water policy is becoming a very topical issue.

The majority of the area of the LGA is used for extensive agriculture. Cereal and grazing activities are dominant. Intensive agricultural activity is a minor but growing activity. The largest employment sector within the LGA is agriculture.

Mining exploration activity is currently of interest, there are a number of 'hard rock' mineral prospects within the LGA.

Development pressure within the Wellington LGA has been low, unlike that occurring in peri-urban areas around major regional nodes. Despite the low level of development activity there have been some with optimistic expectations of growth. Over servicing is an emerging risk.

Within the town of Wellington, as a consequence of a protracted period of low level of development activity, many of the Federation and Edwardian buildings remain intact.

Local Issues

1. In 2006 the population of the Wellington LGA was estimated to be around 8,406 persons. The 2007 population estimate was 8,250 persons, indicating an annual decline of 1.9% (ABS 2008).
2. Wellington has an ageing population, and it has a growing percentage of Indigenous persons.
3. Dwelling occupancy rates have fallen progressively to halve over the last century.
4. Agriculture is the biggest single contributor to the local economy and it employs the most people.

5. Youth unemployment is an emerging social issue, particularly for young Indigenous persons.
6. The rural population continues to decline.
7. The spatial pattern of public housing is concentrated within parts of the town of Wellington.
8. Population and employment opportunities appear to be moving to the regional centres.
9. Employment opportunities in tourism show modest growth.
10. The need for a highway bypass around the Town of Wellington is identified.
11. A higher utilisation of urban infrastructure would lower unit costs and improve economies of scale.
12. Landuse oversupply is evident in most zones, particularly residential and rural residential zones.
13. Within rural production zones most holdings have an area below that required for commercial purposes.
14. A range of land degradation and water quality issues require urgent attention.
15. The loss of terrestrial and aquatic habitat has had a dramatic impact on the populations of native species.
16. To date the planning system offers limited opportunity to facilitate natural resource management (NRM) objectives. New biodiversity mapping provided by the NRM agencies should be examined with a view to enhancing NRM outcomes.
17. Cultural heritage assets are re-examined and additional items of environmental heritage are identified.
18. An examination of various geographic data raises questions about the future

management of natural hazards, the need to protect certain vistas for posterity and the economic potential of tourism.

19. A program of urban streetscape improvement is recommended.
20. The level of mineral exploration activity is encouraging and there is hope that commercial deposits might be found.
21. If population decline is to be effectively addressed then job creation is and economic development priority. A strategy for the diversification and intensification of horticultural activity is suggested.

The Wellington Council Settlement Strategy For Wellington, Geurie, Mumbil, Stuart Town & Euchareena (Draft for Public Exhibition) is available at the RTC for you to read.

There is some very interesting information about Stuart town. It contains Existing Zoning, settlement pattern, historic population and projected future population and proposed land use arrangements.

After reading this section it is easy to assume that there will be very little change in Stuart Town in the next 20 years.

Essential Energy

What should I do during a storm?

- During an electrical storm always play it safe.
- Turn off and unplug all unnecessary appliances to avoid possible damage by lightning
- Avoid using landline telephones as the lightning strike can travel along telephone lines causing you to receive an electric shock
- Avoid touching metallic material such as water pipes and taps during electrical storms
- Do not use any electrical appliances that have become wet or damaged
- Don't go outside until the storm has passed.

What should I do in a brown out?

- Turn off ALL motors (air conditioners, refrigerators, washing machines, pool filters etc) and other appliances to avoid potential damage
- Leave a minimum of lights on (but not fluorescent) and report a 'dim supply situation' to Essential Energy's Supply Interruption number on 13 20 80
- Don't turn on your appliances until you have been advised by Essential Energy that the problem has been fixed or you observe that the lights have returned to their normal brightness.

Things you should do after a storm

- Unplug any suspect appliances and have them checked by electrician prior to using them
- If a fuse or circuit breaker needs to be replaced/ checked turn the power off at the main switch. Ensure the correct size fuse wire is used. If the fuse blows again or the circuit breaker wont reset, contact Essential Energy or a licensed electrical contractor
- Stay a minimum of 8 metres away from fallen or low powerlines and any material which may be in contact with them, such as fences or trees as they are conductors of electricity
- Report any fallen powerlines, building damage, fires or trees/ branches contacting powerlines to Essential Energy as soon as possible
- Contact Essential Energy if your electrical supply has gone off.
- What should I do if I receive a shock or tingling sensation during or after a storm?
- If you receive a shock or tingling sensation from any electrical appliances, plumbing, metal, sink or bath, avoid all contact with the appliance or objects in question and call our Supply Interruptions number, 13 20 80 and report the problem as soon as the storm has passed.

StormTracker

StormTracker traces storm activity across Essential Energy's entire distribution area and is updated every 15 minutes. The tool can help you identify where a storm is in your region and its approximate intensity and can be found at essentialenergy.com.au

For more information

Essential Energy's Public Safety team is available to conduct Electrical Awareness sessions and discuss any questions relating to electrical safety.

For more information on electrical safety please call Essential Energy:

General enquiries 13 23 91

Supply interruptions 13 20 80

or visit essentialenergy.com.au/safety



Stuart Town Cricketers at Pink Day 2012

Ham and tomato cheese scrolls

Makes 12

Ingredients

- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 30g butter, chilled, chopped
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup tomato pasta sauce
- 1 cup grated tasty cheese
- 100g shaved ham, chopped

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. Line a large baking tray with baking paper. Sift flour into a large bowl. Add butter. Using your fingertips, rub butter into flour until combined. Make a well in the centre.
2. Pour milk into well. Using a flat-bladed knife, stir until mixture is almost combined. Using your hands, bring dough together into a ball. Turn onto a lightly floured surface. Gently knead dough until almost smooth. Using a rolling pin, roll dough out to a 24cm x 36cm rectangle.
3. Spread pasta sauce over dough, leaving a 3cm border along both long edges. Sprinkle cheese and ham over sauce. Roll up dough firmly like a Swiss roll. Cut into 12 slices. Arrange scrolls close together on prepared tray, ensuring join is turned inwards so scrolls don't unroll while cooking. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until light golden and cooked through. Serve.



Suzan Francis

Citizen of the Month