

\$125 MILLION CHEESE PLANT TO BOOST STANHOPE CAPACITY

Fonterra Australia would like to wish all About Town readers a Happy New Year. In time for the first About Town edition for 2018, we come to you with exciting news that our flagship Stanhope cheese plant will be a key beneficiary from investments of more than \$165 million which we've announced to boost capacity and increase efficiencies across each of our seven sites in Victoria and Tasmania.

Stanhope is getting the lions share with \$125 million to be invested, doubling the size of the cheese plant. The investment in the new cheese plant and aligned facilities will increase cheese production by a further 35,000 metric tonnes at the site for a range of cheeses including cheddar and mozzarella. Stanhope currently produces 45,000 metric tonnes of product including cheddar, mozzarella, gouda, parmesan, pecorino, romano and ricotta.

At our Stanhope plant, today we employ around 150 people and the expanded plant will create a further 36 new jobs. In addition it will generate significant construction work during the development phase and flow on benefits to the local surrounding communities.

Stanhope Site Manager Jason Wright says the plant, which officially reopened in August 2017 following a \$140 million rebuild and expansion, is seen as an important asset in Fonterra Australia's push to make the most of domestic and global demand opportunities for products like cheese.

The cheese investment follows on from a \$1.3 million investment to support product innovation, as Stanhope rolls out its Perfect Italiano Ricotta Stir Through for pasta and a further \$6 million to secure efficiency gains.

Mr Wright says with the cheese expansion the site is keener than ever to secure additional supply. Our Australian milk pool has grown by 400 million litres this season, and with this new investment we plan to grow our milk further which we expect will come through growth from our existing farmers who wish to grow, coupled with milk from new suppliers joining Fonterra.



The first sign—This Igloo used for storage of Plant & Equipment

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**A Stanhope & District
 Development Committee
 Project**

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 newsletter
 must be submitted
 by the
 28th of each month**

Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

Sun 11th: MONSTER
 GARAGE SALE

Wed 14: S&DDC MEETING
 7.30PM

Sat 17th: CRICKET CLUB
 PINK STUMPS DAY

Sun 25TH: GIRGARRE RSL
 UNVEILING PANELS.

Sun 25th: CRICKET CLUB
 6-A-SIDE DAY

MARCH

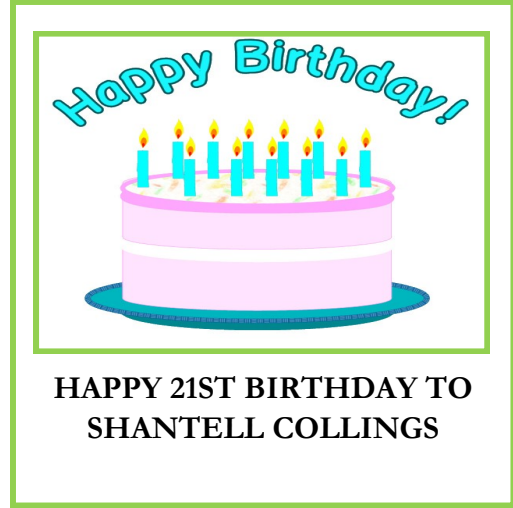
Fri 9th: END OF SEASON
 POOL PARTY
 (SPONSORS DAY)



Condolences are
 extended to
 The family of
 David Shaw

Carol & family
 on the passing of
 Craig Tuhan

Les Wright
 Former prop.
 Stanhope Motors



**IMPORTANT
 NOTICE**

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 FOR THE STANHOPE
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 TOWN NEWSLETTER**

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 RECORDS**

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 BRIGADE**

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 the volunteers of the
 Stanhope Fire Brigade for
 the marvellous job they do
 all year, but especially
 with the number of
 callouts during the spate
 of hot weather
 experienced recently. You
 are a great team and your
 work does not go
 unnoticed!

SHINE SUNDAY SERVICES
 For the month of February at Shine we have Sunday Service 10am at the Stanhope
 Hall.
 All Welcome Contact: Wal Sinapius 0408393398

YOUTH GROUP IN STANHOPE
 Shine Youth kick off in February
 Call Casey Diment for more info on 0475174725

BTF Motors—End of an Era



Bernie Flanagan's Retires

It was a sad day for Stanhope on the 1st of December 2017 when B T F (Bernie Thomas Flanagan) Motors closed its doors. Owner Bernie Flanagan decided it was time for him to pack up his tools and put them away in his tool box for good.

Bernie has spent his entire working life repairing vehicles. He started work as an apprentice Motor Mechanic with Stanhope Motors back in 1962 when Cecil Wright was the owner. He then moved on to work with Cecil Dalgleish at the Birdwood Ave garage in 1969. He liked the business so much that he decided to buy it in 1972 from Cecil when he retired.

That was the start of his 46 years of continuous service to the people of Stanhope as the owner of the garage in Birdwood Ave. Bernie also trained two motor mechanic apprentices, but most of the time he operated as a one man garage.

Older locals would well remember the time when you were able to buy petrol there. Over the years Bernie has specialised in repairs and service to all makes and models of cars and was qualified to issue roadworthy certificates.

Bernie wants to say a big thank you to all his many loyal and satisfied customers who have supported him over his many years in business.

I know that the Stanhope community would all like to join with me in wishing Bernie a very long safe and happy retirement.

George Gemmill

Stanhope Fire Brigade News



As you are all aware we are well and truly into Summer with temperatures of late reaching the high 30s and low 40s. Please remember that we are currently in Fire Danger Period with Fire Restrictions in force. This means no burning off, of any kind. We as a community are doing this extremely well.

Could I please remind people that we are in the NORTHERN COUNTRY Total Fire Ban District. I know there has been some confusion of late with TFB days. If you are not sure whether or not we are in Total Fire Ban, there will be a sign placed outside the Fire Station on these days to keep you informed.

I have had some queries lately regarding the Fire Siren. The Fire Siren at the Fire Station will sound every time we receive a code 1 emergency call out. In some cases we may be re-paged to an event, if this happens the siren will sound again. The siren helps to alert our members that there is an incident and to respond to the Fire Station.

When the Fire Siren sounds it may also be a good idea for members of the community to check the CFA or EMV websites or if you have it, the Vic Emergency App. If there is a significant fire in our area this will give you valuable information in relation to it.

If anyone has any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks

Chris Dent

Captain, Stanhope Fire Brigade.

Stanhope CERT

Happy New Year to all members of our community. We had a great response to our drive for new members for our CERT Team. We now have six people signed up to take part in the training to become new CERT members. Their training will begin with an induction in late February and continue with some face to face sessions and some on-line subjects to provide our new members with the training they need to become First Responders.

There will be a further training session later in 2018, so if you've been thinking about joining but haven't contacted us yet, please call Pauline Keegan on 0414 495 311. It's not too late.

Becoming a CERT member gives you some great skills and helps the community.



Welcome Mia Chloe Ristrom



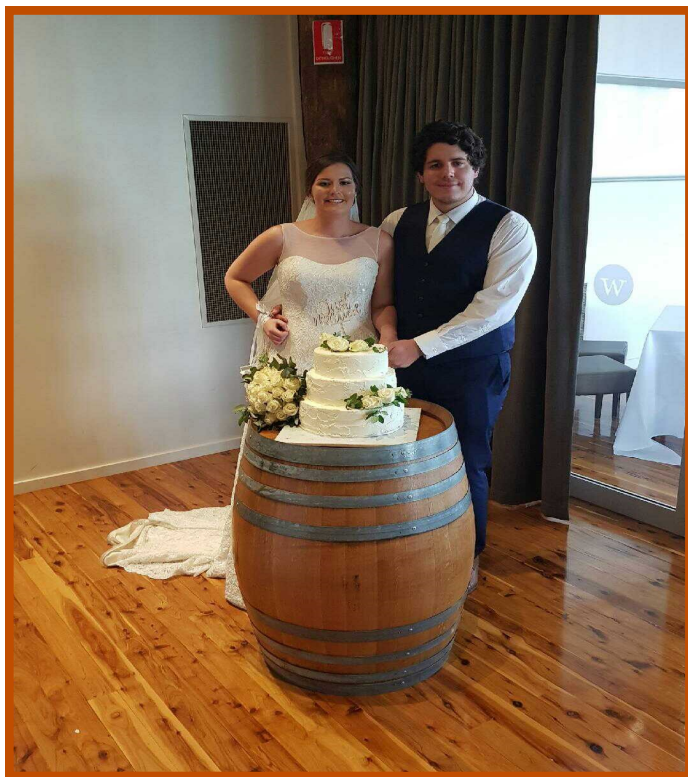
Congratulations to Chloe Hepburn & Josh Ristrom on the arrival of Mia Chloe on 29/12/17 weighing 3.5 kgs. A beautiful grand-daughter for John & Tracy Hepburn and Cathy & Ken Ristrom of Kyabram

Welcome Lacey Quinn Northausen



Melissa Ben & Liam welcome Lacey Quinn Northausen born at Echuca Regional Health on 9/1/2018 weighing 7lb 5 oz.

Congratulations to Maggie & Michael



Maggie Armstrong & Michael Telford were married at the Woolshed Emerald Bank Kialla on Saturday 27th January 2018.

Maggie was attended by Danielle Dodman and Hannah Cheong and Michael's grooms men were Todd Clarke & Jason Snelling. It was a great occasion enjoyed by close family and friends.

Welcome Harry McCarthy



Harry is a new Grandson for Christine & Eric Dicketts, son to Erin and Brendan and brother to Jack.

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Craig Tuhan

Craig was born in Kyabram on the 21st of April 1966, he was the 2nd child born to Carol and Ray. Craig attended primary school at Kyabram and Stanhope and secondary education at Kyabram High. Craig had a head for figures and after he completed high school he obtained a degree in Accounting and Computers from Bendigo College. Craig moved to Melbourne for several years to work but city life didn't sit well with him so he made the decision to come back to Stanhope and work on the family farm. His accounting skills came in very handy, he helped, not only with general farm duties and the farm accounts, he also joined Landcare and eventually he became Treasurer of Goulburn Murray Landcare. Craig had an interest in the environment from a very young age which lead him to be an active member of Landcare for many years.

Craig enjoyed playing Lawn Bowls and alongside his Secretary father he was the assistant

Secretary of the Stanhope Bowls Club. Craig helped out at the club in whatever capacity he was needed

from helping out behind the bar to mowing lawns. Despite the difficulties Craig faced in his lifetime he contributed to his community.

Craig was a much loved brother and uncle. He maintained a good relationship with his siblings despite the distances between them. He was always on hand to offer his time to research a project or two that one of them might be considering. Social media of late made keeping in contact with each other much easier.

Craig was a very special uncle to his 2 local nephews and niece. He enjoyed spending time with them and would often take them to the movies or out for a drive especially when their parents were busy. He loved them and they him.....even when they called him "Cautious Craig". On his own Craig drove at speed and sometimes perhaps a little faster than he should have, but with the kids in the car it was 80k's all the way!

Louise said that Craig was a huge support to her and Russell, "he had such a big heart" she said. "He was always thinking of ways to use his skills to help us and the family". "He will be greatly missed by us all".



Stanhope Community Carols

On a warm and balmy evening a large crowd gathered in McEwen Place for a wonderful evening of traditional carols and entertainment. Performers were the Shine Church, Mica Rosenberg, Nicole Crosbie, Stanhope Primary School students accompanied by the Rushworth Concert Band and various musicians.



The local children were well catered for with a jumping castle, an animal farm with tiny calves and goats, pony rides, face painting and fairy floss provided by the Stanhope Lions Club. The Stanhope Men's Shed was responsible for feeding all those folk who were hungry, with a BBQ. All of this was free for those who attended, thanks to a grant from the Shire of Campaspe and the hard work of the Carols committee. The highlight of the night, of course, was the appearance of Santa. A long line of excited children waited their turn to receive a small gift from him. All in all it was a great night for the many families who attended.

Stanhope Men's Shed assists Santa



In December the Men's Shed were called in to assist Santa who could not fit a rather large cubby house into his sleigh. Santa and the Men's Shed elves delivered the cubby to the home of Mayley and Evie, daughters of Kym Patten. They are overjoyed with it and have been decorating and planning the painting of it.

Mystery fire in Ryrie Street



This tree in Ryrie Street mysteriously caught on fire during the night recently.

Well attended Australia Day Celebrations at Stanhope

Despite a few hiccups the Australia Day Celebrations were enjoyed by the large audience in attendance on the day. The morning commenced late while the organisers waited for the Ambassador, as provided by the Australia Day Council, to arrive.

After some delay the celebrations commenced in McEwen Place with the singing of the National Anthem, led by Mica Rosenberg and the raising of the flag by members of the Stanhope RSL. The celebrations then continued in the Community Hall, where some seventy people listened to Kahlea Spiby and Jorja Ponton give a rendition of "I am Australian", Mica entertained the crowd with "My Country."



In the absence of the allocated ambassador, the Shire representative Cr Vicki Neele, gave a short address where she drew on words from the song Mica had sung about a Sunburnt Country. Thank you to Vicki for stepping in, it was appreciated by the organisers and the assembled crowd.

Finally, Robert Armstrong a director of Rushworth & District Financial Services awarded certificates, provided by the Rushworth and District Community Bank, to Primary School and Kindergarten children as prizes for the colouring competition.

Second prize for the colouring competition were kindly donated by the Stanhope Post Office and the Australia Day Committee.



Kahlea Spiby & Jorja Ponton



Shirley Armstrong & Cr Vicki Neele

Fonterra Wins Australia Day Award

Nominated by the Stanhope & District Development Committee, Fonterra's "Legendairy" Mural and accompanying Coffee Table Book won the Australia Day Award in the Waranga Ward and the whole of the Shire of Campaspe in the category of Arts Person/Group of the Year.

In part the citation read:

"Fonterra, Stanhope, has contributed to visual art within the Shire of Campaspe and in particular the Stanhope area, with the erection of a Mosaic Mural 48 metres long and 5 metres high, on the wall of the new cheese plant at the Stanhope Factory.

This mosaic mural contains some 18,000, 6x4 photographs and is digitalised to depict an historic scene showing the history of the local dairy industry and the factory".

Recently this mural has been recognized as the largest Mosaic Mural in the Southern Hemisphere, consequently it is attracting many visitors to the Stanhope and surrounding areas.

In accepting the award, Manager of the Stanhope factory, Jason Wright, paid tribute to both Colleen Gates and Diana Sepulveda who were the driving force behind the layout and design of the Mural and the Coffee Table Book.

Mayor Adrian Weston & Fonterra Manager Jason Wright accepting the Award



Stanhope Social Support Group for Seniors



What's going on at Stanhope – February 2018

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All programs - \$7.60 or \$7.80 per session
(Depending on Government funding)

(Extra cost for meals and entry into events)



Friday	2 nd	Shepparton Art Museum (fee entry) The collection Eighty Years of SAM Eastbank Café for lunch (lunch at own expense)	9.30 am	3.30pm *
Tuesday	6 th	Village Cinemas Shepparton. Movie will be confirmed on 30/1 when information is available Flyer will be circulated Cost \$13 pp (meal added cost)		Time to be confirmed
Friday	9 th	Kyabram Fauna Park for lunch (Meal added cost)	9.30 am	3.30pm *
Tuesday	13 th	RSL Seniors Melodies (lunch at own expense)	9.30 am	3.30pm *
Friday	16th	Monkee and Co Echuca Chinese (lunch at own expense)	9.30 am	3.30pm *
Tuesday	19 th	Shepparton Ten Pin Bowling \$6.00 per game (lunch at own expense)	9.30am	3.30pm*
Friday	23 rd	Historical town of Tooleen. (meal at Hotel added Cost)	9.30am	3.30pm*
Monday	26 th	<u>Come along to Stanhope Senior Citizens to enjoy a morning with Nerida on OSMO</u> <u>Morning tea provided BYO lunch</u>		10.00 - noon
Tuesday	27 th	Chanter Estate Winery and World War 11 Museum. Afternoon outing Devonshire Team (\$5 p p). Cheese platter provided Please have your lunch prior to pick up	12.30 pm	5.30pm*

Thank you for supporting our Local Pool!

Our first pool party for the season was our "Welcome to Summer Pool Party" which was unfortunately cancelled due to the stormy weather conditions. However, the Pool Committee were very pleased to see over 130 people attend our "Christmas Pool Party" which was held on Friday 22nd December. Santa made a special appearance and was greeted by many excited children who each received a Zooper Dooper from him. Our "Australia Day" Pool Party was also very successful with 88 people through the gates and we would like to thank the community for supporting all these events and helping us to keep our pool open.



Twenty-eight children participated in the "Learn to Swim" School Holiday Program held the week of Monday 15th – Friday, 19th January 2018. 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 a bag containing 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 30 minute blocks and if you are interested in volunteering your time please drop into the pool between 3.00 - 7.00pm any day of the week and put your name down on the Roster sheet. Please remember this is a **Community run pool** and without the community's help and support the pool may close.

We would like to say "Thank you" and make special mention to our sponsors for their financial support for this 2017-2018 Pool Season.

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STANHOPE POOL – Upcoming Events

Sponsors Day / End of Season Pool Party

9th March, 2018

**Make sure to write these events on your calendars and
REMEMBER..... USE IT OR LOSE IT.**

Stanhope Bowls Club Fundraising Night



On Wednesday 31st of January, the Stanhope Bowls club ran a Fundraising Night for Josh Thornton, 2018 Commonwealth Games Lawn Bowler. Josh plays and coaches East Shepparton Bowls Club and plays against Stanhope in the Goulburn Valley.

In a show of support we decided to run an event to help raise funds for him and his family to be able to attend the Commonwealth Games in April, we imagine this will be a very expensive yet life fulfilling achievement for Josh.

During the night we heard from Josh, who went through his difficulties whilst growing up with his disability. Josh has a condition that has affected the right hand side of his body and is unable to do many things people would consider as normal. This hasn't stopped him achieving his goals, one,



being the Commonwealth Games. He also spoke about his achievements in the sport of bowls before heading out onto the green to bowl with all the kids on the night. All up for the night we had around 80 to 100 people attend and we raised \$1500 for him and his family. We received plenty of support from clubs from around the GV as well as plenty from our own club. An unexpected surprise, was the Manager from the Hay Bowls Club who also made a huge donation and donated prizes.

Josh is pictured front and centre in the photo in his Official Green and Gold Australian Shirt. Josh is leading in the Para-Olympics triples team and we wish him all the best for his quest for GOLD.

Stanhope Cricket Club Pink Stumps Day

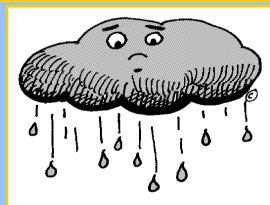
The Stanhope Cricket Club is bringing the magic of the Pink Test home for McGrath Foundation's Pink Stumps Day

We are participating in the spirit, energy and international phenomenon of the Pink Test by bringing the magic home. They're showing off their cricket skills to raise money for the McGrath Foundation's Pink Stumps Day. The Pink Stumps Day provides an opportunity for teams, businesses, friends, families and anyone in between to have fun playing cricket while raising money to fund McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia, and to increase breast awareness in young people.



McGrath Foundation Ambassador and Director, Tracy Bevan, said "Pink Stumps Day plays a vital role in achieving the Foundation's mission of ensuring every family experiencing breast cancer has access to a dedicated breast care nurse, no matter where they live or their financial situation. We are inviting friends, family and the local community to join them for Pink Stumps Day on **Saturday the 17th of February** from 12.30 onwards and get involved with lots of fun activities.

We also have our annual 6 a side day coming up on Sunday the 25th of February. For more information on either event they can contact Craig Emmett 0409014854 or check out our facebook page.



January Rainfall

Record for December, but below average for January.

Following a record rainfall in Stanhope for December, January 2018 was below average when Stanhope received 22.6 mls.

Stanhope Monster Garage Sale

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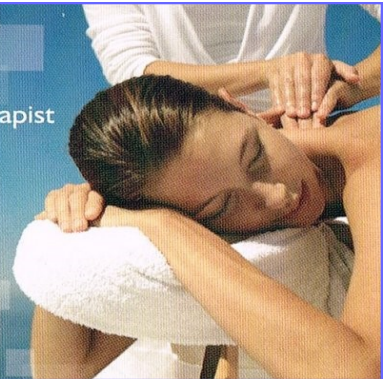


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