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## Birthdays for January

5th Katie Brown  
7th Megan Carney  
8th Rose McColl  
9th Xavier Capra  
12th Warwick Hodges  
14th David Matthews  
16th Toni Vincent  
20th Thomas Watt  
20th Josephine Vincent Stablum  
24th Tamara Miles  
26th Emma Griffith  
26th Adrian Capra  
28th Belinda Mort



If anyone predicted that in the last twelve months Donald Trump would become President of the USA, the Tyagong Creek would reach record peak levels, the Greyhound industry would be thrown into complete turmoil, wheat prices would shed nearly \$100/tonne since March, Paul Gallen would test negative to Peptides and win a Grand Final in the same year, then you still have no chance of predicting the winner of the 2017 Northern *No Tillers* vs Southern *Silo Busters* this Australia Day, Thursday 26th January 2017.

Both teams have imposed media bans, as they have been busy finalising players for the big day. Insiders have uncovered that Hugh Wills has returned to the Northern *No Tillers* and will no doubt boost their ranks. However it is strongly rumoured his father Chris will be making an appearance for the Southern *Silo Busters* and is contracted at a more reasonable number to stay under 'the cap' which has been recently introduced.

After missing last year's game which saw the Rod Kershaw-led Southern side come up with the chocolates, Graham "Mega" Watt has vowed he will avoid a repeat of his nemesis taking back-to-back wins.

Come along and enjoy the day starting at 8.30 am for the cricket and the Greenethorpe Annual Australia Day awards and BBQ commence at 12.30pm. All are very welcome to come along for a bat, bowl, spectate and BBQ. Bring along last year's shirts.

PS: Jimmy Barnes and Tina Turner have offered their talent to help promote the Southern "Silo Busters" for 2017. Stay tuned...  
Michael Bryant



Australia Day will fall on a Thursday this year, and the usual festivities will be held at the SM Hall. The morning cricket match between the North and South teams will lead in to the BBQ lunch and award ceremony.

## P & C News

A massive thank you to all who attended the Community Breakfast at the Soldiers Memorial Hall. Thank you to Jody Dunn who arrived early to help cook the breakfast. The morning was a great success and raised much needed money to support Greenethorpe Public School. Thank you to Mrs Wills for the great display of wonderful artwork. Happy New Year everyone.

Zoe Carter  
P & C President

## Inquest of Don Crawford from Grenfell Record Thu 19 Mar 1931—continued

Peter Dun deposed: In the beginning of July bought some strychnine from T. Sinclair; ordered an ounce; received powdered strychnine; he wanted the poison to destroy foxes on his brother's farm, and delivered it to Donald Crawford to lay baits; delivered it as received from Mr. Sinclair; at a later date found a dog he had given to deceased had been poisoned; knew Crawford 2½ years, and found him a sober man of happy disposition; knew Griffin about 12 months; the two men were very friendly.

To Mr. Moore: Nothing had been mentioned to him recently of agistment of horses; deceased's wheat figures through his firm had not been finalised.

Reginald Newton deposed: He was a storekeeper; and resided at Greenethorpe; knew deceased between 4 and 5 years; saw him on Sunday, 3rd March; was with him at the Shamrock Hotel; last saw him about train time that day; he called for an order at about 5.45; on the following morning he was awakened; went outside and saw Snape; said, 'What is the matter'; Snape said, 'Don has had poison'; said, 'Can I help you'; Snape said, 'Yes'; followed Snape to the Police Station, and found him holding Don Crawford at the front gate; Snape said, 'Tell Mr. Newton what happened'; Crawford said, 'Mick brought a bottle of lager home and asked me to have a glass; I had one and Mick had one'; I said, 'That tastes bitter; Mick—no more of that for me; Mick then had another; I felt crook and jumped on my horse and rode down here'; he then stiffened out; helped Snape take him across to the hotel; on the way Don said, 'I don't know why the — Mickey done this for; I don't mind dying, but fancy dying a — dog's death'; took him across to the Sister's room, but he would not stay; he wanted to go outside and vomit; Snape asked him to get his car to take him to Grenfell; got the car and took it over; Don had then lost the use of both legs and they had to carry him out; left about 2.20 a.m. and arrived at Grenfell about 3.30; he suffered great pain all the way in; think he took the first fit just before they came to Grenfell road and said 'I don't want another one like that'; he also said; 'What did you do it for, Mick; I'm sorry I'm such a trouble to you all'; at the latter end of the journey Don called out, 'Steady up, Reg, you will do me more good if you drive slower'; did not slacken pace; helped undress him, and while the nurse was getting pyjamas he said, 'I'm sorry, Reg old boy, I've given you so much trouble'; touched his arm, and he said, 'For — sake do not touch me'; then left him; deceased had a good disposition; would not say he was a man who would injure another man without reason; thought deceased knew he was very seriously ill; would not say Don thought he was going to die; did not think he was a man who would say what he did of Griffin; that was all he remembered him saying.

To the Coroner: Did not make certain statement to the police as alleged touching a remark of Crawford's on what a fine worker Griffin was; did not hear anything said of anyone putting his finger down his throat.

To Mr. Harney: When Snape asked deceased to repeat the statements in his presence he knew it was serious, and paid particular attention to what was said and of Crawford's condition; from the time he was called until he started for Grenfell it would be about from 1.50 to 2.15; did not ask Crawford any questions; he was anxious to get him across to the nurse's quarters; on the way in he did not ask any questions—he was intent on the road;

did not think it wise to ask him why he blamed Mickey; knew it was important that another man's life and liberty were at stake; his car had two seats; he was at the wheel, the sister alongside of him; Crawford was sitting in the back of the car on the floor; Crawford spoke loudly and freely; at the latter end of the journey he got distressed; when he made that remark it was comparatively early in the journey; he had then taken one fit; at the hospital he was speaking brokenly; he accompanied Snape next morning to Crawford's home, and was present when Snape spoke to Griffin; he expected to find Griffin dead — he had two glasses and the other man only had one; Crawford did not tell him about feeling sick putting his finger in his throat; took Crawford's remark as an accusation against Griffin; did not think Griffin had suicided; thought as they drank out of the one bottle and Griffin had two glasses he would be found dead; would not say Crawford was charging Griffin with poisoning him and knowing he had done so; did not construe Crawford's remarks to mean that Griffin had administered the poison wilfully; knew the happy relationship that existed between the two men.

H. E. Moore recalled: Amongst deceased's papers handed to him by Mr. Ken Crawford were papers relating to three insurance policies; one lapsed last June; had received no replies from the other two companies, but from enquiries made he thought the only existing policy was one for £500.

To be continued...



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