

BEALIBA RAILWAY STATION

In my search for good news stories this week I ventured to Bealiba. and what a find it was!

Robert and Heather Cooper live there and are truly a pair of dynamos. I couldn't tell you how old they are, but I wouldn't be overstating it if I said they were elderly. But don't let that lead you into any preconceived notions. These two have taken on more than most people would who are half their age.

Heather showed me around the railway station, which they lease and have lovingly restored. She is very proud of their work and rightly so. They have just finished placing historically correct finials to the exterior and, with the other improvements they have made, feel they can now be placed on the National Heritage Register, thus protecting it for future generations. The stories she imparts are fascinating and evoke an image of bygone times.



Bealiba Railway Station as it is today

The gardens are a triumph over the harsh environment of the area; planted with thought. I am told the roses need to be seen during the flowering season to feel the full impact of the garden. I believe I will return for that.

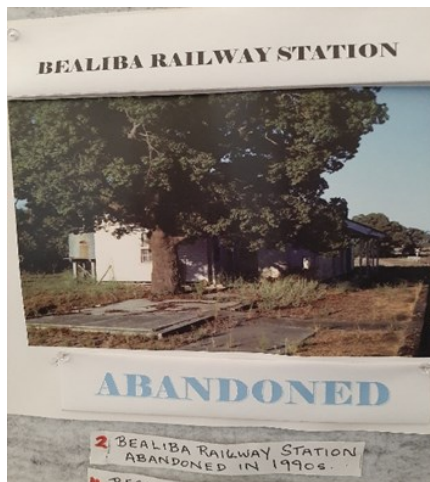
But the Coopers are not resting on their laurels here, they have other irons in the fire. Across the road they have an extraordinary enterprise. Coopers Capers it's called, and it is fantastic. Rows of plants in pots which are dormant at this time of year but will soon be sprouting to life. Robert explained the caper is a desert plant so does very well in this climate. They have planted them in pots for ease of picking, which I am told is extremely labour intensive and can only be done for a few hours or so each morning, so as not to damage the next day's growth. After harvest they are packed and sold through various outlets. It's good to see an Australian initiative such as this. Robert was telling me of all the different ways they prepare the capers for market — fascinating! Well that's not all; they also have a large olive grove and a vineyard from which they harvest table grapes.

Are you tired yet?



Plaque commemorating the station's opening in 1878

There are also stories of the indigenous history of the region and Heather knows them too. The traditional owners were the Dja Dja Wurrung people, and I believe the name Bealiba is derived from the aboriginal words meaning red gum creek.



The station in its abandoned state



Coopers Capers a going concern. The caper pots currently dormant.

So if you have not visited this gem yet, when present guidelines for gathering permit, do yourself a favour and go, support another local enterprise. Robert and Heather would love to have you sign their visitor's book. They are delighted to show how many people have visited since they opened to the public.

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ROSIE'S RAMBLE

Hello to everyone on this nice spring day. (Monday)
 Now we have a road out of the pandemic — all we need is a Satnav to show us the way

Very uneventful week just gone, except for a visit to the dentist. There's another one due this week too. At least now they are not the ordeal they used to be. Daughter Ramble, the Elder, still remembers coming home bleeding — and minus a tooth — after the school dentist visited. She can even remember his nationality. I mentioned to the dentist as I left that the mask was a good way of hiding a numb lip. He replied that people who have had their front teeth out really like the mask.

I wonder what the chief medical officer thinks of the way his job has turned out. I bet he didn't ever imagine how it would be when he was appointed — let alone it turning him into a TV star.

I noticed a lone swan preening at the waterhole at the Philips Gardens when I was in town. No sign of this year's cygnets — I suppose they are like teenagers — all grown up and left home.

Have you been watching the series *Australia Remastered* on the ABC on Sunday evening? This week was about the many and varied Australian parrots — from budgies to palm cockatoos. It is well edited and photographed, and gives a great insight into the private lives and behaviour of creatures we take for granted. Better yet, we see tough guy actor Aaron Pederson actually smile.

Bought some snowballs this week— haven't seen them for ages. They really are yummy — have to careful not to get little bits of coconut under the keys of the laptop though.

Rosie

KEEP CALM

My doctor told me to do something that gets me out of breath, so I've taken up smoking again.

Jo Brand

I don't do alcohol any more — I get the same effect just standing up fast.

Anonymous



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LETTERS TO EDITOR

What's in a name?

On Page 11 in the 2nd September 2020 edition of *The Welcome Record* I notice reference to "... the original, the one and only, Golden Triangle..."

As one of the original members of the Shire of Bet Bet Tourism committee who worked hard to build tourism in the Goldfields of Central Victoria, in particular the Dunolly and surrounds, promoting the "Golden Triangle" was a very steep learning curve, in particular what certain terms mean in other countries.

One of the tasks we undertook was to promote our region to what was considered to be our growing future growth market, Asia, and in particular China. We went in with strong determination and the best promotional resources we could muster (and afford) promoting the fantastic area we had named — Golden Triangle.

We came back whimpering, with tail between our legs. Not because of the area, the efforts made, nor the expenditure. What we got wrong was the name. We learnt that by using Golden Triangle we got it wrong, way wrong. To them, the Golden Triangle, is an area that has no connection with gold at all, but drugs.

So in actual fact, we were not as original, or the one and only, as we, back then thought.

A brilliant marketing attempt blown out of the water simply by the name chosen.

Heiner Bauch

Now showing ...

Thank you for publishing the book review and my Letter to the Editor which appeared on Page 3 issue No 31.

I am happy to report that the documentary is now available for viewing. If anybody is interested type in your Google bar on the computer.

BBR Reel The Abandoned Welsh town

Hopefully this will give Llanelly and Tarnagulla some publicity. If not, you might get a giggle at the two glaring errors in the captions:

"deeply" should have been typed as "deep lead"
and

the ladies could chip gold off the "courts". Obviously they don't know that gold can be found in "quartz".

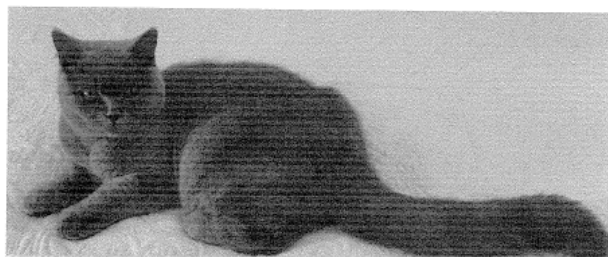
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DEB'S FUN FOOD FACTS

Sticky Chinese Barbecue Pork Belly (Char Siu)

In our virtual travels this week we are going to land somewhere exotic and sample some Cantonese food. The province of Canton does not exist now; it has been renamed, but the cuisine lives on.

For all those times you've gazed longingly at the sticky, crimson red Char Siu hanging from hooks in the window of Chinese barbecue meat shops... Chinese Barbecue Pork is finger licking' good and you will be shocked how easy is it to make it at home!

Char Siu literally means "fork burn/roast" which is a reference to the traditional way of preparing this dish on long forks over a fire.

Well we don't need to do this we can replicate it in our kitchen. If you're not a fan of pork you can try this with chicken thighs.



Ingredients

- 1/3 cup hoisin sauce
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 3/4 teaspoon red food colouring
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Chinese 5 spice powder
- 1 pork belly

Picture courtesy Debra Sealey

Method

Combine hoisin, soy, vinegar, honey, sugar, garlic, colouring and spice powder in a bowl. Whisk to combine. Pour half the sauce over the pork and rotate to cover completely and marinate in the refrigerator for at least three hours, but overnight is preferable.

Preheat oven to 160°C. Drain pork belly pieces, discarding marinade, and place in a deep roasting pan lined with baking paper. Cover with extra marinade. Roast for 40 minutes, then turn pork over. Roast for a further 40 minutes or until pork is cooked through and is sticky and charred. Remove from oven, loosely cover with foil and set aside for 10 minutes to rest. Cut into thick pieces and serve immediately with extra glaze, steamed rice and vegetables of your choice.

Additional Glaze

For those of you who like extra sauce when eating

- 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon Chinese 5 spice powder
- 1/4 teaspoon red food colouring

Method

Combine all the ingredients into a small saucepan. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer for about 5 to 8 minutes until the sauce thickens (keep your eye on it though it can burn easily).

Debra Sealey

Willy Waistcoat's Saga

"It's only me
From over the sea,"
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor,
"And who could that be
Now let me see, it has to be
Our very own Waistcoat Willy."

Yes, the sea is still calling Billy, and he always answers that call. When his ship was docked on the West Australian coast, they had pulled up beside a big German ship and Billy was on watch working with the crane driver unloading the cargo. His mate, Colin, decided to try catching a fish or two and threw in a 200 pound line with a big sinker. Ten minutes later Colin was calling out to Billy for help because he had hooked a big shark, but Billy told him he was working on the crane so couldn't join him. Colin gripped his line tight but couldn't hold the shark because it nearly took his hand off as it raced away. Colin then called over to a big seaman named Max and asked him to help bring in the shark.

Max put on a pair of gloves and joined Colin in the struggle with that very determined shark. Just when they thought they had it, the shark would make another run for it, nearly taking the two men with it.

Finally the heavy line snapped and the shark won and Colin was able to regale the crew with the story of the biggest shark ever seen.

The ship left the next day and called in at a few other oil rigs.



When they were in port again, Billy was in the mess room having a coffee when an American came on board and walked into the mess room carrying something which he held out and asked if it belonged to any of them. It was the big sinker lost from Colin's fishing line. No one claimed it, so the visitor then explained that the sinker on its line was wrapped around his ship, a rig ship tender, known as an R.O.V., a remotely

operated vehicle, which checks wellheads on the seabed around the rigs. The man in the control room felt the ship going sideways but there was no tide to move it, yet the propellers kept moving. Billy realised that had to be when Colin couldn't hold the shark. When the ship stopped moving it must have been when the line snapped and the big sinker was found, so of course they guessed that it was the result of someone fishing nearby. The outcome was that Billy's crewmen were not very popular and were told there was to be no more fishing, which was disappointing because apparently there were lots of good fish in that area.

After heading off, they changed ships and they were looking after a barge where they had to lay a pipe which took about six weeks.

Accommodation units, known as dongers, were put on the back of the barge because Billy and his crewmates had to drop anchor, then sit there for 12 hours while everyone else was asleep, then change shifts and then do the same thing again.

One day Billy was talking to one of the supervisors and discovered he had been a survivor on the *DB29*, the ship Billy had been on years before and later sank. "How the hell did you manage to get off that?" Billy asked him. "Well when it sank, it turned upside down so I climbed up the side and I finished up standing on the bottom and got rescued," was the reply. About this time Billy ran into another man who recognised him and told him he had worked on the West Gate Bridge with him. He then offered him a job working with him.

Guess Billy's answer?

Yes we all knew it — the call of the sea. Of course the five weeks on and five weeks off had nothing to do with it!

Cynthia Lindsay



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Joan Ansell — My 90 Years — Part 2

Joan had her whole life in front of her, but little did she know what was in store, in what was to be (and still is) a long and interesting life.

There is so much more to tell about Joan's early years in Melbourne, but it would take a whole book in which to relate these — most, of course, she recalls in vivid detail, attesting to the fact that her memory is still as sharp as a tack!

Her most poignant memory is, without doubt, the loss of her brother Frank at the age of 14 years. Frank, having just passed his exams for entry into the Public Service and whilst awaiting admission, was filling in as a Telegram boy and riding a bicycle, when he was struck by a truck and killed.

The family never recovered from the devastating event, but with a large family, life had to continue...

Joan's passion for music, which extended from an early age to the current day, could partly be attributed to her mother, who insisted that each of her children had an instrument to play; these included a brass double bass, tenor horn, euphonium and cornet, with Joan being the recipient of a piano. Out of all the brothers, Jack, who played the double bass, was the only one who persisted with his music, playing up until the time he enlisted.

Joan, however, went from strength to strength, attaining her



Associate of the London College of Music (ALCM) at the age of 13 and her Licentiate of the London College of Music (LLCM) at age 14, also matriculating in piano at 19. Throughout her various adventures, the musical thread continued, as will be particularly noted in some of her exploits outlined herein.

Two years of student teaching at Cromwell

Street State School in Collingwood and later studying at Bendigo Teachers' College provided many opportunities for her musical expression. Joan's good friend Nonie (mentioned in Part 1) had joined her at Cromwell Street, before leaving to take up another position, but for two well-bred young ladies living close to the heart of Melbourne, the temptations of the nightlife and theatre were welcome distractions. In a previous edition of *The Welcome Record*, I described one of these adventures in detail. Joan's temerity and resolve in obtaining the autographs of Vivien Leigh and Laurence Olivier knew no bounds and I was pleased, some 60 years later, to sell these precious possessions online for her, complete with provenance, to an ecstatic buyer. We will repeat the story in a future issue, so it can be read in the context of her life story.

Joan applied to train at Bendigo Teachers' College in preference to Melbourne. During that year, she was pleased to be able to continue with her music, playing the piano for folk at square-dancing events. On the occasion of one of the concerts, Joan's Aunty Kate made her way over from Tarnagulla to attend.

Having been unofficially advised that she had topped the class, Joan was awarded an Extension (Scholarship) to University, but instead, made the decision to go and teach at a country school. The following three years were



Joan and her friend Nonie



Joan in her graduation robes

spent at Manangatang, in North West Victoria; Joan describes them as being extremely happy years, where she taught seven-year-olds and was responsible for the organisation of all school functions.

From time to time, Joan was able to get away to visit Tarnagulla, usually due to the generosity of others. The Mothercraft Nurse, who was on her way to Dunolly, or a male teacher, being the only one at the school who could afford a car and drove Joan as far as Inglewood, were happy to oblige.

On one of these visits, she celebrated her 21st birthday with her Aunty Kate at the old Golden Age Hotel, followed by entertainment at the Hall, where the Travelling Picture Show Man was showing *Cinderella* and another film featuring hippopotami.

When Joan had applied for the Manangatang position, she had been attracted by the advertisement in *The Gazette*. In an attempt to encourage city-dwellers to the bush, the school had promoted that flats were available for women teachers; in reality, these "flats" turned out to be flimsily-sectioned-off areas on a large open verandah of a house, subject to the weather and any manner of flying and crawling insects. Fortunately, Joan was saved from this fate, being granted the use of the inside bedroom.

Joan has many fond memories of this time, one of them being the visits from the travelling salesmen, who, she states, carried a wide range of quality goods. Her mother was the beneficiary of many of Joan's purchases; no doubt these salesmen had a captive audience as they extolled the virtues of their wares to these teachers at remote country schools.

One of the highlights of her stay in Manangatang was when her loyal friend Nonie made the 12-hour train trip from Melbourne to visit; they had a great time catching up and reminiscing, before Nonie left for the 12-hour return journey.

She also recalls the ¼hp Healing Cyclemaster she owned, which attained the speed of 17 miles per hour, giving Joan the freedom to ride around the surrounding areas.

When it came time for the end of the Manangatang posting, Joan was slightly embarrassed to realise that on the noticeboard, there was a sign advertising "A Public Farewell for Joan Ansell". No doubt it was a fitting tribute for one who had been an integral part of the community for the previous three years.

More to come.....

Written by Jenny Scott
For Joan Ansell

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Seeing more candidates declaring their interest is extremely heartening, we do wish them all well. This next election is so important for each and every one of us. We are a very key part of our recovery, we need to support our Councillors and Shire staff. Councillors need local knowledge and understanding of the our own laws as well. We respect all who have shown interest and are happy to assist each and every candidate and the Shire should they ask. Hopefully this following example will demonstrate the need for thoroughness.

A planning application, passed at a Council meeting, ended up in VCAT. The Council's planning department forwarded the submitted item to a legal representative to defend at VCAT. At VCAT, the Council's representative met with local objectors.

The representative produced his presentation argument 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the hearing. The objectors informed the legal representative his argument was incorrect and he realised the information given to him was incorrect, and he had 10 minutes to correct this error. The report submitted to the legal person was incorrect; the councillors voted to accept an incorrect document and Planning Department never picked it up. If this was not brought to light at VCAT quite possibly this hearing would have ended up to the detriment for the Shire and community. This was just one occasion. This also tells us that the local knowledge and understanding of **all** applications and a sound knowledge of the Central Goldfields Planning Scheme is required by all councillors. Councillors are in place to support and represent the community and the Shire. In this case it seems they failed on most counts.

CGR&RAI over the past two years has argued on many occasions against Council or applicant submissions. Most issue was based around incorrect process or information. The previous mentioned example was nearly two years ago.

Other issues with a similar story are the Airport decision; again we argued incorrect process and insufficient information – all to no avail. After the FOI request for that unrepresented key information, details are still suppressed, as is information regarding the Dunolly mosaics. We need strong informed councillors who can assist our Shire to obtaining the correct outcome.

The results from the 2018/19 Annual Report, 2030 Community workshop and the 2020 Satisfaction Survey all indicate potential concerns regarding decision making and council processes.

Please give this a long, hard read, we need informed and educated candidates who are able to assist our Shire to grow.

PMAV (Prospectors and Miners Assn Vic) and BUGU (Bush Users Group United) understandably have shown interest about the direction our candidates are taking in relation to parks and the VEAC report. Their questions are in *Facebook* group, Central Goldfields Shire 2020 Election, Candidates Corner.

With COVID-19 being very stubborn, issues may still be around for a while. Please keep a close eye on your neighbours, the elderly and the disabled. Just a phone call or a nod over the fence.

We still need to stay focused and help each other through this. Be proud of our efforts until now. Thank you to each and every one of you, and stay safe.

Wayne McKail
President CGR&RAI



Rates now being delivered

Central Goldfields Shire ratepayers will receive their 2020-2021 rate notice in the mail or by email in the coming weeks. The first instalment is due on 30th September 2020. Please note, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Australia Post mail delivery times have been impacted. If you have not received your rate notice in the mail by 16th September 2020 please contact our Rates team on 5461 0610 or you can email mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au to have a copy of your rate notice emailed to you.

The Understanding Your Rates brochure distributed with rate notices contains useful information about how your rates are calculated and how they are used. We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused particular hardship to some individuals and businesses. Council offers a COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy to support ratepayers experiencing financial hardship. Please contact our Rates team to discuss options available to you.

To find out more visit: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/financialhardshippolicy

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The Maryborough Regional Library's Click & Collect service is now available. The service is available at the following times:

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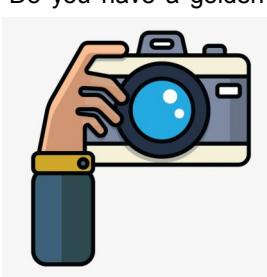
Saturday, 9.30am to 12pm

All items including books, audio books, DVDs, magazines and sports equipment, are available.

To arrange a pick up time, contact staff on 5461 9111 or maryboroughlibrary@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

All Things Gold photo competition

Do you have a golden photo of our Shire you are proud of?



Why not enter it in the All Things Gold Vic Snapshot Competition?

If you have a photo, or have a shot in mind, that has anything to do with gold (like a golden sunset, golden wattle, canola fields or just a golden moment in time) email it to:

events@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

or post it on Instagram using the [#allthingsgoldvic](https://www.instagram.com/allthingsgoldvic) hashtag.

Community members will be invited to vote on their favourite photo between 10th and 16th September. The winning entry will receive a \$100 hamper. Entries close on Wednesday 9th September.

For more information, visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/allthingsgold

Results for Gordon Gardens fitness equipment

We recently asked the community to vote for their preferred colour for the new outdoor fitness equipment to be installed at the Gordon Gardens in Dunolly.

We received 38 responses, with blue voted as the preferred colour. The outdoor fitness equipment will be installed in Gordon Gardens in the coming months. The project is funded by the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative.

For more info on the project visit

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COVID-19 business impact survey

Council is asking local businesses in all sectors to complete a short 15-minute survey to help assess the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) on businesses in the Shire and to create a support plan. With COVID-19 having a significant impact on businesses and some sectors hit harder than others, Council wants to understand the economic impacts of the pandemic on our local business community. Information from the survey will allow Council to identify challenges and priority areas on where attention can be focused. It will also be used to advocate to government and other agencies for support initiatives, where possible. Businesses are being asked to complete the survey by Friday 18th September 2020. To complete the survey go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/XQQCJ5R Information collected will be confidential and in accordance with Council's Privacy Policy. You can view Council's privacy policy on its website: www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Plans-strategies-and-policies/Policies

Business urged to get involved in Go Local First

Loddon Shire businesses are also being urged to get involved in the Go Local First campaign. As part of the response to the impacts of COVID-19 on the small business sector, the campaign encourages communities to back small businesses by buying goods or services from them either in person or online. The campaign also encourages small business owners to use other small businesses as suppliers. A variety of different marketing material will be available for businesses to use to promote the campaign and encourage the local community to Go Local First. To find out more visit www.golocalfirst.com.au

The campaign is funded by the Federal Government and delivered by the Council of Small Business Organisations Australia (COSBOA). Further COVID-19 business information and support is also available from Council's website www.loddon.vic.gov.au/COVID-19/COVID-19-business-support

Candidate nominations open 17th September

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is reminding community members that nominations to stand as a candidate in the 2020 local council elections open on Thursday 17th September. Nominations close at noon on Tuesday 22nd September. Nominations must be lodged with the Election Manager during the short nomination period, so prospective candidates should act quickly to make sure they are prepared. Prospective candidates should confirm their eligibility and complete the online mandatory Local Government Candidate Training before lodging their nomination. This includes candidates who are currently or have previously been a councillor. The online mandatory Local Government Candidate Training is available at www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/candidate-training Prospective candidates can also watch an online candidate information session and attend an online state-wide interactive candidate seminar at vec.vic.gov.au. Candidate seminars will be held on Wednesday 9th September at 7pm, Sunday 13th September at 1pm and Tuesday 15th September at 5pm.

Women on Council workshop

Women's Health Loddon Mallee will be holding a two-hour interactive workshop to explore experiences and strategies to support women across the Loddon Mallee standing as candidates in October's local government elections. It will share experiences of women in leadership with a regional focus, navigating online communications and key issues for candidates to consider. I'm very pleased to be invited to speak at the workshop, and there will also be an opportunity for discussion and questions. The workshop will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 9th September from 4pm to 6pm. Register at vlga.org.au by clicking on the Events & Training link and selecting WHLM: Women on Council workshop.



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Church News
**No services at any churches
 until further notice**

Catholic Church

*“You must love your neighbour as yourself.
 Love is the only thing that cannot hurt your neighbour;
 that is why it is the answer to every one of the
 commandants.”*

Romans 13 : 8-10

Remember that happiness is a way to travel, not a destination .

Roy M Goodman

R Mcreedy



Life is better
 when you
 cry a little,
 laugh a lot, and
 are **thankful**
 for everything
 you've got.

St John's Church

Church Services have been suspended for the time being.
 Rev Canon Heather Blackman
 Parish Office, 6 Nightingale Street,
 Maryborough. Phone 5460 5964.

Readings 6th September 2020

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12.1-14

Psalms 149

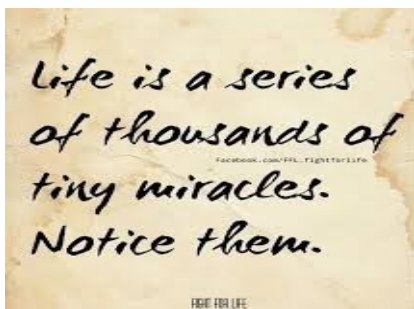
Romans 13.1-10

Matthew 18.10-20

*“Where two or three are gathered
 in my name,” says the Lord,
 ‘I am among them.”*

Matthew 18.20

Esmé Flett



Uniting Church

No news received at time of publication.

Poetry

The wattle has inspired many Australian poets, from Henry Kendall and Adam Lindsay Gordon downwards, but it is very interesting to notice that one of the prettiest poems about our national flower was written by one Miss Veronica Mason, who, though a Lancashire lass by birth, learned to know and love the wattle during her residence in Tasmania. Here is her poem.

The bush was grey
 A week today
 (Olive green and brown and grey);

But now the spring has come this was,
 With blossoms for the wattle.

It seems to be a fairy tree;
 It dances to a melody,
 And sings a little song to me
 (The graceful, swaying wattle):

See how it weaves
 Its feathery sheaves;
 Before the wind a maze it weaves,
 A misty whirl of powdery leaves -
 (The dainty, curtseying wattle):

Its boughs uplift
 An elfin gift;
 A spray of yellow, downy drift,
 Through which the sunbeams shower and sift
 Their gold-dust o'er the wattle.

The bush was grey
 A week today
 (olive green and brown and grey):
 But now it's sunny all the way,
 For, oh! The spring has come to stay,
 With blossom for the wattle.

Supplied by Debra Sealey



Hon Jaala Pulford MP
MEMBER FOR WESTERN VICTORIA



Building better, safer schools in the Central Goldfields Shire

The Victorian Government will deliver vital maintenance and safety works at more than 400 schools to support jobs and local businesses through the coronavirus pandemic and improve facilities for students and staff across Victoria.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today announced local schools will share in more than \$15.3 million through the 2020-21 Bushfire Preparedness (Vegetation) Program and Planned Maintenance Program. The Bushfire Preparedness funding will see 346 schools, including Bealiba, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Talbot and Timor Primary Schools and the Maryborough Education Centre, share in more than \$9 million to clear vegetation and undertake other essential maintenance ahead of the upcoming bushfire season. 109 schools will share in \$6.3 million of Planned Maintenance Program funding for essential work to grounds and classrooms such as fixing roofs and windows, painting, resurfacing floors and replacing windows, as well as repairing landscaping like pathways and steps.

More than \$2 million of this will go towards maintenance to Shelter-in-Place buildings at 12 schools, which provide temporary accommodation to staff and students in the case of a bushfire.

Works with contractors will be carried out under COVID-19 advice guidelines to ensure the health and safety of staff and students. The Government is investing an unprecedented \$7.2 billion in Victorian school infrastructure, which is delivering more than 1460 school upgrades and 100 new schools by 2026 – ensuring every child can access a great local school where they can achieve their best.

"We are ensuring that schools in regional Victoria are well maintained and safe so that every student can learn in the best possible environment," Ms Pulford said.

Grants announced and roll out funds for local sports clubs

The Victorian Government is ramping up support for state sporting associations, associations, leagues, clubs and state sporting bodies doing it tough through the second round of the Community SMP (Sustainable Management Plan) Jaala Pulford, today announced applications are now open for \$40 million of grants through the second round of the Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package. Central Goldfields Shire associations and leagues can apply for up to \$2000, local clubs up to \$1000, and state sporting associations and sporting bodies were able to apply for grants to support their operational viability. The first round of funding rolled out more than 5000 of the \$1000 grants to support individual clubs, with 200 leagues and associations securing a share in \$1.4 million as well as almost 70

state sporting associations, regional academies and sport bodies scoring more than \$12.7 million through the program.

Ms Pulford also announced further support from the Victorian Government to 27 clubs in the Central Goldfields Shire which received a \$1000 boost in the Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package first round. These clubs can expect an automatic \$500 top-up within the next two weeks.

Successful local club recipients in the Central Goldfields Shire included: 1st Maryborough Scout Group, Bealiba and Districts Pony Club, Carisbrook Bowling Club, Carisbrook Football & Netball Club, Colts Phelan's Cricket Club, Dunolly & District Field & Game Club, Dunolly Bowling Club, Dunolly Golf Club, Dunolly Horse Activity Club, Laanecoore-Dunolly Cricket Club, Maryborough & District Gun Club, Maryborough and District Horse and Pony Club, Maryborough and District Triathlon Club, Maryborough Basketball Association, Maryborough Cricket Club, Maryborough Football Netball Club, Maryborough Golf Club, Maryborough Lawn Tennis Club, Maryborough Little Athletics Centre, Maryborough Rovers Football/Netball Club, Maryborough Soccer Club, Maryborough Swimming Club, Maryborough Thursday Night Dance Group, Royal Park Football Netball Club, Talbot Football Club, Talbot Golf Club and Talbot Tennis Club. This latest round is taking the support to another level so clubs and associations which are doing it tough not only survive but come back ready to play when the time is right.

The boost will help Victoria's clubs and major sport bodies and associations with operational viability, especially during times of loss of revenue due to the cancellation of sport training, development programs and competition. These grants are part of the Government's strong investment in supporting community sport and active recreation in these challenging times.

The second round of the program delivers two categories: grants for state sporting associations and other state sport and recreation bodies are available under Stream 1 and grants of up to \$2000 for leagues and associations and up to \$1000 for individual clubs available under Stream 2.

The Victorian Government is also investing \$68 million in shovel-ready community sport and active recreation infrastructure projects across the state, to stimulate jobs and economic activity, and deliver fantastic new projects to local communities as part of the new \$2.7 billion Building Works package.

For further information on the Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package, please visit <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding> "Sport is an integral part of the Central Goldfields community and this support will help our clubs, leagues and associations pay the bills and make an eventual return to play that little bit easier," Ms Pulford said.

From the office of Jaala Pulford MP

SALE BY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Former Tarnagulla Fire Brigade Tanker 2, an ISUZU 1997 NPS300 15.4D, is now being offered for sale by Expression of Interest.

Due to CFA policy, the vehicle must exit the CFA Fleet.

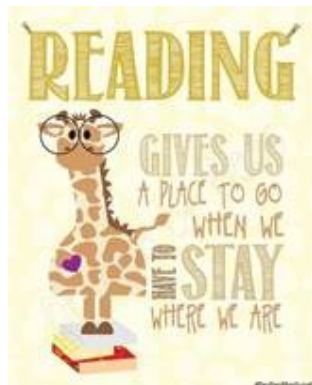
A completed Tender Form (provided to those interested as part of a Tender Pack), must be submitted no later than Wednesday 30 September 2020.

The successful Tenderer must obtain their own Roadworthy Certificate and register the vehicle with VicRoads.



For further information or for copies of the Tender Pack visit tarnagullafirebrigade.weebly.com or contact: Secretary Paul Davis (Tarnagulla Fire Brigade) on 0458 114 469 or 5438 7301 or email: paulkennerleydavis@gmail.com

**Around school
this week**



THIS WEEK IS BOOK / READING WEEK

So far the Prep/1 class have been winning the School Challenge for the highest percentage of students reading this week. A class party is up for grabs when we return so keep reading everyone!!

Tomorrow's Google meets has a book character dress-up theme. We don't want people going out to get elaborate costumes, so please be creative with what you have at home.



ROADMAP OUT ...

On Sunday Premier Daniel Andrews announced the roadmap out of current restrictions. We are very hopeful for a return to onsite teaching and learning next term. I will keep you updated via the school's Facebook group as soon as we get any information. Everyone has done a great job ... hang in there; there isn't long to go now!!



SUNDAY – FATHER'S DAY

A very happy father's / grandpa / poppy / pa day last Sunday. To all the great male role models in the lives of our students. You do a great job!!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 – Natalie Raven

Year 2/3 – Ned Crumpton

Year 4/5 –

Year 5/6 – Brianna Lovel

Principal's Remote Learner of the week

– Hunter Scholes, Alanah Raven & Charmaine Soulsby

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Loddon Shire Council Community Grants Scheme

An additional 10 community groups have been successful in receiving funding under Loddon Shire Council's 2020/21 Community Grants Scheme. The Group 2 allocations were approved by Council at its August meeting last week.

Mayor Cheryl McKinnon said the scheme had allocated a further \$55,688 towards community projects.

"It's fantastic to see a further 10 community groups within our Shire receiving funding towards their projects," Cr McKinnon said. "This funding follows an allocation by Council of around \$124,000 previously under the scheme.

"In total, almost \$180,000 in funding has been allocated for this year's grants scheme," Cr McKinnon added. "I'd like to congratulate the successful Group 2 applicants, and thank all the community groups who took the time to put forward applications towards this year's grants scheme."

Grant allocations under Group 2 include Boort Amity Club, Boort Cemetery Trust, Boort Tourism Development, Boort Angling Club and Bridgewater on Loddon Development Committee.

Other recipients were Inglewood Town Hall Committee of Management, Mitiamo Football and Netball Club, Wedderburn and Regional Theatre Society, Wedderburn Community Centre and Wedderburn Development Association.

Applications for this year's Community Grants Scheme opened on 1st March 2020 and closed on 1st June 2020.

Grants are funded on a 2:1 basis. This means that for every \$2 provided by Council, successful applicants must contribute a minimum of \$1 towards the cost of a project. Groups can claim up to 50 per cent of their contribution as in-kind contribution or voluntary support.

To fast track this year's approval process, Council split the applications into two groups, based upon completeness of the initial application. Council approved the first group of grant allocations at its July meeting with 24 community groups receiving funding.

The Loddon Shire Community Grants Scheme started in the 2000/01 financial year to help recreation, sporting and service organisations deliver projects which improve the quality of life for residents.

Council has since invested around \$2.1 million towards the scheme, supporting over 700 community-based projects worth more than \$5.3 million

Group 2 community grants recipients

Group/organisation	Project	Funding
Boort Amity Club	James Boyle Hall Kitchen upgrade	\$3,871
Boort Cemetery Trust	Boort Cemetery Record Facility upgrade	\$5,579
Boort Tourism Development	Amity Shed concrete floor	\$6,520
Boort Angling Club	Boort Angling Club Improvements Program	\$3,264
Bridgewater on Loddon Development Committee	Upgrade seating Bridgewater Memorial	\$2,500
Inglewood Town Hall Committee of Management	Supper Room interior enhancements	\$8,444
Mitiamo Football and Netball Club Inc.	Resurfacing of Mitiamo netball courts	\$10,000
Wedderburn and Regional Theatre Society Inc.	New headset microphones	\$1,166
Wedderburn Community Centre	Re-asphalting rear entrance at Community	\$5,344
Wedderburn Development Association	Birds Eye View public art murals project	\$9,000
Total		\$55,688

Loddon Project Community Reference Group entries open

Loddon Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest for the Loddon Project Community Reference Group.

To make sure Council can capture everyone who would like to express their interest in joining the group, the deadline for registrations has been extended to Friday 18th September 2020.

"The Loddon Project Community Reference Group is a fantastic opportunity to work with fellow community members to deep dive into, and provide input on the development of, the Community Vision, Council Plan, and other strategic plans," Sharon Morrison, Director Corporate Services at Loddon Shire Council, said.

"You will build your knowledge of the community and Council as you go."

If you would like to join the Community Reference Group, please read the Community Reference Group terms of reference and fill in an expression of interest form located on Council's website <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Community-Engagement/The-Loddon-Project>

Completed forms can be emailed to:

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“I’m fearful of brain damage.”

June went from knowing she “didn’t feel quite right”, to 32 days in ICU. As coronavirus quickly took hold, medical staff believed she may not live through the first night and her husband was told to prepare for the worst. Luckily, June finally made it home, but the virus has left its mark. She is forgetful, has a weakness down her right side and nerve damage in her right hand.

June’s plea is that we all stay home and help stop the spread of this virus. If you have symptoms - please get tested. Payments of \$450 are available to help you stay home and wait for your test result.

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To learn more of June’s story go to
vic.gov.au/CORONAVIRUS

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COVID Kindness

Never neglected, I have been answering my door in the past weeks to a number of generous visitors bearing comforting gifts to brighten my quiet life.

One kind friend has given me home grown vegetables and fresh eggs, and the following week a yummy lemon pie and then after that, a delicious seafood pie.

I have been given tea bags and coffee pods, a jar of home-made marmalade, and even Maddie hasn't missed out with a packet of dog treats.

However, last weekend, a local friend brought me a rich chocolate mud cake and a card. While we were chatting, I mentioned how my daughter had also received a kindness, which I wrote about last week, when a retired couple, who were neighbours of hers, had decided to do some gardening for her while she worked at home and couldn't leave her study.



It turned out these lovely people happened to be close friends of my visitor's Dunolly family, whom we all know, and their daughter was a very close friend of my visitor.

Such amazing things we find out through lockdowns and people we meet up with.

Cynthia Lindsay

Crafts for kids

During lockdown it may be quite challenging to keep kids occupied. Yes, many have remote learning for school subjects, but when that is finished, what can they do? Children get bored so easily and there is just so much TV you can watch or games in the back yard.

What about some crafts? There are many projects available on the internet to choose from.

These crafts are varied so they will appeal to a wide range of interests and age groups. They will keep the brain active and creative, and, more importantly, keep the kids occupied while you have a bit of breathing space.

Look online for something suitable for your children. I just looked up kids crafts and a whole swathe of selections appeared.

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Susan Anderson



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Boredom Busters

Something to do to keep those grey cells active! Remember this is logical thinking.

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. What word in the English Language... is always spelt incorrectly?
6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the winter. How is this possible?
7. In Perth, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
8. What was the Prime Minister's name in 1975?
9. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in second place, what place would you be in now?
10. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
11. If a farmer has five haystacks in one field and four haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

Answers page 18



Dunolly Fire Brigade welcomes FCV upgrade

The Dunolly Fire Brigade has welcomed the addition of a new \$80,000 Forward Command Vehicle (FCV) to its ranks. Arriving at the station last month, the new vehicle will replace the brigade's existing FCV, a vehicle used to manage major incidents, and will see action at both local fires within the community and at larger campaign fires across the state. The new vehicle was funded through the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program grants, which sees brigade contributions toward new equipment matched by the CFA and State Government. Dunolly Fire Brigade Captain Ken Duell said the new vehicle will be an asset for the brigade which will enhance its firefighting capabilities.

"The vehicle is markedly different from the old one; it gives us an increased capability for incident control in fires and it'll make a very good strike team vehicle as well," he said. "The FCV is basically a dedicated vehicle used for forward control in fires and is a much better build than our old one which was basically just a ute. It enhances our ability to fight fires with planning on the fire ground and a lot of the planning we would've done just on the bonnet of a car can now be done in a set up space in the FCV."

With the summer fire season quickly approaching, Captain Duell said the FCV will be used widely.

"Coming into the fire season the vehicle will be involved in any training scenarios held, and the vehicle will be right in the middle as a control point," he said. "The vehicle is available all the time to go out on duty, whether it's for small local fires or larger campaign fires. We'll use it on strike teams for local fires and larger fires across the state and we'll also use it for fire equipment maintenance in town when the brigade checks fire hydrants and fire extinguishers."

Captain Duell said the brigade contributed around \$26,000 to the new vehicle, all of which came from community donations.

"The money we contributed is all made up of donations from the public," he said. "When we do our donation drives, we put it out there that we need to upgrade and keep our equipment in tip top condition and this is what the public does for us, this is their money at work which is really good. We're very appreciative of the efforts the community put in because without their support, we wouldn't have this new vehicle."

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QUICK CROSSWORD 34

Across

- 1. To let happen
- 6. Equipment used by fisherman, eg.
- 11. Out of the wind (of ship)
- 12. In actuality
- 13. Central American country
- 14. Dog which herds cattle or sheep
- 16. Assist lawbreaker
- 17. Horse trainer, ___ Waterhouse
- 19. Stretchable dough used in making thin pastry
- 20. Antonym of 'high'
- 21. Pocket bread
- 23. Long slippery fish
- 24. Mechanical device
- 26. Room in ship
- 27. Framework of metal bars
- 28. Something which gives new energy to
- 31. Baby's napkin
- 33. Computer accessory, ___ printer

- 34. Infant
- 36. A carried weight
- 38. Possessed by that
- 39. Actor who starred in *Munich*, Eric ___
- 40. Magician's illusion, ___ rope trick
- 42. Line at about 23½ degrees latitude
- 43. Framework of metal bars or wires
- 44. Framework for placing bottles of wine, eg.
- 45. Literary works in verse
- 46. Stylishly attired

Down

- 1. Of the pope (as in '___ ambassador')
- 2. Addition of extra details which provide clarification
- 3. Begin (friendship, eg.) again
- 4. That which vegetarians do not eat
- 5. Disastrous
- 6. Southern Pacific island
- 7. Fermented beverage
- 8. Symbol at start of line (music)
- 9. Singer inducted into ARIA Hall of Fame in 2011, ___ Minogue
- 10. Register name on list
- 15. Scientific study of current-based power
- 18. One who disregards religion

- 21. Station wagon-like vehicle, ___ van
- 22. Wrath
- 24. Former Russian space station
- 25. Do the wrong thing
- 29. In futile manner
- 30. Personal concern, ___ interest
- 31. Small airship commonly used for advertising
- 32. A worn emblem (of membership, eg.)
- 34. Small servings of Spanish food
- 35. Slightly sticky
- 37. Soil
- 39. Artesian well
- 41. Uncertain, up in the ___

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Marion Da Costa Listening Post

Marion will hold a listening post outside the supermarket on Tuesday, 15th September at 10am and in the Rene Fox Garden on Monday 21st September at 5pm. I look forward to talking with you about the issues that matter to you. COVID-19 required behaviours will apply.

Written and authorised
Marion Da Costa
16 Havelock St
Dunolly 3472

Boredom Busters answers

1. Johnny, of course.
2. Meat.
3. Mt. Everest; it just wasn't discovered yet.
4. There is no dirt in a hole.
5. Incorrectly
6. Billy lives in the Northern Hemisphere.
7. You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.
8. Same as is it now — Scott Morrison
9. You would be in second place. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.
10. Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow not white.
11. One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big one.



DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

Last Saturday's magnificent weather saw a great turnout at the DGC. We were especially pleased to see eight green fee players take part. The course is drying out very quickly, so there is plenty of run on the ball, although the chip shots are suddenly a little bit more difficult!

Matt Goodwin and Josh Britten continue their rapid improvement, with Josh posting a personal best once again. Shenae Hunt was again in top form, and drove the ball very nicely.

This Saturday sees non-competition play as usual. We are waiting to see if we will be able to play the final two rounds of our Championships later in September. Further information next week. Hope to have another good turnout this weekend, so we look forward to seeing you all there for a 12.30pm hit off.

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In December 1861 the New Zealand gold rushes were at a peak. Joseph Thomas Sullivan travelled to Otago in New Zealand on the *Alma* under the name of John Sullivan. Joseph Thomas Sullivan was a notorious bushranger but has been excluded from Australian history books. This was because he was caught for bushranging in New Zealand but he was never caught as a bushranger in Australia.

On board the *Alma* with Sullivan were some ex-convicts he had probably known in Tasmania and Victoria. They formed New Zealand's first bushranging gang. In March 1862 the police raided their hideout and charged them with a mixture of assault, robbery and shooting at police with intent to kill. The gang consisted of Richard Hill *alias* Burgess, Thomas Hannan *alias* Kelly, John Russell *alias* Spratty, J Davies and John Sullivan *alias* Joseph Thomas Sullivan. For some unspecified reason the charges were dropped against Sullivan. It is likely he turned evidence against the rest of the gang. The others all received three or 3½ years hard labour. Left on his own, Sullivan returned to Victoria, back to his wife and hotel in Wedderburn. It was April 1863 when he boarded the *Reliance* from Auckland to Melbourne as the only steerage passenger.

Several months later William Selby and John Bennett were robbed and murdered near Donald. They were Jewish hawkers and had left Pleasant Creek for Wedderburn before being murdered in the bush. These murders were very similar to the other Jewish hawkers who had been murdered in similar country five years earlier. In this case, Sullivan was seen nearby on the road but again not connected with the crime. It seems Sullivan saw lonely Jewish hawkers as a soft target.

The *Bendigo Advertiser* ran the following news item in January 1864. "Korong – Mr Thomas Sullivan is erecting a new Half Way House on the new surveyed line of road between here and Inglewood, he having purchased a site there, at the last sale of 20 acres. He proposes, I believe, in the course of time, making a pleasure garden there, so as to afford the inhabitants of Inglewood and Korong an opportunity of being able to occasionally spend a pleasant day."

This hotel was isolated from other buildings and may well have also been used for receiving stolen property from his other bushranger friends.

In 1866 when Richard Burgess and Thomas Kelly were released from prison in New Zealand, Sullivan again went to New Zealand. He arrived in Hokitika on 10th April 1866 on board the *SS Albion*. Sullivan travelled with a friend Harry Presnell. Presnell had also been a convict in Tasmania.

Sullivan made contact with the former members of the gang. They were planning to rob a bank but needed more firearms. In a rather brazen act, on 13th May they entered the police camp at Hokitika and stole two revolvers. The police, being suspicious, raided Burgess' hut, found the revolver cases and arrested him. Sullivan wasn't in the hut at the time and the police never connected him with being a former member of the gang. He called himself John Joseph Sullivan in 1862, this time he was Joseph Thomas Sullivan. He said he was a respectable new arrival in the colony and the police believed him. So when Sullivan gave evidence that he saw Burgess find the revolver cases

discarded in the street, the case was dismissed.

They appear to have left the court, picked up the hidden guns and gone straight to Okarita where they robbed the Bank of New Zealand. Sullivan and Banner (Hannan?) were recognised but the whole gang managed to get away with the substantial amount of £2300 in gold. Another member of the gang at this time was Philip Levy, a well-known Jewish storekeeper at various rushes on the West Coast.

Only a week later there was a needless bloodletting act. The Burgess gang, as they were known, robbed a surveyor, George Dobson of only a few pounds then decapitated him. Another member of the gang at this time was James Murray.

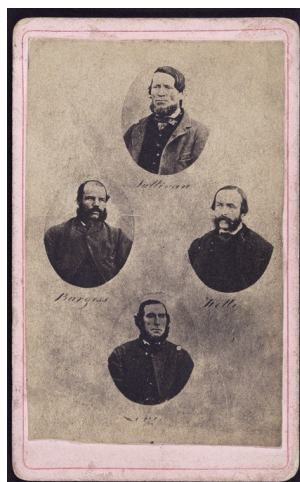
After selling a small portion of the gold, and possibly burying the rest, they thought it wise to leave the district, purchasing a passage on the *SS Wallaby* bound for Nelson on the other side of the island. Sullivan's ticket being in the name of Mr Williams.

They intended robbing another bank, but on hearing that some storekeepers would be bringing gold into town, the gang headed for the bush and lay in wait. On 13th June 1866 on a quiet road at Maungatapu near Nelson they robbed and murdered James De Pontius, Felix Mathieu, Jim Dudley and John Kempthorne. Soon after, they were arrested and held for murder. Sullivan turned Queen's evidence on the promise of a pardon for the murders. He described how he watched the road while the other three did the murders. Despite inconsistencies in his story the other three were found guilty and hanged. During the trial Sullivan thinking he had indemnity spoke freely about how they had killed an old farmer, James Battle, the day before. This man hadn't even been reported missing. Being a totally separate offence, Sullivan was then tried for this murder and found guilty. He also stated, whether it be true or not, that the gang since its inception had killed 23 people. One of those that he claimed the gang had killed was their own gang member James Murray. Murray was wanted for murder and Sullivan hoped that by saying he was dead Murray would have a better chance of getting away.

Initially Sullivan was sentenced to death, but this was commuted to life in prison. Strangely he was pardoned. This was on 11th March 1874 on instruction from the Premier of New Zealand, Julius Vogel. Why New Zealand's worst murderer should be released after only eight years must be an interesting story in its own right. Was Sullivan providing the police with information on other members of the gang to obtain a shorter sentence? Julius Vogel did not find out until later that Sullivan had been implicated in the 1858 murders of the Jewish hawkers Vogel had tried so hard to solve.

Sullivan's story up to this point was in all the newspapers. In England, Arthur Conan Doyle heard it and used it as the basis for his novel *My Friend the Murderer*. Yet the story was to become even more intriguing.

John Tully



Photos of the gang courtesy National Library

Ned's Shed

You will be aware of some work happening at Ned's Shed. Men were hard at work levelling, forming and laying concrete over the ground. All is being prepared for an exciting new venture. Keep your eye on this space for a story next week.

Susan Anderson

