

Greenethorpe

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Birthdays for August

1st Fiona Griffith
4th Kim Bannerman
11th Ian McColl
12th Jenny-Lynne Watt
17th Daryl Cashen
19th Trent Webb
23rd Jim Bannerman
24th Harriet McColl
25th Tom Wills
26th Graham Watt
28th Nikki McColl
30th Lily Brien



According to Elders Weather, we have had 468mm of rain so far this year, with 107mm of that in July. It just feels like so much more!



Thanks to Ray Chew, who has donated several old newspaper clippings, and other items, to the Greenethorpe History Group. Corrie and Jim Bryant have also donated an old typewriter. We are still interested in any items you would like to donate, or photos that can be copied. What seems a boring photo to you may be a treasure historically. We now have several photos of the shops which were once here in Greenethorpe.

The Group is still without a home—the collection is packed away in the old CWA Hall, which I have bought from Terry Harris. We still live in hope of acquiring the former Anglican church as a museum.

Lindsay

To the hardy band of volunteers who recently vacuumed, swept, sanded and oiled the floors of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, a huge **Thank You** from the Hall Committee, and sincere thanks to Ken Hutchinson who managed and co-ordinated the whole operation.

Thanks also go to **Bunnings** in Cowra for their donation of 30 litres of decking oil.

The floors have been rejuvenated—make sure to have a good look next time you're able to (Council elections are coming up soon, have a look then).

Dave Watt, for the S.M.H. Committee



The different look this month is a result of a new computer and a newer version of Publisher, which I'm trying to get the hang of.

I still have a small **fridge for sale**. It's about 110cm high, 50cm wide and deep. It has a freezer, several shelves and a vegetable bin. I bought this when I moved here in 2007 and it has served me well with no problems. Asking **\$90** for it.

Lindsay

SAVE THE DATE - Le Tour De Greenethorpe is coming! It will be held on Sunday Sept 25th 2016.



The next organising meeting is this Wednesday, August 3rd, 6pm in the Hall Supper Room. Volunteers are needed for many jobs on the day—can you help? Come along to the meeting on Wednesday.

It's nine years this month since I arrived in Greenethorpe, and about 7½ years since I took over editorship of AAG from Phil Weyers. If there's someone out there with the interest, time and knowledge to take over the editing, please let me know. I don't want to hog it!

[Continuing the story from the last AAG of the death of Donald Crawford by poisoning]

Grenfell Record 19 Mar 1931

Sergeant Ryan deposed: About 10.30 a.m. on 4th March he was at Greenethorpe and spoke to Constable Snape; later he spoke to Ernest Griffin (in custody in court) ; said, "Are you known as Micky Griffin"; he said, "Yes"; said, "Do you know Don Crawford"; he said, "Yes"; asked him had he been in his employ; he said, "Yes — off and on for five years, and continuously for twelve months"; said he "bached" with Don; asked him if Constable Snape told him that Crawford was here this morning, and was taken to the hospital; he said, "Yes"; asked him if Snape told him what Crawford said and he replied "No"; said "Snape tells me Crawford came to the station and said, "For God's sake come quick I have been poisoned"; said, Constable Snape then said he opened the door and saw Crawford, who said "I have been poisoned with strychnine poison,"; said, Snape then gave him an emetic and he vomited and that he saw to Crawford, "Now tell me how it happened"; Crawford then said, "Micky came home last night—I was lying on the bed—and he came in and said, 'Will you have a glass of lager, Don?' Crawford replying, 'My word'; Micky then handed me a glass of lager which I drank and Mickey had one himself; after drinking the lager I said to Mickey 'My word that is bitter'; Mickey made no reply, drank his and said, 'Will you have another, Don,' Crawford saying, 'No, it was, too — bitter for me'; Mickey then poured out another glass and drank it himself, and then went outside; I lay on my bed and felt a bit crook and my head started to twirl round — then realised I was poisoned; got up and went outside, poked my finger down my throat and vomited; whilst there he heard Mickey vomiting too, then looked round for Mickey, got on my horse and raced here"; told Griffin that shortly after that Mr. Newton came to the station and Snape told him that he said to Crawford, "Tell Newton what you have already told me," and Crawford told Newton exactly what he had told Snape; Snape said he and Newton assisted Crawford to the hotel for assistance by the Bush Nursing Sister; Snape further said that going over Crawford said, 'I don't know what Mickey did this for— I don't mind dying, but fancy dying a dog's death'; Griffin said, 'I did not poison him, he was the last man I would do an injury to.— there was nothing wrong with the beer and I was not sick; about 7 p.m. last night Crawford came home — I had the tea prepared and we had tea together; after tea got dressed to go to Greenethorpe; a storm came up and I changed my mind; went to kitchen and assisted Don to wash up; Don said, 'Ain't you going to Greenethorpe,' and he said 'No'; he replied 'Go on in, never change your mind'; got the horse and went to Greenethorpe; put horse in the yard, and walked into kitchen in which there was no light; later went into hotel, and as it was raining he intended to stay the night; booked a room, had several drinks; bought bottle of lager, the last bottle the publican told him he had; after a while went out, returned late, had another drink and went home, arriving some time between 11 and 12; gave his horse a drink put the draught horses out, fed his horse and walked to the house; getting near

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the house saw Don standing at the door, dressed; said, 'What, not in bed yet'; he replied, 'No— oh — bed'; then said, 'I've a bottle of lager, will we drink it now or leave it till to-morrow?'; he said, 'Drink it now, let to-morrow look after itself'; went into kitchen, opened the bottle of lager, did not know which one of us opened it, got two glasses down— did not know which one did that — poured out two glasses of lager — did not know whether Don or he poured it out — had a glass each; after drinking a glass each there was about a quarter of the bottle left; said, 'Will we finish it,' and he said, 'No—leave that, we might want a drink to-morrow'; he replaced stop and put the bottle in the cool safe; went out, had —, came back and went to bed; Don remained in the kitchen; after getting into bed Don walked through and sat on the front verandah; the last thing he remembered saying before going to bed was, 'Ain't you going to bed, mister?' and he said, 'Oh — bed'; he said he appeared a bit off color and he put it down to the dying effects of liquor he had at Greenethorpe during the afternoon, as he was under the influence before he went home; remembered nothing more until awakened by Snape at 5 in the morning; the bottle of beer was not there then; Griffin also said that Don drank out of a large glass, and he out of a small one; asked him if he would mind coming to the house, to look for the bottle; he said, 'Yes, sergeant, I'll go with you and give you every assistance; I know it looks bad for me, but I can assure you I had nothing to do with it'; went to the house, and Griffin said, 'That is where Snape told me he picked up a glass; that glass was the small glass—the one he used—and how it came to be at the fence I don't know'; one of the large glasses was on the kitchen table filled with water he thought; Griffin said, 'It was that glass or one like it Crawford drank out of, but how the water got into it I don't know'; later another large glass was found on the window sill near an iron tank; this glass was turned upside down; Griffin said, 'That is the other large glass,' and it was either that one or the one with the water in that Snape found this morning; made a thorough search of house and surroundings, but could not find any bottle containing beer; there were a number of empty bottles in pantry, which the police took possession of; found double barrel shot gun and full box of cartridges, and a revolver, but no cartridges for the revolver; when he arrived there there were a number of fowls and chickens, cats and three dogs; found no fowl, cat or dog dead; found letter addressed to Ernest Griffin which he produced; the letter was from Department of Labour and Industry; also produced docket from Newton, storekeeper, plan of house, and surroundings; also produced certificate from Government analyst of certain exhibits.

Mr. Harney did not object to the document going in, but reserved the right to call the analysis at any possible future proceedings.

[To be continued next issue - Lindsay]