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May 2017

# Greenethorpe

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## Birthdays for May

4th Kristie Hodges  
8th Nick Kershaw  
9th Hugh Wills  
11th Steven Reilly  
22nd Chris Dunn  
23rd Tristan Matthews  
24th Emily Watt  
31st Jody Dunn



## P&C News

We will be holding a Chefs Toolbox fundraiser for Greenethorpe Public School on Friday 5th May 2017, 6pm at Circa 1935. We will have lots of fun playing games, cooking delicious recipes, tasting food and most importantly raising money for the school! Plus you go in the draw to win a FREE Frypan. Tickets are available from Belinda Mort at the Post Office/Circa 1935, or you can contact Zoe Carter on 0404 856 477. We are really looking forward to this event and hope to see you there.



**Cancer  
Council**

**Australia's  
Biggest  
Morning  
Tea**

landra Gardens  
25th May  
9.30-11.30am

Garden Area open to Morning Tea guests  
Donations kindly accepted

Contact  
Bev 6383 9241 or Jude 6343 6349

When we moved the Greenethorpe History collection into the old CWA Hall over a year ago, I thought it would be a short-term thing. Because the Hall is full of both my own stuff and that collection, I'm unable to do work that needs doing on the Hall, or to use the Hall myself. We had hoped to acquire the now-unused Anglican Church as a museum, but that hasn't happened. I'd really like this collection to be put somewhere safer, preferably permanent, before anything happens to it (I've noticed mice around lately).

Any suggestions please?  
Lindsay

Barbara Stonestreet reminds us that she is still a Justice of the Peace, and therefore available for those duties which that position entails.

Also that she and Richard are able to provide BBQ-style gas bottle refills in Fitzroy St.

Phone 0407 619 784

## Something Old, Something New

In the old PO most Saturdays and Sundays,  
10.00am-1.00 pm (sometimes later)

Buying and Selling new and second-hand items.  
A large range of stock to choose from—books, DVDs,  
knitwear, electrical items, collectables, retro,  
bric-a-brac. And don't forget the costume hire.

Come inside and be surprised!

Barbara 0407 619 784  
Or see the Facebook page

## 2017 Collectors Fair

Sat 20th May 9.30-5.30  
Sun 21st May 9.00-2.00

Cowra Showground Pavilion, Grenfell Rd, Cowra

Sales and Displays of antiques, bottles and  
collectables

Admission \$5  
Ring 6342 2386 for further info

## Uniting Church Services this month

Sunday 14th 9.00 am (Mothers' Day)

Sunday 21st 9.00 am



This will be my last issue of AAG—starting from the next issue, Linda Orford will be editing this newsletter, with some initial assistance from me. It's been good doing it, but after 8 years I'm happy to pass it on. The email address for submissions will still be the same.

Lindsay

Don't forget the latest news and events are always available online at  
[www.greenethorpe.nsw.au](http://www.greenethorpe.nsw.au)

Ernest Griffin To Sergeant Ryan: Had tea about 7, and finished about 7.30; had tinned corn beef, tomatoes, bread and tea; left about 8.15; did not pull up when Crawford called out re the beer; usually took a bottle of lager home; it was raining when he came out with the bottle of beer; walked out in the rain; did not stop at billiard room, and walked straight back; went through the back iron gate and to door at wash house, saw no light and concluded Jeffries had gone to bed; then went into shed, and did not think of going to the room he had booked as the rain cloud looked to be only over Greenethorpe; got the ale about 25 to 10; when he had the last drink it was about 10.30; could see light; saw no light before he went into shed; did not do anything to the bottle of beer; had no particular reason to go into Greenethorpe; he and Mrs. Banks had talks about politics, etc. and he told her he was coming round on Tuesday night to have a yarn; owed Williams a little account, and wanted to pay it—£2/5/; he was going in to pay him; Snape found 3/ on him next morning when he searched him; spent about 6/ that night; he did not go in to pay the account of £2/5/ that night, other arrangements having been come to regarding such on Tuesday afternoon; it was not customary for him to leave home at 8.30 to go to town; he intended to leave earlier than when he did; would not suggest Crawford was trying to get rid of him; he did not go in to see Mrs. Banks, but intended he would see her; he and Crawford had not discussed Mrs. Banks; did not feel aggrieved when he did not see her that night; left Greenethorpe about 10.30, and he was not drunk; felt no effects of the liquor; he had about six mugs of beer; cantered most of the way home; the road to second gate was wet, but no water, on it; it would not take him much over the half hour; by time he took the saddle off his horse it would be about 11.30, then went to the dam, which was of very muddy water; let his horse go in the dam paddock for a drink, and the horse got boxed up with the draughts; it did not take long to cut him off; there was no light in the house as he approached; noticed Crawford as he was coming up the path; could see anyone there quite plainly; he stood there until witness came to the verandah, about quarter hour after he arrived home; he told Sergeant Ryan the tracks at the dam might possibly be his; got to verandah about ¼ to 12; it would not be more than five minutes until they drank the beer—about 10 to 12; this would not be far wrong; the kitchen table was almost at the door; the lavatory was at the back door past the wood heap, out the back door; if Crawford's statement was correct that he saw Griffin at the time vomiting it would not bear out the finding of the glass by Snape at the fence; he usually went out the front door; regarding the glass of water found on the little table the plan showed the correct position of that table; the water in that glass was discolored; would not say it was water out of the table; had not the slightest idea why it was discolored; the tank water was quite clear—ordinary rain water; the nearest place to get discolored muddy water was in the dam; when Crawford said 'You must be getting old' he did not think he meant too old for girls; knew deceased was at the hotel that afternoon; when he got home it was not possible for him to have done something he knew nothing about; was not displeased because he did not see that lady friend that night; said to Snape he was going to burn the poison two or three times, and Crawford said, 'For God's sake don't do that, we will need it to poison rats'; did not poison any rats; there were rats there; when the sheep dog was poisoned he said, 'That's the worst of that stuff, whenever the stuff is used something

happened that was not intended'; never gave any thought to either of themselves being poisoned; thought the glasses could be removed and beer taken away without anyone kicking up too much row; if there were only two glasses of the kind Crawford drank out of either the one with the discolored water in or the one found on sill; he drank out of the one found near the fence; considered they were the best of friends; did not think him capable of saying what he was alleged to say to Snape and Newton; appearances suggested that Crawford took the poison himself; he knew nothing of the beer being taken out of the cool safe; Crawford never gave the impression he was in any more trouble than anyone else—it was not worrying him such a great deal; had previously seen Crawford in the state of mind he was that night; Crawford said the bed kept going round, and witness put this down to drink he had had that afternoon; when Crawford came home he had had sufficient drink; Crawford said, 'Apart from my own brother in your own little way you have given me a better spin than anyone'; saw the strychnine often—they kept their vegetables in that room; might have shifted it while sweeping out; never saw the lid off; did not think it possible for the strychnine to come in contact with any of the food; bought the beer after he booked the room.

To Mr. Moore: His memory was good for the events of that evening — all his conversations with Don; he shut all the gates all but Adams'; all those things were clear in his mind; could not say who opened the beer; could not say who got the glasses out; could not say how it was he could remember everything else but who opened the beer and got the glass; he took notice of everything else; it was not a common thing to spill beer when opening it—they did not spill too much in the bush; none was spilled that night; he put the capsule on and put the bottle in the safe; when he said to Snape, 'Is Don hurt,' it ran through his mind that Don might have wandered away or gone back to Greenethorpe.

To Sergeant Ryan: The first thing he did was to take off his big coat; he lit the lamp, there was a light in the kitchen; Don put the lamp out.

To the Coroner: Six beers would not affect him to make him 'shot'; there was nothing between he, Crawford, and the cook to cause any friction; Crawford was not quarrelsome drunk; he promised him a filly out of the yard, and from that he thought Crawford was pretty full; it was not customary for deceased to sit on the verandah from 8 to 12 at night; Crawford had never expressed the thought to him that life was not worth living; he did not and never would believe that Crawford said the thing of witness as alleged; he could not throw any light on the matter.

To Mr. Harney: It would be possible for someone on front verandah to come round east side of house through the gate into the tomato garden and go into back-door to the kitchen; he could then come out same door and go to where small tumbler was found by Constable Snape; a person doing this would thus avoid coming through my room.

To Be Continued [nearly finished!]

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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 nibblies and drinks
- Cost is \$10 per adult, and \$5 for a school-age child
- Many fun activities between question rounds
- Tables of **8 maximum** 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

# Tour de Greenethorpe

It is with regret that the Hall Committee announces that the Tour de Greenethorpe will not be going ahead this year.



Due to increasing traffic management requirements, and another possible clash of dates with local events, the Committee feels unable to co-ordinate the event in the remaining time frame. The Committee extends a BIG thank you to everyone who has helped make this important fundraiser possible over the past eight years. If there is renewed community interest, the event may run again in 2018.

Sincere apologies for any inconvenience, especially to those who have already made their school holiday plans around this event.