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Birthdays for February

4th Ivor Wills
7th Jessica Cashen
14th Ben Jones
14th Oliver McColl
17th Stacy Rebecca Moore
20th Elizabeth Watt
22nd Matthew Randall
23rd Bruce Batkin
23rd Joshua Watt
26th Pamela Wilson
27th Joseph Hodges
27th Jane Tyrrell
28th Jack Watt



Linda Hill is looking for more book-keeping experience to accompany her studies in Financial Services, and will work voluntarily to gain that experience.



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Greenethorpe's Australia Day celebrations went off well, as usual. The cricket match was won by the Northern team, captained by Graham Watt.

Mark Liebich, Mayor of Weddin Shire, presented the awards for this year. Congratulations to Junior Citizen of the Year, Anthony Moore, and our Citizen of the Year was (much to his own surprise) David Watt.

David has been president of the Greenethorpe Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee since May 2011. Under his leadership the committee has completed major rebuilding and refurbishing work on the hall. The kitchen was rebuilt with a concrete floor and white ant barrier, then painted and new appliances installed. Massive electrical work was completed - the building was rewired, ceiling fans installed and exterior lights added. The toilets were refurbished, some renewed, a new absorption trench dug and disabled access provided. The hall floor was sanded and treated; new stage curtains acquired. The front of the building which was in danger of collapse was raised and stabilised. Outside, dangerous trees were removed. The total spend was \$84,000 over five years.

David's great leadership has seen wonderful community support for fund-raising activities such as our memorable Balls and the Tour de Greenethorpe cycling event. There have been several successful grant applications.

David will say that he didn't do it by himself (he didn't) but he was the man who helped it all happen and was always on hand to make sure all was going to plan.

The Christmas gate contest prize was shared by Heidi and Chris Wills, and Judy and Kevin Bryant, of landra Road for their displays.

Tickets are now on Sale from C J Anderson's in Grenfell for the Grenfell Dramatic Society's Dinner and Show production " Broadway on Rose" at the Rose Street Theatre on Feb 24th and 25th 2017. See excerpts from all your Broadway favourites with a few Greenethorpe locals rumoured to be appearing in the *Oliver*, *Les Miserables*, *Blues Brothers* (and other) sections!



Greenethorpe has lost another of its citizens, Barry Holland, in late January. His funeral was held on Wed 1 Feb in Young.

Last December we also lost Fay Wilder and Jessie Matthews (mother of David), both of whom were keen workers for the Greenethorpe community in past years.



Uniting Church Services this month

Sunday 12th 9.00 am

Sunday 19th 9.00 am



Inquest of Donald Crawford, continued

TUESDAY.

Constable Snape (recalled): When Crawford arrived at the station there was no mud or dirt on his clothes; would not say he got off to open any gates; the glasses appeared to be clean; when deceased made the statements regarding Griffin it would be before any of the seizures; he was in a bad way when he was telling Newton; he had practically finished when he jammed his teeth and went into a fit.

To Sergeant Ryan: He was excitable and distressed when he made the statements — more distressed than excited; When he first saw him he was standing at the door with his both arms on the door on each side; the first real fit he took was just before they came on the main road to Grenfell; the distance from Crawford's house to the station was four miles; would not say a horse travelling the road would be heard at a great distance; a horse walking would take about an hour to come in; it had rained that night, and the rain would make the road very soft.

To Mr. Harney: Would say the rain that night would lay the dust and nothing more; would not say it would make the road harder in that locality; did not wish to correct a former statement that he thought Crawford hurried in to Greenethorpe.

To the Coroner: Examined the horse's track about 5 a.m.; followed them from where they came out of gate to a point on the plan where he picked up the glass against the fence; from there, where it appeared a horse had been tied up, he picked up the tracks again and they led from there to Greenethorpe; thought that deceased had caught his horse and tied him there and taken poison by the fact of the glass being at the fence, and afterwards got on his horse and road into Greenethorpe; his first impression was that Griffin had administered the poison to Crawford, and then committed suicide; that is why he did not send someone back to see how he was; thought it his duty to look after Crawford at the time.

To Sergeant Ryan: It would have been just as consistent for deceased to have tied his horse up when he went to look for Griffin; deceased had told him that he had looked for Griffin; deceased did tell him that he had seen Griffin further up the fence vomiting; did not think that a man would accuse his best friend of poisoning him without some foundation for doing so; it would have been just as easy for deceased to have come in and said that he had taken poison and asked to be taken to the hospital; did not think it an honorable thing to suggest that someone else had done him an injury.

To Mr. Moore: Knew that no trace of poison was found in the glass found near the fence, but that did not cause him to modify his theory.

To: Mr. Harney: Griffin said he went to bed and left Crawford on the verandah, and that Crawford was still there when Griffin went to sleep; the glass could have been taken from the kitchen by Crawford out to where it was found without Griffin's knowledge; Griffin volunteered the statement that he used that

glass; had not heard of cases where men of honor had committed suicide and tried to cover up the act; did not know if men of honor in excitement do strange things and against their code of honor.

Norman Kinleside Crawford, farmer, Greenethorpe, deposed: Lived about 4½ miles from his deceased brother's home (formal evidence was here given regarding deceased); his brother's habits were temperate, and health good; he had, he thought, his brother's confidence; would not say Griffin was intemperate; both were returned soldiers; knew of no reason why Griffin should do him an injury; he spoke to Mr. Guigni the week his brother died, and Mr. Guigni said he spoke to his brother shortly before harvest when he told him he was due for preferential treatment partly on account of his relationship with Greene, who told Garling and Guigni not to press any Iandra farmers.

To Mr. Moore: His brother told him that he had no worry about his land; Greene and deceased were cousins; apart from the depression the estate would show a handsome surplus; deceased was free of ties as far as financial worries were concerned; he was of a bright disposition; worked as partners for six years, and he did not know of deceased worrying; thought deceased worked the place well, and had an exceptionally good harvest last year and fallow worked up for next crop; had asked witness for some seed oats which he was to get in a few days.

To Mr. Harney: Thought the balance fair as based on present day figures; the valuation given in the balance sheet, and his estimate of the land in normal times shows a depreciation of over £2000; the return for the large crop last year was not commensurate for the effort; there was a considerable overdraft at the bank; deceased was at the war about two years; had discussed Griffin with him; deceased spoke highly of Griffin; Griffin would be very annoyed of criticism of his late brother.

To the Sergeant: Deceased would have taken Griffin's part.

Charles Henry Metcalfe, manager of the Union Bank, Grenfell, deposed: Knew Donald Crawford, who was a client of his bank; he worked on an overdraft secured by guarantee; the bank had not pressed deceased for his overdraft to cause him any worry; regarded the overdraft as quite satisfactory.

To the Coroner: The guarantor did not press him; had he done so it would have been through witness.

Fanny Alice England, Bush Nurse, Greenethorpe, deposed: Remembered early morning of 4th March; received message from police; was told the time was 2.10; Crawford, Snape and Newton came to her room; she rang the doctor; Crawford was perspiring and in intense pain; thought he was far too bad for her to treat him; she sat in the front seat; the only thing she heard him say was, 'Steady, steady'; Mr. Newton would answer him; did not hear him say anything else; heard him swearing mildly; Crawford's head was toward the driver's side; she would say Crawford was normal but in intense pain; did not hear him at any time refer to poison, or how he got poisoned; she was slightly deaf.

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