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APRIL, 2016

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Fire Destroys Stanhope Home



The home of Neil and Janeane McConnell in Geodetic Road was completely gutted by fire recently.

Neil told the "About Town" that they were lucky to escape with their lives, as the fire took hold so quickly. He said they had just finished dinner and were watching TV when the lights began to flicker. When he looked up he could see the ceiling was on fire and within minutes it had started to cave in. He said they had no time to retrieve anything, they just had to run for their lives. Within no time the house was fully alight and by the time the first fire brigade arrived there was little that could be done.

In total, some eight fire units attended. Neil said the firemen tried everything to save even the smallest of assets, but to no avail. He said the professionalism shown by the firemen was outstanding.

Fund raising concert with Reg Poole

Well known entertainer and three time Golden Guitar winner, Reg Poole, has offered his services to arrange a fund raising concert for the McConnell family, combined with fund raising for the Imojen's Smile Fund for her battle with Leukaemia.

The Concert, with many other entertainers, will be held in the Stanhope Community Hall commencing at 7.30pm, on Thursday April 7th. Tickets will be available at the door. The concert will be sponsored by the Stanhope & District Men's Shed.

**FUNDRAISER TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE STANHOPE MEN'S SHED AND
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Tickets \$20 per person—\$45 for a family



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must be submitted by the
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Dates to Remember

Tuesday 5th April
McEwen CWA Meeting
7.30pm @ Stanhope Hall
Thursday 7th April
REG POOLE Fundraiser
Concert Stanhope Hall
Sunday 10th April
Monster Garage Sale
Monday 11th April
School Term 2 Begins
Senior Citizens Exec.
Meeting 1.15pm
Wednesday 13th April
Development Committee
Meeting
Sunday 17th April
Newcomers Info. Day
Sunday 24th April
RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC
service from community
hall @ 2.00pm
Monday 25th April
ANZAC DAY
Urban Fire Brigade
Training
Wednesday 27th April
CFA Ladies Aux. Meeting
Thursday 28th April
Lions Club Dinner 6.30-
7pm start
Tuesday 3rd May
McEwen CWA Meeting
2pm @ Stanhope Hall

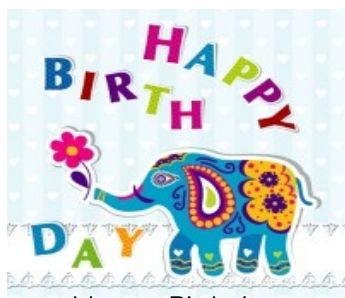
Men's Shed Host Breakfast for Shine Men

Almost fifty men, members of the Shine Church, attended breakfast at the Stanhope Men's Shed on Saturday 26th March

The breakfast, cooked on the BBQ and served by members of the Men's Shed, consisted of Sausages and Egg & Bacon Sandwiches and there was plenty for everyone.

Following the breakfast the guest speaker for the morning, Col Stringer, was introduced to all in attendance. Col gave a stirring speech, mostly about mateship. He spoke about how strong mateship is in dangerous circumstances, in particular during war time.

He believes mateship was one of the characteristics which built Australia into one of the greatest countries in the world. However, he was most concerned as to the future of this marvellous country as so many people are concerned just with themselves and not with other people and their problems.



Happy Birthday
Pauline Baldwin
Wishing you all the
happiness in the world
from your
Family and Friends xox



**Celebrating 15th Birthday
is Kristen Halls
From Stanhope..
Kristen attends
Kyabram P-12.
youngest son to Nola Halls
Happy Birthday Kristen...
23-3-2001.**

STANHOPE VICTORIA



Thank You

On behalf of my family and myself I would sincerely like to thank the wonderful management and staff of the Waranga Aged Care Hostel, for the love and care given to Dot during her time there. Also, a big thank you to all those who attended her funeral and sent us beautiful cards of love and support.
Yours Sincerely,
Jim Burrows

Thank you

A big thank you to all those wonderful people who prepared sandwiches and cakes for the cuppa after Dot's Funeral. We cannot thank you enough
The Burrows Family

Blake Rosenberg

Photographer / Photojournalist
Freelance

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

Deepest sympathy

to the family of
Shirley Spiby
who has passed away.
Shirley and Bruce
ran the
Clover Café
in Stanhope
for a number of years.



Successful Trivia night for Imojens Smile



A trivia night held at the Stanhope Hotel raised \$700 for the Holm family. 13-year-old Imojen Holm has been battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia and is in the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne undergoing treatment. The money will assist with the ongoing everyday costs of living while Imojen and her mother are located in Melbourne and Adam is managing to keep the other two boys in school and maintain some type of normality. Adam continues to travel to Melbourne with his two sons each weekend to be with his wife and daughter.

A great night was had by all who attended the night with lots of prizes won by many, which were donated by the local businesses.

The winner of the Trivia was Craig Emmett & friends (no, he did not get any winning advantage from his mother) who won the meal for 6 donated by the Stanhope Hotel. (That is when they get a cook back).

On behalf of Adam & his family, The Stanhope Hotel, Lyn & Gordon Emmett would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended as well as all involved with helping out on the night especially all the local businesses who donated including:

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Stanhope Hotel Fundraising for Friends in Need

Bones Ryan, from the Stanhope Hotel, would like to continue to help members of the local community who may be in financial need by sickness or by unforeseen circumstances such as fire etc.. by running regular events. If you would like to become part of this fundraising committee, there will be a meeting at the Stanhope Hotel on Wednesday 13th April at 7.30pm. For further information, ring the Stanhope Hotel on 58572293.

Stanhope & District Development Committee Donations

The Stanhope & District Development Committee recently made a number of donations to various Stanhope community organisations from funds raised through the publication of the local newsletter "About Town"

These funds would not have been available without the continual support from Fonterra and the ongoing hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers.

The recipients of these donations this year included, the Stanhope Kindergarten, the Stanhope Fire Brigade, the Stanhope Tennis Club, the SGR Giants junior footballers and the two funds for Leukaemia presently raising money in the Stanhope area.

Bev Rogerson, who is raising funds for the Leukaemia foundation receiving a cheque from S&DDC President Glenda Cowie.



Belinda Sharples receives a cheque from secretary of the S&DDC, Bob Holschier towards the ride for Imojen, she is organising.

Fonterra thanks Stanhope

Fonterra would like to extend our thanks to the community of Stanhope for attending the community information session held in early February, and for the support we have received so far in regards to the reinstatement of cheese manufacturing at the factory.

The town planning application was advertised on the 2nd March with the building plans again placed on display at the Stanhope business centre, accompanied by a detailed written planning report.

The site has been a hive of activity in recent months, with ground preparation underway. The freshwater dam has been decommissioned and preliminary earthworks completed in readiness for the project to start.

Establishment of the construction village is underway and is likely to provide day-time support including medical centre, offices, car parking, toilets and change room facilities for a range of different construction companies throughout the 12 month + construction program.

During the peak construction periods we anticipate there will be in excess of 150 contractors working on site. When more information is available on the construction timeline we hope to provide further details to the Shire of Campaspe and the town, to ensure surrounding businesses can be prepared for any potential influx of contractors looking for egg and bacon sangas and ice coffee milk for breakfast!

By the time this article is published we anticipate being close to receiving final approvals from EPA and the Campaspe Shire, with a provisional plan in place to start construction of the building footings in early April. We will keep you updated on progress, and look forward to sharing pictures with you of the build in future editions.



Stanhope RSL

The members of the Stanhope RSL sub Branch would like to invite all members of the public to attend the Stanhope RSL Anzac Service to be held on Sunday the 24 of April 2016.

Stanhope RSL holds its Anzac service on the Sunday nearest to Anzac Day.

Stanhope was settled as a soldier settlement town in 1918 with soldiers returning from World War 1. Having the service on the Sunday nearest to Anzac Day. This in past years would enable local ex-service personal to attend the big Anzac March and reunions in Melbourne.

The service this year will be held in Stanhope on Sunday the 24th April with a march off time at 2.00 pm sharp. The service starts with a short march from the Stanhope Community Hall to the War Memorial a distance of about 200 metres. Local Scouts will act as Flag Bearers.

Any Ex-service persons or anyone who is a relative of a ex-service persons are all welcome to come and join in the march, if they wish.

The march will again be accompanied by the Rushworth Concert Band, who will also play for the service in the Hall.. At the War Memorial a short service takes place. Members of the public and groups are then invited to lay wreaths at the War Memorial.

This part concludes with one minute's silence, the ode, "Last post" and "Reveille" played.

The March will then continue back to the Community Hall where a longer service takes place, there is a set out program for the service and Guest speaker will be Mr John Neale, a Vietnam Veteran of Kyabram RSL sub branch..

When the service concludes the hat is passed around for donations, and everyone is then invited to stay and have a chat while enjoying afternoon tea.

Steven's Antics

I was almost kidnapped



I think I had a close shave, cos a few days ago I was at the gazebo thing in the park, where I often am, when this woman tried to kidnap me. That's what I reckon she was up to, cos she had this jumper and she was trying to throw it over me so I would be easy to catch.

I'm not silly you know, how can someone as famous as me be silly enough to let someone kidnap me. Anyhow, this lady just kept trying to throw this thing over me when one of the local ladies turned up and spoke to her. I reckon it was her that saved me. Anyhow, even if I was kidnapped, at the first opportunity, I would fly back to Stanhope, cos that's my home town and it's the place that's made me so famous.

The next day I visited one of my favourite haunts - the Opp shop and checked out some of the clothing they put out on the footpath. I reckon it's pretty good stuff and a lot cheaper than new stuff. That's me checking the clothing in the photo.

Stanhope Brigade has success at State Championships

The 133rd Annual Urban State Fire Brigade Championships held in Mildura over the long weekend in March was very successful for the Stanhope Urban Fire Brigade Competition Team. The Team consisting of Jack Cockroft, Nick West, Grace Blair, Chris Dent, Lachlan Armstrong, Simon Harrison, Lachlan West, Tom Hepburn and Rob Armstrong (Coach) along with support their team (Liz Armstrong, Gerard Lucardi, Shirley and Len Armstrong) travelled to compete in the Annual Championships along with approximately 65 other teams from Victoria and Western Australia. Competing in C Section. The team achieved second place in the Hose and Reel Fours being nudged out by point 10 of a second for first, ran by Lachlan Armstrong, Simon Harrison, Thomas Hepburn and Jack Cockroft with a time 18.25 seconds.

Gaining points with Fourth place in the Pumper and Ladder Fives ran by Rob Armstrong, Simon Harrison, Jack Cockroft, Lachlan Armstrong and Lachlan West. Second place in Hose & Reel Six's again pipped by point 07 of a second, ran by Simon Harrison, Chris Dent, Lachlan Armstrong, Lachlan West, Tom Hepburn, Jack Cockroft and (reel catcher) Rob Armstrong with a time 31.64 seconds. First place in the Hose Hydrant and Pumper ran by Rob Armstrong, Jack Cockroft, Simon Harrison and Lachlan Armstrong with the winning time of 13.67 seconds, Fourth placing in Y Coupling and Ladder Eights which also gained points towards the Aggregate. After completing all events and totalling the points the Stanhope Competition team were successful in winning the Allan King AFSM Memorial Shield for the C Section Wet Events Aggregate and placed second overall to Whittlesea by 10 points for the C Section Competition Aggregate.



*Second place six's team left to right back:
Rob Armstrong, Jack Cockroft, Lachlan West,
Tom Hepburn and Chris Dent.
Left to right Simon Harrison and Lachlan Armstrong*

REG POOLE

&

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MEN'S SHED



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*Second place six's team left to right back:
Rob Armstrong, Jack Cockroft, Lachlan West,
Tom Hepburn and Chris Dent. Left to right*

Stanhope Lions Conduct Regional Final

The Stanhope Lions club on the 20-3-2016 conducted the regional final of the 2016 Youth of the Year at the Girgarre hall.



Enjoying afternoon tea while considering their verdict

After interviews by the Judges starting at 8.30am the contestants had to answer two impromptu questions. They then had to give a five minute speech on a subject of their choice starting at 1.00 pm. The Impromptu topics were – 1. When I grow up 2. What is the best experience in your life so far?



Contestants - Ashliegh Walpole (Nathalia) Georgina McCracken (Numurkah) Elise Anderson (Rochester) Luke Judd (Echuca) Georgina Schroen (Lockington)

Contestants had two minutes to answer each question. Then the contestants gave their speeches of five minutes duration, all great speeches. Topics ranging from Voluntary Euthanasia to the rights of women to breast feed their babies in public

All speeches were of very high quality and very well presented. The Judges who had the difficult task of determining the winners were: Councillor Neil Pankhurst, Katrina Johnson, Principal of St Pats primary school Tongala and Andrea Reid of the NAB bank.

The winner of the public speaking was Georgina Schroen and the overall winner was Luke Judd. Luke now goes on to the district final at Tocamwal. We wish Luke well.

We wish to thank all who attended, the Girgarre hall and the Lions ladies of Stanhope and Nathalia for the afternoon tea and a special thank you to President Avis and her team for organising this event. Thank you (Stanhope Lions).

Police Report

When do you call 000? In all cases of emergencies which require a Police, Ambulance and/or a Fire Brigade response. The general rule is Ambulance attend to medical emergencies. CFA attend to fires

Police on the other hand attend to a large variety of issues within the community and for this reason I would encourage the use of the 000 contact number. I am asking that you report suspicious activities, vehicles or and any persons incident that you think Police need to attend to or need to know about. It has come to my attention that some in the community think that I am never around and I can understand how a good looking fella like me is missed.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, from time to time I inherit additional Police Service areas which increases my patrol area 3 fold. If you need my attention you can ring this office BUT do not hang up when the telephone is transferred to Echuca. Follow the prompts and request that a message be passed on for me to ring you.

If it is URGENT dial 000 - Crime

FUEL: Farmers keep an eye on your bulk fuel supplies; if you suspect that they are being milked please let me know so we can address the situation. **DRUGS:** I have in my possession 48 marijuana plants that were located growing in the Wallenjoie Swamp. The budding horticulturist can drop in to the station and collect same, if not they will be destroyed.

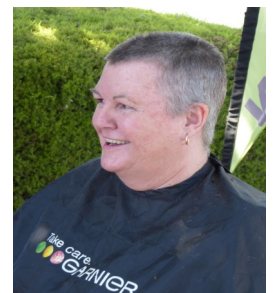
Stanhope Police – 58572507
Bob NAISMITH - OIC Stanhope Police

Bev Rogerson

Bev Rogerson recently participated in 'Shave for a Cure'. At the March Monster Garage Sale, Stanhope supporter of the Leukaemia Foundation, Bev bravely sat and had all her lovely brown hair firstly cut, then her head shaved by her daughter Sandra. After she made up her mind to support this worthy cause Bev raised \$2,326 in just two months. Bev has a grandson suffering leukaemia and decided to raise funds which the foundation uses to undertake research and support those undergoing treatment.

Bev would like to thank the following people and organisations for their support: Stanhope & District Development Committee \$250 donation - Sam and Leigh from Ky Steam Cleaning, Melinda from Stanhope Hair Zone and Lyn Jones for raffle prizes and donations. Sam from Caked with Love, Kathlyn Lucas, Glenda Cowie and Christine Dicketts for selling raffle tickets.

Also a big thank you to everyone who donated, bought tickets and especially the Stanhope community for their amazing support and to my family. Thank you all!



Auskick Clinic at Stanhope



Practising handball skills

On 23rd March 300 children from Stanhope, Rushworth, Girgarre, Lancaster and Colbinabbin converged on the Stanhope Recreation Reserve for a Auskick Football Clinic conducted by Stanhope Auskick and Stanhope Football Netball Club.

The morning started with the children making their way through various skills stations, then followed by a BBQ lunch kindly provided by the Rushworth and District Community Bank and cooked by our local Mens Shed and Stanhope Football Netball Club. After lunch all schools played against each other in a series of Grid Games and it was good to see that the good old fashion rivalry which these towns have had for years is still as strong as ever.

To finish off a great day 3 children were lucky enough to take home a signed Geelong and Essendon Football jumper kindly donated by the Kyabram and District Football League and also a "LEGENDAIRY" football signed by Collingwood coach Nathan Buckley and Premiership player Steele Sidebottom, kindly donated by Dairy Australia. Also all children received a cap donated by Total Eden in Shepparton and a drink bottle from Goulburn Valley Water.

This day would not be possible without a lot of support and we would like to thank the following people and organizations Stanhope FNC, Stanhope Mens Shed, Stanhope Development Committee, Dairy Australia, Rushworth and District Community Bank, GV Water, KDFL, AFL Vic, AFL Goulburn Murray, Total Eden, Jason Keegan, Rob Ponton, Daryl Harrison, Brenton Gray and all the Stanhope Footballers, Rushworth P12 senior students and finally a huge thankyou to all the Mums who not only did a magnificent job catering and providing a beautiful morning tea, but also once again helped on our skill stations during the morning and making this day the huge success it was.

Rainfall— Yet another dry month.

The three months of 2016 have been very dry and well below the average of 36 mls, for March, adding to the continuing dry spell. During March Stanhope received only 19 mls of rain. However, in the years 1936, 37 and 2003 no rain was recorded in Stanhope during March.

In 1950 Stanhope received 256 mls of rain, making it a very wet start for the following winter.

Stanhope Newcomers Day SUNDAY APRIL 17th 2016 COMMENCING AT 12 NOON ON THE VILLAGE GREEN OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE

To all Newcomers to Stanhope & District. You are invited by the Stanhope and District Development Committee to attend the newcomers' welcome day to be held on Sunday April 17th 2016, commencing with a free sausage sizzle at 12 Noon. This will be followed by representatives of various businesses, groups and organisations which you may be interested to join or know more about, giving a short description of their activities and meeting times.

We will be providing you with a free bag of information pertaining to services available in Stanhope. This day will be a chance for you to meet others new to the area and also other members of the community, who may help you to feel at home in our great little town / district.

For catering purposes, please call into the Business Centre or ring on 5857 2866 to give us your name and confirm your attendance. We look forward to seeing you at the Village Green on the day.

Local Babies

Casey and Chris Spencer

Welcomed a baby girl

Ayla May Spencer

on 22nd February weighing in at 7lb 6ozs.

Skye Fitzgerald and Brett Davies

welcomed a baby boy

Ryan Daniel Davies

on 1st March weighing in at 6lb 5oz.

Jason and Janet Nurse had a baby brother for Mitchell on 17th March

weighing 6lb 8ozs and they named him

Samuel Thomas

Congratulations to

Mikaela and Gurhan who

welcomed a daughter

Zeliha Eden Baser

on 21st March weighing in at 6lb 9ozs.

What a proud bunch of grandparents beaming from ear to ear there are around Stanhope at the moment!

Poor Response to Skate Park Survey

Following more than 450 survey forms being distributed throughout the Stanhope district in last month's 'About Town', to determine interest in establishing a Skate Park in Stanhope, only one response was received from a young Stanhope person and just six from adults.

Consequently, the executives of both the Stanhope & District Men's Shed and the Stanhope & District Development Committee, who carried out the survey, have decided they will no longer take part in or support a skate park project for Stanhope in the short term.

Stanhope Monster

Garage Sale
Sunday 10th
April
8:30 am Start



collectables



clothing

kitchen toys
items

plants



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BBQ

Roster for Monster
Garage Sale
April—Stanhope Kindergarten

Stanhope Primary School Bookclub

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When: **10.00 a.m. to 11.00
a.m.**

DATES: 3rd Tuesday of the month

April: Tuesday 19th

May: Tuesday 17th

June: Tuesday 21st



Planned Activity Group Dates for April

Friday 1st Pepper Mill bus trip 9.00am – 3.30pm
Tuesday 5th Big W Shepparton 9.00am – 3.30pm
Friday 8th Moama Golf Club 9.00am – 3.30pm
Monday 11th Bakery/Maree O'Brien
12.30 \$11 Lunch x 2 course followed by 1.30
Maree O'Brien
Tuesday 12th RSL Shepparton 9.00am – 3.30pm
Friday 15th The Lady in the Van
Ky Hospital ladies Auxiliary luncheon
Tuesday 19th Camel Farm/Ky club 9.00am –
3.30pm
Thursday 21st Murray Ross Painting 1.00pm
Friday 22nd Shamrock Hotel Numurkah
9.00am – 3.30pm
Tuesday 26th Nagambie lakes 9.00am – 3.30pm
Friday 29th Echuca Workers club
9.00am – 3.30pm



NEWCOMERS INFORMATION DAY

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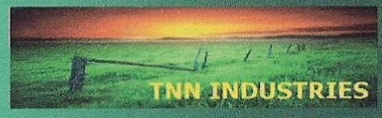
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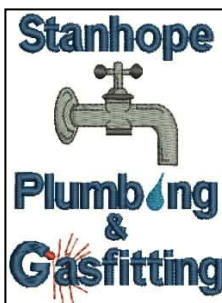
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