

Stanhope Celebrates Australia Day

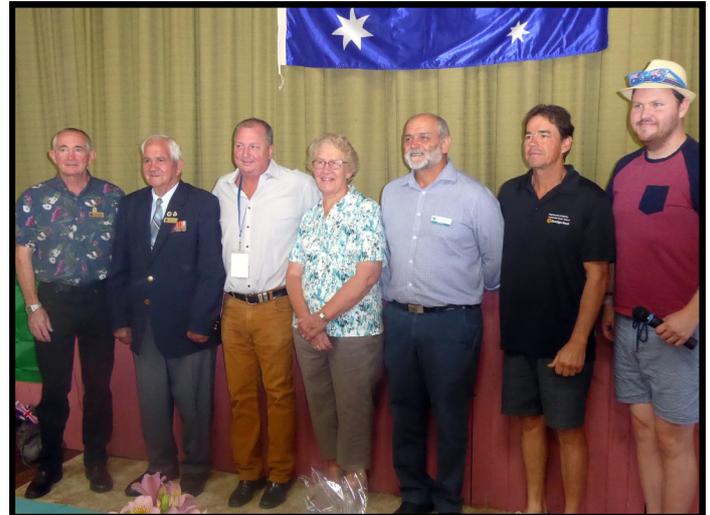
A very well attended Australia Day celebration was held in Stanhope.

Following the raising of the flag by members of the RSL and the singing of the National Anthem in McEwen Place everyone then moved into the community hall.

Once inside the hall a very large audience listened to Donald Campbell sing some typical Australian songs, superbly well, just as Donald can. A small group of students from the Primary School entertained everyone with another typical Aussie song.

Carol Tuhan from the CWA then introduced the guest speaker and ambassador for the day, Mr Craig Opie. Craig Opie was formerly the owner/operator of the well known Tramcar Restaurant in Melbourne. He also held many responsible positions in the tourism and transport industries, before retiring to Echuca a few years ago.

Craig spoke at length of what Australia Day meant to him and his family. He said the true Australian looked adversity in the face, battled against the odds and no matter what, they helped and supported each other.



l to R. Phil Chapman & Len Armstrong (RSL) Craig Opie (Ambassador)
Carol Tuhan (McEwen CWA) Cr John Zobec (Shire of Campaspe)
Rob Armstrong (Bendigo Community Bank)
Donald Campbell (Entertainer)

Following his speech, he assisted Mr Rob Armstrong, representing the Rushworth, Bendigo Community Bank, present first prize certificates to students from the kindergarten and the primary school for their excellent artistic skills in the colouring competition.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, everyone enjoyed a typical Stanhope morning tea provided by the McEwen CWA ladies and their friends.

Stanhope Men's Shed Wins Australia Day Award

The Stanhope Men's Shed was successful in being awarded the Australia Day Award as the Community Group/Event of the year in the Waranga Ward of the Shire of Campaspe.

Nominated by the Stanhope & District Development Committee Inc. for its achievements since its inception some four years ago.

The Stanhope Men's Shed has gone from strength to strength, Now with 40 members and most of them very active members, the shed has played a vital role in giving many older men in the Stanhope district an aim in life by giving them various tasks to fulfill, bringing them together to discuss a wide range of subjects and to enjoy each others company, as well as being able to contribute considerably to many other organisations in Stanhope.

Following are some of their achievements.

Organising a concert which raised more than \$4,500.00 in aid of two Stanhope families.

Supplying BBQ facilities and making various articles for many Stanhope Organisations.

Providing a service for clients of Murray Human Services.



President Graham Wakefield accepts the award.

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Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

Monday 6th

Legendaury Stanhope Mural
Public Meeting 7pm Hall

Tuesday 7th

Stanhope Bowls Meeting

**Wednesday 8th
S&DDC Meeting**

**Thursday 9th
Stanhope Lions Club Dinner**

**Sunday 12th
Monster Garage Sale
8.30am start**

**Monday 13th
Stanhope Fire Brigade Meeting
Stanhope Senior Citizens Meeting
1.30pm**

**Friday 17th
Picasso Cow Design to Business
Centre**

**Sunday 19th
20th Anniversary
Waranga Aged Care Hostel**

**Thursday 23rd
Stanhope Lions Club Dinner**

**Saturday 25th
Planning Group Survey
9.30 to 11.30am**

**Monday 27th
Stanhope Fire Brigade Training**



Many thanks to Stanhope & District Men's shed, especially Merv Andrew for all the hard work in putting together and installing the new Stanhope Sign at the Toilet Stop. The sign is made from horse shoes.

**Picasso Cow arrives
in town**

The Stanhope Planning Group Steering Committee was on hand to meet the New Picasso Cow when it arrived in Stanhope prior to Christmas. At present it is in storage until a design has been decided and Karl Devlin will commence work to make it a masterpiece to represent our town. If you would still like to have a say on how our cow will look, pick up a form from the Stanhope Business Centre and return by Friday 17th February .



Sue Sheers, Jean Anderson & Susie McCraw outside Stanhope's Amenities Block with the Picasso Cow ready for painting.

STANHOPE & DISTRICT TOWN PLAN

The Stanhope & District Planning Group held a community meeting at the Stanhope Hotel prior to Christmas in conjunction with the Shire of Campaspe to brainstorm ideas for the future of our town. During the Christmas break, not a lot has been done to act on these ideas. One of the main aims is to further develop the Toilet Block area. The Planning Group committee will be holding a survey. Several committee members along with a representative from the Shire will also be in attendance in the main street outside the Supermarket on Saturday 25th from 9.30am to 11.30am with the survey and be available to speak to any interested people who would like to have an input.



**Doug Gray
Shire of Campaspe
Citizen of the Year**

Congratulations to Doug Gray. A Stanhope resident and an enthusiastic worker for the Girgarre Community, was presented with the Shire of Campaspe Citizen of the Year Award by the Mayor, Cr Adrian Weston. This followed Doug being declared the Citizen of the Year for the Waranga Ward, at the Australia Day celebrations at Rushworth.

Christmas Eve Floods

RAIN, RAIN AND MORE RAIN

It's not often the rainfall in Stanhope attracts a great deal of attention, but 2016 finished the year on an extremely wet note when Stanhope received approximately 90 mls on Friday 28th December.

This total is the largest amount of rain Stanhope has received in one day for many many years.

December was appearing to be the driest month of the year, with only 9 mls falling during the earlier part of the month. However, the downpour on the 28th made December the wettest month for 2016 with a total of 99.8 mls for the month. This brought the official rainfall for the year to 662.00 mls, which was well above the average annual rainfall of some 450 mls.

There was a great deal of flooding around the town with the main street, Birdwood Avenue, being one of the worst affected. St Matthews Opp shop was flooded on two occasions during the day. Other shops had water leaking through the roof, while others could not be reached without wading through knee deep water.

The local sporting facilities were also badly affected with the bowling greens completely submerged. Next door, the tennis courts were almost as bad. The recreation reserve also suffered with almost half of the oval under water.

RAINFALL

January, a little above average.

Stanhope received 36.6 mls of rain during January which is a little above the average of 32.4 mls

The most Stanhope has received during January was in 1954 when 134 mls fell and on a number years no rain fell during January.



Outside the Op Shop & Stanhope Café in Birdwood Ave



Outside the Stanhope Supermarket in Birdwood Ave



Stanhope New Toilet Block on Brudenell Street

Stanhope Pub News

Hightower & Mandi have had a very busy time over Christmas and New Year with lots of activities going on. Prior to Christmas we hosted Country Singer Kristy Lamb in the Entertainment Lounge with over 50 people in attendance. Following on with Christmas Day catering for a 2 course lunch for 80 people.

On New Years Eve in conjunction with the 'The Fundraising for Sick Children Committee' and the 'Men's Shed', we hosted a Family New Years Eve Party with lots of fun and frivolity through-out the day and night.

Sunday January 15th, Kayla Dwyer & Dave Prior entertained patrons and on Australia Day we held another fun filled Family Day in conjunction with the Men's Shed cooking the BBQ and the Men's Shed Band singing up a storm.

Regular Weekly Specials

Tues & Thurs - Parma & 2 Pots \$20

Wed—Rump Day \$20

Thur, Fri Sat nights—Drink special

Happy Hours 4pm—6pm

Coming Events

Sat 3rd March—Kristy Lamb's new album launch

Sat 18th March—Boots n All (Mandi's 40th, Hightower & Mandi's Engagement Party)

Check out our Facebook page for regular events.

Pizza now available

OBITUARY - Douglas Crilly

30.10.1929 (Rushworth) - 0.10.2016 (Carag Carag)

Douglas Crilly was the 8th and youngest child of John Robert and Hetty (nee Davey) Crilly. The Crillys worked in the Carag Carag area until 1925 when they moved to Station St, Rushworth for four years. The parents with a family of six boys and two girls then purchased the farm at Carag Carag via Stanhope in 1929 when Doug was just 1 month old. Siblings Jack, Helen, George, Les, Cliff, Evelyn and Eric have all pre deceased Doug. The children all attended the Carag Carag Primary School which celebrated its centenary in 1978 and were very fortunate to have wonderful neighbours in the Stewart family including Mary Stewart who lived to be 100 years of age.

Doug's schooling was completed at Grade 8 at the Carag Carag school and on leaving school he worked assisting his father on the farm with sheep and hand milking cows. When his father passed away in 1949 and with brother Eric taking on the farm, Doug with lifelong friend Jack Stewart both learnt to shear and they took up contract shearing in Stanhope, Rushworth and Colbinabbin areas. At the end of 1952 Eric decided to leave the farm and Doug returned to help his mother who was still on the property.

Doug married Shirley Wallden on 10th January 1953 at St Augustines Church Shepparton with their wedding party being Jack Stewart, Eric Crilly, and Alma and Melva Wallden. The reception was at the Arcadian Café in Maude St Shepparton and they honeymooned in Canberra, Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Doug newly married returned to looking after the farm and also continued contract shearing. In early 1954 the sheep were sold, a cow shed built and cows arrived in the evening at 9pm on April Fool's day 1954. Doug and Shirley with the *aid of a lantern had to milk by hand well into the night. (Electricity didn't come to the farm until 1964).*

In 1959 Doug decided to train trotters so he acquired a horse, and driving and training trotters became an enjoyable passion which lasted for 40 years. Doug's other interests in his lifetime included local school committee and community activities, tennis, football in which he won 2 best and fairest awards with the Stanhope seconds and following the sporting pursuits of his growing family.

Over the many years on the farm the family suffered floods, where Doug and eldest son Graeme spent many hours on the shovel saving crops, and also droughts in which one particular drought year the cows could not be sold and they were all shot and buried in a shire pit with just \$2 per head shire compensation paid.

In 2002 Doug handed over to daughter Alison and her husband David Couston but he still helped in the milking shed and for social entertainment enjoyed night bowls at the Stanhope Bowls Club. In 2014 he tripped and broke his knee cap and spent 3 months in hospital and rehabilitation. He was not as active after that and spent much time with Shirley watching tennis, football, netball, cricket and racing on the television. Doug never had a holiday as he considered it a waste of money and why bother 'when he could see trees, dirt and water on his own home property'.

Doug and Shirley had 6 children Graeme 1954(decd 2008), Geoffrey 1956, Brian 1957, Maxwell 1959, Alison 1968 and Jenny 1969 and currently there are 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Doug in declining health and with a heart condition, spent time in the Goulburn Valley hospital in July but returned home to familiar surroundings and passed away peacefully at his home near his family 10 days prior to his 87th birthday.

The funeral service and interment took place at the Rushworth Cemetery on Thursday 27th October 2016. The celebration of life was conducted by celebrant Lynton Round followed by friends and relatives adjourning to the Stanhope Bowls Club for refreshments.

Stanhope National Party Celebrates 85 Years.

The Stanhope National Party Branch held their 85th birthday celebrations at the Stanhope Community Hall on Friday evening 20th January.

More than 50 people attended and enjoyed a typical Stanhope dinner. Amongst those in attendance were a number of current and retired parliamentarians. These included the present leader of the state National Party, Peter Walsh together with the deputy leader and local member Steph Ryan. Amongst the retired members were Bruce Lloyd who was the



member for Murray in the federal parliament for many years, and David Evans, Bill Baxter, Noel Maughan and Paul Weller. all former members of the Victorian State Parliament.

President of the Stanhope branch, Ian Smith introduced the secretary, John Hodgins, who read the minutes of the very first meeting of the branch. Ian then introduced Bruce Lloyd who spoke at length about the late Sir John McEwen, former long time resident of the Stanhope District, member for Murray, leader of the Country/National Party and Prime Minister for a short term following the sudden death of Harold Holt.

Local member, Steph Ryan spoke of her introduction into state parliament after the last election and how the National party was like being a member of a large family, where all the members cared for each other. She praised her leader Peter Ryan, who she said had been a great mentor to her. Peter Ryan followed Steph, giving a great insight into some of the antics that take place in parliament.

Those in attendance voted the night a great success and were full of praise for the organisers, in particular the efforts of president Ian Smith.

Photo: Leader of the Victorian Nationals, Peter Walsh and Deputy Leader, Steph Ryan.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthday wishes are extended to the following:

Gloria Linford 90th
Joyce Nelson 90th
Keith Maudsley 90th
Neil Hall 90th
Val Maudsley 80th
George Gemmill 80th
Jean Anderson 83rd
Donald Campbell 28th



George turns 80

Well known and respected member of the Stanhope community, George Gemmill, celebrated his 80th birthday on January 2nd with family and friends with a gathering at the Senior citizens rooms.

George first came to Stanhope in the late 1950s after applying for a position as a mechanic at the Stanhope Dairy Co operative (Fonterra). George said, the fact he was a handy footballer having played with Williamstown in the VFA made certain he was given the job.

Since arriving in Stanhope George has been involved in many local organizations and still plays an active role with the RSL and other groups. He thanked all those who attended including his wife Bev and his extended family.



George with his wife Bev and three sons, Neil, Stuart & Dean

Keith and Val Maudsley celebrate huge milestone birthdays.



On the 28th December, friends and relatives celebrated Keith and Val Maudsley's special birthdays. Keith turned 90 on 27th December and Val turned 80 the following day. They thought they had better do "something" as they may not be around for their next big 0.

They are both grateful for their good health. They came to Stanhope in 1963 and owned a property on the Midland Highway. They have lived in their present home, between Stanhope and Girgarre for the past 38 years.

GLORIA LINFORD AT HER 90 TH BIRTHDAY



NEIL HALL ENJOYS HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY



LEGENDAIRY STANHOPE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CALLED TO “WEAR OUR PRIDE ON OUR SIDE”

Fonterra Australia is on a mission to collect thousands of photographs in the next three months to create a massive photo mosaic wall mural at the entrance to its new Stanhope cheese plant designed to “wear our pride on our side”.

The 30 metre by 5 metre wall mural, with the theme of “Legendary Stanhope – Proud People, Proud Community”, will celebrate cheese-making history dating back to the 1920s, along with a rural community known for its dairy farms and agricultural abundance.

Stanhope and District residents of all ages are being asked to submit photos that highlight the theme, and every entry received will then be captured forever on the mural. The mural will be unveiled to the community in mid 2017.

Fonterra Australia’s Managing Director, René Dedoncker, says the multi-million rebuild of the cheese plant and expansion of the Stanhope factory is an opportunity to celebrate a strong community and Fonterra’s place in it.

“There’s a lot to be proud about, from Stanhope being awarded Legendary Capital of Australia status in 2015 through to the farmers who keep us supplied with top quality milk and our people who make some of the tastiest cheese in Australia. We love being part of a community which represents some of the best qualities of rural Australia.

“We see this as a real opportunity to ‘wear our pride on our side’ in a unique way, bringing together images of people, farms, schools, clubs and activities to make one massive mural. This symbolises what a community is all about – every aspect of it coming together as a whole to make something great.

He says, “the Legendary” title not only celebrates the long-established dairy industry, but also legendary local people from Sir John McEwen, Australia’s 18th Prime Minister to all the committee members and volunteers who keep the community thriving through farmers’ markets, schools, senior citizens groups and sports clubs.”

Among the first to get the photo ball rolling is Stanhope dairy farmer Rob Schloss who has been supplying the site for over ten years. “As Stanhope is currently the Legendary Capital of Australia, the new cheese factory is only going to enhance further, the status of Stanhope as a dairying region. We will be able to lay claim to a state of the art cheese making facility, producing cheeses which will be world class and unique to this region.

Cr Adrian Weston, Mayor of Campaspe Shire, has also come to the party with an image of the recently completed Fire Brigade Bell Tower, which he proudly built with locals, Norman Cheong and Bruce Spencer. He says, “This image demonstrates the community spirit that is alive and well in Stanhope, locals pitching together to get a project done for the benefit of a local organisation, in this instance, the Fire Brigade. I am looking forward to seeing the collection of photos for the mural grow over the coming months to celebrate Stanhope and district.”

How to send in your photographs to be a part of the mural:

Submit your photo/s with a short description via the website www.legendairystanhopemural.com · There is no limit to the number of photos that can be entered · Entries close on Friday 17 March 2017 · If you want to submit an historic printed photograph that needs scanning send an email message to LegendairyStanhopeMural@fonterra.com.



Adrian Weston, Norm Cheong & Bruce Spencer with the newly constructed wall for the Old Fire Bell outside the Stanhope Fire Station

CONDOLENCE THANK YOU

The family of John Kociorski, along with Marge would like to thank all those who sent cards and who offered and gave support on his passing.



Blake Rosenberg

Photographer / Photojournalist
Freelance

<http://sites.google.com/site/rosenbergs>
photography

Aileen - A Big Thankyou

Almost ten years ago, an almost newcomer to Stanhope took on the responsibility of designing and the layout for the "About Town". Aileen Gray and her husband Steve had not been in Stanhope long when she volunteered to assist with the "About Town"

The publishers, the Stanhope & District Development Committee, welcomed her as a very important part of the team, who put the newsletter together every month.

At the conclusion of 2016 Aileen decided to retire so she could take on other pursuits and possibly travel some more. Being responsible for any part of the publication of the "About Town" requires one to be available every month, as a number of others involved have concluded.

Aileen from the rest of the team a big thankyou for almost a decade of service.

All 'About Town' articles are to be forwarded directly to the Stanhope Business Centre-stanhopebc@mcmmedia.com.au



Stanhope Carols

A lovely evening was enjoyed where the Rushworth Concert Band played carols and Donald Campbell and Mica Rosenberg led the singing. Stanhope Primary School and Kindergarten really enjoyed singing their two pieces. Shine band played, the choir sang and the spirit of Christmas flowed through McEwen Place. After the carols a concert was enjoyed where Reg Poole, Shannon Lion, The Healers, Marie O'Brien and the Men's Shed band entertained. A large crowd attended and a variety of activities for the children included face painting, Santa, a jumping castle, animals in a manger, one of which staged a fly off early in the evening and was found hiding under a bush in the safety of the police station at the end of the evening. The carols committee would like to thank the public for their support, Stanhope Lions Club, Trevor Gray Cartage, Trish and Tim Hancock, the Fitzpatrick family, Stanhope Fire Brigade and Stanhope Men's Shed for their work on the night. Thank you to all the entertainers and Rushworth Concert Band. Thank you to the Shire of Campaspe for the grant, Stanhope & District Development Committee and Shine Church for their commitment and expertise.



Kinder and Primary School Kids entertaining on the night.

Stanhope Tennis Club Life Membership



Marg Haw with husband Ian after receiving her Life Membership from the Stanhope Lawn Tennis Club

Pool events proving very popular

We are just over half way through the pool season and we would like to extend our Thanks to everyone that has supported our pool so far. Whether that be through attending regularly, buying a Season Pool Pass, volunteering your time to help out in the Kiosk, attending a Pool Party, Sponsorships or Donations to the pool,. It is all very much appreciated by the Committee.

Our first major event for the season was our "Welcome to Summer Pool Party" which was held on Friday 2nd December. The Pool Committee were very pleased to see over 130 people attend this event and needless to say they were kept very busy in the Kiosk, selling drinks and snacks and also cooking the sausage sizzle to feed everyone. A special appearance from "BOO" the green alien from Laurie Lawrence's "Kids Alive - Do the Five" water safety program, kept the kids entertained. Boo, who was accompanied by Lisa, a qualified swimming teacher, handed out "NEVER SWIM ALONE" swim bags containing one of Boo's very own story books, a pen, Royal Life Saving information and activity sheets for the kids.

Our second event for the season was our "Christmas Pool Party" which was held on the extremely HOT afternoon/evening of Friday 23rd December. Poor Santa felt the heat as he arrived with sunglasses on, his red pants rolled up and with bare feet as it was too hot for his big black boots. He greeted the children and handed out bags of lollies to them all before cooling off by dipping his feet into the middle sized pool before he headed off. But despite the heat, around 75 people attended and the Jumping Castle still got plenty of use from all the children.

We were very pleased to have 21 local children participate in the "Learn to Swim" School Holiday Program held the week of Monday, 9th – Friday, 13th January 2017. The children were divided into groups according to their swimming capabilities and participated in a 30 minute session each day under the guidance of Lisa, a qualified AUSTSWIM teacher. The children thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and you could see a great improvement in their swimming capabilities by the end of the week. After the completion of their last lesson the children received their individual certificates and some safe swimming promotional material.

The Pool Committee is still looking for Volunteers from the community who are able to do a shift or two in the Kiosk. Shifts are in 1 hour blocks and if you are interested in volunteering your time please drop into the pool between 2.30 - 7.00pm Monday – Friday or between 2.30 – 7.30pm on the Weekends and put your name down on the Roster sheet. Many hands make light work.

The Committee is pleased to say that our list of sponsors is still growing and we are happy to announce that we have just recently added another 3 sponsors to our list, the **Stanhope Takeaway Café, Steph Ryan and Biomix Pty Ltd.**

We would once again like to thank ALL of our sponsors for their financial support for this 2016-2017 Pool Season, **Rushworth & District Community Bank, Keegan Nurseries, Midland Bacon, Stanhope Foodworks Supermarket, Stanhope Development Committee, Stanhope Post Office, Beau Jangles Dog Grooming, Leocata's Transport, Stanhope Plumbing & Gasfitting, HW Greenham & Sons Pty Ltd, R & M Ponton & Gray's Transport.**



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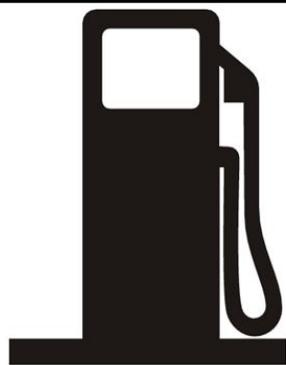
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Bowls Club News—Club Champions

Jenny Crilly took out her 11th Club Championship by beating Marg Adams. This gave Jenny the opportunity of competing again for the title she has always wanted, Champion of Champions in the GV's Women Singles event. This was played on Wednesday and Thursday on our Greens which were running fantastic. Jenny played great consistent bowls on the Wednesday to be into the final 4 on Thursday. Jenny came out firing in her semi-final winning 25/16. This victory placed Jenny into the Grand Final against Jean Sprague of Rushworth. Jean held a slight edge all game and with the game locked at 18 all Jenny managed to secure a 4. The game was not over there. Jean fought back with a 4 the next end. At 22 all Jenny managed a 2 then 1 to run out Victorious 25/22. This was a well deserved victory for Jenny and everyone at the club is extremely proud of her. Jenny now moves on to the regional section. We wish her all the best.



We had the finals of the Men's Club Championship as well as the Men's B Grade Championship. Shane Walsh took out his 2nd Club Championship, defeating Greg Fitzpatrick 25-12. In the B Grade Championship Len Armstrong took out his 3rd title defeating Hans Schmidt 25-16. Shane will now go on to compete in the Champion of Champions and with the way he is bowling should have a good chance of making it a double for our club following Jenny Crilly's win before Christmas. All the best, Shane.



Stanhope Monster Garage Sale

Sunday 12th
February

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Stanhope
Australia Day
Colouring
Competition
Winners.
L to R: Shylee,
Ricky, Lily,
Jack, Bridie,
Shaun,

Life Memberships

Stanhope Bowls Club has recognised two outstanding member, awarding Life Memberships to Ron Luker and Anita Hageman.

Ron has been a member since 1984 and Anita since 1984 and both are still active and valuable members of our club.



Ron Luker plays for Victoria National RSL Side

During the Christmas break our own Ron Luker travelled over to Adelaide with the Victorian RSL side also consisting of Kyabram's Greg Shilling to compete in the 50th Annual National RSL competition. Winning 5 games during the competition the Victorian side came away as Champions. Congratulations Ron.

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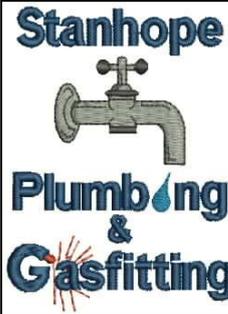
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