

Greenethorpe

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Birthdays for December

3rd Emma Taylor
5th Allan Hodgson
11th Judy Bryant
12th David Brien
12th Julie Brien
13th Chris Wills
13th Jill Barr
15th Tom Allen
16th Janet Weyers
21st Erin Watt
22nd Di Watt
31st Nicola Robertson



Uniting Church Services this month

Sunday 14th 9.00 am

Sunday 21st 9.00 am



I still have calendars for 2017 containing 13 photos I took in and around Greenethorpe, for your own place or to give to a friend or rellie for Xmas.

\$15 each from me—Lindsay



Our History Group hasn't met for a while now. If people would like to get together, the supper room in the Hall is a possible venue. Let me know and we can work something out.

Lindsay

Hall Business—David Watt

Nominations for Citizen of the Year should go to me, as President of the Hall Committee, as soon as possible.

The usual Xmas decoration contest is on this year. I see Billabourie has got in early, with Santa sitting patiently outside their gate.

Could the person who dumped the old mattresses behind the Hall please remove them again. The Hall surrounds are not a dumping ground, thanks.

The Hall Committee thanks local farmers for the samples at the silo, which all add up to income for the Hall. If you have a paddock spill, contact me and we'll arrange to come and get that too!

David Watt

With the current high fuel load and fire risk we are encouraging everyone to be extra careful this year during harvest and the extended fire season.

- Operate to the weather conditions.
- Ensure fire-fighting gear is working.
- Position equipment in the paddock you're working in
- Check your insurance as some policy conditions vary for harvesting.
- Consider the fire risk to livestock.

Contact details in the event of a fire:

Greenethorpe Fire Brigade Contacts

UHF Channel 19

Col Chapple	0427 436235
Steve Chapple	0458 436243
Mick Bryant	0428 112609
Chris Wills	0407 465798

Call 000

A Voluntary Harvest Guide is available on the greenethorpe.nsw.au website in the newsletter section.

Michael Bryant



Kittens free to good
homes

Ring 6343 6317

Inquest for Donald Crawford, continued

Charles W. Field, farmer, Iandra, deposed: Knew deceased about 29 years; for past two or three years deceased lived near him, the properties adjoining; spoke to deceased pretty regularly, once a week; he had a rather pleasant disposition; never saw him out of temper; never saw him the worse for drink; saw him last on the morning of 2nd March at about 10.30 at deceased's home; he was then preparing to cut chaff; deceased had started to work his fallow for the coming crop; Mick Griffin was there, also Cusack; Crawford and Griffin got on well together, and seemed like brothers; Crawford thought highly of Griffin; would never expect Crawford to do any injury to Griffin.

To Mr. Moore: Crawford's farm was a very good one, and he had a good crop last year; he always seemed to look after the farm well.

To Mr. Harney: They used to discuss the bad price of wheat; Crawford never discussed the possibility of having to leave his place; never heard him say he could not meet the interest; did not discuss his private interest with witness; that day Crawford seemed the same as usual; there was no talk as to whether Crawford would be able to use the chaff or not; knew of no reason why Griffin should do an injury to Crawford; never heard Griffin express a harsh word about Crawford; he never heard one or the other speak ill of one another; Griffin took an interest in the work; did not think Griffin worried about anything except to get the work done.

Frederick Ernest Neal, farmer, Iandra, deposed: Knew deceased about 23 years; last spoke to him on the Sunday previous to his death at witness' home; Mick Griffin was with him, and they waited for lunch; deceased referred to Griffin as 'Auntie Mick'; Crawford appeared in his usual manner on that day; knew of no reason why deceased would do an injury to Griffin—did not think he would do so; they had a conversation re the wheat grader, and deceased said you had better wait a week for that grader, then I'll come down and give you a hand; knew Griffin all his life; each spoke well of the other, and he knew of no difference between them.

To Mr. Moore: Crawford was of a bright and cheerful disposition, and it was a pleasure to have him in the house.

To Mr. Harney: Mr. Crawford did not discuss his matters with everybody; deceased spoke to him at times about such matters; he never mentioned to him anything of his arrears of interest, or anything re promissory notes; had never seen deceased drunk, though he would have a few drinks; knew of no reason why Griffin should do an injury to Crawford.

To the Coroner: Was at home the night the trouble occurred; his house was about 150 yards from the road; he did not sleep out; often heard people riding along the road; did not hear any one riding along the road that night or a galloping horse.

Frank Graphos, storekeeper, Greenethorpe, deposed: Knew deceased about four years; had seen him once or twice under influence of liquor; never saw him real drunk—just a few in; he was always very jovial; saw him at 5.30 p.m. on 3rd March, and he was just normal; saw him on Saturday, 28th February when he was very quiet; on that night in particular he was quiet, though usually very happy; he was speaking about Mick Griffin, and said he was the best man in the district to work, and looked after him, and he was very

pleased with him; he was sober on the 3rd and in good spirits; he said, 'Things are bad now I won't be able to come so often into town'; would not expect him to do any injury to his best friend; never heard him speak of suicide; knew Ernest Griffin, whom he had seen drunk, when he would be quiet, not quarrelsome; he talked too much when he had drink.

To Mr. Harney: On the Saturday deceased did not appear to be his usual self, he was quiet; he was not unusually bright on the Tuesday but brighter than on the Saturday; conversed with him previously about Griffin, when he spoke in friendly terms of Griffin; had spoken to Griffin about Crawford; never heard Griffin say an unkind word about Crawford; thought Griffin would take Crawford's part; had always heard Griffin spoken of with respect; had not known him say an unkind word to anyone, or heard anyone say he had done so.

William Shannon, stock and station agent, Greenethorpe, deposed: Knew deceased 12 years; he was of a bright disposition; before last harvest he had written Mr. Greene to see if he would put off two years' instalments on his land; he said he sent a copy of letter to Mr. Garling (Mr. Greene's attorney), who said it would be quite in order; he said if they did not come to terms and he was put off the land it would not matter much; he told him the letter to Mr. Greene was returned name unknown, but he said he was going to send another one; last saw Crawford between 3 and 4 o'clock on Tuesday at Greenethorpe; there was nothing unusual about him; Crawford told him the flies were awful at his place—that the horses were not doing too good, and he was going to shift them and try to lease grass; did not think Crawford would have done any man an injury; he was of temperate habits; never gave him the impression that he was worried or depressed.

To Mr. Harney: Crawford had been on the farm for four years; told him he was behind on two instalments; he said if they let him off two instalments he would possibly be able to pay the interest; he would think a man after four years would prefer to stay on his place; the remark did not altogether surprise him; he did not tell witness how he intended to finance lease of grass country; he did not speak much of his affairs; thought by asking one would get an answer regarding his private affairs; did not ask him of his private affairs partly on account of his reserve and he did not want to know anything of his affairs; the conversation came about after the death of Mr. Breden; knew Griffin eight or nine years, and did not think him capable of doing an injury to anyone, least of all to Crawford.

John Thomas Wiseman, hotel useful, residing at Greenethorpe, deposed: Up to 3rd March last was employed by Mr. Williams of the Shamrock Hotel, when Mr. Jeffries took over; he placed six or seven bottles of lager in an ice chest two weeks prior to March 3; he thought on 3rd March the bottles were all gone; Mrs. Jeffries told him later in the evening she found three bottles there; he took them straight from the bar and put them in the ice chest.

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