

Greenethorpe

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August birthdays



1st Fiona Griffith
4th Kim Bannerman
4th Clyde Orford Hill
11th Ian McColl
12th Jenny-Lynne Watt
13th Dean Schaeffer
17th Daryl Cashen
19th Trent Webb
23rd Jim Bannerman
24th Harriet McColl
25th Tom Wills
26th Graham Watt
28th Nikki McColl
30th Lily Brien
30th Ian Mark

Sadly, Lindsay Swadling's Mother, June Swadling, passed away on the 26th of July after a long period of illness. June lived to be 94 years old and some of you will have fond memories of meeting her on her visits to Greenethorpe. Our warmest thoughts are with you Lindsay.



Uniting Church Services August

Sunday 13th at 9am
Sunday 20th at 9am

Memorial Hall Committee News

The Family Fun quiz night in May was a wonderful gathering. The children proved they know more than we think!! Good numbers (15 tables), some tricky questions posed by Quizmaster 'Logie Dave', non-bribable judges, entertainingly themed tables, big hit chocolate wheel, sheeptag entry numbers, between-round crazy activities, tablecloth 'doodling' and much more made for a spectacularly fun evening. A huge thankyou to the many sponsors for their prize donations. GSMH activities are always so well supported. A social and financial success.

The Hall Committee, with many helpers, ran the catering stall on the 1st of July for Kara's, Mick's, Scarlet's & Will's Clearing Sale. A sad day for our community to say "au revoir" to a longtime (3rd generation) local family. We miss them already. They are now living only 2 hours away so hopefully we will still see them at future Hall occasions. The stall 'sold out' 4 times, but thanks to Young 'shoppers' and local freezers we kept all customers happy. Thank you to everyone who helped on and contributed to the day.

Jill Allen, GSM Hall Secretary

Greenethorpe Soldier's Memorial Hall

Annual General Meeting

To be held on **Thursday the 3rd of August** at **7pm** in the supper room of the hall. Everybody welcome, so come along with your ideas or just come along!

Do you like a good ghost story? Perhaps you have one of your own to tell. I received the following email from an ex-resident of Greenethorpe.

My name is Peter Gillett. I was the resident police officer of Greenethorpe between 2005 and 2008. I am now retired and live on King Island.

While I lived there I had an interesting encounter one night when I slept at Iandra Castle. Can you please ask your AAG readers if they have any stories they could share about strange occurrences in the village or Iandra. If I get enough interest I would write and compile these and make them available in some form or other.

I can be phoned on 0400 586 944 or email, petergillett@live.com My mail address is Pegasus Homestead King Island 7256.

Any contributors are free to remain anonymous. Regards, Peter

Let's hope Peter gets a good response.

P & C News

Woolworths Earn and Learn is on again so get on board and donate your stickers to Greenethorpe Public school. The school has collection boxes at Young & Cowra Woolworths and stickers can also be dropped off at the school and Greenethorpe post office. Please remember to write our school name on the sticker sheets. The more stickers we earn, the more educational resources we receive! To learn more, visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Art Exhibition.

Wednesday August 2nd 3.30pm-7.30pm.

Join us for an afternoon/evening with live music. Displaying the local talent from Greenethorpe Public School. All proceeds go back to the school to purchase art supplies. Entry is a gold coin donation. All artwork is for sale. Light refreshments will be available.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 21st August at 4:00 PM** in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Defibrillator

A member of the community kindly informed me that there is a defibrillator available for use in the village. It is stored at the Hall and Lindsay Swadling knows how to use it. I understand there are others that can use it too. Let me know who you are and I'll put your details in the September Issue. Thankyou

Wanted to Buy

Two blocks of land side by side.
Phone Greg Quarm on 0448220600 if you're able to assist.

'Give Away Grove'

Do you have a useful item that you no longer have a use for? If you'd like to give it away and are happy for your contact details to be published here, then please get in touch.

Inquest for Donald Crawford..

Evidence concluded at 4.40, and the Coroner announced he would give his verdict at 4.45. On coming back to court the Coroner gave the following verdict: — This is a most extraordinary case — one man is dead and another arrested and charged with murder. Each one makes a different statement, and although deceased made a definite statement, practically accusing Griffin of having poisoned him — in fact, he made it on three different occasions — yet other statements made by him certainly show the greatest friendship. His statements were both very serious and very extraordinary, and it would appear that he thought Griffin was poisoned also. Yet he passed by two homes close to the road and never called into either of them for help, although they were both very friendly neighbours of his. Constable Snape's evidence is that deceased distinctly told him that he raced to Greenethorpe as soon as he thought that he was poisoned. This would mean that he would go to the horse yard, catch and saddle his horse and ride to Greenethorpe opening five or six gates in a distance of four miles. I cannot believe that he raced his horse as there were no signs of sweat or mud on the horse that would indicate galloping a long distance, and there were no signs of mud or dust. That would indicate that he fell or got off his horse during the journey in. This is the most unsatisfactory part of the whole evidence. What happened during that fateful hour and a half no one can say. Then again Snape's evidence about tracking deceased's horse from the horse yard along the road to the fence where the glass was found, and from there on to Greenethorpe certainly throws another aspect on the case.

Crawford said he was in bed, and Griffin said that the lager was drunk in the kitchen – two distinctly opposite statements. It is proved that the beer did not contain poison, so that if poison was given at that stage it must have been placed in the glass previously. The deceased had had a good lot of drink that afternoon, and according to Griffin's evidence was on the verandah when he left to go to town and was still there when Griffin came home three hours afterwards, probably feeling depressed on account of financial troubles and the drink effects dying down on him. Then again who shifted the bottle from the safe, and who placed the glass against the fence, and WHY? That is the great question. The whole evidence shows that the greatest friendship existed. What did Griffin have to gain by killing his best friend, employer, and the man who found his bread and butter. There is absolutely no motive shown anywhere, and according to the police he (Griffin) gave every assistance and freely gave any information he had to give. On the other hand what an extraordinary thing for a man to say his best friend poisoned him if he did not do so. In fact he led Constable Snape to think that Griffin was also poisoned. And yet there is nothing else to bear his statement out from the great mass of evidence before me. I am unable to say that Crawford committed suicide, and dissecting the evidence bit by bit

I am unable to say that Griffin gave the poison. Dr. Ercole's evidence assists me to a very great extent, and I am sure that the deceased did not race into Greenethorpe as he stated to Constable Snape. Therefore, I must come to the conclusion that the strychnine could not have been in the beer which he and Griffin drank, as I am perfectly satisfied that it was about 12 o'clock when that took place. FINDING. I find that Donald Kinleside Crawford died in the Grenfell District Hospital on 4th March, 1931, from the effects of a certain deadly poison known as strychnine, but how or by whom the said poison was administered the evidence adduced does not enable me to say. The Coroner particularly expressed his appreciation of the almost ceaseless and untiring and impartial efforts of Sergeant Ryan, Detective Sergeant James, and the police who had made every effort to unravel the mystery, and to particularly express my thanks to Sergeant Ryan for his very able assistance to him. He also thanked the deposition clerk (Mr. Hewitt, of the Relieving Staff) for his very long, tedious and heavy job, and for the skilful manner in which he carried out his duties. Before Messrs. Wellische and Hewitt, on Wednesday, Ernest Griffin was remanded until 7th April. Bail allowed £100 in self and one surety of £100. Bail was forthcoming. **THE END**

