

2018 Start to Stanhope Primary School & Kindergarten



Our five new preps for 2018. This is the first time in many years where 4 of our 5 new preps, do not have siblings here at school! LtoR are: Elayna; Bodhi; Isabelle; Braxton; William



Stanhope Kindergarten has 10 children enrolled in Kindergarten & 7 children in Pre-Kinder for 2018. The kindergarten children recently had a wonderful time at the Stanhope Pool. All of the children enjoyed the water, braving the cooler conditions and swimming for the entire time. Pictured: Aedan, Mia, Ayvee, Hudson, Liam, Ainslee, Meila & Tully. Absent: Lilly & Gypsy



With Deepest Sympathy

Condolences are extended to

Noel and Marg Adams and family on the passing of David &

Mary & Andrew Hipwell and family on the passing of Mary's sister Jan Bell



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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SAVE THE DATE April 20th 2018 Venue: Stanhope Football/ Netball Clubrooms and Oval Cost: FREE

Guest Speaker: Kevin Sheedy Outdoor Cinema for the kids

A free community event will be held on April 20th 2018 with guest speaker Kevin Sheedy. It is a great time for everyone to get together in a relaxed, fun atmosphere and listen to a great motivational speaker. For the kids, as well as meeting Kevin Sheedy, they can enjoy an outdoor cinema. The event has been organised through the Stanhope Men's Shed with support from Look Over The Farm Gate, Murray Dairy, Shire of Campaspe, Stanhope and District Development

Stanhope and District Development Committee, Waranga Health and Stanhope Health. The FREE event will be open to all community members from Stanhope, Girgarre, Rushworth and surrounding districts so Save the Date and come along.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who wished me well and helped in so many ways following my misadventure. Your kindness has been much appreciated, and now I am on the mend. Floss

AND THANK YOU AGAIN :- To Christine and the men from the Men's Shed who retrieved the body of our little dog Max, wrapped him up and buried him with such respect in our back garden. We will be forever grateful. Bob & Floss

Fonterra Factory Update

Construction

Construction for the next phase of the cheese expansion is now well underway as we move into the beginning of autumn. The site is once again crawling with contractors and builders who are busy erecting scaffolding and pouring concrete foundations in preparation for new infrastructure. There might be a chance over the next month to see large equipment such as silos and vats being delivered to the site.

Odours

In addition to the building works, the site continues to work through commissioning of the cheese plant. Some residents may have noted an occasional unpleasant odour coming from the site over summer. The unexpected odour has been originating from the site's smaller treatment lagoon during this transitional phase of production. The cause has been investigated and is attributed to a shortfall in equipment functionality as production has increased over the Christmas/New Year period. Coupled with some weather conditions beyond our control this has resulted in odours on some occasions extending beyond the factory site boundary and affecting some residents in Stanhope.

At Fonterra's request, EPA visited the factory on Tuesday 13 February to inspect the cheese and wastewater treatment processes and infrastructure. A plan to resolve the equipment functionality has been developed and is currently being implemented. Any member of the community impacted by factory odours is welcome to contact us directly. All community reports are recorded in the site's complaints log and reported immediately to EPA.

Snakes

Christmas is long gone and now tis the season for snakes instead!! Sightings of snakes at the factory have been on the increase over the last month both within the factory boundary around concrete walkways and around the perimeter. All snake sightings are reported immediately with our staff trained handlers able to catch and release into a more suitable location. We remind residents to be vigilant around their own homes.



Whroo Cemetery Trust goes from Strength to Strength.

Following the conclusion of the five year appointment of the Whroo Cemetery Trust, a new Trust was appointed by the Governor in Council to serve for the next five years.

The new Trust includes four previous members and four new members. They are:-New Members: Ken & Christine Bock, Keith Irwin, and Damien Grigg. Previous members: Bob Holschier, Jim Deslandes, Doris King and Lorraine Rule.

At a recent meeting, Bob Holschier was again elected President, Ken Bock, Vice Pres. Christine Bock, Secretary/Treasurer.These executive positions are for a period of 12 months.

President, Bob Holschier said "We are delighted to have these new members on board, as they are most enthusiastic to see the projects carried out by the previous trust continue". Amongst the projects planned for the near future is the installation of seating within the cemetery.

The 2017-2018 Pool season is coming to an end

There are only a few more weeks left of this current pool season so be sure to use it while you can. Please note that the last day of the pool season is the Monday of the long weekend in March, (Monday, 12th March).

Our last official event will be our "Sponsors Day" Pool Party on Friday 9th March. This Pool Party is a way for

the committee to say "Thankyou" to the community for their support, and to recognise and say a HUGE "Thank you" to all our sponsors for their financial support for this 2017-2018 pool season.

The Stanhope Swimming Pool is Proudly Sponsored by:

Rushworth & District Community Bank, Stanhope Takeaway Café, Stanhope St. Matthews Op Shop, Stanhope Foodworks, Stanhope Development Committee, Leocata's Transport, Stanhope Traditional Butchers, Stanhope RSL, Graham Wakefield - Bowen Therapy, Stanhope Plumbing & Gas fitting, Knights Building Supplies, Fonterra, Beau Jangles Dog Grooming, Stanhope Lions Club & Stanhope Post Office.

We would also like to make special mention of Mr George Gemmill & Vanessa Poole who have donated pool toys throughout the season. "Thank you", it is greatly appreciated by the committee and also those who use them.



REMEMBER...... USE IT OR LOSE IT.

Lions Club Public Speaking

On the 21st February the Stanhope Lions club held the youth of the year competition at the Stanhope hotel with Lions members and participants families and friends in attendance at a dinner meeting

The participants were Katie Fletcher, Abbey Hancock and Kaitlin Ryan-Roberts, all current students at the Kyabram P12 college. The contestants were firstly interviewed by the judges, then had to answer two impromptu questions of the Judges choice, where they only had two minutes to answer the questions being:

Question 1 If you had to be a volunteer in your community, what would you do and why? Question 2 Do you agree or disagree for mobile phones to be allowed in the classroom? All answered the questions very well. After this a meal was served by the staff of the hotel

Each contestant was required to do a five minute speech of their own subject choice. Katie Fletcher's speech was on Multi Culturalism and racism.

Abbey Hancock spoke on An Alpine School for student leadership & Kaitlin Ryan-Roberts spoke on Homelessness.

After much deliberation, the Judges decided on the winner as Kaitlin Ryan-Roberts. Kaitlin will go on to contest the Region final at Numurkah on Sunday March 4. We wish Kaitlin well . We must congratulate all three contestants on their preparation and presentation during the evening.



Above Kaitlin Ryan– Roberts

Very well done

Our many thanks to the Judges Kezia Talbot, Nicky Cordillo And Alan Londey . A hard job well done. Also many thanks to President Avis on the work done to make this night a great success and to the Lions and partners for the supper afterwards

Over the Australia Day Weekend we once again conducted the Driver Reviver Stop outside the Stanhope Fuel Depot.





Bendigo Bank Stanhope Service Centre

The Bendigo Bank Service Centre is happy to have Mary back on board after her recent extended leave.

The Service Centre has been successfully operated by Rushworth and Bendigo Bank Relieving staff in Mary's absence.

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Stanhope Service Centre is open 9.30am – 4.00pm on Monday's and Thursday's. The Service Centre is closed for lunch between 12.30pm – 1.00pm.

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Marcus Leocata and Sarah Harris celebrated their engagement at the GV Hotel Shepparton 3rd February 2018 with family and friends a lovely night enjoyed by all The Stanhope Swimming Pool is Proudly Sponsored by: Rushworth & District Community Bank, Stanhope Takeaway Café, Stanhope St. Mathews Op Shop, Stanhope Foodworks, Stanhope Development Committee, Leocata's Transport, , Stanhope Traditional Butchers, Stanhope RSL, Graham Wakefield - Bowen Therapy, Stanhope Plumbing & Gas fitting, Knights Building Supplies, Fonterra, Beau jangles dog grooming, Stanhope Lions Club & Stanhope Post Office.

Stanhope Cricket Club Pink Stumps Day

The Stanhope Cricket Club held a very successful Pink Stumps Cricket Match on Saturday February 17 for the McGrath Foundation who raises money for breast cancer. A total of \$750 was raised on the day.

All the A Grade players wore Pink Caps on the day and Pink Stumps were used on the field. Approximately 15 ladies attended the Pink Stumps Marquee, where all enjoyed a relaxing day in the sun with nibbles and drinks. A raffle was held on the day with donations from local businesses.

The Club would like to thank everyone who donated towards the day:

Kyabram Beauty Studio, Stanhope Hotel, Felicity Hall Myotherapy, Leprechaun Mowing, Partylite, Scott Donaldson, Lyn Emmett & Hennings Vineyard for the wine.



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Girgarre's RSL Tribute to Soldier Settlers

Around the time of Federation the Australian and State Governments acquired large rural holdings with the intent to break them up into smaller rural holdings for farming settlers.

Closer Although this Settlement Scheme was not considered successful it persisted for the returning World War 1 soldiers many whom were facing unemployment. They were encouraged to take up farming on these holdings. Many were from the cities and had limited or no farming experience but still the persisted despite scheme these failings. Almost one in three settlers failed before they got started and about half of the returned men from the Stanhope North and Girgarre District were gone within 10 years. Those that were successful became the pioneer farmers in their local districts.



Girgarre RSL in recognising these "Closer and World War 1 Soldier Settlers" who settled in the Stanhope North and Girgarre District unveiled a commemorative wall featuring details of the settlers, the allotment numbers, the Closer and Soldier Settlement schemes and the difficulties the settlers faced.

Girgarre RSL President Laurie Young was impressed with the turnout for the unveiling being around 150 persons. Shire of Campaspe councillors were well represented along with some local RSL clubs and many descendants of the early pioneering farmers along with locals.

The MC for the day was former local Girgarre farmer and former councillor of the previously known



Shire of Deakin in Neil Grummitt. Neil in the course of his duties introduced speakers who included Campaspe Mayor Adrian Weston, RSL members John Crilly, Robert Axen and Laurie Young, and Girgarre community leaders in Mrs Sandra McDonald of the Girgarre Rail Trail and Mrs Jan Smith of the Girgarre Development Group. The persons delegated with the unveiling duties were Ron Gregory and Craig Forster from Girgarre, Anne Vickers Kyabram and Julie Lee from Ivanhoe in NSW.

The day concluded with all attendees invited to adjourn to the Girgarre Memorial Hall for a magnificent afternoon tea sponsored through the generosity of the Rushworth and District Community Bank and prepared by Girgarre community members.

Our School Liberia By Nicola Sutton

The Stanhope Men's Shed got a taste of Africa this week from former resident Nicola Sutton who has spent the last seven years travelling to, and working in, Liberia in West Africa.

Nicola, who works for the Swiss based Dear Foundation, took a role at the Liberia Renaissance

Education Complex (LREC) in 2011 and has since worked to expand a community school project which currently caters to 340 local children. Travelling home to Stanhope to visit family, Nicola took time out to speak to the Men's Shed about her experiences in the tropics of West Africa, including working with the community, the challenges of poor infrastructure, and how she continued working throughout the recent Ebola Virus epidemic.

Liberia, on the southern coast of West Africa, was founded by freed slaves in the 19th Century, and has since faced civil war and health crises which have left the country struggling to meet even the basic needs of its population. Despite the challenges, the country has maintained stability since the end of conflict in 2003 and has embraced the development community to help rebuild the country. LREC – established in 2006 – has become a model public-private partnership school providing a quality education to students aged 4-20. Nicola took over as project manager, overseeing 44 staff in a position she describes as a "problem solver". To learn more about the school and volunteering opportunities, search for "Our School Liberia" on Facebook.



Photo: Nicola Sutton and Husband Lachie.

Stanhope Men's shed News

Much is happening at the shed. Lots of laughs and storytelling on a Friday morning over coffee and bulls----. Come along on a Friday morning at 10am and see for yourself. Guaranteed to lift the spirit. All welcome.

The Men's Shed is having a garage sale at the shed on the next Monster Garage Sale Day Sunday11th March from 8.30am to 1pm. There is new and used furniture for sale for indoors and outdoors. Planter boxes, dog kennels and items can be made to order. Look at our Facebook page for photos of various items for sale.

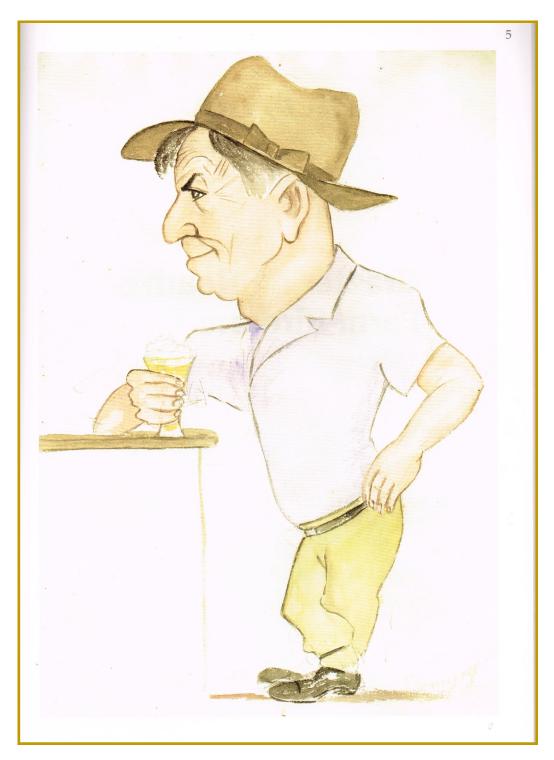
Recently the shed hosted a morning tea with guest speaker being Nicola Sutton and her husband Lachlan. Nicola helped establish a primary school in Liberia.

Please read separate article above, as it is a very interesting venture in a fascinating country.

Touchwood Creations

Ken Harrison is remodelling the interior of Touchwood Creations which is built on the site of the former Hepples Emporium, which was occupied by Ken and was tragically burnt down in December 2013. Ken has done an amazing job on the interior of the building with working water features, small shops, and lovely display areas. It is a real tourist attraction for Stanhope. He is keen to remodel the shop and recreate parts of the former Hepples Emporium. Ken is keen to see any photos people may have of the shop. If you are able to assist please drop in anytime and Ken will copy the photos to assist with the new fitout.

J. ARMSTRONG (JOE) 1897-1967Water Bailiff No. 1144 served with 13th Light Horse Regiment A.I.F. as a Private 914—1919 Served At Gallipoli 1914-1915 and France 1915-1918 Worked for the State Rivers and Water Supply and with the Kyabram Cannery Retired to Rushworth



Joe Armstrong features in Caricatures - A Book of Memories assembled by Stanhope RSL with documentation sourced by Stanhope Lions Club, David Blow and Len Armstrong A limited supply of books is available. Please contact Len Armstrong, Phil Chapman or George Gemmill.

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JUNKESTRA

WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR?

This is my second residency in Girgarre - last year we:

- created junk instruments for the school
- designed and built musical installations
- worked on music skills workshops with the school kids and the public.
- awakened the Supermarket as the project hub, workshop and social center
- performed a final concert at the school that became a roving event to unveil the installations

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS YEAR?

Our focus this year is to create the JUNKESTRA with towns people and their neighbours and write a composition that captures the spirit of the Girgarre Revival, to be performed at the first ever concert at the Sound Shell on April 14. Everyone is welcome to participate in this.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

During my ten-week residency I will be running lots of practice sessions. Each week there is only one session plan but I run it several times on different days so that people can make it along to one of them. I am happy to run sessions for just two or three people. By the time we get to about week five or six (we perform in week eight) we will schedule bigger sessions to combine everyone into the larger group. The plan for the concert will evolve week to week, as will the composition.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Anyone and everyone is welcome to give it a go. I encourage you to try it before you decide not to play, as the more people we have in JUNKESTRA the stronger it will represent the true local spirit.

WHAT ABOUT KIDS?

Kids are welcome to attend, with under 12s accompanied by an adult. Little ones under 6 possibly may not cope too well, but I am willing to give it a shot if you want to bring them along.

CAN I GET INVOLVED IN SOME OTHER WAY?

Yes. There will be lots of other ways you can participate in the event - perhaps as a stage manager, or helping rig lights and sound, or operating some audio or video recorders. If you're interested in this please let me know.



Pictured: Graeme Leake

Stanhope Primary School Swimming Sports



Over the last two weeks, Stanhope Primary School students have been taking swimming instruction at the local Stanhope Pool. Last Friday we held the swimming carnival and competition between the two Houses of McEwen and Winter. Winter came out ahead by ONE point!

Monster Garage Sale

Newcomers to town may have come across the legendary Monster Garage Sale which is held in the main street of town on the second Sunday of every month from 8.30am.

Anyone is welcome to have a stall of garage sale items or craft. It is a good way to make some extra cash, no early birds, your home remains private, friendly atmosphere, no hassles or worries, just arrive and set up, advertising is done for you, lots of people passing by, all sites undercover, do not have to take leftovers home, charity shop nearby. no hassles or worries, just arrive and set up. You will have extra room at home. Get together with a friend and organise a stall. Sites only \$10. Bookings Stanhope Business Centre 5857 2866 or leave a message



Photo is of a happy stall holder at the February monster



A dry finish to summer

According to rainfall figures for Stanhope dating back to 1921 February is the driest month of the year. This month of February proved to be the driest month for some time, when Stanhope only received 3.8 mls of rain, well below the February average of 29 mls.





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SHINE SUNDAY SERVICES

For the month of March at Shine we have Sunday Services 10 am with Children's Church at the Stanhope Hall 4th, 11th, 18th Ps Dale Smith Ministering 25th Friday night service on the 16th with Joni Stevenson at 7 pm All Welcome

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