

THE BLACKWOOD TIMES

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TOP: Cat & Clint launch their latest album "THE DAYS THAT USED TO BE" to a packed Blackwood Hall (RIGHT). Thanks for Blackwood Progress' support. Photos: Peter Donnelly (Thank-you)

LEFT: Rhys is rockin' the festive season at CERT's Xmas bash.



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EDITOR'S THOUGHTS...

Happy New Year everyone,
Another jam-packed issue with lots of history, reading & photos from our very own paparazzi, Peter Donnelly & Brendan Hehir.

As we move into 2019 Brendan & I have been making decisions about how to manage The Blackwood Times into the future. We've decided it's time to hand the paper on.

We first published The Blackwood News in June 1, 2008 after the editor of the Blackwood Newsletter had to give it up for personal reasons. We changed the format from 2 or 3x A4 stapled pages to 20-32 pages in an A3 saddle stitch format. We also developed a website & have consistently had up to 20K downloads per month.

In June 2013 we changed the masthead to The Blackwood Times because, as a bi-monthly paper, we felt the paper was more of a historical document than a news resource. We also made the online version colour.

In December 2014 we ran a "Hands Up" campaign calling for volunteers to help us with various tasks necessary to run the paper. That worked really well for a time but people get busy & some move on & we slowly lost most of our helpers. Last year we began looking for a group of Blackwoodians who would like to take the paper over. A number of people have kindly offered to help us in various ways, but we are looking for a long-term solution where we can hand the responsibility on.

We will support a transition group in whatever way we can to develop a viable plan to hand it over. We will publish until the mid year issue &, in the meantime, I'm calling a meeting for anyone interested working on a plan to meet at the pub on February 22 at 7pm.

We have no preconceptions about how this may pan out, or what the future of The Times looks like or if it has a future in this digital age. In

an ideal world if there was a committed group of 6-8 people as the core group the work per person would be minimal. We will train in all the moving parts that go into each issue.

Leaving you with lots of food for thought, I hope you enjoy this issue. Cheerio.

~ Jinny Coyle (editor)



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Jimmy Olsen played by...	Brendan Hehir
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HIGH TEA & MINERAL BATHS

Exciting news has come in from Blackwood's 'Sivani House', with the launch of Relaxation Packages which offer guests massage & mineral baths as well as accommodation in beautifully renovated rooms. Guest robes, slippers & top quality hair & skin products are provided to enhance the feeling of indulgence. The Relaxation Packages are for a 24hr period & include an hour-long massage by local qualified massage therapists in your own room or a restorative Key Therapy session for pain relief. Also included is a deep, long, warm mineral bath using our very own mineral water from the Blackwood Mineral Springs, guided meditation & relaxation techniques & a sumptuous breakfast, lunch & dinner from a choice of menus. In addition the guests are treated to a High Tea with petite savoury pastries, ribbon sandwiches & sweet cakes & patisseries all served on Royal Albert fine bone china.

There are a variety of optional extras, including a tarot reading, a nail wrap manicure session, guided walk showing Blackwood significant trees, cooking lesson, or hair & beauty treatments. All provided by local folk, showcasing the diverse talent which Blackwood has to offer.

Sivani House is owned & run by Karen Bruno, who moved to Blackwood 4 years ago & established a successful bed & breakfast. The idea for relaxation packages developed as Karen noticed that guests were booking accommodation in Blackwood so that they could get an early start to a day trip to the mineral baths in Daylesford, where they were specifically seeking massage therapy. In conjunction with a local masseur, Karen started asking guests if they would like a massage & all of them said yes. One person came back a second time specifically to have another massage because she enjoyed both the tranquil accommodation & massage so much.

~ edited version of a submission from Karen Bruno

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MONTH & YEAR	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall historical average (mm)	Temp monthly min (deg C)	Temp monthly max (deg C)	Temp average daily max (deg C)	Temp average daily min (deg C)	Temp average for month (deg C)
Nov '18	102.7	75.3	0.3	29.8	19.3	6	12.2
Dec '18	113.9	62.2	1.6	35.9	24.6	9.3	16.2



INVITATION TO JOIN BLACKWOOD BOCCE GROUP

It is called Bocce in Italian or Petanque in French! The game involves teams of players throwing or rolling the balls (also known as Boules). The aim is to get the big ball closest to the small ball to score. This type of game has been historically played in town squares or gathering places. It does not have many rules & is simple & very enjoyable to play.

Hi to all Blackwoodians!

We are so happy to announce that we are setting up a Bocce Group for Blackwood residents on an ongoing basis. A weekly time will be set after consultation with the community.

We had an afternoon picnic recently to provide the chance for everyone to have a try at throwing the ball.

With the help of a grant through Blackwood Progress's BIG IDEA project, we have purchased enough balls for 24 players, so there is no shortage & everyone will get a go each time they attend.

The aim of the group is to have fun, fun & fun as well as some light activity. People of all abilities & children are very welcome. We can sort out a way for you to play. Seating will be available, so if you have trouble standing you can rest between throws. It is important for everyone to bring his or her sense of humour! A bit of competitive banter & stirring will get us all laughing!

INFO: Dusan Devcic 53686511 OR John Nugent 0427 398 813

RSVP: Stephanie Kondos 0432 406 814

Young or Old | Shy or Bold | Speedy or slow | Child or adult

- child size balls will be available
- BYO walking stick or mobility aid!

We had very good rainfall for November and December which made the yearly total 866.2mm.

This is short of the long term average of 976.3mm and is the pattern nowadays of lower yearly rainfall except for 2016 which was higher than average.

~ Don Owen



ABOVE: Kicking off a new Blackwood Tradition. Bocce!



LEFT: Is this photo of the old General Store quite what it seems? Have a look for yourself next time you're at Martin St. Coffee. On closer inspection it seems a mashup of the 1940s and 70s. Who are the local kids? Is that woman really an actress in front of a set-dressed General Store? Was time-travel involved in the taking of this image?

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CERT XMAS BASH



The Blackwood CERT team & committee of management broke up for the year with a BYO picnic in the gorgeous gardens at the back of the Post Office.

Thanks for hosting us, Carol & Martin!



CRICKET CLUB

Find our cricket club playing at our beautiful heritage oval this summer. Check out the new bus on p16.

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BLACKWOOD PLAYGROUP



Kids day at the CFA. Yay! (Blackwood Playgroup thank Peter Daghish for hosting us)



CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Thanks to Progress, CFA, Brad & Jenni & Kath Berrill, locals enjoyed a last-minute chance to celebrate Christmas at the Blackwood Mineral Springs.





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Blackwood Crown Reserves COM

no report this issue

~ Dave White, Chairman

Blackwood CERT

DEFIB arrives in main street of Blackwood

"A clearly publicly available Defib in the main street – what a valuable community resource!" – community visitor feedback. "Well done Blackwood! This defib in the main street will one day save someone's life".



Our area now has several publicly accessible "Defibs" or "AEDs". These terms stand for "Automated Defibrillation Devices" & play a huge role in increasing the survival chances for someone in cardiac arrest.

Below are the AEDs registered on the GoodSam App which will alert a registered responder. There are others but they are not publicly listed on GoodSam – either privately owned, or not consistently available.

- Blackwood has 3 public defibs – Outside Martin Street Coffee (24/7), Garden of St Erth (24/7), Blackwood Hotel (opening hours)
- Trentham has 5 – Police station (24/7), Springs Medical Centre (24/7), Anglican Church (24/7), Bendigo Bank (Opening hours), CFA (when CFA personnel are present).

What to do: it's simple. Follow these prompts. The 000 operator & the AED will talk you through. Don't worry about the "rescue breaths" just keep on with compressions.

- A cardiac arrest is not a heart attack.
- Signs of a **heart attack:** the person is awake, in pain & feels sick
- Signs of a **cardiac arrest:** the person has collapsed, is not breathing properly & is unresponsive

- Anyone can save the life of someone who has experienced a cardiac arrest by acting quickly to restore the heart beat with CPR & defibrillation
- Anyone can use an AED – you do not need medical training
- Anyone can perform CPR!

Join CERT today: In other CERT news, if you live within 7kms of the Blackwood Hall, you can apply to be a First Responder with CERT. Please contact me on 0427 344 055. Unfortunately we're not able to take people outside of this radius. Training will commence in March & it takes some time to go through the on-boarding process with Ambulance Victoria. Many in our team report that joining CERT has been one of the most enriching things we've done. We're a strong team & deeply committed to making a difference to our community health outcomes. The Defib project is an example of this.

~ Margaret McCarthy, Team Leader, 0427 344 055

Sending apologies to Ivan Johnston. In my last report I did not mention his participation on the Station working Party.

~ Jinny Coyle, President, CERT Committee of Management

Blackwood CFA

Happy New Year to Everyone.

We hope everyone came through the Festive Season unscathed, with the exception of heavy heads & bleary eyes for New Year's Day.

The brigade was happy to provide Santa with 2 visits to the town; attending the Blackwood Progress Association BBQ at the Mineral Spring & of course the Christmas Day Santa run around the town.

The brigade was very busy early December providing support across 2 days to the bushfire at Buninyong, & attending a number of burn offs during the Fire Danger Period. We have also had to extinguish some smouldering campfires - if you come across a campfire which is still hot or alight with no-one in attendance, please ring 000 & the brigade will take care of it. Along with lightning strikes, smouldering campfires are one of our greatest risks to the town.

After 100mm of rain in both November & December, the green grass around the town has persisted for a lot longer this season. The grass is quickly curing now with the run of hot days in January. When mowing this time of year, keep a bucket of water handy in case a fire starts from the mower blades hitting a rock. When using machinery during the Fire Danger Period, by law you must have at least 9L of water available in a fire extinguisher or knapsack. You need to be able to access that water within 30 seconds.

For information on BBQs, camp fires, etc. during the Fire Danger Period, go to <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can>

Remember this year, on days of high fire danger, a water-bombing helicopter will be dispatched to a grass or bushfire in our area at the same time as the Blackwood brigade is paged. This usually means that we will arrive on scene at the same time as the water bomber & is especially useful for fires in the forest caused by lightning strikes. The Ballarat water bomber will have night-flying capability & will be able to continue working a fire after nightfall.

Don't forget about your nearest hydrant. Look around the roadside & nature strip to see if you can locate the fire hydrant closest to your property, these are marked by a white post with red stripes & a blue cats-eye on the road.

For more information, contact the station on 53 686 526 on Sunday mornings over the summer period, the first Sunday of every month as we are there for training & equipment checks.

Have you got your Fire Plan ready? Keep an eye on the weather forecasts. Make sure your friends & family know your plan & even the triggers that put it into action.

If people are interested in seeing the Fire Refuge & how it is operated, check your PO box, the Facebook page & signs around town for information about upcoming tours through the Refuge.

Please remember that the Refuge is a last-resort measure & that you should have your Fire Plan in place.

~ Karl Church Blackwood Brigade

Blackwood Historical Society

We finished 2018 with a lunch at the Greendale Hotel; thank you to their staff. Thank you to Progress Association for their donation towards building a ramp at the Stables. We are very grateful.

We had a visit from the members of the Bacchus Marsh Historical Society. So nice to catch up with other shire Historical Societies.

We are pleased that on Mark asking Telstra to cut the grass at Telstra, but Mark had to cut the roadside. Thanks Mark.

Mr. Hall was pleased to catch up with Stolt brothers who lived & went to school in Blackwood with Mr. Hall. It must have been great to see how much their house & town had changed.

Happy & safe 2019 to all. Remember Bingo Easter Saturday Night!

~ Elizabeth Hall (secretary)

Blackwood Progress Association

Welcome to this issue's Progress report, there has been a lot happening since the last edition.

Just before Christmas we supported local artists, Cat & Clint, with their record launch & an early visit by Santa down at the Mineral Springs. Thank you to Kath Berrill for organising 2 community social events, the pre-Christmas Santa visit & the after New Year Day chill out at the Mineral

Springs. It was great to see so many people attend. We hope this becomes an annual event & hear Santa may have it in his diary already for 2019. Easter Woodchop & Easter Carnival planning for April 20, is in full swing. This year market stalls & food stalls will be free for Blackwood community groups, we will be contacting your group shortly to extend an invitation. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with set up the day before, running of the day & pack up the next day. All volunteers receive free entry to the carnival. Please register your interest in volunteering with Karen (0409 212 473 or blackwoodprogress@gmail.com). Thank you to those people who have already put up their hand for a role & to those who are already assisting with planning of the event. Keep your eyes on the Blackwood Woodchop & Easter Carnival facebook page for updates.

We are planning a Family Bocce Open Day at the cricket ground. Details will be posted on the Blackwood Community Events facebook page once confirmed.

Lastly, Blackwood Progress now has a new BBQ that can be used for free by Blackwood community groups, you just need gas. You may already have enjoyed some tucker from it, at a street sausage sizzle or Cat & Clints CD launch which was run by CERT.

~ Brett Bond, President

Blackwood Seniors

We would like to welcome all our members back for 2019.

Our first bus trip is to Riddles Creek Sand Art on February 14 - the cost \$50 for bus & entry fee. Bus is at normal times for pick up, should be a great day.

We hope everyone had a great Christmas & New Year. Not much to say at this stage.

A very happy birthday to Margaret & Helga & we have two very special birthdays coming up.

~ Dianne Volpe, Secretary

Blackwood Uniting Church

The Uniting Church Meditation Group at Blackwood House is now meeting fortnightly. Please contact Robyn on 5368 6792 if interested.

~ Robyn Zanon

If you would like to let your community know about your organisation, what your focus in the community is & how you would like support, please email Sandy at – galaxyss@hotmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

• MEETINGS ETC •

DAY	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
1st Sat	10:30-12:30	Blackwood Historical Society Meeting	Stables, Martin St
Tuesdays	All Day	Yoga, Meditation etc (Pay As You Feel Classes)	Meditare Blackwood
Tuesdays	10-12	Blackwood Wombats Playgroup	Hall
2nd Sat	10am	Blackwood Gardening Club	Merchant
3rd Sun	3pm	Wombies Book Club	Pub
4th Sun	PM	Landcare (bi-monthly)	Pub

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WHO WILL WEAR THE CROWN?



The search for a 2019 Blackwood Carnival Queen & King will begin soon. Everyone in Blackwood gets to vote for who they would like to be King & Queen.

Entry containers & forms will be available at the Blackwood Post Office & Hotel. Voting opens on Saturday March 16 & finishes 5pm on Friday April 12.

The Royals need to have a strong connection to Blackwood. Royal duties are minimal & benefits & surprises many!

The winners will be the 2 people with the highest number of votes. Have your say as to who will be the next Blackwood Queen & King.

The votes will be tallied the week prior to Easter & a community Crowning Ceremony will be held Good Friday evening at the Blackwood Hotel.

Come along & join in the fun. Fancy costume & hats encouraged. Lolly bags for young kids with maybe a few left over for big kids.



A GOOD OL' YARN

It may seem strange to think about handmade woolen garments in these warmer months, but a group of creative Blackwoodians, the Blackwood Yarnies, think about new knitting & crochet projects all year round.

The group has been running for around 6 months & meet weekly to knit, crochet, sew, & yarn (in both senses of the word!) in a social & supportive environment.

Beginners & well-practised crafters rub shoulders in this group where ideas, inspiration & knowledge are exchanged by all members.

One of our yarnies, Alison, has created a small range of beautiful knitted & crocheted garments that are now for sale in the Blackwood Hat Shoppe. One has already sold & she has orders for 2 more items in different colours. Alison even made her own buttons from a tree limb & they are just so beautiful.

If you are interested in fibre-related creative pursuits (like knitting, crochet, embroidery, quilting & the like) look up the Facebook group (Blackwood Yarnies) or ask at the Blackwood Hat Shoppe.

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Ray Walker 11/9/1927 to 14/1/2019

On the afternoon of January 21, Ray's wife Bev, his 2 children Neil & Heather, grandchildren Hannah & Mark, son-in-law Bryan, other relatives & friends met together at the Blackwood Hall to bid Ray a final farewell & celebrate the gift of his life.

Although Ray & Bev had made their permanent home in Sunbury, they have a long association with Blackwood. Bev grew up in Blackwood & it is here that Ray met Bev, being introduced by a mutual friend who wasn't averse to a bit of matchmaking. They were married in the Blackwood Methodist Church (now the Uniting Church) 3 months later on May 24, 1969. The last wedding to take place in the church prior to this was Bev's parents, who were married in 1936. Ray & Bev would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year, not bad for a marriage that a number of people predicted wouldn't last because the bride & groom had known each other for such a short time.

After their marriage, Ray & Bev moved into their home in Sunbury but Ray had a long-held ambition of building a house himself. So the connection with Blackwood continued, as in 1973, he purchased land from his father-in-law, Mick Walker, & started to build on a block behind "Blackwood House". It was never going to be a quick build as Ray was working full time & wanted to do all the work that he could himself, with Bev often being conscripted as a fellow labourer. They did not borrow any money for the project, instead saving until they had enough funds for the next stage. Construction on the 3 bedroom brick veneer house was completed in 1990.

Ray was born in Pakenham, Victoria to parents Arthur & Ann. He had



a brother, Jack, who pre-deceased him & a sister, Jean. Ray attended local schools & began an apprenticeship as a fitter & turner. Six months short of completing this a change in family circumstances, saw his brother, who shared a business with his father, moving to live in Canada. His father couldn't manage on his own so Ray forfeited his apprenticeship & joined his father. Most of his working life however was spent at Ansett airlines where Ray worked his way up through the ranks. He made many enduring friendships there & was a trusted & well respected employee.

Ray had a long & happy retirement. Much time was spent with Bev tracking down 'The Family Tree', finding new relations, travelling to make their acquaintance & often forming lasting friendships. Ray & Bev had their children baptised in the Blackwood Uniting Church & enjoyed seeing their daughter being married in the same church that they were & then their eldest granddaughter.

It seems fitting that Ray's final resting place is in Blackwood, a place so intertwined with his life.

~ Robyn Zanon

• EDITORS MAIL BOX •

Hi Jinny
Congratulations on another great issue, & becoming a finalist for community content section in an earlier issue.

Wow I remember the Avenue of Honour with the Pine trees lining the road to the Mineral Springs & the grand arch entrance to the pathway with big concrete steps going down.

My family loved the Fiskville Cup photos & how Brendan & yourself did an amazing job to capture the joy of the day for the Blackwood CFA. Many thanks,

~ Cheers Jan Purchase

• WHOSE TATTS THAT? •



HALF HIS life has been spent sailing the 7 seas, & he has not one tattoo to show for it. Not one. Where are the hula girls, the clipper ships, the sea monsters? How could this salty old dog sail into his 50th year without even a smudge of ink on his body? Where's your bloody anchor, man?

"**THESE DAYS** the women on board have more tats than the blokes," says he by way of explanation. "Not good enough!" cry the ladies of his home port.

SO COME his 50th bash in Blackwood, the Salad Crew girls, while keeping everyone in leafy greens for the evening, were also bagging up a kitty to buy a session with Amy at Twisted by Design in Bacchus Marsh.

AMY CAME up with a design that any sailor would be proud to wear on his one good leg; these mermaid/sirens represent the young women whose call to land he finds irresistible, his 2 daughters.

A: Brian Suters



Sorry Jesus, it's my birthday too!



PAT'S 50TH BASH



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THE HISTORY OF BLACKWOOD - PIONEERS DEATHS OF BLACKWOOD

Compiled by Margot Hitchcock, Historian for the Blackwood & District Historical Society. January 2019

Bacchus Marsh Express - Sat April 12, 1890 – researched from TROVE.

It is said “the young may die, but the old must.” Whether I’m right or not it appears to me that a vast proportion of people in this colony die comparatively young, & let any person take a walk through any of the cemeteries in the colony, & note the inscriptions on tomb stones, & he will then perceive that those who had attained the allotted 3 score & 10 years are insignificant in comparison with those who have died from 20 to 50 years of age.

Comparing knowledge from a Blackwood point of view 4 persons within the past 3 weeks have joined the great majority from whom there is no response. Mrs. Irving, of the Green Hills, was one of the earliest of Blackwood pioneers, & died honoured & respected last week, aged 72 years. William Hunter, though not residing on Blackwood lately, was so closely connected with friends here that he almost appeared as if he were a native of Blackwood, as he came here while but a boy. After an unostentatious yet eventful career he died in Melbourne at the age of 42 years, & was buried at, the Melbourne Cemetery, when nearly all the old Blackwood residents in Melbourne saw his remains interred in their last resting place. Last week Thomas Sweet, who had been suffering from consumption (for) nearly 3 years, passed away on Friday morning & was buried at the Blackwood Cemetery on Sunday, when upwards of 150 persons attended his funeral. Mr. Sweet was not a native of Blackwood, but was amongst the first persons as a boy who set foot on Blackwood, 36 years ago. He was 47 years of age when he died. Still another victim, who, though not born on Blackwood, could almost be claimed as a native, as I believe he was born at his father’s residence near Greendale. I refer to Dr. Shuter, son of the well-known & respected Police Magistrate, Mr. C. Shuter, who died at his father’s residence Malvern, on Easter Monday. I have heard that the young Dr. was a man of great promise, & his death is deeply lamented by a wide circle of friends. The young man, I think, had only attained the age of about 30 years when he died. The news of the finding of 40 oz nugget on land adjacent Goodman’s Creek, near Bacchus Marsh, was quite a surprise to the benighted miners here. Blackwood pubs are in luck recently, as Mr. Mackay, of the Commercial Hotel, Barry’s Reef, fell heir to a £1 order on opening one of Wolfe’s Schnapps medicine bottles 1 day last week. Everything in the shape of mining is extremely quiet at the present time.

Bacchus Marsh Express - Sat Aug 24, 1895. – researched from TROVE.

What may be termed an almost calamitous sequence of deaths in one family took place at Blue Mountain last week. It appears that both Mr. & Mrs. Dolphin, aged respectively 70 & 72 years, caught the prevailing influenza epidemic in a severe form 2 or 3 weeks ago, & Mr. Dolphin died on Thursday, the 15th inst. Whilst he was lying dead in the house his daughter Sarah, who had become bedridden from an incurable disease during the last 12 months, in trying to turn in bed without assistance, broke 1 of her legs; the doctor, on being called, giving his opinion that it would be impossible to set it. On Saturday last the funeral of Mr. Dolphin took place. He was buried in the Trentham cemetery. On the same afternoon Mrs. Dolphin died, & next day the daughter, Sarah, also died. Influenza, as in the other cases, being the ultimate cause of death. There is one unmarried daughter left, who, it may well be understood, is severely affected under the sad circumstances. There are two married daughters, one being the wife of Mr. M. Trehwella, & the other the widow of the late Mr. Thomas Sweet. The Dolphin family were amongst the pioneer residents of Blackwood. I can well remember the daughters taking part in concerts in the old Golden Point School when such songs as “Home Sweet Home” & the like struck a more sympathetic chord in the hearts of their hearers than I fancy the same songs do nowadays. The father followed mining pursuits for a few years, but on the Duffy Land Act of 1865 coming into force he was 1 of the first to select land at Blue Mountain, the farming venture turned out well, as Blackwood, or rather Barry’s Beef, was a splendid market for many years about that period; & it will be well remembered by old residents the active part the daughter who has just died took in the distribution of the multifarious products of her father’s farm, which was mostly done by means of a pack horse; for wheeled vehicles were not much in use in



those times, & whether it was bread, meat, groceries, or even such risky loading as lemonade or soda water, the pack horse & hampers were almost universally used. When business began to slacken Mr. Dolphin sold his farm & appliances to Mr. B. Trehwella, & with his wife & 2 of his daughters returned to England. I understand he tried farming there, but it apparently did not prosper satisfactorily, & so, after a few years trial he came back to Blue Mountain, & recommenced farming a block of land about 2 miles to the west of his first selection, where he has remained until the present sad succession of events occurred. Mr. & Mrs. Dolphin would have been married 50 years by next Christmas, & intentions of having a golden wedding party had already been talked of, but circumstances have turned out otherwise. In conclusion it can be mentioned that Miss Sarah Dolphin filled the position of postmistress at Barry’s Reef for several years, until failing health compelled her to give up the situation. The Rev. E. C. Knox, formerly of Blackwood, but now stationed at Trentham, read the burial services. Since the above was written I have been informed that Mr. & Mrs. Dolphin arrived in Victoria in 1852, & visited England 3 times since. They were both born at Pershore, Worcestershire, England. The Staffordshire line of reef, to the west of the Simmons Reef reservoir, continues to attract attention; & another lease has been pegged out on the southern extension this week. Messrs. Hill Bros., the original discoverers, are breaking out stone for another crushing; the party to the north are also saving the stone from their shaft for a trial. One of the Egerton tribute parties washed up last week from it crushing of 55 tons, which yielded at the rate of 3 dwts. per ton.

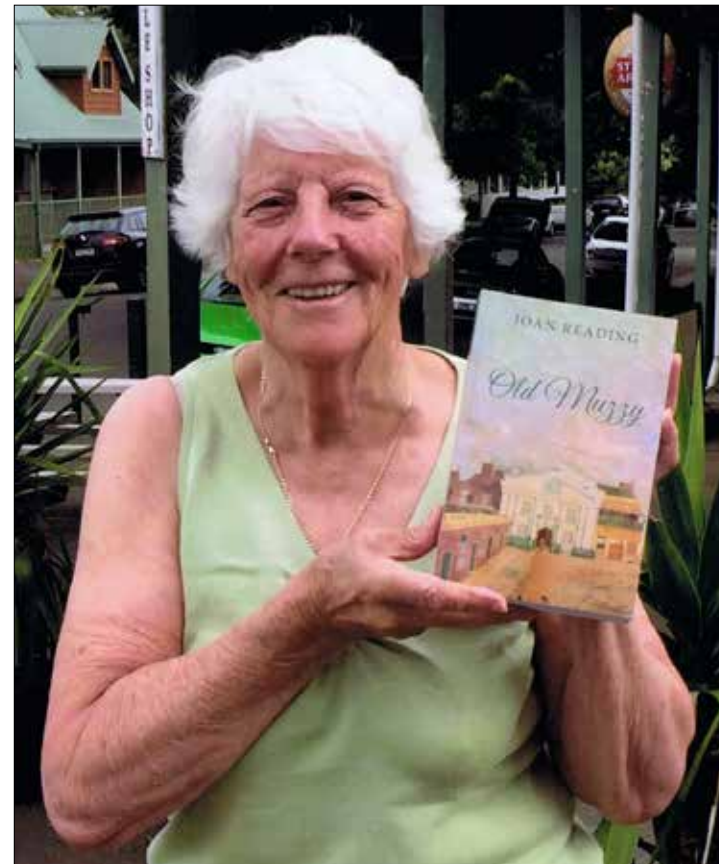
Researched by Margot Hitchcock from her forthcoming book ‘The History & Pioneers of Blackwood’, hopefully to be published soon. Other books published by Margot Hitchcock – ‘Aspects of Early Blackwood’, ‘Some History of Simmons Reef, Blackwood’ & ‘The Billy Pincombe Tragedy’. See – www.blackwoodpublishing.com

For help with information on Blackwood ancestors contact Margot Hitchcock – email – margothitchcock@bigpond.com

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EXCERPTS FROM THE HISTORICAL NOVEL “OLD MUZZY” BY JOAN READING

One could smell the summer heat & dust as the Cobb & Co Coach pulled into the Royal Mail Hotel, & one could feel the excitement. Expectant hopes ran like a fever in his mind, overheating his brow & making his pulse race. His nostrils expanded to breathe more deeply the strange array of smells & the swirling dust. His pupils constricted against the glare of the summer heat. Musgrave climbed down from the coach with alacrity, this being the first stop on the busy programmed tour of the goldfields. Now with the arrival of the coach the pub doors swung open, & closed with a bang as the porters descended on the arrived chaos to sort the luggage. Dust was saturating, penetrating & gritty. Dogs & crowds scattered it everywhere. & the dust was red The original yellow-painted pub was tinged with red, the garments of the crowds jostling the coach were similarly red. This was no ordinary arrival of the coach. This was the inaugural run of the brightly-painted American Cobb & Co Coach. The arrival anticipated & advertised in handbills was the centre of local excitement, for today ‘The Theatre ‘ had arrived in their backwater mining town, & in such splendor. Such was the loneliness of the bush, the harshness of the socially-deprived miners, that this small band of entertainers were hailed & welcomed as dignitaries. & so they were. The famous George Coppin was among them. His top-hatted figure, bewhiskered, jolly, round face, stepped into their lives as if from a band-box, so excellently dressed, pin-striped & clean. He was directing the unpacking of the luggage; oddly shaped packages wrapped in calico to cloak the theatrical props from dust & prying eyes. & director he was, surrounded by his troupe

of entertainers. One was of very elegant demeanor, clothed like an English gent, so unlike any of the locals in their tattered sleeveless overalls, well patched. Musgrave was indeed from the gentry, but enjoying this his first visit to the Australian goldfields. Envious of the freedom & gregarious manner of the miners, but not of their hard work with their hand picks & shovels. Indeed he had never needed to work for his living until now, & was grateful Coppin had sought him out for his skills in Shakespearian acting & his knowledge of things theatrical.

And now here he is, on the corner of the dusty intersection of roads standing beside a substantial single building of local stone & horizontal sawn timber with a neatly shingled roof & a sign, THE ROYAL MAIL HOTEL. It left no doubt that this is the centre of activity for the Golden Point community. An elegant lamp above the door, put a stamp upon the place. A little further down the road, one could glimpse the cool, dark Lerderderg River overshadowed with magnificent dark, glossy-green Blackwood acacia trees & stately eucalypts. From the right came the bleating of goats, fenced-in with rough split timbers. Musgrave was amused by their mottled colours & rangy, shaggy coats. He liked this place & nodded to them in reply to their warm welcome, before stepping up with the others onto the planked flooring of the veranda fronting the pub. It was all rough & unfamiliar, but once the swing doors opened, the interior was cool, shaded & familiar. The timber flooring was waxed & polished, the timber stools plain, without carving or decoration, but substantial & comfortable. Doors & windows stood open, except for the bat-wing louvers filtering the light & ventilating the interior. Again, Musgrave quietly noted that, he liked this place. It was substantial. Musgrave ran his hand down the interior wall & found it was plastered with rough daubing of clay between & over the upright planks of the interior walls. The local bar staff in braced trousers over open-neck shirts, vocal friendly folk offered them drinks of mineral waters, sourced from the hillsides along the Lerderderg River. Coppin remarked that he noticed the mineral odour as the coach rounded a corner back up the road, & was astonished how it tasted so refreshing. Late afternoon light, highlighted the shadows as Coppin & Musgrave set out to walk towards the river bank to investigate the setting for the night’s theatre. By the side of the Lerderderg, on the shallow bend of the river, there is a small expanse of beach in the alcove. Rough stones, honed by running waters, smoothed & manumitted over time, & glinting with specks of mica, made a wonderful stage, back-dropped by high rocky ledges above which the forest sentinels stand like dark green curtains. A natural amphitheatre with perfect acoustics. Jutting from the opposite rocky wall of the river were ledges like perfectly -formed seating for the audience. And so the stage was set for 3 nights of entertainment along the reaches of the river literally flowing with alluvial gold. A new stage setting for “The scion of Edenhall” the wandering artist from the theatres of the north of England” as Coppin had billed Musgrave on the flyers.

Can I invite you to read on, for this Musgrave becomes “OLD MUZZY AN ACTOR & A MAN” ON SALE NOW AT THE BLACKWOOD HOTEL.

~ Joan Reading

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WOMBAT BOOK CLUB

Happy New Year from the Wombat Bookclub. With those lazy, hazy, crazy days of Summer, hopefully it's a time to relax with a good read.

In January, the Bookclub resumed for 2019, for another round of interesting novels.

The club meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm at the Blackwood Pub. Come and join our friendly group for lively chatter about what we have read, followed by general socialising. For more info, contact Jinny at editor@theblackwoodtimes.com.au.

The book for discussion this time is - **'Room with a View' by E.M. Foster.**

Set in Florence in the Edwardian year of 1908, the story begins with Lucy Honeychurch, a young woman from the upper middle-class, & her Chaperone, Charlotte Bartlette, complaining about their room not having a view. A Mr. Emmerson and his son, George, offer to swap rooms so they can enjoy the view of the Arno River. Both Lucy & George Emmerson become entwined when they witness a murder. The long-winded story ends when the 2 eventually elope.

Sandy: This is a typical novel by Forster where he writes, almost satirically, about the upper English class and the not-so-fortunate.

Forster was a known 'humanist' with an open mind.

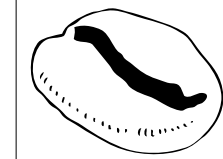
I found this book to be long-winded & wished he could get to the crux of the story before boredom set in, however, he was depicting the language of that era, used by the upper-class.

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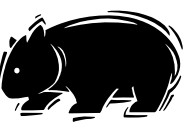


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SPACE ENERGY

Object Energy

by Kathie Strmota



Every item has a story to tell, & your individual possessions (books, mementos, tools, dishes) all play a part in how your home environment affects you.

An object's energy is generally neither good nor bad, but how you relate to it can be nourishing & inspiring, or can draw you into a negative space or contradict who you wish to be. Although some things have common meaning for many people, the strongest influence comes from how an item 'speaks to you' personally ... how it makes you feel, what it makes you think or do, & how it affects your energy.

For example, you may have a set of mugs bought while shopping with a friend and, for 2 years, they just felt nice to drink from & occasionally triggered the memory of a lovely day out. Then you had a bad falling-out with that friend & now, 3 years later, you often feel a stab of hurt & resentment when you reach for a mug.

Aside from affecting your current experience, some possessions can tie you to the past, & inhibit growth & change, by reinforcing old perceptions & behaviors. Likewise, some possessions can support change, if they help to reinforce energy dynamics & choices associated with your desired becoming.

For example, a dried flower received from a past lover may fill you with warm positive feelings, lift your self-esteem, & expand your heart. If you have no attachments to that person, such an item can connect you with energies that enhance your current relationship, or help you attract a loving

relationship. However, if there is any emotional confusion about that past lover, the same item can keep pulling you into 'your past-self' & prevent you from fully engaging with your current relationship or attracting a new relationship which will nourish who you are today.

Imagery has a powerful influence in this respect & can be used to great advantage. Where your eyes go, your energy goes, & your feet eventually follow. A lovely example of this positive influence occurred with a friend who re-decorated after her ex moved out. She hung 2 French-themed prints in her kitchen featuring the Eiffel Tower & a couple embracing passionately. About a year later, she took a French language class, & 2 years after that she travelled to France, chatted with the natives, revelled in the food, & ended up having a beautiful holiday romance. When she originally hung the images, she had no thoughts of travel - she just liked them - but she was unconsciously creating a home environment which opened up the possibilities for change from who she had been in 'the old life' to a new expression of herself.

Such magic comes about when you follow your heart in choosing possessions ... you love the colour or texture, or it 'just calls to you'. Often we can't really define 'who we want to be' but, at intuitive levels, we have a sense of what will take us there. Even when choosing practical items, like cutlery or sheets, you tend to have an 'inner' response & should go with that. Alternately, when we surround ourselves with items kept for more superficial reasons (impressing friends, keeping gifts out of obligation, or bringing something home just because it was 'half-price') there is usually little magic, & often a lot of burden.

Each of us will have our own personal response to any object, & this should be your barometer, as much as possible. Regardless of how many people think an item is fantastic, if it isn't right for you, then it just isn't right.

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MANY THANKS, THOSE WHO SERVE



There've been so many this year who have helped to make Christmas cards & hampers & donated cards & gifts. So many have given their time to promote the commitments to service of our military & emergency services. It's been very humbling for me at times.

The talks at schools & seeing the enthusiasm in the children & the teachers is rewarding. Woodend primary school was amazing. The questions from the children were so well thought out & intelligently presented.

Pictured here with retired soldier & INVICTUS games competitor, Matthew Blunt, & me plus Bella, the service dog, laying loyally by Matthew's feet. I haven't counted all the cards & gifts yet but the hospital common room will be full of positive energy & well wishes from so many. The messages on the cards & presents undoubtedly let soldiers & emergency services patients in hospital over Christmas know they are still valued & not forgotten by the public.

I'd like to thank Woodend Primary School | Our Lady of the Rosary Primary school | Kyneton primary school | Trentham Primary School | Myrning Primary School | Ballan Primary School | Singers & band members Adam Brand Matt Cornell & Gretta Ziller | Trentham newsagent Michelle | Trentham Tai Chi Lilac Moon Patricia Kent | Battlefield Blue poppy Artist Ron Davis | Trentham Post Office Elizabeth Parsons | John & Ron from Lyonville | Portarlinton RSL St Leonard's sub branch Phil McLean

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And thank-you to everyone who took the time to right messages of support to the soldiers & emergency services patients in hospital over Christmas. Woodend primary school grades 5 & 6 donated \$500 to charity Soldier On. The members of that charity will be so pleased with the school's donation. What a magnificent effort by the wonderful school children. Well done.

Special thank-you to retired soldier & retired police officer, Rob Atkins as well as retired soldier & INVICTUS games competitor, Matthew Blunt.

~ Cheers Clint Stretton

Photo: What a great way to wrap up last year. Raising awareness of military & emergency services lives with the last talk of the year to the very enthusiastic students & teachers at Woodend primary school, pictured here with retired soldier & INVICTUS games competitor, Matthew Blunt, & retired soldier, Clint Stretton.

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A short history of 21 Martin Street

At 124 years old, 21 Martin Street, Blackwood has an epic history. Originally 3 buildings, 1 since demolished & the 2 remaining have long since been combined.

They started as a general store, known as Anderson's, later Alex Decker's, a tobacco merchant & The Bank Hotel.

The main building, where the current entrance is today, originally housed The Bank Hotel, providing accommodation to gold miners. Today it is home to Martin Street Coffee Roasters. It also covers part of the cafe space & the current owners' residence. What was the general store is today the main cafe section & commercial kitchen. The dining room, with its sweeping forest views, was added later by the famous Judith!

Many, many people have made Blackwood their home, as custodians of the building & business during the 20th century. Some stayed a while, others a short time.

Blackwood Post Office, though first opened in what is today "Blackwood House", was run from 21 Martin Street for 50 years, then later from the Blackwood Hotel & today in its location next door where it's been operating for around 3.5 years. In approximately 2001, the business had to innovate to meet changing habits of consumers. Supermarkets & many other retailers were allowed to trade longer & the number of vehicles per house grew. The consequence across the country was the closure of small family-run stores. People began to travel further for employment & the need for day-to-day grocery purchases continued to decline & continues to do. To ensure the future of the business for Blackwood, the then owners, about 18 years ago, started the modernisation process. In fact they're quite likely the reason the building still exists to this day. They applied for a liquor license to compliment their establishing cafe & meals service. This was met with much concern & grievance, mainly due to the service of liquor in a venue that supplied takeaway food, newspapers, grocery & a postal service. Several kilograms of surviving paperwork document the original liquor application; including its numerous complaints. Each rejection was met with changes in services, to enable the eventual approval. The changes were a consequence of the need for a small business to survive & grow. The venue moved more towards a cafe, delicatessen & store, providing basic provisions to travellers & locals alike.

During Simon & Simon's first 2 years, items in the general store, of which they stocked 1,000 lines (though mostly in bulk) accounted for around 1% of the overall turnover. When the current owners of the Post Office took over, they agreed to no longer sell groceries. It's still likely to be a challenging market, which is why Carol & Martin continue to add new items & services to their business. These are all very much welcomed & we assume it's safe to say, by all. How wonderful is it to see a new outdoor shaded area available for a coffee or snack in town. Since 2016, the guys have further developed their cafe environment. The addition of cooling, heating, insulation & covering the deck have been welcomed projects. Today they serve up a full breakfast menu, all day meals, cakes & an extensive range of hot & cold beverages, including a full bar. Friday nights are well established as a popular night for locals & visitors alike, to enjoy dinner together. The guys prepare & serve delicious pizza. They believe their secret is simply a friendly welcome, using fresh, local produce, making their own bases, sauce & the blending of their own cheese. In 2016, the boys set up & started the development of a coffee business with partners in Thailand. It took 2 years to build an entire business from scratch, but it's been trading properly for around 6 months. Simon & Simon are involved in the design & manufacture of bespoke coffee-roasting machine & in the sale & supply of roasted coffee beans. They are currently doing business across Australia, South-East Asia & in New Zealand. They are working on their new website which will explain the coffee business in greater detail.

Extensive renovations, including structural & an internal fit-out, along with other external improvements, have taken place to secure the future of this prominent main street building. There are further improvements planned, as money becomes available, including an outdoor space which can be developed further when the septic program is completed. At this time we have just opened an outdoor / open-air balcony for meals or drinks too. Simon & Simon are pleased to be part of Blackwood & look ahead to a bright future. Hopefully one where we will flourish & be able to support the growth of local employment.

~ Simon & Simon



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• FROM THE SHIRES DESK •

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PET SHENANIGANS WITH SEAMUS



WOOF: In this month's edition I would like to talk about HEAT STRESS. We have had some really hot weather recently & this not only affects humans but has a devastating effect on some animals. Heat stress or heat stroke can occur suddenly & without much warning. In hot environments like unshaded backyards or cars, pets can quickly feel the effects of rising temperatures. All pets can be affected by heat stress. However, dogs with short noses, such as the Bulldogs, Pugs, & Boxers are at higher risk.

Smaller animals, like young puppies & kittens or rabbits, guinea pigs, & birds are also particularly susceptible.

What are the signs?: When suffering from heat stress, a dog will initially show an increase in activity associated with panting & vocalisation. Barking, whining & a worried or furrowed expression is a sign of their distress. As the heat stress progresses, panting becomes excessive & laboured & breathing may become increasingly difficult. Some dogs may drool excessively & even vomit. If the suffering continues, dogs will experience circulatory collapse & their gums will appear blue. They may convulse or become unconscious. Cats show very similar signs, although it can be harder to identify heat stress in felines.

What you can do to help: It's vital that your pet's body is cooled to their regular temperature, especially the head.

1. remove the pet from the hot environment
2. place the pet in towels dampened by cool water. A fan blowing over the damp skin will also help to cool the pet
3. contact a veterinarian as a matter of urgency
4. transport your pet to the nearest veterinarian wrapped in dampened towels

Your veterinarian may put your pet on a drip, perform other emergency procedures, & administer medications to counteract shock & other disorders that occur in heat stress.

The most important thing you can do is take steps to prevent heat stress from occurring.

How to prevent heat stress:

1. NEVER leave an animal in a car, especially in the hot sun
2. If the weather is hot, avoid exercise during the warmest times of the day. Take your dog on a walk only in the early morning or late evening. Exercise in moderation if the weather is very hot
3. Make sure that plenty of cool water & shade is always available at home, on walks, & during car travel
4. Do not leave pets inside hot, closed houses. If your pet cannot go outside & rest in a cool area of the garden, & you would have the air conditioner or fan on if you were inside, then you should leave it on for your pet also
5. Plan car trips carefully during hot weather – make sure the car can be kept cool, water is available & you make frequent stops

The effects of heat stress can be fatal. Always contact your local Vet if you're worried that your pet is suffering from the effects of the heat.

Woof for now ... Seamus

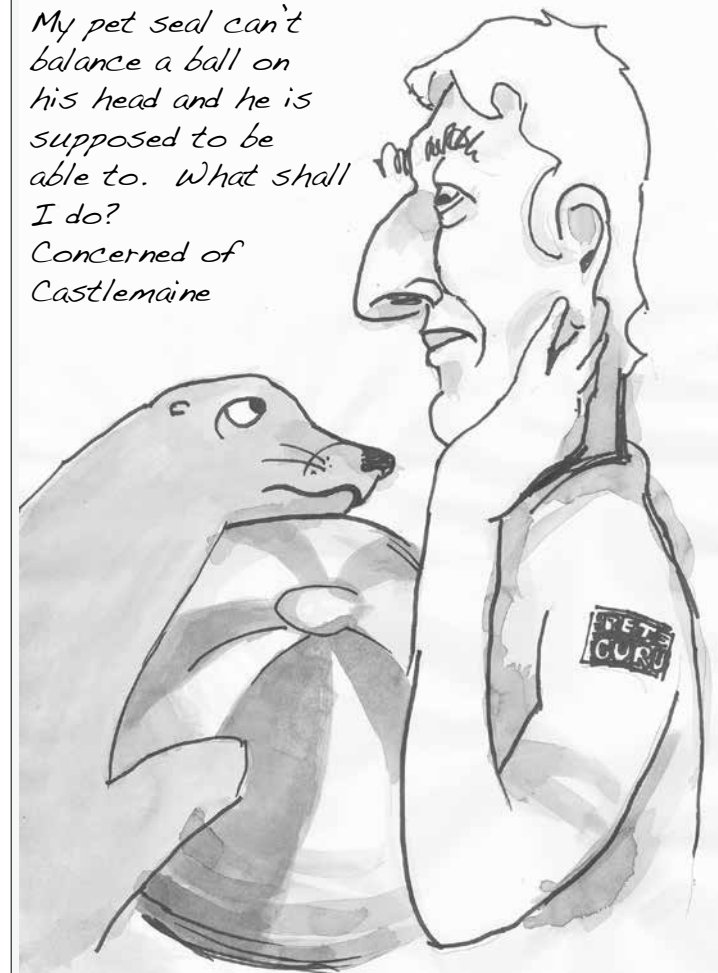
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• BLACKWOOF'S •

I HAD to close my eyes, everyone said so. It was unusual to have the whole family around so early on a Christmas morning. They said it was a surprise.

SO I shut my eyes & then I started thinking... is it?... is it a puppy?... IS IT!!!

IT WAS! I started crying & then everyone was crying. I cuddled & cuddled him & he fell asleep.

I CALLED him Charlie & we went outside to play. Then he fell asleep again; he sleeps a lot because he is only 12 weeks old. He came with his very own santa hat. He also has sox & 2 bowties. I think he likes getting dressed up. He really likes stealing our shoes & dragging them off to his bed. He thinks we can't get them there.

CHARLIE LOVES me & Mum, but not Dad. He thinks he's too strict & so he wont listen to him. One day he stole one of Dad's cigarettes & had it in his mouth like he was smoking. Mum took a photo. It was hilarious.

I WANT to take Charlie to school to show him to everyone. He's really very social. He's learning to like other dogs, too; although when he met Buster (he's a big dog) Charlie barked & bit him on the penis. Buster growled & Charlie ran out into the darkness.

~ Rosie O'Loughlan



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The draft Egan's Reserve Master Plan 2018 - 2013 was endorsed by Council at the November 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council and will be on public exhibition for a period of four (4) weeks which closes on Wednesday February 13, 2019.

The draft master plan is currently available for viewing and comment on Council's online community engagement portal 'Have Your Say' at <https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/consultations/draft-egans-reserve-master-plan>

A hard copy of the proposed Table of Works is displayed at Egan's Reserve and Greendale Hotel.

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Thurs 18 - Mon 22 April

Closing date for entry applications: Fri 5 April

Opening & presentation of awards:
Thurs 18 April: 7.30pm (all welcome)

Trentham Mechanics Hall
85 High Street, Trentham

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For Sale 17 Shaw Street BLACKWOOD



\$295,000 - \$320,000

COTTAGE WITH A VIEW

This ca. 1960s elevated, 2 bedroom fibro cottage is awaiting your special touch to bring it to life. The cottage is set on approximately 822 sqm with views to the lovely Blackwood hills, and is a short stroll to the historic Blackwood town centre and steps from the Lerderderg River and gorgeous walking trails. With an open plan kitchen/lounge with exposed beams, separate laundry, front veranda, north facing windows, and a shed with concrete floor and power, this property is brimming with opportunity. Town water and electricity connected.

For Sale 4 Bates Road BLACKWOOD



SOLD

\$440,000 - \$465,000

BEAUTIFUL BLACKWOOD BUNGALOW ON TWO TITLES

Here it is...a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom elevated bungalow beauty in Blackwood. Lovely home with a corrugated roof to hear the pitter patter on a rainy day... hardwood floors, ceilings with decorative roses. Warm country kitchen with electric cooking, pot belly stove and cedar shelving. Central bathroom with bath, vanity and toilet. Separate laundry and wet room. 2 working chimneys. Infrastructure for a potential separate 2-room flat. Set on a corner block approximately 2,400 sqm on 2 titles with Township Zoning.

Land For Sale CA 9-13 Section J Lerderderg Road BLACKWOOD



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For Sale 961 Daylesford-Trentham Rd BULLARTO



\$670,000 - \$730,000

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Two attached homes on approximately 2 acres, scattered with Bull Chestnut trees. The first home is a renovated kit home with 3 bedrooms all with new carpet and BIRs, large, main bathroom. Modern kitchen open to dining room featuring hand made stone tiles. The second home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, separate toilet, gas bottle cooking, wood heater, slow combustion fire, separate laundry, and is on concrete stumps. The homes have a shared wall, which could be removed to join the two. As is, they are separately metered for electricity.

For Sale 3 Walters Street TRENTHAM



\$795,000

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Renovated 1920s California Bungalow located in the heart of Trentham township. The home has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open plan kitchen/dining, living area and separate, formal dining room. The home has ceiling and under floor insulation, a split system and slow combustion heater. Enjoy breakfast on the north-facing decking, potter around the peaceful garden with its established fruit trees, vegetable gardens, chicken coop, and 9,000 litre water tank.

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