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# The Thurgoona Grapevine

## Living contented in Thurgoona

**Jill Craig**

Susanne and Bernard Campbell reckon they landed on their feet when they moved to Thurgoona three years ago.

They might have landed on their feet, but they sure hit the ground running.

And they haven't stopped.

The Campbell's contribution to the Thurgoona community, especially through the Thurgoona Community Centre, is extensive.

But it's all done because they love it.

"This is the first community where we've felt completely at home", Susanne said.

The Campbells moved here after a couple of years on the Southern NSW Coast where they thought they might retire. But they couldn't find much community spirit - there were lots of holiday homes empty for much of the year, and a generally older population.

The couple were born in Warragul and Yarrawonga. Bernie's early education was at Wilby and Yarrawonga. He completed higher education at Ivanhoe Grammar in Melbourne. Susanne completed all her studies at Yarrawonga.

Bernard had a farm at nearby Wilby and Susanne worked in a dress shop when they met.

They married when they were 23 and 19. It was considered young back then when parents had to sign papers to allow the marriage to take place.

But their choice as partners proved successful and the happy couple have been married 52 years and have 6 children, 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

There have been good times, but they have also weathered some bad times like the early 70s when droughts, floods and bad prices on the land made it too hard and they sold up. Bernard joined the Federal Police and the young family moved to Canberra.

Canberra wasn't a busy place back then, with just 'one set' of traffic lights, which was just as well as the couple had never left Yarrawonga till then.

"We went from a very small country town to multi-cultural Canberra and it was fantastic", Susanne said.

Bernard worked 10 years for the Federal Police in Canberra, then 17 years for Local Government law enforcement in Melbourne.

Susanne has worked in bridal and other fashion, banking and small business, then in aged care.

At 63 she enrolled in nursing, then worked 20 hours a week and loved it. She only retired in 2016.

It's Susanne and Bernard's philosophy to make the most of what they have been given.

When their youngest son Matthew was diagnosed with autism, they made the most of it. Matthew, who is non-verbal, lives with them in Thurgoona and is well catered for with his daily work.

Matthew was the main reason they came to live here as Albury has excellent facilities for people with autism.

The Campbells are firmly a part of the Thurgoona and district community, and list the Thurgoona and District Lions Club,



**Susanne and Bernard Campbell in the garden they love.**  
**Photo: Peter Smith**

the Mates Morning tea at the Thurgoona Community Centre every Friday morning; the Riverina Sports Car Club where they enjoy trips away in their 2013 Volkswagen Sirocco (chosen as Matthew fits in the back - "and he loves it"), as some of their favourite activities.

Their list also includes Bernard's voluntary bus driving for the community centre, including picking up for the special excursions of the teenage weekly activity, and day trips with social groups.

The deal works both ways.

"I get a day out, a free lunch and they get a bus driver they don't need to pay".

Bernard, like the other men who attend, loves the Mates Morning Tea on Friday mornings where men get to talk about whatever they like with each other.

Susanne takes pride in her involvement at the TCC in the annual biggest morning tea which has raised thousands of dollars over the years.

Something about Thurgoona obviously suits them - it's the strong sense of community they discovered and are now contributing.

That's great to hear, because it sounds like they are here to stay - great news!

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## We are Premiers Again— The Mighty Thurgoona Bulldogs.

**Reporter- Barry Young OAM.**

All you could hear at Sandy Creek were the cheers and back slapping for our mighty Thurgoona Bulldogs, who won our third premiership in the last four seasons by defeating Barnawatha by 71 points. Our coach Brett Doswell was elated to win the premiership in his first year as coach although at the half time break, he gave his team a bit of a rev – up. Brett an ex-Wodonga Club champion played injured but still kicked two goals. It was a struggle till half time with only five points in our favour then we buried the opposition kicking 16 goals in the last half to their five. Josh “Rissolo” Maher was best on the ground kicking seven goals in a dazzling performance. Jayden Kotzur

and Samuel Cross were busy forwards whilst defenders Luke Gerecke, Kane Westlow and Mark Haydon ruled the backline. This is a fantastic performance, for remember when only a few years ago we were the wooden spooners, the easy beats of the Tallangatta League - often being beaten by 30 goals. Then along came Tony Way and his binding initiatives and his many helpers, their effort in rescuing a club that was all but dead and buried was a wonderful achievement which got us up and running, now richly awarded. Now we are a formidable force to be reckoned with for years to come. Well done to not only the players but to those involved in our current success.

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# Thurgoona says thanks



When Hugh and Debra Hargreave moved to Thurgoona in 1992, it wasn't long before Hugh set about supporting the local community through various projects including the Thurgoona Community Centre. He had been recently transferred to the Albury Police Station where he later became sergeant of the Anti-Theft Squad and then Investigations Manager with the detectives. A very proactive community-minded man, it was with great sadness for his extensive community that loved him so much, when Hugh lost his battle with a genetic lung disease in September of this year at the age of 68.

Hugh was fondly known as Hughie by his friends or 'Mr Have a Chat' by many. He had a great love to be with people and to help. A compassionate heart especially for those who were in any disadvantage, Hugh had an enormous capacity to help.

Before moving to Albury, Hugh was already known in the Police Force for his mateship and drive. One of the positions he enjoyed was that of Liaison Officer as he was able to communicate well with school children. One of his

**L-R Sukman Gurang, Hugh Hargreave, Shreeman Tiwari at Thurgoona Community Centre**

antics was to handcuff two students together and pretend he had lost the key! His family are very proud of the many organisations that he supported in his lifetime. He belonged to the local Surf Life Saving club when he lived on the coast also becoming its Club President for two years, he also enjoyed a time as the Captain of the Local Bush Fire Brigade. In each location, he was active in organising events.

When he worked as the Police Licencing Sergeant, Hugh used his networking skills to work with the Hoteliers Association to bring into the Gosford area the Proof of Age card. During this time, Hugh spoke to the NSW Parliament about this initiative, which was later adopted on a national level, and continues to this day. Another passion was the introduction of the NSW Safety House program which he actively supported heart and soul.

In the Albury area, Hugh used his talents to back the local Police Charity Golf Days. He enjoyed seeing organisations being supported through these successful fundraising events and had a special knack for encouraging businesses to get onboard and volunteers to enlist their services.

Hugh recognised during his police service the great benefit that community centres have for the community. They provide places for people to gather, belong, connect and be supported. He joined the committees of three of the Albury centres. When Hugh retired in 2005, he concentrated more time within the centre organisations. At Thurgoona, Westside and Glenecho he took various roles for Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. He was a strong advocate within the community when AlburyCity was contemplating closing the Thurgoona Centre and was delighted when AlburyCity eventually renewed their support for the centre and

handed management over to a volunteer committee of management in 2009. Hugh's involvement with TCC spanned 25 years until he retired from being its Chairperson in 2017. He continued with Westside being so committed that he was still taking phone calls and conducting meetings from his bedside this year.

Hugh also was a dedicated member of the Thurgoona Baptist Church. This was a whole family endeavour, Hugh providing support from being on the leadership team to bus driving while Debra, and sons Sam and Thomas helped with the children in Sunday School. Hugh's capacity to care was greatly appreciated by the Bhutanese resettling refugees who eventually made the church their new spiritual home. Hugh provided wonderful help to these new citizens to the city, offering to help with house moving, bus driving the developing community on many trips, offering hours of time teaching people to drive and being the emergency call-out person if there were any problems that arose. As the Bhutanese became independent, Hugh was then able to help members of the Congolese refugee community who were the next people group to make this region their new home.

Hugh was the loving father of David, Mark, Nathan, Samuel and Thomas and their partners, and wonderful grandad to six. Sam and Thomas are well known in the area for their fabulous skills as footballers. Now playing for Lavington Panthers, the boys shortly after their dad's passing, had to face a premiership game but did so knowing that he had been right behind them. Hugh had supported the boys in their game since they were young when they played with the Thurgoona Bulldogs. Helping in the canteen and keen not to miss any of the boy's games, Hugh would love to talk about each of their games after the match but often would say "As long as you had fun", whether they won or lost. Hugh really believed that this year his sons' team would win the premiership and to their utter delight they did. He would have been so proud.



**L-R Samuel, Debra and Thomas Hargreave with the victorious cup.**



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## Giving and Receiving at Inner Wheel

Sherylyne Moran



**Donation for Nepal. L-R Sherylyne Moran, Tricia Ray and Elizabeth Flood. Photo : Peter Smith**

When Tricia Ray moved back to Albury in 2011, having retired from nursing, she was keen to find a group to continue her caring for others and to make valuable friendships. She found this in the 25 strong ladies' group, called the Inner Wheel, an arm of the international organisation Rotary and later with the Thurgoona Lions Club. The Inner Wheel was first chartered in 1972 and now organises three or four events for fundraising. Both the Inner Wheel and Lions have been wonderful in supporting a project dear to my heart which Elizabeth Flood and I visited last year. The Hope Children's Home in Nepal.

After hearing about the project at a Lions meeting, Trish organised for fellow Lion Elizabeth to speak at an Inner Wheel meeting. After hearing of the children's dire need, they were happy to send funds to the home which were gratefully received.

Trish just loves the work of Inner Wheel and the group have been both a great source of friendship and purpose. The fellowship of the group is very strong.

"If anything happens to you", said Trish, "They're on your doorstep to help and support if you need it. You know that you are only a phone call away".

Inner Wheel raises money through Bunnings BBQ, Games and cards events, Fashion Parades, High Tea, guest speakers and creative ideas.

A main project for the group internationally is raising money for cord blood. As well as this, once a year the districts support one nominated project. This year Albury won the project idea to support Optometrists who serve in developing countries giving time for cataracts and glasses. Anyone can make a request from the group for their worthy cause.

Inner Wheel meets at the Commercial Club at 6.30pm on the third Wednesday of the month.

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## What is Montessori in Nepal?

Elizabeth had a wonderful adventure one morning during her stay at Hope Children's Home in Nepal. She had a desire to walk to the village shops. Walking, taking a bus or riding a

motor bike are the main modes of transport. The house parents wouldn't let Elizabeth go on her own and Joel one of the home's children offered to go with her.

It was a long walk to the village. She first wanted to exchange currency and so she went to the first exchange outlet, but they refused because she hadn't taken her passport with her. There were security personnel at the front of the outlet. Joel helped by interpreting that she was without her passport, but they still refused to exchange her Aussie dollars. After several unsuccessful attempts at other exchange places they kept venturing further into the village.

As they went, Elizabeth loved the atmosphere of Nepali people bartering for food and clothing, chooks running around the dusty rough streets and onlookers finding the tall slender pale lady and short Nepali boy quite a peculiar couple. Down one side street, in a part of Kathmandu that sees few Europeans, they ventured upon a little shop that Elizabeth chose to buy her desired scarf with the few rupees she had left. The lady had no English and Joel was very proud to buy the piece of apparel.

Heading back home down an alternate route, Elizabeth noticed a Montessori pre-school. She had seen lots of these signed premise in Kathmandu and as a child and family health nurse, Elizabeth's interest peaked. She was very curious as in Australia they are relatively rare. Was this just a label?

She asked Joel if they could venture into the enclosed walled complex? To her delight Joel said they could. They first found life in the aromatic kitchen which was a simple room with happy workers. Elizabeth prompted Joel to ask the kitchen staff if they could meet the children and the next minute they were shuffled into a back area. There they found children aged about three or four with a couple of teachers and the children were singing English songs. English is an important language for children to learn at school in Nepal.

With Elizabeth's easy effervescence and the teacher's guidance, she sat herself with the children and began singing along with them. They requested Elizabeth to sing to them some Australian songs. With nervous confidence, she sang away.

"They absolutely loved it and so did the teachers", she recalled. "They were beaming with smiles and enthusiasm and made me feel very special which was lovely. They kept asking Joel more about myself and wondering if Joel was my official guide for the day".

The Principal of the school then invited Elizabeth and Joel to her office.

"The next minute she is showering us with lunch and chai tea and then presented me with this beautiful scarf. It was like I was royalty", laughed Elizabeth.

Joel lapped up the whole experience and sat on the floor with this big smile on his face.

*Story continues on next page*



**Montessori pre-school class in Nepal. Photo: Elizabeth Flood**

Story from previous page



**Joel delighted with his purchase for Elizabeth in the outskirts of Kathmandu**

"It was just a beautiful experience. They wanted me to come back and teach them English".

After this Elizabeth was taken to the rest of the school and went into every classroom.

"We then walked on home along a new path, passed beautiful vegetable gardens and some stately brightly coloured homes".

"I loved every minute of my time at Hope Home. The home parents Nepal and Sapan are such wonderful people to provide this place for children from severe disadvantage. The children themselves are so beautiful, so appreciative of every aspect of the home and they contribute to the working of the home. Up early in the morning feeding the animals, walking the dogs, gathering vegetables from the garden and preparing meals. I'd love to go back again one day", she said.

If you would like to know more about Hope Children's Home you can see them at:  
[www.actioninternational.org/child-summary](http://www.actioninternational.org/child-summary)

## Thurgoona Tennis Talk

Welcome to the summer season of tennis!

Along with our fabulous competitions we have hosted great events over the past few months. The first being, a Junior Development Series Tournament held on 28 August with over one hundred children participating from various towns across southern NSW. John Sidoti, the NSW Minister for Sport, also paid us a visit to witness the huge interest in kids playing tennis!

We held our Club Championships over a weekend in September, with increased numbers participating from the previous year, including some of our up and coming rising young stars. Our club has many talented members both young and a little older who grow in numbers every year. It was great to witness the camaraderie and friendly competition evident amongst our players!

On 21 September we held a Trivia Night at the Thurgoona Country Club

Resort. A very enjoyable night with many novel activities thrown in and a selection of beautiful finger food catered for by TCCR.

Our resident coach, Barb Martin from Honeybee Kidz Tennis has over 112 children participating in coaching this term. This continues to grow and we congratulate Barb on the wonderful job she is doing! We also have some adults seeking coaching to upgrade their skills!

If you are interested in joining our vibrant club, please contact us via Facebook or email-  
[thurgoonatenniscub@gmail.com](mailto:thurgoonatenniscub@gmail.com)  
 Tennis membership is only \$25 for adults and \$10 for children, so come and check out the variety of competitions presently running, which include all ages and abilities. All are welcome!

We look forward to seeing you on the court!

Bernadette O'Donnell

(President of Thurgoona Tennis Club)

### Fun 4 Tennis Enthusiasts



## Can Gran Cope? Sherylyne Moran

Margaret Voss, when she first thought she would visit the TCC Computer Open Day and see what was there, had the distinct feeling that her family thought it was a complete waste of her time. Obviously from all the technical questions that Gran asked of her family members, there was no way that she could cope with computer lessons! But Gran thought "Watch me!" and to her own delight, she has not missed a lesson since first coming to TCC in June this year. "This is a great opportunity for anyone. There is no excuse for anyone to be bored. I am very grateful to my tutor Jim and his wife Sue for all their patient encouragement", Margaret said.

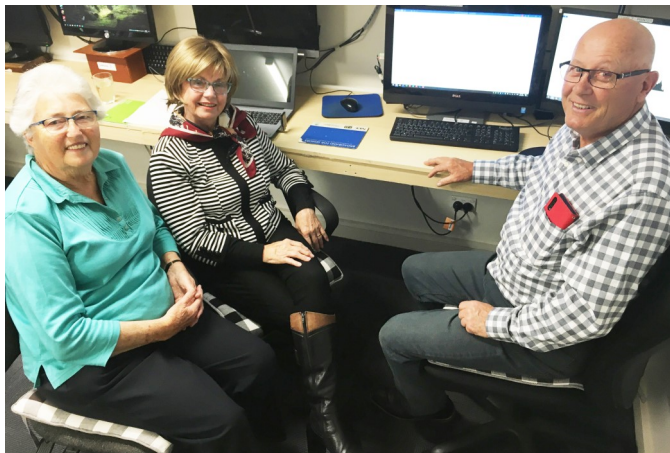
Margaret was so enthusiastic about what she was learning, she encouraged her friend Brigitte Ronald to also attend the beginner's classes. Brigitte already had the ability to email and navigate internet banking, but there were many other basics she had missed learning along the way. One funny example was when her cat walked across her keyboard and disconnected the mouse. She had to pay a technician to reconnect her mouse which was a simple key function which she has since learnt to do. The cat remained disconnected!

"I originally came to learn how to clean up my files. But I needed to start at the beginning and work my way up. In the classes I've learnt the meanings of the icons, what the shortcuts are and how to add wallpapers", Brigitte said.

Get Online Week is an annual event with grant funding for events provided by Good Things Foundation. The TCC was the happy recipient of \$1500 to upgrade computer equipment. It is estimated that well over two million people in Australia

are currently not online and four million people have limited digital skills. Get Online Week aims to bring together volunteers and community organisations such as TCC to provide a friendly and welcoming opportunity for people to take the next step in their online journey.

TCC is very grateful to the wonderful volunteers and tutors who did just that. The amazing event management, sumptuous catering, splendid roses and welcoming made the day a great success, especially for those who were first time visitors. We hope that you all continue your visits just like Margaret and Brigitte and become a part of the TCC.



**Look what Gran can do at TCC. L-R Margaret Voss, Brigitte Ronald and James Caldwell. Photo: S Moran**

## Bouncing for joy—thank you Golf Club

Sherylyne Moran

Members of the TCC are dancing, swaying, lunging and skipping for joy at the latest support that the Thurgoona Country Club Resort has given through their clubs grant funding of \$3141. With this great help, the TCC hall and youth room users will be able to have Wi-Fi connection for movies, presentations, YouTube dance clips and educational resources. In addition, a headset microphone supplied by the grant will be a great benefit to the fitness and dance instructors. (Thank you to Coxtech and Jewel Audio and Visual for your service in installing these)

Many thanks for supporting the local Thurgoona community.



Pictured left: Club manager Adam Fitzgerald (far left) presenting the cheque to TCC John Greenfield and James Caldwell. Photo : Peter Smith  
Pictured above: YAH fitness with Heather Cahill centre.

### Contributions to TCC from Thurgoona Country Club Resort

Year	Grant	Purpose
2015	\$1945	Defibrillator – ClubGRANT (CG)
2015	\$500	Defibrillator – Murray Grey Veteran Golfers
2016	\$6000	BBQ and Recreational Area (CG)
2016	\$498	Mounted Baby Change Table (Vets)
2017	\$5000	Computer Room Extension (CG)
2018	\$2500	Squirrel Glider Climbing Frame (CG)
2019	\$3141	Wi-Fi and head-set microphone for instructors

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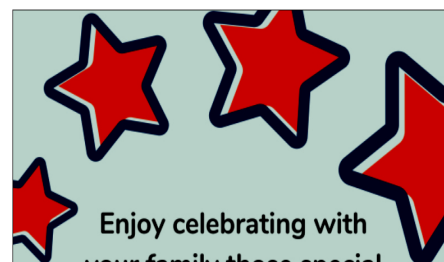
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## Thurgoona and District Lions Club JUNIOR PUBLIC

### SPEAKING COMPETITION

Alan Brink

Once again the Thurgoona Lions Club has held a very successful Junior Public Speaking Competition. This event encourages and develops Primary aged school children in the art of making a verbal presentation on a subject of their choice to an audience and to experienced public speaking judges. There are two levels involved. These are Years 3/4 and Years 5/6. Winners progress to a Regional Final

and then a District Final.

The Thurgoona Lions Club held their local competition back on 17<sup>th</sup> June. This attracted 12 contestants in the two aged categories speaking to an audience of 70 guests. The judges were Ash and Mal Parr from the Albury/Wodonga Toastmasters.

Coordinator of the event from the Lions Club was Tricia Ray. Tricia said, "I was so pleased with the number and quality of our young contestants and so were the judges who gave constructive and positive feedback to all speakers, describing them as our future leaders".

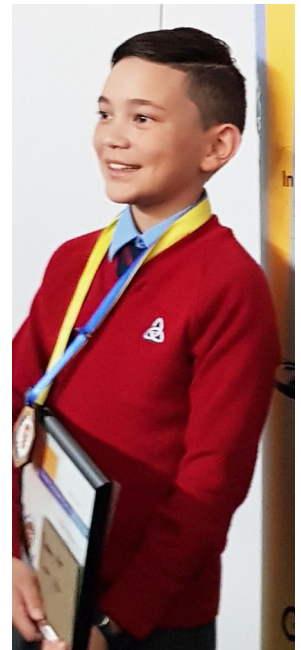
"The Year 3/4 winner was Xander Tamaray from Trinity College who also won the Regional Final and was Runner-Up in the District Final".

"The Club level Runner-Up was Isabella Habermann from Thurgoona Public School", said Tricia.

Tricia also said, "The Club level Year 5/6 winner was Taylor Furze from Thurgoona Public who also went on to be Runner-Up at the Regional level. The Year 5/6 Runner-Up was Anastasia Piniotis".

"At Club level, each student received a voucher for their effort as they all excitedly thanked me for my work at coordination and are looking forward to next year's event", said Tricia.

Generous sponsorship of this competition was received from the Regent Cinema, Intensity Games Centre, McDonalds of Albury and the Thurgoona Country Club Resort.



Xander Tamaray

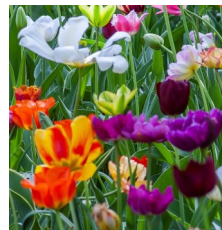
## Spring, Sadness and the Son

Jane Peterson

I love Spring. The flowers and their fragrance, the gentle warmth of the long afternoons and the early morning birdsong. It is so uplifting, especially after the chill of Winter. In those first weeks of Spring, as I notice new blossom or hear the warble of a Magpie, I am reminded of how nature points us to God. The incredible design of the flora and fauna around us, the cycle of new life and death, the colours, the sounds; how could it possibly be here by chance? And why does it fill us with joy and lift our hearts if not to point us to our marvellous creator. It is all part of His plan. All those wonderful, joyous, unfathomable things were designed by Him to encourage us to look beyond ourselves; to wonder, to ponder, and to think, *who could have created such intricate balance? Who made the birds and gave them their song? Who imagined the seasons, the sun and the moon? And how powerful He must be!*

As I'm reminded of God, His power, His magnitude, I am also reminded of how small I am. A speck of a speck of a speck and yet God loves me. So much so that He sacrificed His son, Jesus, to save me. And I need saving. Because as I look around and notice the beauty of Spring, I notice the ugliness of our world. Rubbish dumped amongst the flowers, shouting above the birdsong, hate, neglect, sadness. It is the reality of our world, our existence. Our ego, greed and selfishness, our desire for power, these are the forces that drive our actions so much so that we pollute our homes and our relationships with each other; and with God. And yet He is there to forgive us, to save us, to remind us that there is something greater than ourselves. Despite our sin, despite our selfish thoughts and actions,

God loves us and forgives us and we can take comfort in knowing that He is in control. So with every gift of Spring, let us be reminded of His creation, His glory and His sacrifice, Jesus.



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## Martins Bus News Flash

The Kensington Gardens Albury Resident's Committee have been following up on the great work Judy McGrath began in arranging for a Martins bus to come into the village every Thursday morning. Since February the committee have worked with Martins and the Department of Transport NSW to get a more regular bus service into Albury for the residents.

The good news is that the 908 Bus is running now three days a week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from a temporary bus stop outside the Kensington Gardens Entrance gate. This is for a trial period of 12 months so it is important that it is supported for it to remain after this time.

### Martins Bus Timetable

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	
From Kensington	
Departure	Destination
9.05 AM	To Lavington and
11.55 AM	To Lavington and
To Kensington	
1.20 PM	From QE11 Square
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## Sharing the Joy.

Sherylyne Moran



The Sheather family with Lauren's beautiful new Alessi Mazda.  
Photo: Peter Smith



At TCC L-R: Graeme, Lauren and Sandra Sheather Photo: Peter Smith



Sandra with Neya Majhi, volunteering with TCC Speaking with Freedom program in 2012. Photo Tamara

Purchasing a new car is such an elating experience, and for Lauren Sheather the joy was further shared when purchasing her Alessi Mazda when she could elect to donate \$100 to a nominated recipient.

Lauren chose Thurgoona Community Centre as her parents Sandra and Graeme had been past volunteers in the Speaking with Freedom English Classes; Sandra with teaching English and Graeme driving for the bus pickup. Thank you so much Lauren and Mazda for supporting our centre.

When Lauren's mum Sandra first came to volunteer at TCC with the English language conversational program, she had had no previous experience with teaching English but found that she was a natural at it. She supported regularly the program for three years mostly with the Bhutanese adults and children. By 2015 the participants had become

confident and didn't require any more formal help at TCC and so the program finished. However Sandra in the meantime, through the program, had developed a close and lasting friendship with one of the ladies, Purna Maya Majhi. Visiting the Majhi home on a regular basis, the two had become close friends and Sandra now feels like one of the family.

"I still help Purna occasionally with her English when I visit, if she is struggling with a word, and with things that crop up from time to time, that they have trouble understanding or need some help with. I find it interesting to hear about their experiences as refugees in Nepal and to hear their different points of view from their cultural perspective. It is good to see them doing so well in Australia although they miss their friends and family that live in other countries", she said.



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## SPACIOUS ENTERTAINER

9 Wellington Drive, Thurgoona

The immense size of this home would suit an extended family; less than 5 years old; it's a must to view. Consisting of 4 generous bedrooms, a study + 3 separate living rooms spread over 27sq's of quality living. The master bedroom includes his & her separate walk in robes, large en-suite with double vanities. The main bathroom offers 2-way access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> bedroom for a guest room opportunity. The home offers built-in robes & good storage throughout + separate laundry. The modern spacious kitchen features a 900mm gas stove, dishwasher, Caesar-stone bench tops + generous walk-in pantry. The flooring is a floating timber featured throughout the living area and hallways. The home also benefits from ducted heating and cooling throughout. Call us today for a private inspection.



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## SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS – WINES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

**Paul Muntz**

Picking your Christmas cheer at the local does NOT mean heaps of beer, the odd cleanskin red and white, and a bottle of “sparkling spumante for the sheilas”.

A bit of thought in advance means a whole lot more fun and smiles all round from your guests.

### “...The night before Christmas...”

With the rellies in town, and the grandkiddies’ church service to attend,

Christmas celebrations often stretch into Christmas Eve. After Church, it is wise to remember that the holiday season is a marathon, not a 100 yard sprint. A nice cold beer or glass of bubbly, followed by a nice crisp *Semillon sauvignon blanc* from the Margaret River or a comforting bottle of *pinot noir* from Marlborough will settle the tummy, and give you a good night’s sleep for the big day to follow.

### Santa’s big day – the morning

Love them as I do, it is nice to know my daughter is copping the 5.30 am start with my grandchildren, whilst the Child Bride and I doze peacefully.

But before you know it it’s late morning and the expected (and unexpected) guests start to ring the doorbell.

The sun is not yet over the yardarm, but on the basis that it has to be midday somewhere in the world, a little sociable glass seems called for.

A flavoursome chilled *Prosecco* from the King Valley is a nice way to start, with maxi-chilled beers to match. Homemade lemonade is a nice touch for the kiddies or the cautious, and several litres of sparkling mineral water is going to save your bacon as the day progresses.

## The main event

Once you have kicked out your visitors (who never seem to have anywhere else to go) it is on for one and all with a hurried luncheon set-up. Whilst everyone picks their own menu for the big day, I think it is a pretty safe bet that seafood, ham and turkey are going to be appearing pretty regularly. For the seafood, *Riesling* from Germany or South Australia is an easy and appropriate match, or if you are feeling a bit adventurous, grab a Brown Brother’s *Vermentino*.

Turkey and sparkling *shiraz* is top of the best matches “hit parade” – buy the best bottle of bubbly red that you can afford.

For the ham, light reds (slightly chilled if the day is warm) such as *Gamay Barbera* or *Sangiovese* are uncomplicated drops which are kind to the palate.

Sweets are a bit more problematical – Mum’s heavily laced trifle is a tough gig for a match – a sparkling *Moscato* is a nice mouth freshener, with only a few degrees of alcohol, and your Mum will love you.

If you insist on a fortified match for the Christmas pudding (and that can turn out to be a very bad idea), look no further than a chilled glass of Rutherglen *Tokay* (sorry, *Topaque*).

### The “Nanna” nap

It is an extraordinary thing that people who never have a “kip” during the day head for the couch as soon as Christmas lunch is over.

If you are lucky, you will sneak in an hour or so before “it’s on again” but more likely the doorbell will ring earlier than that. Those rellies who you (intentionally) rarely see have tracked down your home address and decided to “pop in”! Well, you can’t really shut the door on them, so to get rid of the cobwebs and put you in the mood for the (inevitably) long evening to follow, heaps of aforesaid sparkling mineral water is a must, followed by (perhaps) a cold beer and several bottles of that wonderful elixir called sparkling red, Australia’s gift to the wine world.

### Making it through the day

The essential key to Christmas day is a measured pace and plenty of food (rarely a problem). In reality, every glass that you consume is going to have an effect – better to enjoy the whole day, rather than the first two hours! And avoid the “hard stuff” – forget the brandy, cocktails, etc, as the day will only end in tears.

So have the happiest of days, drink the best you can afford in moderation, and relish the life enriching gifts of family and friends.

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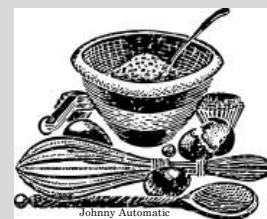
## Cooks Corner with Janice Poy

### Rum Balls

- 2 cups ground almonds
- 4 cups stale cake crumbs (chocolate or vanilla)
- 2 cups icing sugar
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- ¼ cup buttermilk
- 4 tablespoons rum

#### Method

1. Mix almonds and cake together
2. In a processor, add icing sugar, cocoa, buttermilk, rum and process until a thick paste
3. Add to the crumbled cake mixture
4. Roll into little balls
5. Roll in extra coconut and nuts mixed together
6. Refrigerate or freeze until needed.



# Community Groups Directory

## Alb-Wod Stroke Recovery Club

At: Thurgoona Country Club Resort  
 When: Last Thursday of the month with guest speakers each meeting. Strategies for enjoyable living. Everyone welcome, friends and family too. Enjoy a chat and lunch at the club after the meeting.  
 Time: 10.30 am Contact: 1300 650 594  
 E: [strokerecoveryclub.aw@gmail.com](mailto:strokerecoveryclub.aw@gmail.com)

## Honey Bee Kidz Tennis

Introductory and development tennis programs at Thurgoona Tennis Club for all abilities—from age four years.  
 Enquiries 0438 130 100  
 E: [tennis@honeybee.net.au](mailto:tennis@honeybee.net.au)  
[www.thurgoonaresort.com.au/1267](http://www.thurgoonaresort.com.au/1267)

## The Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume

"Service above Self"  
 At: Thurgoona Country Club Resort  
 When: Tuesdays, 7.00 pm  
 Contact: Cheryl 0418 696 796  
 E: [ian.moffat1@gmail.com](mailto:ian.moffat1@gmail.com)  
 0412 890 742

## Thurgoona Community Action Group (TCAG)

For people who are concerned about their neighbourhood.  
 Meet: second Tuesday of every month at the Thurgoona Community Centre from 7.00—9.00 pm  
 E: [thurgoonaCAG@gmail.com](mailto:thurgoonaCAG@gmail.com)

## Thurgoona Bookclub

Running for over 11 years, has room for more members. Meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm, to discuss the months book.  
 Interested? Call Tracey 6043 1869 AH.

## Thurgoona District Lion's Club

Meets on the first and third Monday of each month at the Thurgoona Country Club Resort at 7.00 pm.  
 E: [thurgoonalions@gmail.com](mailto:thurgoonalions@gmail.com)  
 Find us on the Web and Facebook

## Thurgoona Men's Shed

Where: Cnr Elizabeth Mitchell Drive and Corrys Road Thurgoona  
 When: Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sat  
 Times: 8.30 am to lunch (on the Web)  
 E: [thurgoonamensshed@gmail.com](mailto:thurgoonamensshed@gmail.com)

## Thurgoona Tennis Club

Thurgoona Country Club Resort  
 + Fun 4 Comp 6.30—8.00 pm Mondays  
 + A and B Mixed Social Team  
 Competition 7.00 pm Wednesdays  
 + Two Hour Tennis 3.00—5.00 pm Saturdays  
 + Saturday Pennant 1.30 pm (summer); 1.00 pm (Winter) Saturdays  
 Contact Bernadette O'Donnell  
[thurgoonatennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:thurgoonatennisclub@gmail.com)  
[www.thurgoonaresort.com.au](http://www.thurgoonaresort.com.au)  
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 Call Barb: 0438 130 100

## Thurgoona Toastmaster's Club

For anyone who would like to improve their public speaking.  
 Meet second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Thurgoona Country Club Resort 7.00 pm.  
 Contact Glenys 0408 404 254

## Woolshed Thurgoona Landcare

Meets first Tuesday of each month 7.00—9.00 pm at Thurgoona Community Centre. For upcoming events visit our website:  
[www.wtlandcare.org](http://www.wtlandcare.org) or "like" us on our Facebook page. To join our members list email [enquiries@wtlandcare.org](mailto:enquiries@wtlandcare.org) or contact Catherine Allan on 6051 9781



**Border S.O.N.I.C.**  
 (Stroke and Other Neurological Impairments Choir)

## The Alb-Wod Aphasia Choir

A choir for people who have experienced a stroke or acquired brain injury.  
 Marion Vile 0425 852 702  
 Libby Clark 0411 864 199

## Commercial Club: Murray Cod Swimmers Albury

Swimming, fitness, fun, social interested in having an enjoyable time that involves a bit of swimming?  
 When: Friday 6.00 – 7.30 pm (May to September, December to February)  
 Where: GT Aquatic Indoor Heated Pool – Wagga Road Lavington  
 Who: Anyone (Over 18 years) - (Kids welcome with swimming adult)  
 Cost: \$20.00 annual fee; Adults \$5.00 (\$2.00 for children) per night. (entry)  
 Ring: Ted Woodbury - 0478 140 111 or Graham Dickie - 0417 556 724

## Thurgoona Churches

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 0448 721 548 [www.mybola.org.au](http://www.mybola.org.au)  
**Christmas Service** 21 December

### FREEDOM CHURCH

Thurgoona Community Centre Hall  
 10 Kosciuszko Road, Thurgoona  
 New time: 10.00—11.30 am  
 E: [freedomchurchthurgoona@gmail.com](mailto:freedomchurchthurgoona@gmail.com)

### GO CHURCH

Service: Sunday at 10.00 am  
 33 Hartigan Street, Thurgoona  
 Pastor Rick Zago 6043 1422  
 E: [admin@gochurch.org.au](mailto:admin@gochurch.org.au)  
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 Fourth Sunday Family Service with Communion 6040 6457  
[www.anglicannorthernalbury.org.au](http://www.anglicannorthernalbury.org.au)

### THURGOONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service: Sunday 4.00 pm  
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 10 Kosciuszko Road Thurgoona  
[www.thurgoona.church](http://www.thurgoona.church)  
 E: [mike@alburchurch.org.au](mailto:mike@alburchurch.org.au)  
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## What groups are at the Thurgoona Community Centre (TCC) in 2020?

### Art Craft Music

#### Buds Art Group—Thurgoona

For all those who would like to express themselves in a new and creative way.

**Mondays** 10.00 am—3.00 pm in the hall. For more information please contact: Dawn: **6043 1006**

#### Red Rubies.... Craft or Not.

Our group is held at the Centre every second **Wednesday** from 10.00 am—1.00 pm. We would like to invite you along whether you want to do some craft or just have a chat. Feel free to drop in any time. Each person brings their own materials, some morning tea to share and the cost is \$3. **6043 1588**

#### Stumpwork Embroidery

Stumpwork Embroidery is raised, 3D beautiful embroidery first practised in the 1600s. Come and learn a new, exciting skill. No experience required.

**Wed.** 10.00 am—4.00 pm

8 week course Enquiries: **6043 1588**

Cost: \$5 per day and \$3 per half day

#### Making Music Jam Group

Love to play music? Come along and join us!

We have weekly sessions each **Tuesday**

1.30—3.00 pm Mary Hunt **0427 371 441**

### Social

#### Community Singing

Love to sing? Come along and join us!

We have weekly sessions that generally follow the NSW school terms.

**Wednesdays** 6.00—7.30 pm

\$4 per session or \$15 per month.

Mary: facilitator **0427 431 511**

#### Film and Friendship

Looking for a break? Then come along to some very pleasant DVD entertainment and excellent socialising.

Join us every **second and fourth Thursday of the month** at TCC: 1.00- 3.00 pm

Cost: \$3 per session and bring some afternoon tea to share. **6043 1588**

#### Mates Morning Tea

Like a good yarn?

Enjoy great company in a relaxed and friendly environment?

Mates morning tea runs every **Friday** from **10.00 am—12 noon** just for men.

Come and meet new people. You can bring a mate or come on your own.

Cost: Gold coin donation

Tea/coffee and biscuits provided.

**6043 1588**

### TCC Book Chat/Club

#### Tuesday Book Club

Where: TCC Sunroom

When: first Tuesday of each month at 1.30 pm

What: Talk about a book you are reading or have read, in a relaxed informal atmosphere.

Cost:\$3.00 per session. Includes coffee.

#### Thursday Book Club

Where: TCC Sunroom

When: second Thursday of each month at 1.30 pm

What: Read and discuss the same book. Sets of books provided by Albury Library

Cost:\$3.00 per session. Includes coffee

Plus \$20.00 per half calendar year or \$40.00 per calendar year (library costs).

P: **6043 1588**

#### JOIN ONE OR BOTH CLUBS

For further information ring TCC on **6043 1588**

### TCC Social Club Events

Breakfast at Café Borellas Second Saturday every month 9.00 am.

Meet new friends and old.

Regular day trips to local points of interest. Reasonably priced.

Join our club for excellent friendship and activities. See social club newsletter available at Centre for upcoming events or book for these events:

Joining Fee \$5.00, contact the TCC office for membership and information on **6043 1588**.

### Thurgoona Community Centre Coffee Shop:

#### Tuesdays—staffed by volunteers

10.00 am—12.00 noon

Cost: \$2.50 bottomless cuppa which includes a Birthday celebration cake on 3rd Tuesday each month.

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#### Thursday mornings—self service.

\$2 for a cuppa and bite to eat.

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This project funds special needs at the TCC **6043 1588** for more information.



### Community Services

#### NEED a JP (NSW)?

For contact and to arrange a face to face service, ring the centre on **6043 1588**.

### Computers

#### Digital Photography Club

If you are interested in digital photography, how to use photo shop, cut, paste, edit, and generally do the “digital photography thing” then please phone **6043 1588** to book.

**Thursday** 6.00—8.00 pm. Cost: \$2

#### Seniors Computer Kiosk

##### Beginners Computer class

This is a fantastic program, focusing on increasing the skills of older people using the computer and the internet.

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and Beginners 3.00 - 5.00 pm

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#### Tai Chi With Kaye Deanshaw.

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**Thursdays** 9.00—10.00 am Cost \$3 per session or \$27 for 10 week term at TCC Hall. (Beginners class 10.00—10.30 am - with enough enrolments) **6043 1588**

#### Twin City Stomp Line Dancing

**Wednesday:** classes 10.00am-1.00 pm at TCC hall.

**Tuesday** 7.00—9.00 pm

Cost: \$12 per lesson

Contact **Bev Vinge 0407 947 353**

## Fitness and Dance

### Yoga Classes

Yoga encourages fitness and wellbeing for people of all ages and walks of life.

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**Janet 6043 2987 or 0404 126 269**

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**Low—Med Impact circuit**

Tuesdays 10.00—10.45 am \$7

**Low-Med Impact Cardio/Strength**

Thursday: 10.45—11.30 pm \$7

**Stretch and Roll**

Thursday: 12.00 noon—12.45 pm \$7

**Sessions also at Glenecho Community**

**Centre.** Enquiries and bookings

**0419 312 593 Other classes in**

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## Children/ Youth

### Little Kidlets Playgroup:

**Mondays, Tuesdays** 10.00 am —12 noon

Interactive with activities to enjoy

Cost: \$5 per family per session NSW

school term **6043 1588 Volunteers**

**needed— no prior experience required.**

### WANTED:

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Tuesday's Little

Kidlets Playgroup.

No prior experience required just a love

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WWCC. **6043 1588**



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### Number Club

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@ 2.00 pm

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5—7 yrs Contemporary @ 3.30 pm

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### Good News: Free Help for Kids

### Child and Family Health Nurse

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## Back in the Day- Young Jason

Wayne Bashford

Our first home was at the end of a "T" intersection and both ends of our street were dead ends, it was a great street because everyone knew everyone. All the kids got along famously together; their ages ranged from six to 16. All the parents treated all the kids like their own.

As the classic example of the friendship in the street, Jacko rang us to let his kids know that tea was on the table. I told him that they all went to Jason's place, Jacko rang Jason's parents who told him that they went to Buck's house. Buck told Jacko that all the kids went to Matt's house which was actually next door to Jacko.

Jason was the eldest kid; he was tall for a 16-year-old and built like a sapling. He had long skinny arms and if he developed another elbow he would look like a Preying Mantas. All the other kids loved him because he was always happy and ready to help no matter what, he would come and visit to just to say G-day, we liked him because of his happy bubbly personality and friendship.

Nearly every time Jason came to visit I would be doing some job around the house, it could be changing the oil and filter in the car, painting another room, welding up a gate, digging up the garden – anything – he always wanted to help because he was always learning something new.

One day I was fixing a gate for the side of the house and Jason asked if he could help.

"Yeah mate no worries, could you pass me that left-hand file from over there please?"

Initially he looked a little confused, so I told him the left-hand file on the left side of the other one. He grabbed it and handed it to me. He then asked why I was using my right hand with a left-hand file?

"Simple mate, I'm right-handed!"

Another time my mate visited, I was about to place a spotlight into position on the side of the house, again Jason asked if he could help.

"Yeah mate, no worries".

"Which way do you screw it into place"?

I told him clockwise, he asked which way was clockwise.

"To your right-hand side the same way the clock hands go around".

With an acknowledging nod of his head he understood.

Just as he was about to reach up and screw the flood light into place, I told him that it also depends on which way you are facing. Jason hesitated; he was obviously wondering what I meant.

If you are facing north it is clockwise, if you are facing south it is anti-clockwise, after a few rapid blinks he said "But, I will be facing west"!

"Could be either way then mate",..... he nailed it after a few attempts!

Our old house had 12-foot ceilings which meant that the hallway inbuilt wardrobe also had a huge storage area above it up to the ceiling, Jason came bounding up and asked what I was doing? Getting down Christmas stuff for the festive season, I needed to drag out all the boxes to find exactly what was needed, Jason asked if he could help,

"Yeah mate no worries".

Standing on the fourth rung of the step ladder I grabbed a small box, about the size of a shoe box, I cautioned

Jason that it was very heavy, he braced himself for the weight. I braced myself and grunted as I dragged out the box, as I placed it in his hands, I steadily pushed down using more and more force on the box, then I let it go. The box shot up and almost reached the ceiling, there was only tinsel in the little box!

Several boxes later the last box was the biggest of all.... and the heaviest. When Jason saw the size of it he was worried that it would weigh more than him but I assured him that it wasn't. As I handed the box over, I was using all my strength and trying not to make it obvious, just as Jason got hold of it, I let it go, nearly drove his elbows into the wooden floor!

Would you like to see your hilarious stories in print for all to enjoy? Call Wayne on 0428 213 427



### Great Pet Advice from Arthur Frauenfelder

A constant problem: My dog is overweight and I can't get the weight off!

All we need to do is apply the same rules that apply to us.

- 1) Decrease the input of food.
- 2) Increase the exercise.

How do I do that?

- 1) Go for a walk with our mate and increase the amount of exercise by throwing a ball.

Encourage exercise in a leash free area by encouraging him/her to free run with other dogs.

- 2) Feeding;

- a) Let our mate have 80% of what he/she eats now.
- b) Stop all treats except a piece of dry cat or dog food.

That's all? Yes, as it is all really self explanatory. We know it as it applies to us as well.

But treats are important because For A DOG: six pieces of cheese is the equivalent of a hamburger for a human, two slices of salami equal four chocolate chip cookies while one strip of dog treat equals a chocolate bar for a person.

For a CAT: three pieces of cheese are the equivalent to a hamburger and fries for a human, one piece of salami is equivalent to a packet of chips and six pieces of cheese while three commercial cat treats are the equivalent of one chocolate chip cookie.

I don't think we need to complicate life. Just love them and do the same for yourself. Win! Win!



# BARKING DOGS

Article compliments of Hume Animal Hospital.

Barking in dogs is a normal form of communication. Dogs bark for many reasons. Dogs bark normally in excitement, in greeting, and as a warning, or when they are scared, in pain or anxious and when they are bored. Barking only becomes an unacceptable behaviour problem when it occurs in excess, at inappropriate places or at inappropriate times.

While excessive barking is a difficult habit to break, with patience, a close look at why he's barking, followed by an effective treatment program, you may be able to teach your dog when it is appropriate to bark, and for how long. However, in some cases it can be impossible to stop completely.

## Some things to remember:

A dog that barks a lot doesn't necessarily make a good watchdog, because the neighbours will often ignore the barking.

- Barking is normal for dogs; however, barking for long periods of time or at every passer-by is not.
- A second dog will rarely cure or prevent a barking problem.
- Even though your dog doesn't bark when you are home doesn't mean he isn't barking when you're out!
- Some breeds are more likely to bark because of their genetics.
- Dogs that have experienced many changes of home or owners or spent time in shelters or pounds will be predisposed to anxiety-related problems.

Some dogs have learnt to bark and have had years of practice! Dogs work out very quickly that barking is an effective way of getting attention. Even if the attention is



negative (being yelled at), it is better than no attention. Sometimes we accidentally reinforce this behaviour, like letting the dog inside to stop the neighbours from being disturbed by the noise. This effectively rewards the dog and it has then learnt that barking brings attention as well as the pleasure of being allowed inside. He is then even more likely to repeat the behaviour and to be even more persistent in the barking!

There are laws that protect your neighbours right to peace and quiet. Talk to your neighbours, apologise for the annoyance your dog has caused and explain that you know the barking is a problem and what you are doing to solve the problem. Sometimes your neighbours are the only ones who can help to work out why your dog is barking, so keep on friendly terms if possible!

## Some basic tips that may improve your barking problem:

- Provide good food, water and shelter
- Make sure your dog has plenty of good energetic exercise – 2 walks/day if possible
- Supply your dog with “thinking toys” – Kongs, treat balls etc. Change their toys on a regular basis.
- Attend basic obedience training. (A good idea for each member of the family).
- Avoid accidentally “rewarding” the dog for barking by talking, shouting, coming outside, grabbing the collar etc. Instead, reward the dog for not barking with food, attention or games when it is quiet.
- Prevent access to areas where there are intermittent distractions such as children passing on their way home from school or the mailman (boundary fence, front door). This may only have to be at certain times of the day.

But, if you live somewhere with reasonably constant traffic (motorised or human), some dogs appreciate a view from a platform built in the yard, from where they can observe the world going by. Or alternatively if you have a solid fence, try putting a safe “window” through the fence/gate, so the dog can see out.

**If your dog appears to be distressed in any way or the barking problem persists, please make an appointment for a check-up with your vet.**

This will allow us to identify any disease or condition causing pain or discomfort which may be the underlying cause of the barking. It will also give us the chance to discuss other causes of barking and possibly identify a behavioural cause (for example separation anxiety, cognitive dysfunction-dementia- in older dogs) which may require a further behaviour assessment and treatment.



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## Creative with Photographic Flare.

Sherylyne Moran

From the Tamara Binder Grapevine photograph collection comes this lovely photo taken in 2012.

Sybil Mills who still attends the Thurgoona Community Centre's Red Rubies Craft group has been in Thurgoona longer than most, having been raised as a child on a Thurgoona farm. She remembers as a child the vast farming fields and the advice from her father to walk on the other side of the road when passing the "sly grog" establishment on Old Sydney Road (now Table Top Road)

In fact her Wignell family origins date back to the mid-1800s when her family migrated from England and established the "Clearview" farm on the land which the Border Christian College now stands. She has a long-time connection with St John's Anglican Church where amongst many roles she served as a warden for six years having followed in the footsteps of her great grandfather, grandfather, father and uncle. She is very proud of her family origins knowing that her great grandfather donated the land to the church 150 years ago.

The Thurgoona Community Centre is a great place to come and meet so many people and enjoy like Sybil common interests with others. Why not find something you might be interested in on pages 16 and 17 of this edition or visit our website.

We also have wonderful opportunities for volunteering. Sybil is a great help during our special events such as our annual Biggest Morning Tea and helping with the Thurgoona Christmas Gift Tree or anything else that volunteer event manager Sue Caldwell can enlist help with. Drop by TCC and have a chat with Kerry Gosstray in the front office about what might be here for you.



Sybil Mills at St John's Anglican Church Thurgoona in 2012  
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# *History of Thurgoona.*

## *Once there was a Railway and a Post office*

By Barry H Young OAM

Once a railway line split several properties in the Ettamogah and Thurgoona areas. Amongst these were the Ettamogah vineyards and several portions near to where the Railway tracks used to cross Thurgoona Road.

The line was part of the line that ran from Wagga Wagga to Albury. Railway camps were established for the workers housing up to 100 men.

Completed in 1880, this line necessitated deep cuttings in the Thurgoona area which took many months of excavation. The workers used picks, shovels and wheelbarrows and horse-pulled trailers.

In 1881 a railway station was built at Ettamogah. The station had a tiny shelter. To stop a train, passengers would wave scarves or a flag provided for that use on the platform. First class fare between Albury and Ettamogah was ten pence one way, and the second class fare, also one way was eight pence.

The railway authorities employed a keeper to open and shut the gates near the station. The keeper lived in a two room cottage and provided a lantern for passengers wishing to board the train at night.

The Post office operated from the verandah of a house. That house, Lubenhamvale still stands today next to the St Johns Anglican Church. A mail van called twice a day from Albury. There was a hitching rail for the many residents who rode to and fro from the post office.

It was run by, the Wignells family throughout its existence. The first Postmaster was Edward Thomas Wignell, who received £10 a year for carrying out his duty. He sold stamps



**An R Class Steam loco, No 761 arriving at Albury from Melbourne . The last steam train to travel on the Victorian broad gauge line from Melbourne to Albury (2008). Photo: Doug Crawley.**

and received mail but made no deliveries. Local residents had to collect their own mail.

Edward was succeeded as Postmaster in 1900 by Mrs Ellen Wignell and she in turn was succeeded by Edward Thomas' son, also Edward Thomas Wignell in 1925. Edward carried on as Postmaster until 1947, when he died aged 91 years.

Mrs Mary Frances Wignell carried on as Postmistress into the 1950's when George Wignell was appointed. He continued to provide local postal services until the Post Office was eventually closed.



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## Meet some of the Mates

The successful Mates Morning Tea at TCC produces not only an opportunity for men to meet with other men but is the source of a lot of great stories.

Here are some of the histories behind the lives of two of the Mates.

Stories collected by Glenys Clayton

### Alan Adams



Alan Adams Photos: Peter Smith

**Where were you born?**  
Clapton, London in 1928.

**Where did you go to school?**

Didn't attend school very much, there was a war on in London. WWII.

**What was your first job?**

Tillotson Transport as a store person in London.

**What was a big challenge?**

Travelling to Australia on the ship. It was a good time, made a lot of friends.

**What have you learned about life?**

Enjoy life, it has never been a challenge.

**Your proudest moment?**

Joined the Navy at 17, just after the war and passed out as "Air Mechanic" in the UK.

**Something from your family life?**

Married Gwen in Albury in 1997. Celebrated at the Globe Hotel in Dean Street.

**A funny story you have to tell?**

I had a great time in the Navy, travelling on HMS Glory to Australia, Mombassa (India), the Mediterranean and Gibraltar.

**What advice would you give your younger 20-year-old self today?**

How to treat women and to put in a tremendous effort to be kind and thoughtful.

**What was it like for you as a child?**

I had a pleasant childhood. Walked the dog, I knew where all the air raid shelters were (if needed). There was no school due to WWII.

**Who is the person who influenced your life the most?**

My step-mother was vicious so I left home and joined the Navy at 17.

My father (an Electrician) taught me a lot and set me up for life.

**Which new technology have you found most helpful in your life?**

Being able to cure diseases and improving life in general with technical and medical know-how.

**What is your earliest memory?**

The bombing of London by the Germans as a child. There was a Spitfire shot down and everyone was excited to see the plane come down until we realized it was one of ours!

**What sport did you play?**

Soccer in the UK. Do not follow any teams or sports in Australia.

**What world events had the most impact on you?**

Living in London as a boy in WWII with the bombs dropping around you.

**How would you like to be remembered?**

I will be cremated and want to be scattered along the 'old' Hume Hwy. A truck driver through and through.

### Bert Moen

**Where were you born?**



L-R Peter, Albert with Bert Moen

Born in Holland on 6.06.1949 with one brother and one sister.

**What about school?**

I did not enjoy school.

**What was the first job that you had?**

Window Cleaner (Professional). 18 years at the Electrical Council, Rotterdam.

**What was a big challenge you came up against?**

It would have to be my wife Carol, surely.

**What have you learned about life?**

To take it all day by day.

**The best meal that we could feed to you.**

Mashed spud, Baked Beans and a nice juicy meatball.

**Your greatest achievement or**

**proudest moment?**

I visited Australia in 1986 and met Carol. Immigrated in 1988 to the love of my life, or something like that! Started working for the Snowy Mountains Authority and was there nine years.

We have moved around and worked in Kalgoorlie, Mount Gambier, and Bairnsdale.

**Family life or something of your choice?**

Finding a son aged 43, in my retirement, over the internet.

**A funny story you have to tell?**

Went to Holland for my mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and met my son. He visited Australia with his family and I now have two more granddaughters to add to the first five.

**What advice would you give your younger 20-year-old self today?**

Go earlier to Australia. My parents had wanted to immigrate but Mum was pregnant. Australia has more space, more freedom in work and in general. Life in Holland had a lot more pressure.

**What was it like when you were a child?**

Hard, no father and a single Mum.

**Who is the person who influenced your life the most?**

Carol is so pushy (he says laughing).

**Which new technology have you found most helpful in your life? Which do you find to be the most annoying?**

The telephone gives you no peace!

Computers are helpful for staying in touch and for work.

**Is there anything you regret not having asked your parents? No.**

**What is your earliest memory?**

At the age of three being told that my father was dying

**Were you a sportsperson as a kid? If so, what did you play?**

I played team sports – Soccer and we won some cups.

**Do you remember any fads from your youth?**

I joined the Marines at 15 ½ so short back and sides. In the Marines for six plus years.

**What events had the most impact on you?**

First trip to Australia was life changing.

**What are the most important lessons you've learned in life?**

Live for the moment and enjoy life

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### VCAL and Mercy Connect Lunch

Mercy Connect has again hosted Victory Lutheran College VCAL students for a practical work placement during Term 3 of the school year.

This is the second year collaborating with Victory Lutheran College which offers opportunities for young people to gain insight of the Disability industry. For the not-for-profit disability provider, it's a step in the right direction to attract a new generation to enter into the sector and work as disability support workers.

Four students participated in this year's placement program who developed their skills and knowledge to a greater depth and for the participants of Mercy Connect. Further to their newly gained skills, students were able to spend quality time and develop lasting friendships

Every Wednesday during the school term, the students and their teacher, Rachael Fenselau travelled to the Learning Centre, one of three-day program outlets run by Mercy Connect. They had the opportunity to participate in the Dance and Fitness program with the participants. As part of their placement, the students created their own activity programs, which they shared with the group in the later weeks.

"It was such a success. Being a smaller group of students, with a regular timeslot worked well", Ms. Fenselau said.

As a sign of their appreciation, the students hosted a BBQ lunch and provided a tour of the woodwork facility at Victory Lutheran College in Wodonga for participants and staff. For the day's festivities, the participants and students continued the fun with ball activities combined with dance and fitness programs which they had participated in over the term.

One student enjoyed the experience so much that she is planning on returning to Mercy Connect to continue work placement one day a week. She is looking forward to developing her relationships with the participants and staff at the Learning Centre and building skills and experience within the industry.

"It takes the students a few weeks to get warmed into the environment, as it's such a different experience than what they are used to. They've (the students) got so much out of the placement. They have felt so appreciated, which has given them a boost in their self-esteem", said Ms. Fenselau.

"This is a fantastic example of how Mercy Connect continues to develop meaningful partnerships and collaborations when connecting our participants to their local communities. We look forward to more Victory Lutheran College students participating in next year's program", said Trent Dean, Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Connect.



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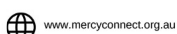
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## Kids at Play

Samantha Neall



What a fantastic year it has been for Little Kidlets Playgroup at TCC. We kicked off 2019 with some marvelous craft activities like marble rolling painting, robot designing and Easter hat decorating. There was many litres of paint, glue and let's not forget glitter used in creating these masterpieces.

We also saw some fun activities like mystery box Monday which was an exploration of the senses; could the Kidlets guess what was in the box without looking? Lots of giggling was had by both young and old, there may or may not have been a little peaking involved!

As the year continued into Term 2 we celebrated Mother's day with making wonderful gifts to take home. Playgroup commemorated the Queen's Birthday long weekend with regal crown decorating and the term was capped off with a cooking session where the Kidlets were able to make their own muffin pizzas. This was such a popular session with so many participant that playgroup needed to use all three ovens in the kitchen at once, everyone went home with full tummies that day.

The winter weather certainly rolled in as Term three commenced for Playgroup. There were many chilly mornings. The Kidlets enjoyed a much-requested Dinosaur themed session which involved a Dinosaur themed play-world equipped with its very own miniature volcano.

After heading back from the Jurassic period the Kidlets then boarded a pirate ship where they were able to decorate their own pirate hats and treasure chests. We had a wonderful time with a buried treasure game. Luckily no one had to walk the plank! This year we celebrated national book week with a very special story time from our amazing volunteer Janet, the Kidlets listened with great enthusiasm as we heard all about the Green Sheep and Piranhas who don't eat bananas. Our remarkable Volunteer Sandra enlisted her husband Peter for a few projects we've had in mind for playgroup. Peter has built us a brilliant new toy box for all playgroups sandpit and outside toys, as well as a large chalk board along the outside wall. These will be here for the community to enjoy for many years.



**Janet Greenfield met little Sophie at Playgroup and found they were neighbours! Now they are besties.**

Thank you Peter!

Term 3 was finished with a very special treat, donut decorating! There were smiles from ear to ear and even enough donuts for the grown ups too. Term 4 brings the warm weather and with that lots of outside play, we'll be decorating butterflies and rainbows, making creepy crawly spiders and dipping our hands into some ooey gooeey slime for a bit of sensory fun. Playgroup provides such an amazing opportunity for local families, it allows our community to come together and enjoy such a wonderful space provided to us here at the TCC. Playgroup is in desperate need of volunteers to help support our Tuesday sessions. Does building sandcastles, kicking a ball and helping a little one create a unique artwork that they will love and cherish, sound like a perfect way for you to spend a Tuesday morning? We would love to hear from you.

Playgroup runs from 10.00 am-12.00 pm Mondays and Tuesdays during the NSW school terms, with a small cost of \$5 per family per session. For more information phone TCC on 6043 1588.



**Wanted:**

**Volunteers for Tuesday's Little Kidlets Playgroup.**

**No prior experience required just a love for working with young families and a WWCC.**

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## Engagement a key to good business

Sherylyne Moran

Running a small business requires diligent attention to all the details around income and expenditure. It can be very challenging especially if the elements of red tape and high costs with a sluggish economy come together says the Australian Small Business Association in its website article on Surviving Tough Times. "No small business owner can afford to lose one client", it says. ([www.smallbusinessassociation.com.au/](http://www.smallbusinessassociation.com.au/))

Enter the issue of roadworks, and its not surprising that Wodonga businesses were dubious about changes to their main city roads as planned by the local council when revitalising the Central Business area. They rightly feared that customers would be deterred by the changed road conditions and find other places to shop, changing their habits and their loyalties away from the small businesses they once visited. This could have a devastating and unrecoverable impact on some.

Wodonga Council thus employed into its Economic Development department Thurgoona's Ryan Hastie who successfully worked a miracle as the Business Engagement Facilitator to help with the commercial development and infrastructure redesign. This made him a clear favourite to address a group eager to hear his take on how to have peace when conflict is imminent, at the well-attended PMiA (Project Management in Action) workshop in August.

His key takeaway was communication and good relationships are the foundation.

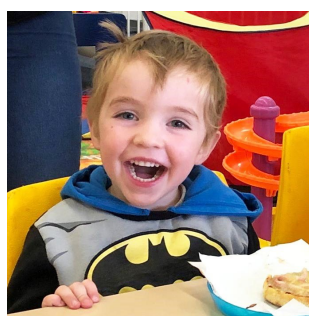
Ryan had been employed by Wodonga Council to help facilitate a peaceful reconstruction of major roads which encompassed lengthy waiting periods for businesses whilst the roadworks commenced.

Ryan's first step in this delicate job was to make early contact with the business owners and show genuine care and consideration whilst the council's plans were rolling out.

"You need to respond quickly when people bring up concerns and inform early about what is happening", Ryan said.

"Listening is essential. If lots of small problems are left unaddressed, they turn

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L-R: Liam Carmody, Sophie Oldfield, Libby Neall and Miranda Hackett



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into big problems that become hard to address. The saying is true that you can't understand someone until you've walked in their shoes. So, empathy in dealing with people is so important and the degree that someone feels cared about is the degree to which they will listen to you".

One interesting issue was that during road construction, signs were legally required to be erected to indicate a closed road, even though local traffic could enter. This was a double message which deterred customers. Ryan eagerly included 'business open' signs to give clearer direction and communicated well with both the public and the very concerned business owners. Another practical help was to put out strong advertising messages that the businesses were still open and used a well-known local identity to promote this. The local businesses also found it helpful in their promotion to hold a joint market to attract customers into the area and increase awareness that it was still "business as usual" and to encourage people to ParkWalkShop.

If you are interested in hearing other great speakers share their experiences around Project Management and Operational Change Management at PMia meetings, contact Albury Northside Chamber of Commerce on 6023-0100 (see next article about Ryan)

## Getting To Know You Profile - Ryan Hastie.

**An interview with Barry Young OAM  
Where were you born Ryan?**

I was born in Ballarat Victoria, although never really lived there. My parents at the time lived in PNG, and Ballarat was my father's family home, so they came back to Australia to have me.

**What about your schooling?**

At the age of three my parents moved to a city called Mount Isa in North West QLD. I did all of my schooling there completing my senior year at Mount Isa State High School

**What are your qualifications?**

Formally, I have qualifications in Electrical / Instrumentation from my trade in the Royal Australian Navy, while recently I am finishing a degree in Accounting Finance at CSU.

**What about any interesting details about youth, growing up or schooling memories?**

As a funny thing to share, my Mum entered me into the local Eisteddfod for a good portion of my primary school years. It was practise, practise, practise in the hallway, we were definitely in it to win it. I distinctly remember one year, when I was about nine years old, where Mum's instruction was to wear the same shirt every day for a week during competition, so that the judges could easily recognise me from previous day's events. Other



**Ryan Hastie having fun with his family in Thurgoona with Lewis, Lisa and Levi in their family selfie.**

than that my fondest memories as a kid are riding my bike, exploring every part of town with my brother.

**What about your family?**

My Mum grew up in Sydney and was a bit of a rebel, my Dad a farmer from Ballarat who found his way into banking, they met in PNG and the rest is history. I have a brother who still lives in North Qld and works fly in fly out for Incitec Pivot in Mount Isa. My wife Lisa, who is the glue that holds me together from overcommitting to things grew up in Berrigan which is why we landed in Albury. We have two beautiful and very energetic young boys, Levi and Lewis.

**You have a very successful business career so can you tell us about it?**

When I think about my career, I feel I've been lucky to be in the right place at the right time. I started an apprenticeship in Mount Isa Mines, which in the hope to eagerly leave the nest, I quickly transferred into the Royal Australian Navy. I saw a lot of Australia in that time and a lot of places overseas that are not very glamorous. Being a young person in Defence is a great thing as it teaches you team work and to always be five minutes early and to come prepared. This career start led me into a whirlwind adventure that saw me amongst other things owning fitness franchises in Sydney, consulting to an ecommerce company in the US, and now part of the Economic Development team of Wodonga Council. I think I was lucky to learn hard work from my parents and my time in Defence and small business, but I've certainly been lucky to learn and be moulded early in my career from extremely talented and passionate people.

**What are your favourite hobbies and interests?**

Anyone who knows me will know that I'm a bit of a Microsoft excel diehard, I've got more than a few sheets, projects and projections for different things tinkering away on my computer. Apart from that my time in the fitness industry has left an impact on me, so exercise and growing my

own fresh produce are definitely things I enjoy.

**What do you enjoy most about living in Thurgoona?**

What isn't there to like about living in Thurgoona! I love that I'm a short bike ride to the Plaza or Thurgoona Golf Club. The ride into town is also a nice thing to do with the kids.

**Have you an interest in sports if so please let us know?**

I am an old squash player tragic. Placing in the North Qld Games as a 15 year old and then going on to play Qld state titles is probably the highlight of my professional sporting life, although I got thumped at state. Later as an adult due to my involvement in the fitness industry, I ran a 90min 5 sec half marathon. While I was wrapped with a new PB, I was a bit dirty I didn't beat the 90 min mark, sadly I never did.

**What is your Favourite food?**

Dad's lamb roast for sure, although I must say my wife Lisa has stolen the title of best lamb roast in all of Australia.

**What is your favourite film?**

Please don't laugh as you read this, but I was a young man in the Navy... Top Gun without a shadow of a doubt is my favourite movie.

**What's the best book you've read?**

The Tipping Point – Malcolm Gladwell. If you're a business or statistics nerd you will love it.

**Do you have any bad habits you're willing to confess?**

I'm sure there are a few here to mention but the one I'm probably happiest to share is that I can be guilty of moving the pile of clean clothes into different positions are the bedroom without really putting them away.

**What about any other details of interest?**

I'm also a tragic Melbourne Demons fan, so fingers crossed one day I will see them win a flag.

## The Spirit of Java



**Andrew and Felly Hayes**

Andrew Hayes and his wife Felly are a unique couple bringing Andrew's talents as a qualified chef and Felly's fabulous skills with her own cuisine to the border.

"We lived in Indonesia Central Java for four years having married in the city of Solo. When our little girl came along, we decided to move back to the Border, closer to my family. Since moving back to my home, we couldn't find Indonesian food anywhere, so we decided to start our own Indonesian street-food stall. We have a great passion to increase awareness of our large neighbour Indonesia which has the fourth largest population in the world. We find it crazy that there is so little access to Indonesian food in our

area and throughout Australia. So, we started *The Spirit of Java - Traditional Central-Java Street Food*", explains Andrew.

"Since starting the business we have been inundated with requests for catering for birthdays, schools, events and weddings both locally and throughout the north-east of Victoria. This has also introduced us to other Indonesians. We have now become a part of the Indonesian community in the area which meets most weekends to enjoy eating and hanging out together.

So many people, both locals and visitors, have mentioned how excited they are to eat Indonesian food, especially sate' BBQ as it brings them back to when they lived or visited Indonesia. This creates good conversations and gives fellow travellers a chance to meet up and talk about their travels abroad", he said.

One of Andrew's specialties is Indonesian Chicken Satay (or Sate in Indonesia). Satay originated in Indonesia and has become one of their national dishes. From Java, satays have become part of many South Asian countries' cuisine such as Thailand, Malaysia, and Vietnam and now is a popular menu request in Australia.

Andrew explains the process for authentic sate' ayam (Chicken Satay).

"In the traditional dish of Indonesia, we brine our chicken and hand skewer every piece and cook over a traditional sate charcoal BBQ. We accompany this with our homemade fried peanut sauce, tempeh soy krupuk crackers, nasi

kuning yellow aromatic rice, fried eshallot and chilli sambol. We can also substitute chicken with homemade soybean tempe' skewers with tamarind and kiffar lime glaze. This is gluten and dairy free with vegan tempe'".

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**National Dish: Chicken Satay cooking on a sate charcoal BBQ and served below with authentic peanut sauce**



## Our Thurgoona Students Writing Skills Awarded

A highlight of this year's River of Stories Short Story Writing Competition was prize winners from Thurgoona Schools - those being the Thurgoona Primary School and Trinity Anglican College. The River of Stories now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year was initiated and organised by Barry Young OAM who himself an international author saw a need as writing and reading skills were suffering due to computer games, text messages etc. The event has grown from five schools and 78 entries to now 25 Border Primary and Secondary schools and 500 entries. The winner of Year 3-4 was Pippa Whitbourn from the Thurgoona Primary School. Pippa received a \$100 Start-up Hume Bank Account and from year 5-6 Georgina Larsen and from Trinity Anglican College Year 5-6 years -winner Melena Wallace - a \$100 Start-up Hume Bank Account. Also, a Highly Recommended prize of a Dymocks Book Voucher to Georgina Larsen and Runner Up a Dymocks Book prize to Imogen Wragge and a book voucher for the winning encouragement award to Claudia Hocking.

The \$500 winning school prizes for their school library was won by The Thurgoona Primary School and Trinity Anglican College. The River of Stories is supported by the Albury Hume Rotary Club, Commercial Club, Hume Bank, Dymocks and the Albury Library Museum.

Barry was high in praise as were the judges of the entries.



Pippa Whitbourn from the Thurgoona Primary School winner of Year 3-4

## Thurgoona Junior Golf Club

**It's on again—by Barry H Young OAM.**

The Thurgoona Country Club Resort has always had a strong junior following over many years but now with record numbers thanks to many wonderful members who volunteer their time to help promote the game to our young Thurgoona residents.

Penny Graeber a teaching professional was appointed Junior Co-ordinator some years ago and has excelled in this position, and with the help of other volunteer coaches runs the junior clinics on Sunday Mornings in school Terms 1 to 4.

The program is for juniors up to the age of 12 and is aimed at teaching them the basics skills of golf. Coaching is free. It is fun based around developing their balance and coordination. To view kids as young as four swing a tiny club is a sight to behold. I witnessed a four year old girl drive the ball further than

Graeme Harris the president of the Murray greys.

The girls and boys, muster on the putting green at 8-30 am. Penny has a quick chat and then it's into their appropriate age groups for the fun and games to get underway.

The youngsters rotate between two activities for the session-it finishes at 10-30 am until the next week when they come and do the same thing but with different activities. Some kids love driving, others putting. At least they don't lose the golf balls like some of the members of the Murray Grey Vets do!!

The highlight of the morning is a lolly treat, however only if they have helped pick up the golf balls, if they are lucky they might get two, that's if the parents haven't scoffed the lot.

Penny would like to invite juniors and teenagers to join our great club so just ring the Pro Shop 60431902 and one of the friendly staff will give you all the information you need to get started.

## Golf Nostalgia from Jack

Pictured below is the original Thurgoona Golf Club back in 1983 with the newly constructed bridge.

Did you know that the bridge was first built by utilising decommissioned 2AY aeriels? They were first spotted lying on the side of Corry's Road across from the now Equestrian Centre. A resourceful club member asked about acquiring them and when secured they came in handy to become the struts for the bridge in this picture. These were later

replaced with the railings. Recycling has been an art in use in Thurgoona from the beginning! The other bridges were built using disused rail tracks from Wodonga which cost club member Jack Cevaal a whole \$180. They were defective for rail use as they were damaged from an accident. "They proved pretty expensive to transport but were very useful", says Jack. The bridge was replaced in 2002. The new structure has a greater weight bearing capacity.



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L-R Jo Berry, Pene Jefferies (Regional Manager) and Trudy Strode Pic: P Smith

*will have plenty of time to have their blood collected, grab some breakfast and get to work on time.*

Pathology is the branch of medicine that involves studying and diagnosing

diseases. By looking at changes in tissue, blood and other body fluids, it is possible to find the causes of disease, show a condition's severity and monitor the progress of treatments. Pathology underpins modern medicine. More than 70 per cent of all diagnoses are made in a pathology laboratory and every single case of cancer in Australia is diagnosed by an individual pathologist. Chronic diseases, such as diabetes, high cholesterol and kidney or liver disease, are diagnosed and then managed by means of pathology investigations and virtually all preventive health programs rely on pathology tests.

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Granddaughter Amber Boyer aged 7 sitting with Jo for her blood test.



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## James Fallon High School News

Congratulations to Melodie Gason and Phoebe Gason for their achievements in their HSC practical examinations. Both girls received a nomination for OnSTAGE for their individual performances in Drama, while Melodie received an additional nomination for Callback for her performance in Dance. These nominations are decided by the HSC markers who assessed their performances.

Both Callback and OnSTAGE presentations showcase the exemplary performances of top HSC students. Both girls will have the opportunity to perform in Sydney if their nominations are successful.



Phoebe Tritton and Melodie Gason exemplary performers

JFHS celebrated another positive term, with students who followed the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Achievement enjoying a delicious lunch of gourmet hotdogs to end the term and enjoy the Spring sunshine.

The Cube Wodonga hosted JFHS' Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) showcase at the end of last term. Students from years 7 – 12 entertained the crowd with drama and musical performances, including dances from the Wiradjuri Dance Troupe.

Year 12 celebrated their last day of official classes on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> September by dressing up as Disney-Pixar characters and having a fun day bowling and enjoying a picnic.

All the staff wish Year 12 all the best for their futures!



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Photos L-R: Wiradjuri Dance Troupe, and a Performing Arts drama at the Cube.



Students awarded for achieving "Respect, Responsibility and Achievement" with a special lunch.



Year 12 celebrate their final day dressed as Disney-Pixar characters.

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## Thurgoona Pride Shines at Prestigious Senior Tournament

**Michael Lane; Captain.  
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**2019 NSW Senior Open Champion - Brad Burns. Photo Golf NSW**

The Lincoln Place 2019 NSW Senior Open was contested at Thurgoona Country Club Resort golf course in October. With incredible player support from some of Australia's most accomplished professional golfers, spectators were treated to some spectacular golf during the 54-hole tournament. Now in its third year, the event is building a reputation as a first-class tournament on the Australia PGA Legends Tour. The event is made possible through the support of great sponsors such as Liverpool Catholic Club, Lincoln Place, the NSW State Government, AlburyCity, and many more including local businesses. This allows for a total prize purse of \$120,000 and now with pledges will continue for the next three years in Thurgoona.

The event attracted the help of 120 volunteers which allows for the success and smooth running of the competition. This year the volunteers were all donned in blue. This Blue Brigade helped create a fantastic environment of fun and friendship with some coming from other clubs including Albury Commercial and Corowa.

With weather challenged play, spectators were treated to some incredible golf over the three day event. The round of the tournament was clearly a brilliant 7-under par 65 from Brad Burns on Saturday, in the worst of the weather conditions. The weather cleared for the final round and the pressure and intensity of this prestigious event was evident as the players took to the course.

Finally, some incredible shot making and putting saw Brad Burns emerge victorious with a winning score of 10-under par, with runner-up Peter Fowler at 9-under.

## Thurgoona Public School Providing the foundation for life-long learning

The last term has flown by with so many wonderful events happening at Thurgoona Public School. Term 3 saw our youngest students celebrate 100 days of school, while our Year 6 students participated in Peer Support training. The training is designed to build positive relationships, develop assertiveness, communication, empathy, decision making, conflict resolution and critical thinking, enhance mental health, embrace lifelong learning, encourage participation and develop leadership skills.

We also had students represent our school in the Lions Club Public Speaking competition, NSW Primary School Chess Competition, debating at the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod, the Riverina Dance Festival, Trent Barrett Shield and the 2019 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition, to name but a few. Congratulations must go to the huge number of students who represented our school at a regional and state level. As well, multiple stages participated in highly enjoyable and always educational excursions to Beechworth, Jindera and The Great Aussie Holiday Park at Bowna.

Term 3 also saw us celebrate NAIDOC Week, Education Week and Book Week. Somehow, we managed to find time to plant over 200 shrubs, groundcovers and trees as part of improving the biodiversity of our school environment. Students were given the opportunity to purchase a plant, put it in the ground, water it and learn about that specific plant. They will also be involved with its ongoing care.

While our SRC and enthusiastic staff members were responsible for running



**Hotondo Homes representatives present a \$1000 cheque to student, Roxi Howell, P and C President, Tamara Finck and Deputy Principal, Jessica Brooker**

fundraisers for charities like the Fight MND organisation and the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, our P&C worked tirelessly to raise money for our school. An example of which was their partnership with Hotondo Homes which raised \$1000 for classroom resources.

As this latest issue of the Grapevine hits the streets, our school will be far from winding down for the end of year. Instead we will be in the thick of intensive swimming, gymnastics, Presentation Day and Year 6 farewell arrangements, and preparing for our new Kindergarten students, who will be bursting through our doors with great enthusiasm in less than three months' time.

Thank you to those community members and businesses who have supported our school this year and we look forward to your continued support in 2020. We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season.



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**Kinder students, dress as 100-year olds as they celebrate 100 days of school**



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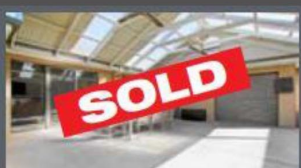
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