

IRONBARK NEWS

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May 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 10th 6:00pm

Agenda

Follow up to Easter Festival

Please send in any agenda items

Next STAA Meeting Wednesday 16th May

6:00pm

Agenda

Follow up to Easter Festival

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 .**

Any parents / family members interested and
wanting more information, please contact

Fr. Tony on 6845206 Parish phone no (02)
68452061

Anglican

Anglican and non-denominational

Sunday 6th 5pm Holy Communion

Sunday 20th 10.30 am at Mumbil

Morning Prayer and Children's ministry

Home Communion on request.

Enq Clare 68468308

Wellington Services

Fridays – 11am Sundays 8.00 & 9.30am

Each weekday 7.30am Morning Prayer

Bellhaven - 11.00am 1st Thursday of month

Maranatha – 9.30am 1st, 4th Friday

4.00pm 3rd Friday

From the Bible

The capable wife opens her mouth with wisdom
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her husband and
will not eat the bread of idleness. Her children
rise up and call her happy, her husband praises
her.

Many women have done excellently but you
surpass them all.

Proverb 31: 26-29

A thought to ponder –

The mother with her needle and shears,

Gaes auld claes looks amaist

As weels the new.

“The Cotter Saturday Night “ Robert Burns”

BIRTHDAY WISHES

4th Rebecca Richardson, Karen
Donnelly (Pope)

6th Michael Hurst

8th Ann White

12th Jan Foxall

14th Pat Flett

16Joshue Frappell, John Hoskins, Leo Presslaber
17th Kath Frappell
20th Rick Orrock Dane Mahoney
22th Barry Trudgett
23rd Kylie Preston, Sarah Richardson, Jan Pope,
24th Geoff Hunt
25th Bob Armstrong
26th Ron Jones
27th Carol Walker
29th Kim Kasper (Pope) Pat Montgomery, Jane Hurst

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.

Julianna & Mic Kosztyo

Sincere Sympathy

Locals were saddened to hear that Terry Montgomery lost his battle with life after suffering a massive stroke.

His funeral was held on Friday 27th April and it was obvious he was held in high esteem in the community and district by the large crowd who attended his funeral.

Our sincerer sympathy to his wife, Pat and family Brett, Colin, Ted, Mike, Tracey and their families.

Dear Sir or Madam,
My name is Noel Hill, I am the third brother of Mervyn (Merv) Hill, who died on 14th April 2009. I recently visited Stuart Town to pay my respects to my brother, on 12th April, it was not convenient to be there on the actual date and day of his third anniversary. Time also did allow me to visit the RTC centre, of which I have previously had an enjoyable morning tea. Whether you find my flying visit to have been not worthy news for the local newsletter, or not, I felt it my duty to let you know. That I had not

forgotten about Stuart Town, or my ties to the town. I, like many residents, and Merv, once worked at the factory at Orange, many years ago. For me, it was only a short 6 months, and a fill in until I found employment elsewhere. That must have been back in 1971!!

If you are at all interested, and happen to believe it worthy, as a tribute to my brother, I'm enclosing a Bush Poem I wrote about Merv, just after his death. I am a bit of an amateur poet. Sincerely, Noel Hill.

..A LIFE BY CHOICE..

A life by choice, he once had said,
to live his life, a life of choice.
It echoed forth from a lonely voice,
from the lonely life, he lead.
I heard him say, ' A life by choice.'
' It's how I choose to be!'
But was it a cry, from a lonely heart,
for the love, he'd let go free.
He loved the bush, and its big blue sky,
and those stars, in night sky bright.
But he sat alone, on an empty throne,
without love, and lost from sight.
He'd wander the gullies and hills alone,
' It's where I'm most happy.' He said.
As the darkening sky, and winter wind moan,
found him lost, and alone in his bed.
He kept to himself, to his kin was a ghost,
no contact by letter, nor phone.
Till the time he was sick, and needed them
most,
then wondered why he was alone.
From the shadows once more, came his
lonely lost voice,
a plea to his brothers, in his life by choice.
But the call was too late, as the shadows
descend,
and a shroud dimmed the sad, lonely voice.

Written not long after the death of my second eldest brother. He had lived a troubled life, through childhood, adolescence, teen years and adult life. I don't really think my parents understood his needs properly. As neither I, and my brothers. I believe I understood him more. Was never judgemental, maybe never always agreed with what he did, but never, ever, tried to tell him how to live his life. Like many troubled people, he was also quite a clever person. Something I came to realise a lot more, after his death. I know there are

friends of his, still alive, who still hold him in high esteem. Their love and acceptance of him, as he was, being far greater than mine.

And far greater than my two remaining brothers. From some things I'd learnt, there were small things that would have impacted upon how his life developed, as a boy to manhood. I still miss him. *Noel*.

Written, May 2009. Copyright. Noel Hill.

ANZAC DAY 25th APRIL 2012

5.45 am

The dawn Service was well attended with 80 people braving the very cold morning.

Peter Jarratt, whom we ask each year to speak at the Dawn Service, has always made himself available and this year he gave an interesting account of his interpretation of the landing and attack on Gallipoli.

Following the Service the people enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Ironbark Inn with Rod, Rhonda, Kimberly and Matthew. Our many thanks to them and to Dawn for the delicious scones and Anzac biscuits they provided.

11.00am

The weather certainly didn't improve as it was very windy and cold during the 11 o'clock service.

Even though our ex-servicemen are down in numbers with only three attending the march this year, family members of deceased servicemen, the Stuart Town, Euchareena and some students of Wellington, Molong and Orange schools took part in the march.

The march was led by Marie and Sam McGregor carrying the Anzac Flag followed by our local policeman Craig Fleeton with the Australian Flag. Sue Edwards again as in previous years carried out her duty as MC and she introduced Chris Grossett to address the assembly. Chris is the new Principal of the Public School and he said he was honoured to be asked to speak at the Anzac Day service. His address was very informative and I feel many people will agree with him regarding the importance of keeping and honouring our flag. Marita and Beryl Sheridan obliged us by leading the singing of the hymns and the National Anthem. We really appreciated them coming out from Wellington to sing for us.

Jock McCloud who once lived in Stuart Town but is now a resident Maranatha Nursing Home

attended the march in his wheel chair. Sharyn Trudgett drove him out as he was really looking forward to the day. We do hope he enjoyed it. The organisers were happy to have so many come back to the hall to share the luncheon, the friendship and the reminiscing.

5.45pm

The lowering of the flag was a short but again a meaningful ceremony.

Thank you to the people who provided flowers, helped with the making of the wreaths, those who brought a plate to the luncheon and to all those who helped in the kitchen.

Lest We Forget

Anzac Day Committee

Man from Ironbark Festival 2012

Another fun filled day was had by all who attended the third Man from Ironbark Festival. All of our local participants reported very successful trading with The P&C barbeque selling out of stock by 12:00. The RTC stall took over \$300 and the morning teas and light lunches had the ladies rushed off their feet, reporting that they were busier than last year.

The parade was excellent with our students in their lion dance costume leading the procession. Vintage cars from Wellington as well as Clancy and Carolee's trucks joined the parade.

Andrew Gee and about 100 visitors joined in the reading of Banjo Paterson's poem "The Man from Ironbark" which definitely set a record!

There were not so many people attending the Poetry in the Pub session this year so we may have to reconsider this event for next year. There were however, more stalls this year with two venues operating, one at the Fire Station, for those stall-holders who did not have their own insurance and those with insurance setting up at the top of town.

The Billy Boiling Competition was great fun with three sections for "Young's" "Middle n's" and "Olden's. This was organised by the RFS.

The Variety Concert, which was held in the evening, was an outstanding success. All those who attended were blown away by the level of talent that was on show. Huge congratulations to Pam and Ben Penhall for arranging this event and we really hope that they will consider doing it again.

Finally, a very big thank you to all those who helped with this event: The Stuart Town students and P&C, the RFS, the STAA, the RTC, The Ironbark Inn, The General Store and Stuart Town/Mumbil CWA for the loan of their marvellous sound system.



A busy time for volunteers at the RTC



P & C Wood Raffle





Easter Weekend

What a wonderful weekend commencing with the Man from Ironbark festival on Easter Saturday morning.

As the stall-holders began to set up and the food stalls sent out delightful aromas, the street was becoming crowded with locals and visitors.

The street chalk drawing, the Easter Egg hunt, and the Billy Boiling competition all created interest.

The procession with the Chinese Dragon made by the school children, vintage cars, fire trucks and children and adults all joined in the parade and had a great deal of fun.

A highlight of the day was the big truck, owned by Clancy and Coralee Chapman, with pictures of Wellington emblazoned on the sides. Rides in this truck were running throughout the day and proved very popular.

Pam Penhall and her assistants served morning teas with delicious scones and light lunches in the School of Arts supper room where many came to sit down in comfort. Mayor Anne Jones opened the festival and the people gathered for the mass recitation of "The man from Ironbark" which was a bit of fun.

Sally and Hal Harris, with their friends, put on an exhibition of Scottish dancing which was very entertaining.

There was also an Art exhibition displayed in the hall.

Congratulations to Kate on the very successful Easter festival which is proving bigger and better each year.

The variety Concert held on Easter Saturday night featured high profile Australian musicians, Ruth West and Renay Gersbach from Wellington and of course our own Kylie Preston. The entertainment was excellent and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Congratulations to Ben and Pam for organising this wonderful concert.

On Easter Sunday the Hannelly families and friends enjoyed a wonderful re-union at Boehme's Hall which proved an ideal venue for the occasion. About sixty people attended and many cousins met for the first time. We all enjoyed the talking and laughter of the day.

Following Boehme's Hall we went to Church at 6pm which was the conclusion of a perfect week-end. Norma

Welcome Margrete Lamond



Margrete has come to settle in Stuart Town after 6 years of visiting. She officially moved in to her charming little cottage on Australia Day 2012. It was friendships with local artists that first brought Margrete to Stuart Town and she thought that this would be a good place to put down roots.

Margrete says that she is very fortunate that the book publishing company she works for has allowed her to work from home.

Even though Margrete lives and works in Stuart Town she is liaising with people as close as Orange and as far away as Cambridge UK. All made possible by the internet and email.

Margrete is very impressed with the friendliness of our community and says that it is much more inviting than Sydney. She is

amazed that her social life is much busier here than it was in Sydney and she would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming.

Fund Raising for New Piano

The RTC/School of Arts Hall Committee is embarking on fund raising for a new piano. For those who attended the Variety Concert it was evident that our pianist was playing on a very beautiful piano and not the old hall piano.

If we are to have similar events in the hall it would be wonderful to have a new piano and not have to hire one each time as this is quite expensive.

Already we have had one very generous donation to start our fund. Thank you.

If you would like to make a donation to our piano fund it would be greatly appreciated. We need to raise \$7000 to purchase the piano that was used for the concert.

Bush Dance for Stuart Town

23rd June- The Winter Solstice

It appears that some people were disappointed that we didn't have a bush dance at the festival this year. Well, never fear, one is being organised this very instant.

November Shorn has been booked as has the hall. All we need now is for all of our enthusiastic bush dancers to gather their friends and family ready for the event.

It will be cold so this will be a great way to warm up.

The profits from the dance will go to the New Piano Fund.

COUNCIL'S NEW GENERAL MANAGER VISITS STUART TOWN



The Stuart Town Advancement Association was pleased to host a visit this month from the new General

Manager of Wellington Council Michael Tolhurst and his wife Kerry. Michael had come to hear the particular concerns of Stuart Town residents. While Michael is new to the position he has a long association with Wellington and wide experience in service delivery.

The meeting raised its concerns about the state of local roads and the need for thoughtful maintenance to prevent rain damage rather than a "bandaid" reaction after the event. Michael said that while he is still very new to the job he wanted to establish open communications between council and the villages and that he understood the need to maintain and improve roads but that there are budgetary constraints.

The matter of the painfully slow progress on our tennis courts (given that the money for the resurfacing of one is in the bank) was raised. Michael said that the contractor would have the work done in the next few weeks so we are hoping for some action soon. The fact that the Council owns the courts was raised at the meeting.

Michael was told of the unsightly dumping of rubbish at the Store Creek rest area, and the recent removal of the bins from the area. We hope for a rostered weekly rubbish bin collection there.

Michael said that Council was there to serve the local community and that he would be making a big effort to see that that is the case in future. He said that while it was early days for him that his success would be judged on his actions in delivering services over time. He made it clear however, that not every request for services could be met within the Council's budget and that he would be obliged to say "no" from time to time. Michael said that he is attending similar meetings with the other village communities in our council area.

The tone of the meeting was one of cordial cooperation and communication which augers well for our future relations with our Council.

S Wilson

RUSSIAN ROADS

Those of us concerned about the state of our roads may be interested to know it is an old and international problem. The Russian poet Pushkin, writing in the 1820's had this to say...

When we have broadened education,
The time will come without a doubt
(By scientific computation,
Within five hundred years about),
When our old roads' decayed condition
Will change beyond all recognition.

Paved highways linking every side,
Will cross our Russia far and wide;
Above our waters iron bridges
Will stride in broadly arching sweep;
We'll dig bold tunnels 'neath the deep
And even part whole mountain ridges;
(From a translation of Eugene Onegin)

Let's hope we don't have to wait 500 years!
S Wilson

Have you seen Wellington Council's new web page? It's worth a look.
www.wellington.nsw.gov.au



We are pleased to bring to you our May *What's On* newsletter - giving you the latest in natural resource management, events, incentives, competitions and other related news..

2012 National Year of the Farmer

The Central West CMA in partnership with Landcare will be celebrating Year of the Farmer with a focus on sustainable production and creating awareness about food and fibre production in the Central West.

Holistic Management Course

TAFE are offering a course in Holistic Management has been developed to meet the needs of land managers for accredited training in holistic management.

You will learn how to assess the health of ecosystems, develop strategies to manage landscapes consistent with a holistic goal which takes into account the ecological, financial and social context in which you are required to manage land.

You will also develop the skills and knowledge to implement and monitor holistic management plans to maintain and improve the sustainable use of natural resources. A standard fee for 2012 is \$231.00.

For more information please contact Paul Griffiths on 9144 3975 or email paul@reasontospeak.com

Farm Trees Field Day – Focus on Windbreaks

The Central West CMA and Department of Primary Industries (DPI) invite you to a local field day to talk about benefits that can be gained from planting trees, (ie windbreaks). Dear RTC

Heritage Express, a train tour operator and part of the NSW Rail Transport Museum, is planning a steam train tour to Bathurst and Dubbo in August/September this year.

As a part of that tour, we expect to stop at Stuart Town on Friday 31 August, and would like to discuss with you the possibility of the RTC providing a venue and catering for lunch.

We will have about 50 passengers on the tour, and anticipate that we would be in Stuart Town (en route from Bathurst to Dubbo) from about 11am to 2pm.

Day 1 - 1st May, Lucknow Property 'Merrungie'
Lucknow 9:30 am – 1:30 Free BBQ lunch provided. For more information, directions or to RSVP contact Tim Nalder on 6363 8607 or timothy.nalder@cma.nsw.gov.au

Day 2 - 29th May, Bathurst Property 'Willowglen'
9:30 am – 1:30 Free BBQ lunch provided. For more information, directions or to RSVP by 25 May contact Clayton Miller on 6339 4905 or clayton.miller@cma.nsw.gov.au

Future directions for Landcare and the Central West CMA in the Central Tablelands

What: AGM for Central Tablelands Landcare

Where: Orange Environmental Learning Facility, Showgrounds Orange.

When: Tuesday 1st May 2012, from 5.30pm – 8.30pm

It's AGM time again, and our guest speaker at this year's AGM is Carolyn Raine –General Manager of the Central West CMA. Carolyn has agreed to answer questions from Central Tablelands Landcare Management Committee about new initiatives in natural resource management in the central west and what the role of Landcare is seen to be in this.

[Click here for more details](#) on the AGM and associated paperwork available. A light supper to be included. Please RSVP to Marita Sydes: marita@centraltablelands-landcare.org.au or 04 0429 979 780.

Environmental Trust Workshops

The Environmental Trust will be holding workshops to assist potential applicants to its Protecting our Places in Wellington Thursday 3 May. For more information phone 8837 6093

For all the information available look on the Catchment Authority website cw@cma.nsw.gov.au

Exciting News for Steam Train Enthusiasts

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Stuart Town is lucky to have a vibrant go ahead young couple in town. Clancey and Coralie Chapman have several trucks which transport goods around Australia. They have recently organised to have one of their trucks decorated with photographs of wellington to promote our area as a tourist destination. Their truck was on display during our Easter festival. Clancy and Coralie are also very community minded and are becoming involved with our association. It

is great to have some new blood at our meetings.



Citizen of the Month



Bob Armstrong



Plants in Pots

Have a great range of canna lilies available at the moment for \$5:00.

Three hundred Pansies have been potted and are just starting to come on. They are ready for planting now.