

Around & About Greenethorpe

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Remembering a former Greenethorpean



Keith Leonard l'Anson 1925-2023

Keith's Grandfather, Leonard l'Anson came from South Australia to share farm on landra in 1906 and became manager in 1911. After Mr Greene's death the l'Anson family purchased landra.

Keith was born in Young on 9 May 1925 and lived the first 10 years of his life at landra with his grandparents and parents, Alfred and Hilda l'Anson. He started school at Mt Oriel.

At age 9, Keith got his first job droving cattle from Monteagle to Greenethorpe railway and paid a shilling.

In 1935 Keith and his parents moved to Uppingham, Greenethorpe (now Illourie, where Jill Allen lives). He attended primary school at Greenethorpe riding a horse 6 miles each way.

Keith went to high school in Grenfell – 25 miles each way on a steam train, finishing as School Captain in 1941. He then repeated his leaving year at Newington College in 1942.

After finishing school he returned home to landra where his grandfather had a job for him tigering for a wheat carter, earning a pound a day, carrying 180lbs wheat bags - no wonder he had a crook back!

On his 18th birthday he had a medical for the army. Much to his disappointment he was classified as a reserved occupation because too many farmers had already gone to the war, so he was manpowered out to shear sheep and pick prunes plus help his father and grandfather on their farms.

At age 19, with £400 in the bank, he borrowed £1600 from an uncle and borrowed the rest from the bank to purchase 1000 acres, Uppingham, which the family had previously leased. Paid £10 15 shillings an acre. His Father said he now had a "noose around his neck" for the next 25 years, but with the wool boom he had it paid off in 6 years.

Keith recalled the 1944 drought when he had sheep on the road for months but the 1982 drought many years later was soul destroying for him.

In 1948 he got married for the first time and moved to Maryvale, another property he owned near landra and raised a family of four children.

1949 – bought his first tractor – a Field Marshall, one cylinder, was the last one in the Greenethorpe district to use a horse team. 1956 – electricity was connected to the house.

In 1956 the l'Anson family sold landra to the Methodist church. It became known as the landra Methodist Rural Centre, a training farm for boys who were first offenders. Keith was on the board of management from 1957-1974. Keith sold the last of his landra acreage to David Morris in 1976, so the l'Anson family had an association with landra for 70 years.

Keith was an active member of the community:

1960 -1983 – Member of Cowra Aero Club - President 1968-75
1960-75 - Member Greenethorpe Show Committee, Ringmaster 1968-71
1970s - President of the Henry Lawson Festival Committee (6 years)
1977 - President Grenfell Rotary Club
1971-1983 – Founding Member and Flying Instructor Greenethorpe Gliding Club which was on his Maryvale farm - President and Chief Flying Instructor 1978-90
1968-83 – Councillor Weddin Shire Council Grenfell
Deputy President 1972-76
President 1976-80

In 1977 he was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal for service to the community/local government

In 1988 Keith sold Uppingham to Doug and Jill Allen (after spending over 60 years as part of the Greenethorpe district) and spent the rest of his life raising another family in Canberra.

Keith died on 3 March 2023, two months short of his 98th birthday. He lived a long, full, happy life. He is survived by his wife Andrea Griffiths and his children Janette and Lesley (both dec), Sue, Paul, Kate and Thomas and their families.

His ashes were interred in the family grave at St Saviour's Church, landra, Greenethorpe on 1 September 2023.

Next Hall meeting will be held on the 21st September at 6 pm. One of the items on the agenda will be planning the catering for Jill Hodson's 80th birthday celebrations that will be held at landra in October. Jill (and Stumpy) were long time residents of Greenethorpe before their move into Grenfell.

All most welcome.

**Rinse them out
Round them up
Run them in**

Remember, every container counts!

Find your nearest drumMUSTER location

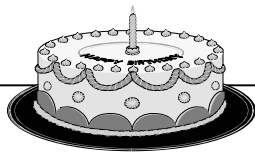


Drum Muster

The drum muster held on 24th August collected 2620 chemical containers.

This will raise \$700 for the Soldiers Memorial Hall.

Since starting in 2008, 57102 containers have been collected raising \$15,358-61 for the hall.



September Birthdays

1st	Emily Kershaw
3rd	Isabel Wills
6th	Giselle Capra
10th	Charlize Amezdroz
16th	Andrew Schaeffer
18th	Bob Taylor
19th	James Bryant
22nd	Gabriel Amezdroz
22nd	Alex Wright
23rd	Thomas Taylor
23rd	Susan Fisher
24th	Tanya Brown
24th	Alex Carney
24th	Emma Carney



WEDDIN SHIRE RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT

This survey is part of CSIRO's resilience research.

Its aim is to assess the strengths and challenges of the Weddin community in dealing with adverse and disaster events and to inform plans and programs that enhance the strengths and address the challenges for a prosperous and resilient region.

Your participation will help to provide the evidence base that can inform community resilience building priorities and proposals for future government funding.

We encourage members of the business community including farmers, agribusiness, rural service providers and other businesses to take part in this voluntary survey.

**Participants get
the chance to
win three VISA
gift card prizes
totaling \$1000**



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