

IRONBARK NEWS

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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 and we can arrange it for you.

Next Meeting of RTC

Thursday 11th October 6:00pm

Next meeting of the STAA

Wednesday 24th October 6:00pm

**Please note that this meeting is a week later
than usual.**

Council Community Report Meeting

30th October 6:00pm
School of Arts Hall

STAA Report

Man from Ironbark Festival

At the last meeting it was decided that we would
go ahead with the Man from Ironbark Festival
again next year.

Easter Saturday will fall early on 31st March.

It was also decided to give the Variety Concert
another run in the evening and Ben Penhall is
already starting to organise items.

Pam Penhall is organising morning teas and light
lunches again but we do need more helpers so
please put the date in your diaries and come
along and help. This is the STAA & RTC's big
fund raiser.

Another major issue for the community concerns
the School of Arts Hall.

A letter has been received from the Department
of Primary Industries regarding the transfer of this
asset to the Crown.

I hope to be able to organise an information
evening for the wider community before any
decision is made.

Following the STAA meeting, residents of Stuart
Town and Euchareena said farewell to Sue
Edwards who has been our representative on
Wellington Council for the last eight and a half
years.

Sue has been a wonderful supporter of Stuart
Town and all the villages. She has been a
dedicated and responsible member of the council
and worked tirelessly for the whole community.
Sue said that she had enjoyed her time on council
and that she had learnt a great deal.

Thank you Sue.

The group also congratulated Marcus Hanney on
his election and we all look forward to seeing a lot
more of him in the future.

Marcus said that he had big shoes to fill and he was very excited to be working with Wellington Council and especially with the villages.

Rod Buhr New Mayor after Council Elections



David Grant, Rod Buhr and Michael Tolhurst

The Council Election results are as follows, in order of their votes as declared by the Electoral Commission.

Anne JONES (IND)

Pip SMITH (IND)

Mark GRIGGS (IND)

David GRANT (IND)

Rod BUHR (IND)

Graham CROSS (IND)

Terry DRAY (IND)

Marcus HANNEY (IND)

Alison CONN (IND)

The newly elected councillors have elected Rod Buhr as Mayor and David Grant as Deputy Mayor in secret ballots 5 votes to 4. The new council is quite different from the old. Marcus Hanney is the only councillor from our locality, replacing Sue Edwards who decided to retire.

The new Mayor said, "We have six new faces on this council and with a new general manager on board, I believe we can set clear and achievable goals and steer this town towards a promising future."

"I thank the past council for all of their hard work and hope that we can build on their achievements."

The number of first time councillors (including the Mayor) should provide for interesting local government. Let us hope that the council achieves good results for our Shire and particularly for the Stuart Town area.

Bushfire Brigade News

Stuart Town Rural Fire Brigade recently held its AGM at which approximately 20 people attended.

The meeting was informed that the last 12 months have been very quiet as far as fires were concerned but because of the previous wet summers the coming fire season could be a difficult one. However 50 mm of rain in the next few weeks could quickly change all this.

Mark Frazer advised that he had taken up a position as a deputy group captain in the Orana team and would not be eligible to stand for re-election as captain. Mark went on to thank all members for their help and support over the previous 8 years and asked that the incoming captain be given the same support.

All seats were declared vacant and consequently Margaret Thompson was elected as Captain, Bob Armstrong was re-elected as Senior Deputy Captain and Richard Eade was also re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

Permit Officers are Mark Frazer & Bob Armstrong. Congratulations to all those elected.

Just a reminder, as of the 1st of October a permit is required to light fires in the open. Cooking fires are exempt unless a total fire ban has been issued in which case no fires are to be lit. A permit will not be automatically issued as each situation must be assessed and deemed safe to light. Some conditions may be included on the permit e.g. can't light before 6pm, pump and ample water in attendance etc. Please remember that even something as simple as discarding a cigarette butt can cause devastating effects on the village and rural areas alike.

Let's hope we receive some rain shortly and have an incident free spring and summer.

School News

This month the primary students have been involved in a fantastic science project "Murder under the Microscope" which is an internet run project across Australia focusing on learning research skills, team work and investigation working towards solving an environmental 'murder'. Over 20,000 students took part and although the students were incorrect in their assumptions a lot was learned about the need for teamwork, research and environmental care in Australia. Better luck next year.

The 3642 steam train came to town and the whole school and a lot of townsfolk were there to welcome the passengers as they alighted. We got a quick run through the 1st class carriages before the train proceeded to the siding allowing the XPT to pass. We received many positive comments on the students favourable behaviour, beautiful uniforms and impeccable manners as they

welcomed the visitors to our village which goes to show that they have been practicing the school motto 'With Pride we Strive'. We have concluded a very productive sports visit on Fridays to Mumbil this term with all the students learning new skills and having a go at things they would not be able to do in a small group at home. Mumbil organised an Olympic Games afternoon in which we competed at equestrian eventing, pole vaulting, gymnastics, javelin, hurdles and wrestling (all modified of course). We thank Mumbil School for inviting us to join them and hope to do more activities together in the future.

Our recent auction on election day was a big success with most of the items selling even though the day was miserable. Thank-you to all those who supported it.

Also, thanks to all those who purchased pies at the pie drive. Approximately \$280 was raised.

On the last Wednesday of term 3 students were allowed to wear their favourite footy colours to raise money for kids with cancer. A great day was had by all with a sausage sizzle and recess provided by the P&C. Wellington Public School invited Stuart Town and Mumbil to celebrate NAIDOC Day with them on the last Thursday of term 3. The children integrated with the other students and enjoyed a variety of activities set up by Wellington Public School teachers, support staff and students. Mr G also got to catch up with old work colleagues.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all in term 4.

Congratulations and well done to Trent and Ange Frazer

and their dedicated band of friends who managed to raise \$106,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation to further the research into a cure for blood related cancers and to also purchase a patient transport vehicle for the Orange area. The 'Touch of Orange' Ball was held on the 1st of September at the Orange Showground pavilion with 450 guests attending. The crowd was wined, dined and entertained with music as well as a very inspiring guest speaker John Coutis who made everyone sit up and appreciate how precious our lives are. A silent auction ran during the night via smart phones or SMS as well as a live auction for those less savvy. Some auction items included 10 Angus heifers, joy flight in a tiger moth, a night at the Hilton, a Katie Barton painting, a kelpie puppy, wine fridge, jewellery, cubby house, a Kate Brack's dinner for 10 and a house boat on the Murray just to mention a few. All the items went for well above value thanks to the generosity of all who attended. A great night was had by all and thanks go to our guests, a few who were successful with their bids but most just happy to support the raffles.

Mark & Kim Frazer.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.

8th Annette & Sid Evans.

28th Joy & Ray Douglas

BIRTHDAY WISHES

1st. John Russell, Luke Jones.

2nd Kath Armstrong.

3rd Ian Ryan

4th Ruth Bayliss

7th Donna Hurst

8th Maddy Kalanj

9th Lachlan Trudgett

10th Jim O'Mara

12th Nita Stanford

14th Mitchell Preston

15th Terry (Ted) Montgomery.

17th Eric Gough, Luke Ryan

18th Brea Morris, Donna Ruston

20th Jamie Howard, Annette Russell

24th Holly Dunn

27th Mackenzie Jones

30th Butch Foxall, Jackie Wilkie

CHURCH SERVICES

Catholic Church

Stuart Town Mass each Saturday @ St John the Baptist @ 8.30 am

ANNUAL STUART TOWN CEMETERY MASS.....

Claiming the date & inviting all on Wednesday, 7th NOVEMBER at 6pm . This will be followed by a 'get-together' celebrating Fr. Tony's 25th anniversary, held at Ted & Norma's place, "Glenview."

Contact no for Fr Tony is 68452061

Anglican and Non- denominational

Sunday 7th 6:00pm (note change to Summer Time)

Feast day of St Michael and All Angels

A light bring and share tea (at the church) will follow service. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 21st 10:30 am at Mumbil

Morning Prayer and Children's Ministry

Home Communion on request (Phone 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 steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end; They are
new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22.23

A Thought to Ponder

Thus at every season in every hour and place,
Visions await the soul on wide ocean or shore,
Mountain forest or garden in the wind and
floating cloud,
In busy murmur of the bees
Or blithe carol of the birds
The Tapestry. Robert Bridges

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy to June and family on
the death of Brian Dickerson
Our thoughts are with you all.

Many Thanks

*To all you wonderful people for
sending cards and making phone calls
regarding the loss of Val. Thank You*

Bill, Gary, Brett and Family

Many Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the
cards, flowers and condolences in losing
our loved one.

MANY THANKS

from

Pam, Renee and Don.

Kevin Peters passed away in Orange hospital on
8th September in his 93rd year.
He, with his wife, Kath and their children, Gary,
(now deceased) Judy and Mark lived on the

Peter's family property 'Mangoplah' at Store
Creek.

After the death of Kath, Kevin moved to Orange
and eventually married Betty Drylie. They lived in
Kite St for many years.

Kevin was a keen sportsman and could tell many
tales of days gone by, especially relating to his
sporting and younger years.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Judy, Joe and
family, to Mark and to Kevin's sister, Marie Ostini.

Another well-known and respected family name
in the Stuart Town district is the Dickersons and
the village was saddened to hear that Brian
Dickerson had passed away in Wellington
hospital after a long illness.

Brian spent all his life in Stuart Town helping his
father Snow, the friendly butcher and took up
shearing and helping out in shearing sheds in
later years.

He married June Begley and they have three
children Jonathan, Renae and Laura and a grand-
daughter, Sasha.

Brian will also be remembered for his success in
the sheep dog trials, training many young dogs to
win numerous ribbons and trophies.

We will miss Brian and our sincere sympathy and
thoughts go to June and family and Brian's
siblings, John, Margaret, Ciss, Jean, Barry and
Kath and their extended families.

It is a sad time for Bob and Kath Armstrong as
Bob's sister Lorna died unexpectedly on the 4th
September and now Kath has lost her brother,
Brian.

Our thoughts are with you both.

Another ex Stuart Town resident, Ina Dickerson
passed away in Orange on the 30th September.
Ina's parents, Hilton and Kate Lang lived where
Noleen Bayliss used to live and Ina spent her
childhood and school years in Stuart Town.
She married Les Dickerson and they had the
shop below the Ironbark Inn for a number of
years.

Our deepest sympathy to her family, Robert,
Carolyn, Diane and their families. Also to Bill and
Jim, her brothers.

Happier News

We are happy to report that Hilton Fleming is
home again and very positive that it's only a
matter of time before he is fit and well again. Rob,
Hilton's nephew is taking good care of him.

Foxall & Brown Re-Union

What a wonderful weekend we had when we
all met at the Wellington Caves for our Annual
Re-union.

We were blessed with the weather, blue skies and lovely warm spring days.

Family came from Hervey Bay, Sydney, Dubbo, Queensland, Orange, Bathurst, Wagga, Tamworth, Central Coast, Coolah and Koorawatha.

Each year we have a different line of the Foxall-Brown family attending through word of mouth, so every year it is increasing in number. This year we had 70.

There was so much fun and laughter and reminiscing and I may add plenty of noise.

David was our Chef for the Saturday night and the meat was cooked to perfection.

Rene is our main organizer for the weekend and she does a mammoth job.

We are all looking forward to next re-union 2013.

New Tourist information Signs



The results of many months of work by Natalie Bennett are now on show at Stuart Town.

The three new signs replace the old map that had been deteriorating over many years. The new signs show a map of the town, a map of the district and the centre board gives a brief history of the settlement.

Ruth Pope and Norma Hannelly also provided advice and historical information for the project.

Wellington Council, through the Village Grant program enabled this project to be completed.

The STAA is very grateful to Natalie for the hours and hours she spent creating these signs. We are so lucky to have Nat living in our area. She is a gem.

Spring and Snakes



With the hasty change of season in the air, the Department

of Environment are warning that the sudden warm weather means snakes will soon be on the move.

Having not eaten for months the slithery creatures will have food and sunshine on their minds, making them active and less wary of humans.

While snakes are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act it is advisable to contact your local snake catcher if one is spotted on your property.

RHUBARB AND MIXED BERRY PIES

Lynne Mullins



Ingredients

- 500g rhubarb, cut into 2cm pieces
- 280g castor sugar
- 180g frozen mixed berries
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 3 tbsp orange juice
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 sheets frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

Method

Heat oven to 220C. Combine rhubarb, sugar, berries, flour, orange juice and cinnamon in a bowl, mix well and divide among four one-cup capacity ovenproof dishes. Cut four seven-centimetre-diameter rounds from pastry, place on a lightly greased oven tray then brush with egg wash.

Place dishes on a tray on the bottom shelf of the oven and pastry rounds on the top shelf. Bake for 10-11 minutes until pastry is golden and rhubarb is cooked. Serve each dish with a pastry round on top dusted with icing sugar, if desired.

Citizen of the Month



Mark Frazer

WELLINGTON DOLL, BEAR AND CRAFT EXPO 2012

10th - 11th November

Where: Wellington Civic Centre

Time: 10am - 4pm (Saturday)
10am - 3pm (Sunday)

Cost: \$5 adults, children under 5 free

Traders & exhibitors
welcome:

Traders: \$20/table

Exhibitors: \$20/table

Advanced payment required on bookings to secure exhibit. Exhibitors are also advised to arrange their own insurance for items of value.

For more information or to book a table, contact Pamela on 02 6845 1930 (BH) or 02 6846 8320 after 7pm.

Disclaimer: The Wellington Doll, Bear & Craft Expo 2012 will take all care but will not be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibits.



Spring Dance and Auction 20th October



6:00 pm till late

Tickets \$15

Live Music by Legless Pedestrians

Spring Racing Theme

Bookings: Call Kylie 0427897200



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