

Greenethorpe

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Birthdays for March

4th Justan Stonestreet
4th Belinda Murray
10th Penny McColl
12th Lynne Watt
12th Rodney Watt
20th Bev Kershaw
21st Richard Stonestreet
23rd Patrick McColl
24th David Brown
25th Amanda Griffith
30th Hugh Matthews



Uniting Church Services this month

Sunday 12th 9.00 am
Sunday 19th 9.00 am



As many already know, the Shamrock Hotel has re-opened. While still owned by Ashley and Kylie, it is being managed by Harry and Emily. Opening hours are Thu 5pm-12mn, Fri 11am-12mn, Sat 11am-12mn, Sun 11am-9pm. Closed Mon-Wed.

The first Saturday night of each month has been reserved for Karaoke—come along and show off your voice!



P&C News

Save the date! The Greenethorpe P&C will be running another Master Cake competition with an Easter theme at the Shamrock Hotel on Friday the 31st of March 2017. It will be a great night for everyone to come together and celebrate the end of a busy Term 1. So get baking! Our Friday night raffles at the Shamrock will start again this Friday, 3rd March 2017. The Greenethorpe P & C would like to express their gratitude and thanks to all of the staff and patrons of the Shamrock Hotel for supporting the Greenethorpe P & C. The weekly raffle every Friday is one of our biggest fundraising methods, so please come down and buy some tickets to help support us.

Hall Matters

The Hall Committee is planning a Trivia/Quiz Night sometime in May, both as a fundraiser and a fun event. The date has not been finalized yet, but keep an eye out for details in the next issue. There will be a small entry cost—these funds will go to the Hall Committee. Arrange your table now with David Watt, and prepare to enjoy the night!

Finally, after some time and research effort we have received confirmation that the triangle-shaped piece of land in front of the Hall was gifted by the Anglican Church in the 1940s to the Weddin Shire. This is great news and means we can go ahead with fundraising for, and eventual construction of, an outdoor memorial to honour the Servicemen and Servicewomen whose names appear on the Honour Rolls inside the Hall.

The old Greenethorpe Railway sign is coming up for auction at the Cowra Museum shortly. Some citizens have suggested that we purchase this to return it to its rightful place. Some Hall funds can go towards this, and your financial help in this matter would be appreciated.

David Watt, Jill Allen, Allan Hodgson

Hi everyone - it's that time again.

We need to start planning for the tenth annual (2017) Tour de Greenethorpe. Can anyone who is able to assist with all the various jobs leading up to the event come along to a meeting on Wednesday the 15th of March at 6pm in the hall supper room. This year we will be breaking up the various jobs usually done by a few, to lighten the load and make the event more sustainable. If you have an interest or skill in areas such as publicity, sponsorship, council liaison, grant submissions, traffic controlling, sound, local cycling clubs, etc. and have some time to donate please come along.



This year the Weddin shire and the local traffic committee have placed additional conditions on the running of the event such as road closures and trained marshals. We need to decide if we can comply, if we need to modify the event, if we need to approach an outside organization such as P & C, Rotary or the fire brigade etc. Or not have the ride at all.

This is one of our last Greenethorpe community events that also contributes a reasonable amount of money to the Hall upkeep.

Please come along, or contact me in advance if you can't come on the night but would like to assist.

Sam Allen

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As most of you would already know, Les 'Tag' Waters left us in February. His funeral was held in Young and attended by just about everyone. Vale, Tag.

A memorial service was held in the SM Hall for Monica Diprose, who also died in February.

Coroner's Inquest on D. K. Crawford, continued

The Coroner said he would like Griffin to give evidence, but need not give evidence that he thought might incriminate him. Mr. Harney: Ernest Griffin will comply with your request and give evidence.

Ernest Griffin deposed: Was employed by the late Donald Crawford, and was in his continuous employment since last Easter; never had any quarrel of any kind with deceased; was sure Crawford entertained the same regard for him; on 3rd March last he was on the farm fallowing; Crawford left in the afternoon and returned about 7; Crawford took the horse out of the sulky, let it go, tied the dog up, and came and had tea, which he had ready, and of which witness had partaken; witness said he was going to Greenethorpe only for the storm; Crawford said, 'I don't think it will be much—we will miss it for a certainty'; was not dressed for town then, but said if it cleared up he would get dressed and go in; Crawford said, 'I can clean up these things.' and got the dish to wash up and witness wiped them; went out to front verandah; it was not raining heavily, and he was waiting for the rain to cease; it practically ceased and he had a look, round, and said, 'I'm not going down—I don't want to go that particularly'; Crawford said, 'You must be getting old Mick—I've seen the time a shower of rain would not stop you going to Greenethorpe; never change your mind; hop on the old nag and go'; got the horse and was riding past and Crawford said, 'Get hold of a bottle of beer if you can and bring it back—I don't think they've got any there'; said, 'Right oh'; it was after 8 then; pulled up at the hotel; saw Sid Hucker going in, and walked the horse in alongside of him; put the horse in the stable; could not see any lights except in middle parlor; knocked at door, and said, 'If it keeps on raining can I get a bed'; asked for a drink, which he had—a mug of beer; had three or four drinks before he left; asked Jeffries the time and he said 25 to 10; walked out and looked at weather, and heavy rain seemed imminent; walked up past the bedroom, and could not see anyone about, and went back to hotel; thought Jeffries had gone to bed; went into the feed house; put saddle in; it was then raining; sat there till rain eased off; put saddle on his horse, and was leading him out of the yard, and saw Jeffries standing in door of parlor, and tied horse up to the fence, and said, 'What about another drink, I'm going home'; he said, 'Right oh,' and got him a mug of beer; bought the bottle of lager before going out the first time to the billiard room; Jeffries told him No. 8 room would be his; he had told him if it didn't rain he would go home; after having the mug of beer he went out and went home; got home between 11.30 and 12; did not see anyone when he got home; let his horse go, cut the saddle horse from the draughts and let the draughts go; chased the saddle horse into small horse yard and shut the gate; fed the horse and walked up to the house and saw Crawford at the door; said, 'What, not in bed, mister?' and he replied, 'No—when I lie down the damn thing turns round'; said, 'Oh, I've got a bottle of lager here, will you have a drink out of it now or keep it till tomorrow'; he said, 'We'll drink it now—let tomorrow look after itself'; walked through to the kitchen, and had a glass of beer each out of the bottle; could not say who got the glasses, which were usually kept on the dresser; did

not remember who opened the bottle, one of them did so; was pretty well sure he poured out the beer; poured out two, and gave him the bigger one, which he drank; he drank his and said, 'Will we finish him,' and he said, 'No—you had better keep that drop, you might feel inclined for it tomorrow'; replaced the capsule and put the bottle in the cool safe; stopped there a few minutes and then said, 'I'm going to bed—it's late enough'; Walked out the front of house, had —, came back, and prepared for bed; as he was getting into bed Don, who was in the kitchen, walked through his room on to the front verandah; before he went to sleep sang out to him, 'What about going to bed, mister'; Crawford said '— bed'; laughed at him and took no more notice of him; as far as he knew he was there when he went to sleep; Snape awakened him next morning about 5; said, 'You're about early.' or something like that, 'what's wrong'; Snape said, 'I expected to find you dead'; he said, 'Ha—what's up'; Snape said, 'Get up and I'll tell you all about it'; Snape said, 'Did you bring a bottle of beer home last night'; prior to that he said, 'Were you crook last night'; told him he did bring beer home; Snape said, 'Did you and Don have a drink out of it,' and he said 'Yes'; walked to Don's room and did not see him there, and Snape said, 'Don's — near dead'; said, 'What happened—did he have an accident'; Snape said, 'No, it looks like if he's poisoned'; he told me you were poisoned also; I expected to find you well and truly dead; did you drink all the beer'; witness said, 'No, there's some left yet—it's in the cooler'; Snape said, 'Show me where you put it'; opened the door, looked in and said, 'Christ, it's gone'; Snape said, 'Are you sure you put it in there'; he replied, 'Certainly—I put it in there myself'; Snape said, 'How in the name of heaven did it get out'; replied, 'God knows—but it's gone'; Snape said, 'What did you do with the glasses'; told him they should be on the table, that's where we left them'; Snape said, 'What became of them'; said, 'I don't know what became of them'; looked round the kitchen; Newton was there all the time; there was a little table standing in corner of kitchen on which one glass was found pretty well full of water, and said, 'This is the glass Don had or one like it'; Snape had shown him the other glass when he came in, and witness then said, 'That's the glass I drank out of—where did you get it'; Snape said, 'Out near the fence when I got through'; he said, 'How the hell did that happen'; told Snape he was sure that was the glass he drank out of—it's the only one we have'; Snape took possession of the glass; they all then had a good look all round for the bottle of beer; Snape said, 'Have you any strychnine here,' and he said, 'Yes—there is a bottle here'; showed Snape where it was; Snape picked it up off the floor and took possession of it; Snape said, 'Have a wash, Mickey—I'll have to detain you'; made a statement of his own free will at Greenethorpe; the contents of the statement were true; he did not wish to hide anything; he did not at any time administer poison to Don Crawford; did not put poison into the beer before he gave it to him; he courted the fullest inquiry; there was no enmity between them; as he was about to leave with Snape there were some sheep eating at a haystack; there were 1200 sheep in a paddock; he said, 'We had better tie a dog near the haystack fence'; Neal tied a dog at the haystack.

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