

What is our future ?

Dairy Farmers – Are they leaving or staying?

That is the question a number of Dairy farmers are asking themselves right now.



Have these dairy cows a future ?

Following the recent announcements of significant reductions of farm gate prices by Australia's two largest milk processors, Murray Goulburn Co-op and Fonterra, many dairy farmers are questioning their future in the industry.

Dairy farmers, who supply these companies, were shocked and angered by the announcement by both companies that farm gate prices were to be reduced from \$5.60 per kilogram of dairy solids to between \$4.75 and \$5.00 per kg. Not only have the prices been cut, but Murray Goulburn is saying they have overpaid their suppliers during the past 10 months, so are demanding farmers repay this over payment. (This is not so with Fonterra) The debt for many Murray Goulburn suppliers could be as high as \$100,000.00. They have three years to repay this "debt", but during that time the debt will attract interest.

In the Stanhope area and throughout the Goulburn Valley, for many years, dairy farmers, both large and small, have been struggling with drought conditions, the shortage and high cost of irrigation water, together with the high running costs including the costs of buying in feed for their cows. This last set back could sound the death knell for many dairy farms.

Community Concern:

Many small towns and indeed the larger regional towns are also concerned for their future, as many of them rely heavily on the dairy farming industry for their existence. Stanhope Development Committee Secretary, Bob Holschier said there was a definite concern, not only amongst dairy farmers, but businesses throughout the region, in both small and large towns. "There is no doubt the problems of our dairy farmers will have a roll-effect in all our towns" he said. "We are also concerned for the health and wellbeing of all those farmers who are part of our community. The devastating effects of such a blow to their livelihood and way of life cannot be over estimated".

Fonterra Shows Confidence:

Fonterra suppliers will gain some joy from the announcement by the company, that their new \$120 million cheese plant construction at Stanhope will continue as scheduled, giving the Stanhope community some confidence in the future of their town.



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**Articles for the newsletter
must be submitted by the
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Dates to Remember

Monday 3rd June

RSL Sub-Branch Meeting

Tuesday 7th June

McEwen CWA Meeting

2pm @ Stanhope Hall

June ICE Forum

Wednesday 8th June

Development Committee
Meeting

Thursday 9th June

Lions Club Dinner

6.30-7pm Start

Saturday 11th June

SFNC Reunion

Sunday 12th June

Monster Garage Sale

Monday 13th June

Queens Birthday

Senior Citizens Exec.

Meeting 1.15pm

21 & 22 June

Sustainable Farm Families
Program

Monday 20th June

Urban Fire Brigade Meeting

Thursday 23rd June

Lions Club Dinner

6.30-7pm Start

Friday 24th June

School Term 2 ends

Monday 27th June

Urban Fire Brigade Training

Tuesday 5th July

McEwen CWA Meeting

2pm @ Stanhope Hall

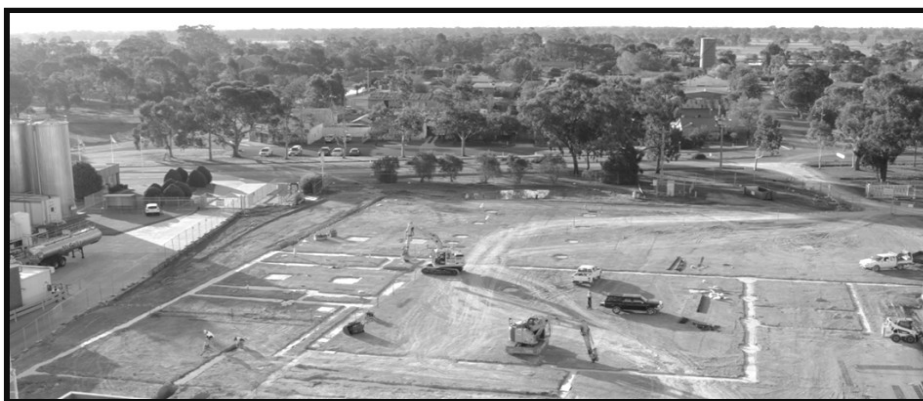
REMINDER

Stanhope-Lauderdale
School Centenary
Celebration in October

Fonterra Update

As most readers would probably already know, construction of the new cheese plant is now well underway. Despite the (much needed) rain, our contractors have been digging holes and pouring concrete. By the time this newsletter goes to print, 15 metre concrete panels will begin to pop up and will start to form the walls of the factory. We will also start to install some of the stainless steel infrastructure for the cheddar towers and the cheese vats.

There's a lot starting to happen, and we will see more and more of the project rise out of the ground in the next few months. We thought we would keep this month's update brief and share a couple of photographs.



Digging the footings and pouring concrete

This project plays an important part in Fonterra's long term strategy to move milk out of commodity powder and into higher value cheese, and we can't wait to see it come online in the first half of 2017.

As reported last month, if our activities cause any concern for the local community, please contact Anthony Lancaster (PH 0419 937 800) or Colleen Gates (PH 0427 980 733) and we will do our best to assist.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

was held recently at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms in Stanhope. A crowd of over 30 attended and heard Ruth Green from Community Health speak about the importance of cancer screening. Early diagnosis is important, so screening and having a chat to the doctor about any unusual signs and symptoms is recommended. A lovely morning tea was enjoyed and over \$440 raised for cancer research.



Under New Management



Shop assistant Michael with new owner Jenna

Phone orders welcome 5857 2917

We have a full range of take-away food.

We have slices sourced from Shepparton fresh bakery.

We also have white, wholemeal and multigrain bread also from Shepparton fresh bakery.

All bread can be pre-ordered

We also have a range of pies to choose from

Open 7 days a week

Monday– 8:30am – 7:30pm

Wednesday-Saturday 8am- 8pm

Sun 9am – 8pm

Sunday roast is still being cooked.

So come in and meet Jenna the new owner and she hopes Meagan enjoys having more time with Skylar and River.

SF&NC. Annual Goods & Services Auction

The Stanhope Football Netball Club are once again holding their annual Goods & Services auction on Sunday 10th July at the footy rooms.

This very popular event is once again proudly sponsored by Midland Bacon and well supported by the many local businesses and tradies in the area and is a great way to pick up a bargain as well as enjoying a great feed.

More details next edition but make sure to keep this date free.

Rail Trail and Walking track for Stanhope?

Are you interested in Stanhope having a walking track and to be part of the proposed Rail Trail from Girgarre to Rushworth ?

The Stanhope & District Development Committee is keen to form a committee to further progress this project. If you are interested in becoming involved, please leave your name and contact details at the Stanhope Business Centre prior to 20th June.

Stanhope Storm Damage



Stanhope caught the brunt of a storm which passed through the area recently. Tivey Grove was the worst affected with large iron bark trees toppling over in the wind. Large limbs fell on the water treatment plant and St Matthews Church Hall. A large tree next to the Men's Shed was blown down, Lots of trees in the plantation next to Tivey Grove had limbs torn off. The new toilet block had the walls flattened and in other damage a tree fell onto a car. The winds only lasted a few minutes but caused a lot of damage. Council and SES workers quickly dealt with the trees and restored order to Stanhope.

Stanhope Auskick at the MCG



On 21st May 12 boys from Stanhope Auskick headed down to the MCG to take part in a Grid Game at half time of the Geelong v Collingwood game. The boys got to showcase their skills to a crowd of 60,000 who cheered them on and then high fived them as they ran around the boundary of the MCG at the end of the game. A great day was not only had by the boys , but also their families who were there to support them on the day. Once again thankyou to all the parents and children who support the Stanhope Auskick Program and make it the success it is.

The Stanhope Community
expresses deepest sympathy
To the Adams family
on the passing of **IAN** and
to the Bourke family on the passing of **JULIA**

Thank you

Lorna Legge would like to thank family and friends for all the lovely presents, cards and good wishes on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Debut Game! SGR Giants Under 10's

Well, finally the day arrived SGR Giants U10's got to play their first game as a team, all decked out in their new jumpers with the Rushworth & District Community Bank logo. The excitement was electric and contagious. The opposing Tatura team were kitted out in their Bulldog Guernseys on the field at Stanhope. A good 20 minutes before kick off, our lads were still getting helmets sized.



With the game approaching, Parents/Guardians/Grandparents/siblings/friends gathered for what was to be a great display of enthusiasm, skill and sportsmanship by both teams. Scott Donaldson (Umpire) and the two coaches had great control and guidance over the game. Some very nice passages of play, great tackling, excellent marks and precise disposals resulted in a number of goals.

At game conclusion the boys congratulated opposition and thanked the umpire, then headed to the rooms to sing the club song. Coach Andrew Hipwell gave his words of wisdom along with team encouragement, and presented awards. Parmalat Award: Jack Doolan. SFNC Award: Luke Turpin. GFNC Award: Tyler Turpin. RFNC Award: Max Carroll. Pizza Hut Award: Lochie Joyce.

Loads of photos were taken, laughs shared and good lasting memories made. Well done all involved. SGR Giants are making the future of footy in the district look very promising. Dean Wieman (SGR Giants President).

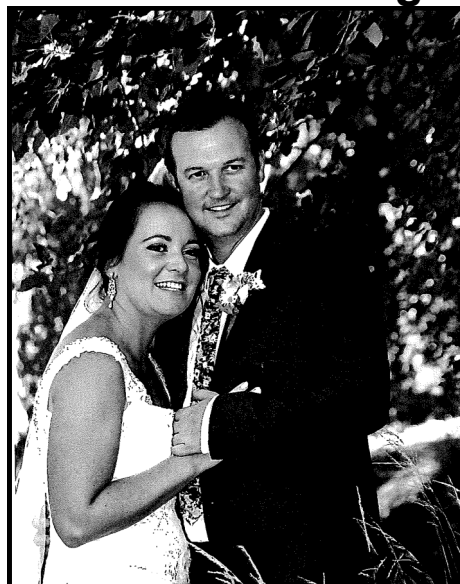
Red Shield Appeal

18 enthusiastic young people walked and door knocked Stanhope to raise funds for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. \$800 was raised and a lot of fun and laughs were had along the way. Thanks to all the young people who gave up their Sunday afternoon for this worthy cause.



*Pictured are L to R
Taytem, Jackie, Jaxon, Caitlyn, Tyler, Jordan, Chloe,
Alli, Hayley, Jack, Ricky
Front Samantha, Tanya, Holly, Kahlea, Chloe,
Braidon and Liam*

Garden Wedding



Their home garden was the setting chosen for the marriage of Jacob Saddler to Stacey McMillan on the 9th January 2016, in front of family and friends.

Stacey, a teacher at Rushworth P12 college is the eldest child of Graeme and Cindy McMillan of Sea Lake.

Jake is a teacher at Epsom Primary School and is the youngest son of Keith (dec.) and Glenda Saddler of Kyabram, formerly of Stanhope.

Stacey was attended by her sister Belinda and friends Lindsay White and Kate Dart.

Jake had his long time mate Andrew Wills and his brother Nathan Saddler as Best man and Groomsman.

The newly weds honeymooned in Fiji and have settled back into their home in Huntly.

Stanhope Kindergarten



The Stanhope Kindergarten children are pleased with the pirate hats they have made. As part of National Simultaneous Story-time we read the story "I Got This Hat", talked about different hats and then made our fabulous ones.

Stanhope Pool Update

Whilst the colder days and nights are starting to set in, most of you would rather not be thinking about going for a swim in our local pool, but there is a small group of local concerned parents and members of the community who are constantly thinking about what we can do to **SAVE OUR POOL**.

Members of this small group have been having regular weekly meetings to discuss the issues and concerns around one of the council's proposals to decommission our pool. The group has been working hard by gathering information to develop a Business Plan to forward along with the Submissions to the council by Friday, 24th June 2016.

As you would have read in the last issue of the About Town, there have been petitions placed in local businesses where you can show your support by signing them in protest to the Shire **closing** our pool. Along with these petitions we have now also placed copies of the Submission form which we would appreciate as many people as possible, sparing just a few minutes of their time to complete and place in the box provided.

We realise the possible closure of our local pool may not affect you personally, but please consider the impact it will have on our **Legendary** town if there is **NO** Swimming Pool. Members of the community will need to travel out of town to cool off on those hot summer days and evenings, therefore many will most likely spend their money out of town also, hence affecting our small local businesses here in Stanhope.

Please show your support to the pool and also the town and help us **SAVE OUR POOL**. Again, we ask that you please take the time to complete a Submission form with your thoughts on why we need to keep our pool. Any other issues concerning the pool can be raised with the head of the group Jason Keegan at Keegan's Nurseries or on mobile 0417 213 482. Alternatively you can email the pool at stanhopecommunityaquaticcentre@outlook.com.

Tongala & Stanhope Communities raising awareness of ICE

Community Health Nurses, Vicki Oliver and Alice Bourke from Kyabram District Health Service, had heard many concerns of ICE use in the local communities of Tongala & Stanhope.

These concerns led to the idea of the need to raise awareness, educate and support families affected by ICE. Vicki and Alice, together with Kyabram District Health Service, Health Promotion Coordinator, Danae Rush, began planning a way to assist the communities of Tongala and Stanhope.

With the help of a local community grant awarded by the Campaspe Shire two local forums were seen as the best way to engage and involve these communities.

"The forums will inform the communities about what ICE is, how it affects individuals and their families, discuss legal aspects and hear from an individual who has recovered from ICE". "Everyone is welcomed to attend the free information event". "There will be professionals there on the night to discuss any concerns people may have." Vicki said.

The health professionals hope to engage community members in an action group following the forums. These groups will work together on local strategies that see support for families affected by ICE as well as educate children and youth of the effects ICE have. Alice Bourke reported "We are going to work with community members to create sustainable long term outcomes for the communities."

Both nurses who work in the respective communities each have already engaged a working group who have had input on how the forums should run and provided feedback on further community work. "The local knowledge from community members alone has been effective in getting the forums up and running" said Danae Rush.

Community members interested in learning more about ICE and the services available to support addicts and their families should come along to the forums. Stanhope will host their forum on the 7th of June at the Stanhope Football Club from 7pm-8.30pm and Tongala will host theirs on the 20th of June at the Tongala Public Hall from 7pm-9pm "There is no need to register for the forum, just come along" Alice Bourke said.

For further information about the event in Tongala please contact Vicki Oliver on 58570460 and for Stanhope Alice Bourke on 58570453.

The Turaton Music Company, together with the Oxalis Wind Quintet launched this year's season at Stanhope

Before an attentive audience in Stanhope on Sunday May 15th, the Turaton Music Company and the Oxalis Wind Quintet performed an interesting combination of classical and modern music.

The performance, which was very different to recent concerts by the choir, was made all the more interesting with the very successful combining of the choir and the wind quintet.

The choir performed a number of songs, including a medley from "West Side Story", whilst wind quintet performed Beethoven's 5th Bossa Nova, together with other renditions of classical and modern music. The highlight of the afternoon for the Stanhope audience, was the performance of local artist Donald Campbell, with his performance of Four Hebridean Songs accompanied by the Oxalis Wind Quintet.

The performance of the Turaton Music Company was extremely professional, as they have always been in past years. The addition of, and the combination with the Oxalis Wind Quintet just added to the professionalism of this wonderful group of music loving volunteers, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the Stanhope audience.

Stanhope Football Netball Club Reunion

Plenty of interest regarding the upcoming Stanhope Football Netball Club reunion on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June when the 3 premiership sides from 1976, the 1986 senior side along with the 1996 thirds and "A" grade netball sides are gathering to celebrate their success from the past.

In 1976 the Stanhope under 16's defeated flag favourites Elmore 9-5-59 to 6-8-44. The reserves continued a great day when they easily defeated Heathcote 10-17-77 to 2-2-14. The senior side fought back from a nine point deficit at half time to eventually overpower the strong Colbinabbin side to win 14-13-97 to 12-13-85. It was a very proud Gavan Poole and Paddy Meehan that accepted the Premiership Cup on behalf of the Stanhope Football Club. Young star Ray Forrester won the Club Best & Fairest award and veteran Barney Enders kicked 50 goals for the season.

Throughout the season Stanhope & Colbinabbin seniors played each other 5 times with the total scores being Stanhope 48-77-365 to 44-61-325 and although Stanhope won 4 of the games it highlighted how even these teams were throughout the season, Saturday September 11th 1976 will be remembered by the Stanhope Football Club as the day the Thirds and Reserves played in their first ever Grand Final and will also be remembered as the day that the club won 3 Premierships.

Senior side celebrating at the HDFL league presentation night at Elmore



Back – Daryl Toey, Ken Chapman, Mark Hogan, Leigh Tytler, Ray Forrester, Neil Buzza, Jim Medica, Ed Flanagan, Barney Enders, Gavan Poole, David Harrison, Jack Mullane
Front – Ken Kilsby, Kelly Cheong, Brendan Clark, Mick West, Russell Barrett & Kieran Walsh
Absent – Charlie Brown, Paddy Meehan & John Quattrochi

The club is still searching for a 1976 senior team photo as the photo's taken were lost so if anyone has one the club would love to hear from you.

1976 Reserves Premiers



Back– G Poole (President) B Auld, P Haase, K Parker, J Bourke, B Sullivan, B Milthorpe, T Trist
Middle– B Johnson, B Stokes, D Houlihan, G Emmett, B Maxwell, W James, B Holschier (trainer) A Nelson (Secretary)
Front- L West, C Barrett, J Auld, K Chapman (coach), P Houlihan (captain), B Marks, M Milthorpe.

1976 Under 16's Premiers



Back– W. Manton (Trainer), L. Sheers (Team Manager), N. Manton, S. Ryan, P. Thomson, B. Carey, T. Osborne, D. West, M. Ryan, A. Maughan, B. Sullivan, S. Bourke, G. Marks, D. Carey, D. Parkinson, T. Ryan (Trainer) N. Maudsley, R. Armstrong. M. Barrett, P. Lavery, D. Forte (VC) M. Gibbs (Coach) I. Sheers (Captain) G. Stokes, C. Lloyd, D. Cheong, S. Walsh

Blake Rosenberg

Photographer / Photojournalist
Freelance

<http://sites.google.com/site/rosenbergsphotography>



Looking for a way to help our local Dairy Farmers? Look no further!

A local group of community members is supporting the “Do It For Dairy” program developed by Anna Fitzgerald from Tongala. Our community members are taking donated non-perishable foods and household items and making them into hampers that will be distributed to our local farmers.

We need your help! Any contribution, big or small, will go directly to helping those farmers in our local community that are in need.

Some Examples for Donation:

- School Lunch items
- Toilet paper & Bathroom items
- Flour
- Pasta
- Sanitary items
- Razors & Deodorants
- Sugar / Tea / Coffee

LOCAL DROP OFF POINTS

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Look for the “Do It For Dairy” Facebook page to stay up to date with progress and future fundraising opportunities!



**Happy Birthday
Samantha Baldwin**



Stanhope Rainfall—A great Autumn Break

The Stanhope district has received one of the best autumn breaks for years, with 77 mls in the gauge.

With 28 mls last month, the season is off to a great start. The average for May is 57 mls.

The largest rainfall during May was in 1963 when Stanhope received 136 mls. The driest was in 1924 when it did not rain at all during May.

Sustainable Farm Families Program Coming to Stanhope

The Victorian State Government has funded the National Centre for Farmer Health to assist in delivering 20 sustainable Farm Family programs to drought affected farming communities.

Victorian farm families, who have been affected by the state’s devastating drought are encouraged to take a positive step towards their health by participating in this program. As well, farming practices will be discussed during a number of workshops on both days of the program.

This FREE program is an initiative of the National Centre for Farmer Health and is being delivered in partnership with the Stanhope LEGENDAIRY committee and GV Health, Waranga.

The two day program will be held at the Stanhope Football Clubrooms on Tuesday 21st, June, commencing at 8.00 am and concluding about 5.30 pm. And on Wednesday 22nd June, commencing at 9.00 am and concluding about 3.30 pm.

As all meals will be provided free, please register your interest ASAP for catering purposes.

For further information, contact. Jacqui Wallace 0439 629 400 Kerrie Gray 0409 526 892 Andrew Hipwell 0428 180 700 Sarah Brown 0417 316 345 or Glenda Cowie 0438 572 452.

Men’s Shed & Trailers



The Stanhope & District Men’s Shed is looking for the donation of old trailers of any size.

These trailers may be in disrepair and no longer of any use to the current owner.

The trailer does not need to be registered, but needs to be towable if possible. The Men’s Shed is looking for such trailers to restore as a way of raising funds for the shed.

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June: Tuesday 21st

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26th meeting @ Stanhope Hall 10am

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Meets every Friday night of school terms from 7-9pm

Contact Oscar & Hayley Zegelin

All welcome



Stanhope – Lauderdale School Centenary Celebrations in October

A few more weeks creeping by and the excitement is mounting.

Talking to a student from the 1940s, Mossie Larsen and we had a great laugh about him and the late Cobby Hitchcock, how they always won the three legged races at school.

He wondered had we heard from Dorothy Morris, who I'm sure is Glenda Saddlier's sister. Am I right Glenda ?

Also heard from a former friend of my own. Haven't heard anything of her for 53 years. Keep spreading the word, you never know who we'll find.

Vicki Schade
Organising Committee

What's going on at Stanhope. In the Month of June. Phone 58570236 Mobile: 0437816258

Friday 3rd Mooroopna Pizza & Wine bar
9.00am – 3.30pm

Tuesday 7th Shamrock Hotel Echuca
9.00am – 3.30pm

Friday 8th Chocolate Apples Factory Shep
9.00am – 3.30pm

Tuesday 14th RSL Senior Melodies Shepparton
9.00am – 3.30pm

Wednesday 15th Murray Ross Pag Ky please let us know if you need a pick up.

Friday 17th Telegraph Hotel Numurkah
9.00am – 3.30pm

Tuesday 21th Shopping Big W
9.00am – 3.30pm

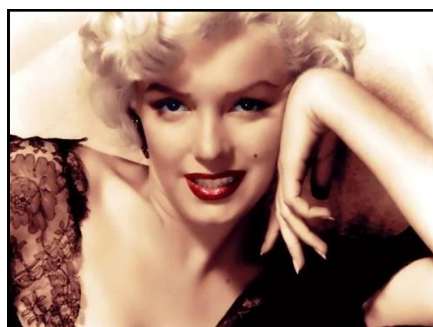
Thursday 23rd PAG Stanhope (only) Marilyn Monroe Please book limited seats available

Friday 24th Mooroopna Golf Club
9.00am – 3.30pm

Tuesday 28th Sportsman Club Moama
9.00am – 3.30pm

Friday 1st July Rich River Golf Club
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More detailed calendar can be picked up from Stanhope Community Health



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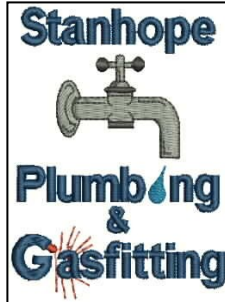
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