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Birthdays for April

1st Emma Weyers
3rd Kylie Bryant
4th Luke Phillip Miles
8th Phillip Weyers
9th Tara Randall
11th Isaac Watt
12th Kaitlyn Cooper
14th Isabelle Watt
14th Andy McColl
21st Don Kemp
26th Kate Hodges
29th Kelle Wright
30th Gaby Wills
30th William Hodges



ANZAC Day

ANZAC Service will begin at the Greenethorpe Soldiers Memorial Hall at 7.30 am. The Hodges family will be presenting Billy Millikin's story for the Wall of Honour, and the Greenethorpe school students will be sharing their thoughts on ANZAC Day.

Community members are asked to bring ANZAC biscuits to share. Please join us for a cuppa and ANZAC biscuit afterwards.

P & C News

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Easter Master Cake Competition/Auction on Friday night at the Shamrock. Thank you to The Shamrock for hosting the event; to all the enthusiastic bidders; and our fantastic auctioneer Dave Watt. The Auction raised over \$1400 for the P & C. Thank you to all the chefs who baked and kindly donated their masterpieces. A record number of sixteen cakes were entered, with the famous Chocolate Eclairs by Chris Wills raising the highest amount.



People's choice results: First prize - Zoe Carter, Second prize - Allen family.

Don't forget our raffles every Friday night at the Shamrock. Have a safe Easter.

P & C Committee

Something Old, Something New

Secondhand store is open in the old Post Office each Saturday and Sunday 10.00am to 1.30pm.

Lyn and Barbara have a large range of stock to choose from—books, DVDs, electrical items, knick-knacks.



As previously mentioned, there will be a **Family Trivia Night** held at the Hall on Saturday 27th May—6.00 pm for 6.30 start. Join us for a Night of Nonsense and a Quirky Quiz. Prize for the best-dressed table. This will be a fun family night, and a fundraiser for our Hall.

- Bring your own nibbles and drinks
- Cost is \$10 per adult, and \$5 for a school-age child
- Many fun activities between question rounds
- Tables of 8 or join a table on the night
- Children's Round
- Lucky door and many more great prizes

Bookings essential—name and numbers—with the Hall Secretary, Jill Allen
jillallen52@hotmail.com or 6343 6208.

Payment to be made on the night.

Uniting Church Services this month

Sunday 9th 9.00 am
Good Friday 14th 9.00 am
Sunday 16th 9.00 am



Leslie Claude Waters (Tag)

Born 14th November 1929 to Rupert and Mary Waters. The fourth child of seven - 6 boys, 1 girl. After the birth of his sister and at the age of seven his father walked out, never to be seen again.

Early schooling was at Greenethorpe, then he caught the train to Grenfell for high school.

Tag had to grow up fast and at the age of fourteen left school to start his first job as a farmhand for Frank Gray (now Mark and Jude Bryant's). His wage was ten shillings a week (\$1) He bought a bike to get to work and paid it off ten pence a week (10c).

When he was seventeen years old his mother died and Auntie Gertie O'Brien took them in until they all had jobs.

Not long after the death of his mother he was offered a job as an apprentice jockey but he didn't think he could leave Greenethorpe at that stage.

Tag soon started working in shearing sheds as a shedhand and it wasn't long before he got his first learners pen as a shearer at landra. This was the start of his lifelong job as a shearer.

In 1946 Clive and Jean Lambett and family arrived in Greenethorpe as the new railway station master. June was the second oldest of five children.

In May 1956 Tag and June were married. They caught the train to Katoomba for their honeymoon. It poured rain all day and sixty years later on their anniversary it poured all day again.

Tag was unable to get a loan from the bank to buy their home in Fitzroy Street. While working for Enid and Rex Smith an offer to lend him the money was made and accepted. Tag never forgot the generosity shown by Enid and Rex.

Sharon was born in June 1957 and Michelle in August 1959, Sharon married Peter Smithers in 1980 and over the years produced three grandsons for Tag and June.

Andrew m. Rebecca - Molly and Ava
Matthew m. Kylie - Shannae, Jackson and Alyssa
Clint and partner Joanna - Riley
6 great grandchildren

Michelle lives in Sydney with her partner Joe

In the early days when Tag wasn't shearing, he had a part time job in the local butcher shop where he learnt how to kill and cut up sheep, pigs, cattle, goats, chooks, ducks, turkeys - everything.

After the butcher shop closed it wasn't long before Tag was the one to call if you wanted anything done. He was eighty when he cut up his last sheep.

Tag lived his whole life in Greenethorpe. He could tell you about every shopkeeper, school teacher, police officer, priest or minister, farmer, farmhand and publican that ever passed through the village. His office to keep an eye on everything was the Shamrock Hotel where he loved a game of pool or cards or just a quiet yarn over a beer or two.

I worked in shearing sheds with Tag for nearly ten years and learnt a lot about hard work, working with different people and life in general. He was always ready to share his knowledge about anything, anytime and give you a hand whenever he could.

One of Tag's great loves was going fishing - the Bland, Lachlan River, Wyangala Dam, Brewarrina or out to Narromine with Pete and the grandsons.

Taking families cray fishing, rabbiting with ferrets, terrier dogs down fox holes - he loved the energy and excitement that kids brought to the day. Many kids still have great memories of these days.

Tag always had chooks - he had 200 ducks at one time, camellias then roses - a large bunch of roses from Tag was always special.

He was a passionate supporter of the Parramatta Eels.

Horse racing - he always studied the form guide and watched the racing on TV. He would give you a great tip - with varying results. He and Doug Allen - affectionately known as "Gunner" - travelled together to Picnic Races and race meetings all over the district - they were well known everywhere. Doug purchased a horse and called it "Sir Leslie". It had 2 or 3 wins and a lot of fun was had. This part of fun in his life stopped when Doug died.

It's not a stretch of the word to call Tag an icon of our district. Everybody here today would have a Tag Waters story. Today and in the future we should share these stories.

Tag found it hard to say how he felt to the people closest to him - unless you upset him! When talking of Sharon and Michelle he spoke with great pride.

Andrew, Matthew and Clint, you wouldn't know much about my life but I've heard everything about yours! He was very proud of you.

The love of his life for over 60 years was always June.

I hope someday soon we all will be able to have a drink for Tag in the Shamrock Hotel.

Jim Bryant

Thanks to Jim for allowing me to reprint this eulogy, which he read at Tag's funeral – Lindsay

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