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Birthdays for October

2nd Fletcher Taylor
2nd Stirling Taylor
5th Matthew Cashen
7th David McColl
8th Jenny Wright
10th Shirley Wills
14th Heidi Wills
15th Lucinda Bryant
16th Jeremy Batkin
18th Jason Grossman
21st Dorothy Grossman
22nd Sienna Capra
25th Emily Fisher
26th Cameron Watt
29th Elizabeth Batkin
29th Justin Wright



According to eldersweather.com.au, Greenethorpe has had 110 days of rain this year up to Sep 30th, totalling 744mm. The wettest day was Sep 10th, with 54mm.



Uniting Church Services this month

Sunday 9th 9.00 am

Sunday 16th 9.00 am



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Infrastructure and Operations: 6340 2070

After Hours Emergency: 6340 2120 or 0419 219 231

Contact Weddin Shire Council about problems with roads:

Engineering Department
Council Offices
Cnr Weddin/Camp Streets

6343 1212



Tour de Greenethorpe

Our ninth Le tour de Greenethorpe was run (ridden?) on Saturday 24th Sep in beautiful sunny weather. Despite the current wet and boggy conditions nearly 100 riders turned out to enjoy the best of spring that Greenethorpe can provide.

The smell of fresh coffee and patisserie items seemed to spur cyclists on to complete the course as quickly as possible. With Will Hodges and Jeremy Ryan absent this year, we had a new winner in Nick Martin from Young.

Special thank you to the committee for coming to meetings during the year and to all the great volunteers who seem to come out of the woodwork on the day to make it all possible.

Also to our **generous sponsors** who make the day a financial success. With their help we raised nearly \$8000 for the Soldiers Memorial Hall. Please, if you get the chance, return the favour.

Allan Gray & Co, Aldi Cowra, Beecher Wool, Brundanella Merinos, CBA Young, Cowra Motorcycles, CJ Andersen Grenfell, Davidson Spreading, Delta Ag Young, Donges IGA, Elders Cowra, Fat Bastard Clothing Co, Felix Rams, Gerard & Partners, Geronimo, GGM Lawyers, Gibson and Co Accounting, Grain Focus, Grenfell Commodities, Grenfell Contractors, Hutcheon & Pearce Cowra, Lachlan Fertilisers Grenfell, Lachlan Steel, Landmark Young, Lowes Petroleum, LPC Trading, McColl Farms, Mitton's Earthmoving, Moppity Vineyards, Morgan Insurance, Ray White Emms Mooney Cowra, RMS NSW, Rocklyn Merinos, South West Tractors, Thompson's Irrifab, Tyrrell's Wines, Tyrepower Young, Weddin Shire Council

Sam Allen

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Inquest of D. K. Crawford [continued from Aug issue]

From Grenfell Record Thu 19 Mar 1931

Sergeant Ryan: Also produced warrant for exhumation of body, which was viewed by the Coroner and Constable Flint; took Ernest Griffin with him and he identified the body; then said to him, 'I want to ask you one question—you are not obliged to answer—where were you between your first and second visit to the hotel at Greenethorpe on the night of the 3rd March?'; he said, 'When I left the hotel on the first occasion I walked to the billiard room, which was closed; then came back to hotel, a heavy shower of rain came on; I went into shed in hotel yard and sat there till the rain was over, then went back to hotel; saw a light still there; went in and had another drink and left for home.'

To Detective-sergeant James: Griffin said 'the beer was all right, it did not make him sick; if there was anything wrong with it I would also have been sick.'

To Mr. Moore: He actually found one glass on the window sill at the back; there was no trace of beer in that; that glass was referred to in the analysis; made exhaustive search for the partly filled bottle of beer but did not find it.

To Mr. Harney: Griffin gave him every possible assistance, and was quite ready and willing in all answers to questions; had made exhaustive enquiries and found deceased and Griffin lived together almost like brothers, and there was no enmity or hard words between them.

To the Coroner: The analysis stated there was no trace of poison in any of the glasses or in the unopened bottles of beer obtained from the hotel; these were the only bottles in the hotel; the stomach showed 0.28 grains of strychnine; the spleen also showed strychnine; the stomach, liver, kidney and small intestines also showed strychnine; he had gone very extensively into the matter; statements supposed to be made by deceased caused him to arrest Ernest Griffin; relationships between Crawford and Griffin as far as he could discover were the very best; about 3 a.m. on 4th March Snape came to the police station and said, 'I have just brought Crawford to the hospital suffering from poison; he is in a very bad way, and alleges poison was given to him by Ernest Griffin, and he had understood from Crawford that Griffin had taken poison too'; told him to go back and attend to Griffin; that he would get in touch with Dr. Ercole regarding the dying depositions; Dr. Ercole informed him that the man was very ill and had been treated with chloroform, and he would not be able to see him for perhaps an hour; the doctor said he fully realised the seriousness of the case, and as soon as the man was able to be seen he would let him in at once; later the doctor told him he was dead; the dying depositions were not obtained.

Dr. Ercole deposed: On morning of 4th March he received telephone message from Greenethorpe Bush Nursing Sister, who informed him that a man was poisoned by strychnine, and that she had nothing to help and that he was being sent to Grenfell Hospital; told her to give him salt water and mustard, make him vomit and rush him to the hospital; he rang Sister Fenton, of Grenfell Hospital and informed her of the incoming case; instructed her to have everything ready; about 2.5 p.m. he received a call informing him the patient had arrived, and was having fits; went up, arriving about 2.15; saw Crawford in bed, the sister and nurse being engaged in

washing his stomach, the sister informing him that apo morphine had been given; in a few minutes he saw the patient in fits, which were not violent, but this time he gave him an injection of 20 grains of chlorine; an injection of ¼ of morphia; ordered the sister to use chloroform inhalation for the spasms; about 3 o'clock the patient, who previously had been almost gasping for air was now fairly quiet; the pulse was very frequent, especially during the fits, when the pulse could hardly be counted; at about 3.30, after a more violent fit, the pulse stopped, and also breathing; from 3.30 to about 4.45 the patient was doing fair, and they had even hope that he would get well; at this time he injected another 20 grains of chlorine and left the patient for a while to the care of the Sister; was called back about 5.25; saw Sister Fenton over the patient doing artificial respiration; the pulse and respiration had just stopped after a violent fit, and the patient was dead; at 11 o'clock by order of the Coroner he made a post-mortem examination, Dr. Fenwick kindly assisting; there were no signs of violence externally; the cavities of the head and chest were normal; other portions of the body were forwarded to the Government analyst; he had no doubt that Don Crawford died from strychnine poisoning.

To the Coroner: Would say he had a small dose of strychnine; he hardly thought one and a half grains of strychnine had been taken—sufficient to kill; sometimes the fits did not start for hours, sometimes in a few minutes; the first orders of a doctor in such a case would be to keep the patient quiet; did not ask the patient how he got the poison; Crawford was in a fit when he first went up; Constable Snape acted very wisely in what he did to make Crawford vomit; strychnine itself had no effect to make a person vomit; he believed the stomach was empty; did not think the patient would be able to go on for an hour and a half after taking strychnine if the stomach was empty.

To Mr. Harney: One of the symptoms of strychnine is that the patient acquires a strong apprehension of death; assuming the poison was taken at 10.30 to 12 on an empty stomach he would expect symptoms in fifteen minutes; an empty stomach was ideal for speedy poison often in the motor system; if taken in lager beer it would be absorbed quicker; the spasms were usually severe; it was possible for a person to have a spasm and remain in the saddle; the fits increased in violence; it was possible that such a fit would require six strong men to hold a patient down; the patient became terrified, and had an impression of doom whether he knew he had strychnine or not; had experience of a man who took strychnine, refused to have a stomach pump for some time, but after the first few fits changed his mind; under normal conditions there would be no food in the stomach at the time; strychnine would not interfere with the digestive organs; he would assume that by vomiting after putting his finger down his throat a certain amount of strychnine was ejected; the patient did not tell him anything.

To be continued

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