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# Victorian COUNTRY Woman

All Women, All Ages, All Places

Engage Support Challenge





The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.

## Cooking Masterclasses

Join in via Zoom with our Cooking Instructors to make pasta and pastry  
When you have registered you will receive a list of ingredients and  
equipment to have on hand while you cook along with the experts

Live online interaction is encouraged

Cost per session \$25 (members); \$50 (non-members)

Minimum number of participants required in order to proceed

Contact Cooking Committee Convenor Bev Wall for further details - bevwall26@hotmail.com



Join Marie Vassallo in making two types of pasta

Date            Saturday 17 April 2021  
Time            2pm  
Duration       2 hours



Join Marilyn Mackie in making two types of pastry

Date            8 May 2021  
Time            2pm  
Duration       2 hours

Please ring 9827 8971 and have your credit card and membership number ready



## Australia Day at Government House

What a different Australia Day it was in 2021. The normal open day at Government House couldn't take place due to restrictions so a new Australian Citizenship ceremony took place in the ballroom. This ceremony was to be held in the garden, however due to inclement weather it was moved indoors.

We were invited to take scones to give everyone scones jam and cream. This was accomplished by our State President Marion Dewar, State Treasurer Marie Vassallo, Umina member Leanne Menegazzo (who kindly got up early to bake 250 scones) and myself. It was a little tricky preparing in a very small area but was achieved with minutes to spare. As you can see by the photo it made an impressive display with each plate also having a small Australian flag.

A large contingent of the Australian Navy had been at Government House prior to the citizenship ceremony and we were lucky to have a small group of Naval personnel entertain everyone while the invited guests were able to enjoy our scones, and other food.

A 21-gun salute was also a different part of the morning and was so loud, but the normal flyby display did take place.

**Pam Mawson**  
Deputy State President

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**Theme:** Engage Support Challenge

**State Project:** CWA of VIC Inc. IT and Systems Upgrade and Maintenance

**Product/Resource:** Grasses – not just lawn

**Country of Study:** Australia - Indigenous Communities

**Social Issues Focus:** Safe Home for All

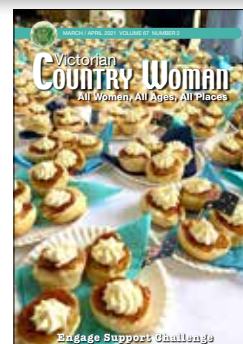
**Thanksgiving Fund:** Endometriosis Research –through the Jean Hailes Medical Centre for Women's Health

## Cover

**Title:** Australia Day 2021

**Photographer:** Marie Vassallo

**Branch:** Umina



# State President



**Marion E Dewar**  
State President

Dear Members

The welcome and hospitality you extended to your senior office bearer at your Group Annual Meetings and Autumn Group Conferences was much appreciated. Thank you to the group office bearers who conclude their duties at the end of May. Congratulations to the members elected to group office bearer positions which they will take up after the State Annual General Meeting. The two-way support

of members and group office bearers is important for the good functioning of branches and groups and strengthens the whole Association. I enjoyed my visits, in person and by other means, to the Polwarth, South Western, North Eastern, Latrobe Central, South Gippsland, Bass, Gippsland Hills, McDonald, Mornington Peninsula, North Gippsland, Fraser, Kiewa Valley and Henty Groups.

It continues to be important to observe the current COVID Safe regulations. Thank you for submitting your plans for all events, activities and meetings. The use of QR codes has been taken up by many. How much do you know about a QR code? A Quick Response (QR) code is a type of matrix or two-dimensional barcode. A barcode is a machine readable optical label that contains information about the item to which it is attached. QR codes often contain data for a locator, identifier or tracker that points to a website or application. A QR code uses four standardized encoding modes (numeric, alphanumeric, byte/binary, and kanji) to store data efficiently. The QR system became popular because of its fast readability and greater storage capacity compared with standard UPC barcodes. Applications include product tracking, item identification, time tracking, document management and general marketing. A QR code consists of black squares arranged in a square grid on a white background. It can be read by an imaging device such as a camera and processed using Reed–Solomon error correction until the image can be appropriately interpreted. The required data is then extracted from patterns that are present in both horizontal and vertical components of the image. It was first designed in 1994 for the automotive industry in Japan by Masahiro Hara from the Denso Wave company. The initial design was influenced by the black and white pieces on a Go board. Its purpose was to track vehicles during manufacturing. For more information visit [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/QR\\_code](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/QR_code)

The days in middle and late March 2020 were the days we heard and then waited for news of Past State President and Member of Honour Carol Clay who was reported missing. Carol and her companion Russell Hill had undertaken a camping trip to Wonnangatta, a locality in the Alpine Shire in the north east of the state, usually accessed via Dargo. Victoria Police conducted the search that was subsequently terminated. Detectives are still assigned to the case. Anyone with information is urged to contact Sale Police Station. At the recent March 2021 State Council meeting I led a recognition of Carol's contribution to the Association. Our thoughts continue to be with Carol's family and friends.

March is the month for our birthday, the birthday garden experience event at *Umina*, the birthday scone challenge fundraiser for the Association, the ninetieth birthday of my branch, Meeniyah, and a number of our groups including Gippsland Hills and South Gippsland. It has been stated that the State President was in the habit of asking members strange questions. The members often had difficulty answering these questions. Once she asked a very strange question. The members were dumbfounded. It was at this moment that Junior Member entered the room and asked if she could answer the question. State President asked "How many magpies are in the garden?" Without even a moment's thought, Junior Member replied, "State President, there are twenty-one magpies in the garden." "How can you be so sure?" asked State President. Junior Member said, "Make the members count, State President. This is the house of *Umina* B&B. If there are more magpies it means some have come to visit their relatives here. If there are less magpies it means some have gone to visit their relatives elsewhere".

During April this year we may have the opportunity to spread our wings and travel a little further than in 2020. Perhaps you will arrange a branch or group excursion, meet up with members of your sister branch or enjoy a family trip away. We also have the opportunity to join in the ACWW World Conference videoconference event and the annual Women Walk the World challenge to exercise, learn about the lives and needs of women in other cultures, spread the word about the Association at grassroots and world level as well as raise funds. April brings a further change in the season when the colours of autumn often reach their peak. This is a great opportunity to study nature and memorise the colour wheel of autumn leaves for later use in your creative arts projects. One of these could be inspired by some lines from *Christabel* by Samuel Taylor Coleridge:

The one red leaf, the last of its clan,  
That dances as often as dance it can,  
Hanging so light, and hanging so high,  
On the topmost twig that looks up at the sky.

Engage with the community Support your fellow members  
Challenge the status quo

Kind Regards

*Marion E. Dewar*



## REMEMINDER!

The closing date for entries for the  
**STATE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

is

**Friday 30 April 2021**



# From the Editor



**Lorraine Zimmerman**  
Magazine Editor

Many, if not all, of us collect a particular item or items throughout our lifetime. Over time this collection seems to take over our life and house with storage space being stretched to the limit. When adding to your collection you have plans for a particular item, whether it be a patterned piece of material, an eye-catching colour of wool or something else. However, as life goes on these items just sit quietly waiting to be used. In 2020 did you manage to create something from your collection either for yourself, a family member or a local charity? If so, we would like to hear from you on how you reduced your 'stash' collection and whether what you used has already been replaced. Is the item you made destined for the 2021 State Exhibition or is it just for 'show'?

Each person has a different talent and while some may be sewers and knitters others prefer to be outside either making things or planting more plants in an already 'full' garden. If you are a vegetable grower you may have spent many hours

turning your summer produce into something that can be used later in the year or sharing it with friends and neighbours. In 2020 I had a plentiful supply of tomatoes which were given away, made into sauce or preserved, and I said to myself that I would grow less plants in 2021. I grew less plants this year however they excelled themselves and once again I had a plentiful crop. So, this year I added passata and tomato jam to my repertoire of use for tomatoes. Wonder what next year will bring?

In this issue of your magazine you will find an interesting article from Louise Taylor of Footscray on her Knitting Pattern Collection, Victoria's report to the South Pacific Area Conference held on 8 March and an interesting quiz on our Country of Study.

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE  
MAY / JUNE 2021 MAGAZINE IS  
FRIDAY 23 APRIL 2021**

## Cooking



**Beverley Wall**  
Cooking Committee  
Convenor

Hello members,

Firstly I would like to thank all members for their support for the Christmas pop ups, it was very successful.

I have been busy preserving since last time. I hope you have been able to get your sauces, relish, jams and other fruits into bottles and jars. I love looking in the pantry and seeing the selection of goodies on the shelves. I have also picked out some to enter the State Exhibition, local exhibition and our local show.

I'm excited to let you know the Cooking Committee has been busy organising two Zoom Masterclasses (see inside front cover for details). Please ring Head Office and book into one or both of these fantastic classes. You don't just cook along with these lovely ladies, you get their knowledge, tips and tricks to make your cooking wonderful.



The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.

GIPPSLAND HILLS GROUP 66th

## Exhibition

HANDICRAFTS, ART & HOME INDUSTRIES

**16 and 17 April 2021**

Inverloch Community Hub

16 A'Beckett Street, Inverloch

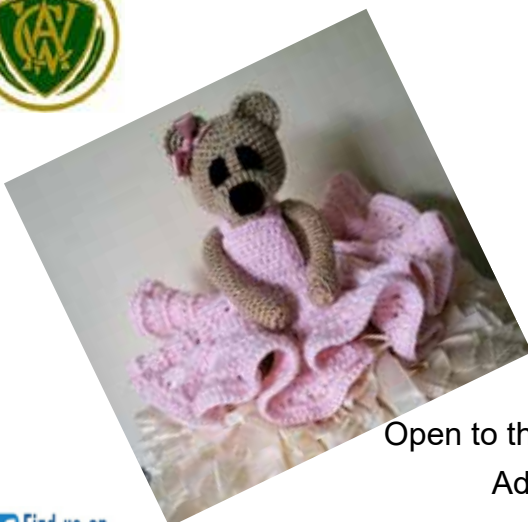
Members' exhibits, demonstrations, workshops

Open to the public Friday 10am-4.30pm and Saturday 10am-3.30pm

Admission: Adults \$3, children & school students free

Light lunches and morning and afternoon teas

Enquiries: phone Heather 03 5662 2175



# Creative Arts



**Heather Scott**  
Creative Arts Committee  
Chairperson

Dear members

## Judges' Updates by Zoom

This year, the Judges' Updates were held via Zoom, as we would not have been able to fit everyone in to the Craft Room with social distancing. Although we missed the chance to see one another in reality, the Zoom get-together was a good opportunity to see each other's faces and have some good discussion of issues in judging. Senior Judges Wendy Earwicker and Pam Mawson led the

discussions, and emphasised the need for encouragement of members' efforts. When writing comments, judges try to find something encouraging to say, often suggesting a way work could be improved for a more successful result in future. On behalf of members, I would like to thank the judges for their attendance, and for their continued dedication. We look forward to visiting many Group Exhibitions this year. Please remember, there is no exhibition without entries, so you, the members, are the most vital part of the event.

## State Photography Competition

The topics for the State Photography Competition were published in the November 2020 magazine, page 8. They are also listed on the website, where you will find the Conditions of Entry and the Entry Form. These documents were also in the January posting received by your Branch Secretary. If your photographs contain people, please remember to complete and attach the appropriate 'Permission to Publish Form', for adults or children as applicable. We need this so we can display the photos on our website and Facebook, at State Conference and at the State Exhibition. Entries close 5.00 pm Friday 30 April 2021.

## Group Exhibits

The Group Entry Forms for the 2021 State Creative Arts Exhibition will be distributed to Group Presidents at June State Council. It is the responsibility of the Group President to organise her group's entries in Sections 268 (Group Handcraft Exhibit – Theme: 'Inspiration from Leaves') and 269 (Group Home Industries Exhibit – Theme: 'Influenced by Leaves'), but the Group President may delegate this task to another member of the group, such as the Group Craft Leader. Please remember that this year the Entry Fee for entries in the Group Sections is \$10 per section; i.e. if your Group is entering both Handcrafts and Home Industries, you will need to bring a Group cheque for \$20, made out to CWA of Vic Inc, and an OPD, with you when you deliver your Group entries. Please do not send stamps.

The themes for this year ask your group to give their own interpretation of the chosen theme. Perhaps you will be inspired or influenced by the shapes, colours, textures or flavours of leaves. When Group Exhibits are judged, the presentation is assessed first, then each article is individually assessed. Judges will look for a pleasing overall colour scheme, with each article relating to the chosen theme, while demonstrating a different technique. Quality of workmanship and the degree of difficulty of the techniques used are key



Gippsland Hills members trying Circular Weaving at Group Craft – see the *Grow, Connect, Improve* Project on the CWA of Victoria website.

factors. You will also be rewarded for originality, good design and neat, fresh work.

Remember that you cannot always know which is the best exhibit on display simply by looking at it – the judge has handled all the exhibits, turned the sewing inside out to examine the seams, cut the cakes, tasted the jams. Although the first impression created by the overall appearance is important, it is only one factor.

I wish you all many successes in your creative arts endeavours.

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.

2021 CWA BASS GROUP 66TH

# Creative Arts Exhibition



**Saturday 10th APRIL and Sunday 11th APRIL 2021**

Public Hall, Smith Street, Loch.

Member's exhibits.

Open: Saturday 10.00 am – 4.00pm. Sunday 9.30am – 3.30 pm

Admission: \$5 adults, children with adults free.

Homemade slices will be for sale

Contact: Kaye Illingworth 0459 776 668

# ACWW International and Community Support Committee



**Vivien Speight**  
ACWW/International/  
Community Support  
Chairperson

Dear Members

I'm pleased to report the beginning of a return to normal. We have been able to restart our packing days. One was to pack the six cartons and eight garbage bags of items for Papua New Guinea. These will go via the Highlands Foundation. I can just imagine the excitement of the women who came to World Conference when the container arrives. We have also packed for our usual local deliveries. Of course, this can't happen without your donations

coming in. Most needed are one button baby cardigans and rugs for children, but all donations gratefully received.

We had our first 'hybrid' meeting with eight members in the Craft Room (suitably socially distanced) and the others via Zoom. Not quite as good as being all together but we managed to get a few things discussed.

Hopefully you will be able to have a group to walk together for Women Walk the World on 29 April. Do remember to send in photos!

We will be having special guest speakers during the year if you would like to be made aware of what's coming up please send an email to [chairacwwsupport@cwaofvic.org.au](mailto:chairacwwsupport@cwaofvic.org.au) and I will let you know what's happening.

**Thank you to the following for lovely donations:**

**Branches:** Allansford, Ashburton, Bundalaguah, Camperdown Evening, Cobains, Cobram Nocturnals, Kardella, Pakenham, Scarsdale, Sutton Grange, Wanagne Evening, Warragul, Yarram, Yarrowonga & Border.

**Groups:** Fraser.

**Friends of CWA:** Janet Heasman, Daphne Norman, Karen Smythe, Carol Hodgins, Mulwala NSW.

## Letter to the Editor

### Moving to the City

I recently moved house – from Castlemaine to Carrum – doing the reverse of what many other people are currently doing – for similar, or different reasons as myself – in terms of home residential address.

The year 2020, inhibiting as it was, provided provocative insights into my world and how I wanted to manage it. My deliberations focused on access to my family members and friends and raised questions about the activities which set my heart beating and a truthful recognition of the things I valued as most important in my life.

I'd been thinking of moving 'back to Melbourne' for many years, but last year sealed the deal. I gained a lot of wisdom in 2020. Friendships are essential, actually incredibly important, however as a single woman who has lived without a partner for more than twenty-five years, my daily thoughts had centred on being sufficiently near to my family members to have real choices about seeing them all regularly.

Early in December 2020, I made a decision which would change my life. I put my Castlemaine home 'on the market' (which nowadays often means the www) and it sold in two days. As a condition of purchase, the purchasers wanted a quick turnaround, and within five weeks I was on the road to East Gippsland for a few days to catch up with family members and to supervise my furniture storage, continuing on to Carrum, where I am able to stop temporarily, whilst endeavouring to find and purchase my new home.

Since my move in late January 2021, I have been catching up on lost sleep, contacting friends (who had no idea that I intended to move), minded a family member's home in East Gippsland, walked every day initially with the dogs in East Gippsland and now, beside the beautiful Paterson River. Looking at houses for sale, writing, walking, seeing family members and friends, swimming: life is busy, different, exhilarating; it's actually splendid.

I'm sharing my story as I want to encourage anyone that is thinking about making such an enormous life-

change to investigate what they may achieve – and not be terrified at the prospect. My timing seems to have been 'right'. Time will tell but I'm confident about my future for the first time in years. Today I'll notify CWA Head Office and Harcourt Branch, that I've moved. I'm eager to meet the women who live near where I now live. Some of them will be my new local CWA branch friends. I am thrilled at the prospect.

Moving house can be incredibly difficult. I do know a lot about moving house as I have lived in fifteen separate places throughout Australia; rural, city, coastal and suburban. Each place has initially been a challenge, but then a period of meeting new people and enjoying fabulous new experiences has been given. It takes individual effort 'to put yourself out there', but I'm now looking forward to years living near the coast, within travelling distance of my family members – and all the challenges translating into joy-filled times. It'll be terrific.

**Jill Loorham**  
2 February 2021



# Club



**Anne DuVé**  
Club Committee  
Chairperson

## Pop Up Shops

We started our first Pop Up Shop for 2021 on Saturday 23 January, selling plain and date scones and lamingtons to celebrate Australia Day. Magazine and Communications Committee Chairperson Mary Grant cut the cake and coated the lamingtons in the chocolate icing while I rolled them in coconut and set them out to dry. 260 were ready for sale and all were sold.

Locals walk or drive in to buy our baking. Most want to buy jam, lemon butter, relish, chutney or sauce. If you are able to help with any jams or preserves in small or medium size jars for us to sell, we would appreciate receiving them.

## Thank You for Your Help

Umina Branch members have made up lovely deep green tablecloths for the trestles, green check cloths for the scone baskets and green bunting to hang on the front of the marquees. They also help with setting up/pulling down the marquees, cooking and serving each alternate Saturday. A band of members also deliver flyers into letter boxes advertising the Pop-Up Shops. Ashburton Branch members have donated material and State Vice President Viviane Chemali is making up cushion covers for the verandah chairs to add a new touch for our Devonshire Teas on the verandah during Pop Up Shops. Viviane has also made additional cushion covers and matching throws to go on the beds. Deputy State President Pam Mawson is making up and hanging some new curtains. Gippsland Hills Group members have supplied biscuits for two Pop Up Shops.

## Devonshire Teas

Six new outdoor tables have been purchased from the last grant money. Devonshire Teas at ten dollars per person can now be served on the verandah and the lawn area next to



(L-R) Anton Giuffre, Jennifer Giuffre (Hawthorn East), Ian and Marie Rose (Ashburton), Debra Connor (Ashburton), Patrick Lepicier (Ashburton) enjoying their Devonshire Tea.

the verandah, every Saturday Pop Up Shop day. Our first Devonshire Tea morning was held on Saturday 20 February. Thanks to our experienced band of members who helped this event run smoothly.

## High Tea

Our first High Tea for 2021 will be held on **Sunday 16 May 2021 from 2-4pm**. The cost is \$55 per person. Bookings and pre-payment are essential. Please book by ringing reception (03) 9827 8971. The menu usually includes warm savouries, ribbon sandwiches, assorted mini sweet treats and scones served with jam and cream. Gluten free or vegetarian options are available.

## Assistance

Assistance is always appreciated for cooking, serving, behind-the-scenes and other tasks associated with the Club and catering at the Club. Please contact me, via the office, if you could consider volunteering in this way.

# Membership



**Joanne Alderman**  
Membership Committee  
Chairperson

Over the past few months Membership Committee members have been busy. At the beginning of February 'Expressions of Interest' were called for, via the CWA of Victoria Website and Facebook page, to anyone interested in joining a Virtual Branch of the Association. Within 20 minutes of information being published via this social network, four queries had been received and within four days, 67.

Since then we have rolled out a series of Question & Answer sessions on Zoom

so these women could talk to us about who we are, what we do and how they could join. It was a bit like going to a branch meeting and seeing how it works. I am hoping that by the next

time you hear from me the Virtual Branch will be online and operational, reaching woman via a medium we haven't been able to provide since 2003 (the era of the CWA of Victoria Online Branch).

What sort of potential new members want to join our Virtual Branch? A long-distance bus driver who is always away and has wanted to be a member forever can now be anywhere in Australia and be involved with 'her' branch. A mother of twins who just can't leave them; this would be 'fantastic' for her, said one. A current member who lives in country Victoria whose branch is closing knows it will give her the opportunity to remain an active member.

The Membership Committee is excited at this tremendous response! I would like to thank the Virtual Branch subcommittee for their assistance. The turnaround on this has



been phenomenal. The Membership Committee recognises and thanks the Board and State Council for their support. Of course, the proof will be in how many members join this new branch, how it moves forward with its development and how we support it.

Over January/February, I phoned and spoke to most Group Presidents about what events/shows they attend, or could attend, so that we can grow the membership in their areas and what assistance they need from the Membership Committee to do so. Growing the members of a branch at the grassroots level is always a challenge and needs to be always on the agenda.

The Membership Committee would like to encourage branches and groups to get together, appoint Membership Officers so that membership growth can be planned and implemented, hold information sessions, ask women to 'Drop in and have a Cuppa' or submit a story to the local paper about what you do and when you meet.

We all need, and want, new strategies from time to time. A member said to me the other day, "If every member could recruit one new member from the ranks of family, friends or acquaintances we would have approximately 4,500 new members in a very short time." Perhaps it is that simple!

Finally, I started my first Group Annual Meeting and

Group Conference rounds as a State Office Bearer on behalf of the State President in early February. Travelling from drought affected East Gippsland, over Mt Hotham and into the Upper Murray, I was amazed to see the sheer number of cattle in the paddocks and that they were knee deep in beautiful lush green pastures. It was beautiful but reminded me that the farming community of East Gippsland is still seriously in need of support.

Having nearly completed meeting with members of the Upper Murray Group at Tallangatta, we were advised that Victoria was going into lock down again at 11.59pm on Friday 12 February. The meetings for North Eastern Group at Wangaratta and Kiewa Valley Group at Wodonga had to be postponed as not only did I have to be home before the restrictions commenced, but many members couldn't travel to them due to the 5km travel restriction. I would like to thank Group Presidents Joy Lowry, Wilma Bright and Dhirleen Clark for their arrangements to accommodate, feed and water me; for the new friendships made and to my chauffeur and IT specialist, husband Mark.

My door is always open to have a talk about membership possibilities in your area or if you wish to share some of your successful membership drives with us. Email me at [chairmembership@cwaofvic.org.au](mailto:chairmembership@cwaofvic.org.au) if you want to have a chat.

# Did you Know?

## FUNDRAISING

- Identify financial commitments and opportunities to fundraise
- Identify Branch projects in support of the Association and in support of the community
- Organise fundraising events in line with current laws, processes and procedures
- Organise and run raffles in line within regulations
- Organise events in line with regulations including food handling, Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and local council rules and regulations
- For all grants, ABN enquiries, Insurance and Working with Children cards, **check with Head Office to ensure compliance with the law**
- If in doubt about anything, check with Head Office prior to committing to any activities.

Source: 2020 Branch Basics, Section 7.4, Page 15



The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.

### East Wimmera Group Creative Arts Exhibition



Friday 7 May 10.00 – 4.00 pm

Saturday 8 May 10.00 – 2.00 pm

at

St Arnaud Town Hall  
Napier Street, St Arnaud

Admission: Adults \$10.00

Children under 16 free

Includes morning or afternoon tea (no gluten free)

Raffle of Hamper Goods - \$1.00 per ticket

# Archives Project Report

The Archives Committee is chaired by Archivist, Member of Honour Noela MacLeod AO (Essendon). The workroom assistant is Judy Normand (Ringwood). Our 'Saved' project was initiated after we experienced water damage in the Archives Room due to a burst pipe. The aim of the project was to ensure our 90 years of history was appropriately conserved and stored. Project Manager was Executive Director Lynne Jordan. State President Marion Dewar was Project Leader.

The first task for the Committee was to assess the conservation needs and order the required goods. Assistance was given by staff of Archival Survival Pty Ltd. The next task was to prepare the room for the work and write a work plan. Many books were moved following the water damage. Some were sent out to be professionally dried and those remaining were temporarily stacked ready for rewrapping and re-shelving in alphabetical order.

Once the archival packing goods arrived and were stored in the Craft Room a plan was developed to use each different protective and storage material. State Vice President Viviane Chemali assisted with this aspect and also prepared the storage boxes for use.

At the same time as the project work was done, the electronic Archives Inventory was updated to reflect the current storage and location of each item.

Progress was slow during 2019 due to reduced hours available from our members. During early 2020 we made good progress, thanks to members volunteering their time. Project work then slowed due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, it is now complete. Thank you to all members and staff who assisted with this big task!

We also purchased additional shelving and all full archive boxes are shelved, as you can see in the photos. We now have room for minute books, photographs, memorabilia and other items not currently on the inventory. A copy of the Archives Inventory is kept in the Archives Room. Paper and electronic copies are kept in the office.

When restrictions are further relaxed and volunteer members available, work will continue (as it never ends) to add to the inventory, box and shelve the items and thus protect the archives of the Association.

Our archives will continue to tell us and the public about our long and wonderful history. The grant of \$13,519 from the Victorian Government for our 'Saved: The archives of the Country Women's Association of Victoria' Project played an important part in assisting us maintain our rich history into the future.

**Project Title:** *Saved: The archives of the Country Women's Association of Victoria*

**Date:** 1/7/2018-30/6/2021

**Funding Program:** *Local History Grants Program Round 16, 2017-2018*

**Funding:** \$13,519

**Source:** *Public Record Office Victoria, Victorian State Government*



Before



After



Before



After



# A Visit to Halls Gap

With Melbourne fast approaching an end to lock down, we thought we'd better get away while we still had the chance. What better place to visit than the CWA cottage at Halls Gap. The quaint cottage is located right in the centre of town. A large back yard filled with country grasses and sweet smelling jasmine succumbed to a bubbling creek.

On our first day we had some take away breakfast while our daughter played on the central playground, before heading off on a short walk to the Venus Baths. After the first kilometre, the husband and I thought "what fun, maybe we should keep going?" By the time we reached Splitters Falls with our two year old daughter Penelope, we realised lunch had come and gone. Luckily I'd packed a yoghurt snack!

After our 7.5km hike, we decided the second day of our trip would be better served with a brunch in nearby Stawell, followed by an afternoon picnic at McKenzie Falls. What a winner. Penelope adored the family of emus walking around the car park. The food selection in town was plentiful. There is an American BBQ joint with a real wood smoker, an Indian restaurant with a sublime view of a lake and mountains, plus the local brewery, *Paper Scissors Rock*. My favourite beer on our tasting paddle was the Sauv Blanc XPA, flavoured with Nelson Sauvignon and Hallertau Blanc hop varieties.

By day three we were all feeling tired from the hiking, so we opted to visit Baroka lookout and have another picnic lunch by Lake Bellfield. It's hard to pick a favourite activity from our holiday away. I know my daughter would say the family of kangaroos living in the cottage back yard was the best. My husband would probably note the hikes as his favourite. In all honesty, mine was sitting on the front verandah at the end of a long day, enjoying the spectacular view and a glass of local wine.

The cottage at Halls Gap has given my family memories that will last a lifetime. 'Thank You' members of Central Wimmera Group.

**Jessica Litsas**  
Central Nights



Jessica and Penelope at McKenzie Falls, Halls Gap



Penelope, Jessica and Jessica's husband at Halls Gap



# Australia Day 2021 Award

RODNEY members were thrilled to be acknowledged on Australia Day when we won the award for *Community Event of the Year for Tatura and District Australia Day 2021* for our Bush Fire Relief Street Stall. Our Secretary Janette Mason together with member Gwen Ranson accepted the award on behalf of Rodney members.

The Street Stall was held on Friday 28 February 2020 to raise funds for those affected by the Bush Fires in the Corryong/Tintaldra area. The amazing amount of over \$2,000 was raised from the cooking, craft, and plants made/donated by members and also by individual members making monetary

donations. The money raised was sent direct to the Tintaldra CWA branch (our sister branch) who bought gift vouchers from local businesses which they distributed to those impacted by the fires; this also helped the local businesses who were suffering as well. Luckily, we decided to run the Street Stall in February instead of our usual May date so that we could get the funds raised to the bushfire victims sooner rather than later. This turned out to be a good decision with unforeseen COVID restrictions coming into force soon after.

**Janice Barrette**  
Rodney Publicity Officer



Rodney members with member for Northern Victoria The Hon. Wendy Lovell MLC (centre in navy dress)



(L-R) Rodney members Gwen Ranson and Janette Mason with Australia Day 2021 Certificates

## Junior Member News

SEYMOUR CENTRAL junior member, Aurora Barnbrook, joined the senior members for our first craft meeting of the year. She was a great help during the first of many sessions needed to make tile coasters. Making the coasters is quite time consuming, but we are hoping to have enough sets made up to sell at stalls.

Aurora is such an enthusiastic member. She loves to participate in both the craft side of things as well as the conversation. We enjoy her company, her contributions and her sparkle.

### Welcome to our new Junior Members

#### Bayside

Emily Caroe

#### Hawkesdale

Winter Munson

#### Thoon

Zoe Garratt

#### Bundalagwah

Emily Henderson

Katelyn Henderson

#### Maffra

Hannah Durrant

#### Woodend Eves

Otavia Ball

Evie Morton

#### Cowes

Edwina Rossiter

#### Rodney

Simrit Randhawa

Yasmin Randhawa

Ava Wellington

Alessia Borzillo

#### Footscray

Olivia Stafford



Seymour Central junior member Aurora with her mother Sarah at a craft meeting.



# East Wimmera Long Serving Member Reaches 100

As I am a Donald resident, and Donald no longer has a Country Women's Association branch, I had the honour of visiting Mrs Bethel Pearse on the eve of her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I took with me a bouquet of flowers, and birthday greetings on behalf of all members of East Wimmera Group, in the form of a homemade card featuring a CWA badge, which she thought 'appropriate'.

Bethel first joined CWA at the age of 18, as Miss Bethel Richards, when she joined Carron Branch, where her mother was a member. They travelled to meetings in a horse and gig. She is still a member and wishes to remain a member all her life, and is lucky to have daughter Rosemary willing to fulfil this wish.

Following her marriage on 11.2.1943 to A.W.G. (Barney) Pearse she joined Donald Branch, and held many office bearer positions, including President and was President when the branch closed in 2009.

She was happily married for 69 years when Barney passed away and is the loving mother of Graeme and Rosemary and mother-in-law of Nola (who are regular visitors). Bethel is also a loving Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Bethel now resides in *Riverside* in Donald and enjoys the loving care of the staff, who also provided a beautiful cake for her Special Day.

Although her eyesight is not the best, the day I visited her we recalled fond memories of CWA days and she remembered the Younger Set. Bethel was a keen supporter of ACWW and lives her life according to the Collect. Congratulations Bethel, and may God Bless You.

**Margaret Arnel**  
Wirrim Branch



Bethel with her children Graeme and Rosemary, along with the flowers and card made by Margaret Arnel.

## Welcome New Members

**Allansford**  
Angela Sedgley

**Alphington**  
Julie Anne  
O'Connor  
Oenone Serle

**Altona**  
Kim Reilly  
Kelly Gula  
Wendy King  
Lynda Giles-Holmes  
Meredith Griffiths

**Avon**  
Sandra Meredith  
Mary Gibb

**Bacchus Marsh**  
Debra Evans

**Barongarook**  
Diane Alford

**Beaufort**  
Sue Mahony

**Bendigo**  
Susan McKenzie  
Gwenda Elliott  
Candice Long

**Birregurra**  
Anne-Marie  
Scully

**Boorhaman**  
Nyree Bennett

**Boroondara**  
Shalini  
Christodoulou  
Genevieve  
Turnbull

**Bundalaguah**  
Carmel Webb

**Caniambo**  
Lyn Hiskins

**Castlemaine**  
Robyn DeBoar

**Cobram**  
**Nocturnals**  
Carol Cahill  
Jacqueline  
Leatham

**Collingwood**  
Louise Box  
Emma Turner

**Corowa**  
Judith Lockwood  
Andrea Wilson

**Cowes**  
Margaret Schubel  
Giovanna Farina

**Craigieburn**  
Juanita Ness  
Ann Woolfe

**Daylesford/Hepburn**  
Anne Milton

**Dimboola**  
Glenda Eldridge

**Dingley Village**  
Sue McKenzie

**Donvale**  
Judy Ebeling  
Glenda Nicholson

**Eureka Rebelles**  
Alissa Holder  
Andra Topham

**Footscray**  
Anne Muldowney

**Glenelg**  
Kerry Newman

**Golden Night**  
Liz Larter

**Grantville**  
Gail Huitema

**Gully Golden Girls**  
Kate Stanley

**Hawkesdale**  
April Munson

**Heathcote Night**  
Amy Budgeon  
Michelle Bunton

**Heywood Evening**  
Audra Notting

**High Country**  
Josephine  
Richardson

**Hurstbridge**  
Marigold Pollock

**Keilor Downs**  
Zina Bellofiore  
Barbara Icely

**Kinglake**  
Sarah Hammond  
Ursula Jenkins

**Koo Wee Rup**  
Leanne Eickert

**Kyneton**  
**Twilighters**  
Jenny Bradley  
Wendy Morrissey  
Janet Strickland

**Landsborough**  
Lindy Jane Grills  
Corinne Nicholls

**Mansfield**  
Marie Misiurak  
Carolyn Prothero  
Sandi Valerio  
Rosalie  
Cattermole

**Melton Owls**  
Val Pokorynski

**Mentone**  
Emma Johnson  
Elizabeth Lewis  
Melanie Jenkins  
Judy Bayford  
Lizzie Boucher  
Elsie Johnstone

**Millewa**  
Biserka Anderson

**Mornington**  
Kate Seletto  
Margaret Willia

**Moulemein**  
Elaine Alderson

**Mount Martha Seaside**  
Marion Orchison  
Karen McIndoe

**Murtoa**  
Danielle  
Simonsen

**Nykora**  
Joy Hansen  
Judy Allen  
Susan Russell

**Oxley & Millawa**  
Karen Smith  
Barb Vial

**Panmure**  
Clare Clarke

**Phoenix**  
**Chewton**  
Barbara Dalloway  
Elizabeth Sharplin  
Robyn Weeden

**Point Cook Evening**  
Rita Mastin  
Monika Grach

**Poowong & District**  
Theresa Ashton

**Richmond**  
Michelle Callinan

**Ringwood**  
Margaret Banks

**Romsey**  
Belinda Lazzarini  
Janet McMillan

**Rosanna**  
Julia Zarucky  
Julie Armstrong

**Rosewhite & District**  
Chris Davis

**Sale**  
Jean McFarlane

**Scarsdale**  
Rhonda O'Brien

**Seymour Central**  
Dearn Clune

**Sunbury Stars**  
Barbara Farrell

**Surf Coast**  
Brodie McDowell  
Joy Howett

**Tallangatta**  
Helen Southcott

**Traralgon Evening**  
Jess Chambers  
Dani McLennan  
Aimee Rhodes  
Carolyn Hatherly

**Umina**  
Annabel Reid  
Louise DePre-Alba  
Ashlea Diamond  
Sandy Farfor  
Jodie Anne  
Eldridge

**Winchelsea**  
Kim Johnson

**Wirrim**  
Cassie Kemp  
Susan Morrison

**Woodend Eves**  
Penny Allen  
Ngaire Scholz  
Virginia Tulloch

**Woolsthorpe**  
Margaret Pedler

**Woomelang**  
Melinda Poulton  
Cindy Wooding

## The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. (CWA of VIC)

# Triennial Report for ACWW South Pacific Area Conference 2020-2021

**Society Number: 91006**

**Country: Australia**

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. was formed in Melbourne on 12 March 1928 in response to a need for assistance to women and children in the Mallee (north west area of the state) due to a prolonged drought and the low income of many families. Members join a Branch. Branches are geographically linked into 39 Groups. Members are encouraged to support each other, develop and share skills, make a difference in their communities, deliver assistance to individuals and families in need and advocate on community issues, sustainable development, protection of the environment, and social issues.

This report covers the period from May 2017 to the present and centres on our international work. CWA of Victoria's financial year runs from January to December. Membership statistics as at 5 November 2020: 227 junior members, 114 life members, 4347 full members making a total of 4688 members in 312 branches.

A large contingent of Victorians enjoyed and learnt from the ACWW South Pacific Area Conference in New Plymouth (New Zealand) from Sunday 30 April to Wednesday 3 May 2017. Members were looking forward with anticipation to visiting Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea) in June 2020 and were very disappointed when the conference had to be cancelled. So many activities and events across the 'CWA spectrum' were curtailed or cancelled from March 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The highlight of the triennium was hosting the 29th ACWW Triennial World Conference in Melbourne 4-10 April 2019. It was so exciting for so many Victorian members to make gifts for the registration bags and assist with the day to day rosters, to meet our South Pacific Island neighbours and to take part in conference sessions. There were members in attendance who had been present when Melbourne hosted the 10th ACWW Triennial World Conference in 1962. Victoria presented an extensive display of ACWW memorabilia that caused much discussion. It was a great opportunity to interact with members from so many other nations and hear their stories. Branches were very proud to have their Junior Members involved in the spectacular Flag Parade at the Conference opening. Of the 676 attendees in 2019, the South Pacific area contributed 401: Australia 364, Fiji 2, New Zealand 18, Papua New Guinea 7, Republic of Kiribati 2, Solomon Island 2, Tonga 4, Tuvalu 2.

For the Association, the main event of the last three years was the celebration of our 90th Birthday on 12 March 2018. A garden party was held in our grounds at 3 Lansell Road, Toorak – the home of our Head Office and *Umina* Bed and Breakfast.

Drought brought financial hardship to people and damage to the environment for most of the triennium period. Funds were raised and, as well, government funds were allocated to the Association for distribution through grants to affected families. Bushfires across the 2020 new year brought devastation to the north east and far east of the state. The Association called for donations from members and the public. The donations were expended in grants to individuals

and families who had made application until the fund was exhausted.

Annual themes give a focus for each year: 2017 Share the Friendship; 2018 Celebrating 90 Years of Diversity; 2019 Linking Hands in Friendship; 2020 Grow Connect Improve; 2021 Engage Support Challenge.

The Country of Study is often celebrated with a meal, displays and a speaker at branch, group and state level. Recent countries: 2017 Denmark; 2018 Peru; 2019 Iceland; 2020 Botswana; 2021 Australia - Indigenous Communities. Studying Botswana taught members that a presumption of superiority is dangerous. Members learnt that Botswana is much more expert in managing a pandemic.

ACWW donations are raised at individual, branch, group and state level: 2017 PforF \$14,159, WWW \$4,099; 2018 PforF \$15,632; WWW \$2,427, SPA to sponsor SPA Attendees to the World Conference \$32,500; 2019 PforF \$16,515; WWW \$2,234. As well as monetary donations, used postage stamps are collected and forwarded to the SPA President. Goods were delivered to Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Tonga and Vanuatu.

Attention to resolutions from the last SPA Conference resulted in general lobbying. In particular, for rural school students to use specific school buses, relieving their parents of being away from the farm for more than an hour twice a day. Button batteries again became an area of concern and extra weight to advocacy was added by a resolution at the 2019 State Conference.

The ACWW/International/Community Support Committee Chairperson represents CWA of Victoria at United Nations Victoria Status of Women Committee (UNAASOWC) meetings. This is a stimulating and forward-thinking group that does not shy away from difficult issues such as 'the practise of dowry and the incidence of dowry abuse in Australia'; modern slavery; and gender equality. The Committee covers a wide range of topics on women's issues that are in the forefront of world news and is happy to progress issues raised by ACWW.

Resources from ACWW Head Office are always useful. 'Orange the World' resources were printed in the *Victorian Country Woman* magazine, uploaded to the state Facebook page and to the website on the 'Grow Connect Improve Project' page.

Branches and groups have always supported Women Walk the World. 2020 was different! Some women had to walk alone in their neighbourhood for no more than one hour but were still able to letter drop information about ACWW and their reasons for walking.

International Women's Day (8 March) is marked each year, as is the International Day of Rural Women (15 October). The latter was marked with a special event in 2020 – an invitation to a videoconference with our Patron Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria.

**Marion Dewar**  
State President

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.  
January 2021



# Lawn renovation the easy way

Does your lawn look worn out from pets, overuse or just struggling after the first few years as a result of the tough Australian climate? Over seeding your current lawn is a great way to rejuvenate your lawn back to its prime condition! This method can turn your lawn into a lush green oasis once again if done correctly, so why not give it a go!

The best time of year is either autumn or spring while your soil is still damp, and the soil temperature is in the mid-range.

These are the steps to follow:

- MOW your lawn lower than usual which will allow more seed to reach the soil so the seed can do its job.
- CLEAR any rubbish or grass cuttings from the area so the sun can get right down to the newly spread seed.
- RAKE the ground with a steel rake to slightly disturb the surface soil.
- FERTILIZE the area at the correct rates prescribed on the fertilizer packaging. Use a Lawn Starter Fertilizer and not a Lawn Food.
- SEED your lawn by hand or by use of a spreader at the rates identified on the packaging. The normal rate is 1kg per 30M<sup>2</sup> for all ryegrass-based blends.  
It is best to use the same variety of seed that you have previously sown to reduce the risk of competition or an uneven look. If you are unsure of the grass type you can use a blend called Valley Seeds - Rake & Shake from Coles Supermarket or Hortico blends from Bunnings.

- RAKE again after spreading seed to incorporate it with soil.
- WATER frequently, lightly and preferably in the morning until you have a nicely moist seed bed for your fresh seed to grow. The seed must be kept damp at all times until germinated.
- MOW once your new seed has germinated and at a height of roughly 60mm. An important tip for a long-lasting lawn is never to mow lower than 60mm. Lawns mown lower than this often have a reduced life due to stress on the plant from mowing and this has the effect of reducing the depth of the root system and thus its ability to survive droughts and heat.

There you have it! Your lawn should be thick and green once again!

If you have any question about your lawn please don't hesitate to call Valley Seeds for more information.

**George Coles**

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*Editor's Note:* The above article was submitted by Narelle Hanrahan, Chairperson A&E, following a request from her to the company.



## It's Showtime!

We are calling for volunteers to join us at the Royal Melbourne Show, 23rd September - 3rd October. As well as on each day of the Show, we need helpers for set up and for pack up.

There are volunteer positions in various areas, not just in the kitchen! So if you have a supportive pair of shoes, a good back, a current Working With Children

Check, and are available to help, please email [cwaadmin@cwaofvic.org.au](mailto:cwaadmin@cwaofvic.org.au) by the 30 April.

**Sarah Barnbrook**

State Vice President

Catering Committee Chairperson



# *Celebrating our*

## **Celebrating our State Presidents**

Lady (Eliza) Mitchell\* CBE 1928-29-30, 31-32

Mrs J S (Jessie) Fraser\* OBE 1930-31

Mrs R G (Amy) Beggs\* 1932-33-34-35

Miss E (Elsa) Grice\* 1935-36

Mrs W E (Katherine) Sargood\* 1936-37-38

Mrs O A (Olive) Hicken\* OBE JP 1938-40, 45-46-47

Mrs A C (Bessie) Bennett\* 1940-41-42

Mrs H G (Helena) Marfell\* OBE JP 1942-43-44-45

Mrs N (Irene) Welsh\* 1947-48-49

Mrs G O (Janet) Dorward\* 1949-50-51

Mrs J N (Marjorie) Spittle\* 1951-52-53

Mrs N S F (Mabel) Hedditch\* OBE 1953-54-55

Mrs V B (Vear) Jane\* 1955-56-57

Mrs H (Phyllis) Hillgrove\* 1957-58-59

Miss A T (Alice) Stewart\* OBE 1959-60-61

Mrs N W (Kay) Cameron\* OBE 1961-62-63

Mrs W B (Eva) Lang\* 1963-64-65

Mrs J P (Edith) Wallace\* OBE 1965-66-67

Mrs H McF (May) Cameron\* MBE 1967-68-69

Mrs J Grant (Elsie) Coutts\* OAM 1969-70-71

Mrs D H (Beatrice) Reid\* 1971-72-73

Mrs H R (Valerie) Fisher\* AO OBE 1973-74-75

Mrs A L (Alvie) Ferry\* 1975-76-77

Mrs J H (Dorothy) Goldsmith\* OAM 1977-78-79

Mrs W (Jean) Tom\* AO 1979-80-81

Mrs H (Kathleen) Rinaldi\* 1981-82-83

Mrs R (Win) Eliason\* 1983-84-85

Mrs W (Pamela) Gedling\* OAM 1985-86-87

Mrs L J (Elvie) Olden 1987-88-89

Mrs D G (Myrtle) Dempster\* 1989-90-91

Mrs B (Lorna) Cumming\* 1991-92-93

Mrs Norma Courtney\* OAM 1993-94-95

Mrs June Reid OAM 1995-96-97

Mrs Dorothy Ward OAM 1997-98-99

Mrs Betty Burgess OAM 1999-00-01

Mrs Joy Weller 2001-02-03

Mrs Paula Pither-Mills\* AM 2003-04-05

Mrs Noela MacLeod AO 2005-06-07

Mrs Helen Wall OAM 2007-08-09

Mrs Helen Christie 2009-10-11

Mrs Carol Clay 2011-12-13

Ms Dorothy Coombe 2013-14-15

Ms Machel Crichton\* 2015-16-17

Mrs Lyn Harris OAM 2017-18-19

Mrs Marion Dewar 2019-20-21



# 93rd Birthday

## Celebrating our Members of Honour

1934 Mrs RG (Amy) Beggs*	2009 Mrs Noela MacLeod AO
1944 Mrs R T A (Mellis) McDonald* MBE	2011 Mrs Helen Wall OAM
1946 Lady (Alice) Sewell*	2012 Mrs Betty Burgess OAM
1948 Mrs W E (Katherine) Sargood*	2013 Mrs Robyn Mott*
1950 Mrs A O (Olive) Hicken*	2015 Mrs Kaye Kyle
1952 Mrs W L Colquhoun*	2018 Mrs Carol Clay
1967 Miss A T (Alice) Stewart* OBE	
1968 Mrs W B (Eva) Lang*	
1970 Mrs Neil (Kay) Cameron* OBE	
1971 Mrs J P (Edith) Wallace* OBE	
1973 Mrs H McF (May) Cameron* MBE	
1975 Mrs J Grant (Elsie) Coutts* OAM	
1978 Mrs H R (Valerie) Fisher* AO OBE	
1980 Mrs A L (Alvie) Ferry*	
1981 Mrs A E (Minnie) Chesterfield*	
1982 Mrs J H (Dorothy) Goldsmith*	
1984 Mrs W (Jean) Tom* AO	
1985 Mrs H (Kathleen) Rinaldi*	
1989 Mrs Emilie Wilson* OAM	
1990 Mrs Winifred Eliason*	
1991 Mrs W E (Pamela) Gedling* OAM	
1993 Mrs Isobel Green*	
2001 Mrs Dorothy Ward OAM	





## Country of Study Quiz - Australia: Indigenous Communities

### Questions

- Who is the Indigenous man pictured on the \$50 note?
- Does the ABS estimate the proportion of Australia's population as Indigenous as  
A - 20%  
B - 12.3%  
C - 3.3%  
D - 2%
- Did an Aboriginal cricket team (Australia's first international sports team) tour England in  
A - 1868  
B - 1890  
C - 1905  
D - 1912
- Did Australia vote to include Indigenous Australians in the national census in  
A - 1910  
B - 1948  
C - 1962  
D - 1967
- Who was the first Indigenous person to sit in the Australian Federal Parliament?
- Who was first Indigenous woman to be elected to the Australian Federal Parliament?
- Did the High Court first recognise Native Title with the Mabo decision in  
A - 1987  
B - 1992  
C - 1997  
D - 2002
- There is evidence that Indigenous Australians have been in Australia for  
A - 10,000 years  
B - 15,000 years  
C - 50,000 years  
D - 90,000 years
- The first Indigenous person named Australian of the Year was  
A - Neville Bonner  
B - Yvonne Goolagong  
C - Lionel Rose
- Which Yothu Yindi track was the ARIA's 1992 song of the year?

### Country of Study Quiz - Answers

- David Unaipon (1872-1967) a Preacher, Inventor and Author. In commemoration of his work in breaking Aboriginal Australian stereotypes
- C - 3.3%
- A - 1868
- D - 1967
- Neville Bonner (1922-1999) Senator 1971-1983, Australian of the Year 1979
- Linda Burney (b1957) NSW parliament 2003, Federal parliament 2016
- B - 1992
- C - 50,000
- C Lionel Rose (1948-2011) boxer, world bantamweight champion 1968-69, Australian of the Year 1968
- Treaty. Band members Mandawuy and Galarrwuy Yunupingu wanted to highlight the lack of progress on a treaty. The Victorian Government is in the process of working towards a treaty.



# March / April Puzzles

## WORD SEARCH

## SONG OF PEACE

AFAR  
BEAMS  
BEATING  
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GOD  
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HOPES  
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MINE  
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NATIONS  
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PEACE  
PINE  
PRAY  
SHINE  
SING  
SKIES  
SONG  
SUNLIGHT  
THERE  
THOU  
THY  
TIME  
TRUE  
UPHOLD  
WORTHY

A F T E S U N L I G H T R E U L B Y  
B F O O D G P H O G A T E H B C E R  
B E A M S R G N O N Q U E M E N S T  
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W L P R E S A R O R O T N A S W H A  
H O A T F G E T L H E V H N Y C O E  
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## Sudoku

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	1						7	2
	3		7					5
5			9	4				

Answers will appear in the  
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# Knitting Pattern Collection

My love for collecting Patons knitting patterns began when I was a child living in country New South Wales. It started with the purchase of one book (number 252) that contained a collection of knitted craft items such as tea-cosies and a knitted rabbit. The pink and apricot tones of the cover appealed to me and I have kept it ever since.

When I joined the CWA in 2013, I was determined to improve my knitting skills. This led to me digging out the pink pattern book and I rediscovered its beauty. I started to seek out old knitting patterns at charity shops and soon amassed a sizeable collection. Each new addition sparked my imagination and I enjoyed studying the patterns and illustrations. I have challenged myself to knit some of these patterns and they are timeless. I recently knitted a beautiful beret and a baby romper suit.

Many of my pattern books have the original owners' names on them. Being a sentimental person and a daydreamer, I like to try and imagine the ladies who have held these books in the past. I read the notations that they have made on the pages and the names of the children that they have knitted clothes and blankets for. I love the photos in the books. The ladies' knitwear was obviously worn by professional models, but the children's garments usually are not. It is as charming to see the children's home haircuts as it is to study the posture and make-up of the models from the 1930s and 1940s.

My collection is very specific, and it focusses on the patterns numbered one to five hundred that were published between the 1930s to the early 1960s. The first patterns were published under the name Patons and Baldwins and often contained the word 'Speciality'. The covers are black and white, silver or sometimes gold with black and white illustrations. The use of colour is not established until the numbers reached the 400s. There have been many sub-collections released over the years that have very low numbers. Many kind people offer me patterns that are named 'Classic' or are in a small print format with low numbers proceeded by C for craft or R for request. These are not what I am collecting. The Patons and Baldwins, later just Patons are usually priced in pre-decimal currency and feature the P & B Beehive symbol.

I have been told by several older ladies that they were in fact named after knitting patterns. Most of the patterns are identified by Christian names like No. 348 which features ladies' names like *Cheryl*, *Marilyn*, *Helen*, and *Judith*. Our own *Marion* is mentioned in No. 335 along with *Anne* and *Frances*. No. 316 is a sock pattern book that uses London Railway Stations such as *Charing Cross* and *Scotland Yard*. No. 346 features ladies' garments named after flowers like *Viola* and *Gardenia*. Book No.245 contains men's jumpers and vests named after explorers like *Flinders* and *Tasman*. No. 271 is named after clouds like *Cumulus* and *Stratus*. My two favourite naming themes are No.394 which features jumpers called *Gale Force*, *Cold Winds* and *Southerly Buster*. No. 238 features cosy living room items like *Footstool*, *Fireside* and *Red Coals*. A quick look through the collection suggests that *Judith* is the most repeated pattern name.

Although these are only knitting patterns, to me they offer a fascinating glimpse of times gone by. They represent a past when women were creating clothes for themselves and their families out of necessity as much as fashion. The industrious



Speciality  
Knitting Book  
153



Pattern Books  
245 and 277

work of the war years is demonstrated in Patons Service Woollies Specialty Knitting Book No. 153 which contains a range of items to knit for servicemen. It also suggests 'You will want to obtain the best possible value for the coupons you surrender, so exchange them for Patons Wools'.

Although I may never achieve my goal, I hope to collect all 500 of these first patterns. I currently have around 300 patterns. My plan is to create an archive, in both paper and



digital form, to be used by our members. These patterns will be lent and not sold to meet copyright requirements. It is extremely difficult to collect the early numbers under 100 as these are both very fragile and approaching a century old. My oldest book is No. 6 and is full of beautiful 1930's designs. I constantly replace tattered patterns with better copies when they become available. I recently was thrilled to receive a collection of seventy-seven early pattern books from our friends at the CWA Hobart Gift Shop. They kindly donated them to me to help build the collection. The ladies of the CWA Cowes Giftshop have also been compiling a good selection for me as well. I have also received some wonderful books from my Mitchell Group members.

Please help me complete this project if you are able. I have a list available that shows the numbers that we still need.

I have received a lot of support so far and love to be able to share these wonderful patterns with you all. I can be contacted at cwaofvicfootscray@gmail.com

**Louise Taylor**  
Footscray

Pattern Book 252



# Recipe

This issue I have a recipe to share with you all. My mother-in-law Win Byrne gave me this recipe many years ago when our three boys were young and eating us out of house and home. It is easy to make and tastes very much like an Anzac biscuit, only a bit softer. Our boys really enjoyed this slice.

## Nougat Slice

### Ingredients

125gm butter  
2 tablespoons golden syrup  
1 cup SR Flour  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup caster sugar  
1 cup coconut  
1 cup rolled oats  
1 egg

### Method

1. Melt butter and golden syrup together (I do this in microwave).
2. Put the rest of the ingredients into a bowl then add butter and golden syrup mix, stir till combined.
3. Press firmly into a slice tin and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes. It should be golden brown. No icing required. Let cool and slice.

Enjoy making this slice if you're not a biscuit maker. This slice does taste very much like an Anzac biscuit.

**Beverley Wall OAM**  
Cooking Convenor

# Vale Marj Warner

Marj Warner was born on the 25 September 1921. She had three children and lived in the Pascoe Vale area. Once her children left home she and her husband moved to Mt Evelyn and then to Mooroolbark. Unlike many women, of her generation, Marj was employed full time until she retired to care for her husband.

Marj joined the Association in 1984 and held the positions of Treasurer, President and Secretary at Branch level and she was Group President of the Maroondah Highway Group which later merged to become the Eastern Foothills Group. Marj always helped cook for our catering jobs and was well known for her passionfruit sponges. She even held a sponge making workshop for Mooroolbark members to pass on her secrets but no one will meet her standard.

Marj was awarded a Community Award, by David Hodgett MP, in 2010 for her services to The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.

Marj had an interest in many different types of craft but her main interest was her garden. For many years she provided birthday flowers, each month, for members as well as a handmade card. Even during lockdown she made sure that birthday cards were posted each month.

When it was suggested that Marj might like to slow down she always argued that she wouldn't belong to an organisation that she couldn't contribute to. She continued to work for our Branch until mid-December when she was admitted to hospital. She passed away on the 11 February 2021 aged 99. She will be sadly missed by all the members of the Mooroolbark Branch.



Marj Warner

Helen Linnie  
Mooroolbark Branch Secretary

## A Dreamtime Story

### Tiddalick the Frog

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Once upon a time, a long time ago, in the Dreamtime, lived a frog called Tiddalick.

Tiddalick was the largest frog in the entire world. One very warm morning, he woke up feeling very, very thirsty and started to drink the fresh water. He drank and he drank and he kept drinking until all the fresh water in the entire billabong was gone!

When the other animals arrived at the billabong to get their morning drink, they found it was all dried up. This made them very sad.

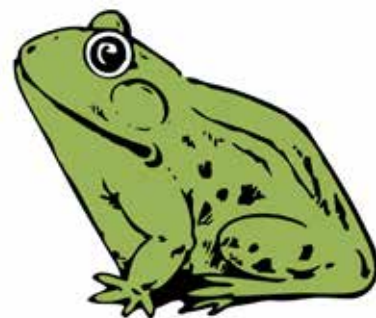
They knew Tiddalick the frog had drunk all the water. They knew they needed to come up with a plan to get the water back, but they didn't know how. They thought and they thought and they thought until they realised that the best way to get the water back was to make Tiddalick laugh. If they could make him

laugh then all the water would come spilling out of his mouth and back into the billabong!

The first animal to try and make him laugh was the echidna. She rolled herself up into a tight little ball and rolled down the bank of the billabong like a bowling ball! The kangaroo laughed and so did the emu, but Tiddalick didn't laugh.

The next animal to try and make Tiddalick laugh was the wombat. The wombat stood up on his hind legs and danced around in a circle until he fell over in the dirt! The Galah laughed and so did the goanna, but Tiddalick didn't laugh.

The next animal to try and make Tiddalick laugh was the kookaburra. She perched herself on a branch close to Tiddalick and told her funniest story. It was so funny that she burst out laughing! But Tiddalick didn't laugh. He



just sat there with his big belly full of all the water.

Finally, the snake decided to try and make Tiddalick laugh. She started to dance and dance, wriggling and squirming all over the ground until she eventually tied herself into a knot. The knot was so tight that she struggled and struggled to untie herself but was stuck!

Tiddalick watched her struggle around, trying to untie herself, and let out a small chuckle. That small chuckle turned into a rumbling in his tummy before it turned into a great big belly laugh! The water came gushing out of his mouth and filled the billabong back up once again.

All the animals jumped with joy as they took big, long, gulps of water to quench their thirst.



# Trentham CWA 90th Anniversary

On Friday 18 July 1930, 70 people attended a public meeting convened by Shire President, Councillor Harper, in the Trentham Mechanics Hall to form the Trentham District Branch of the CWA. Lady Eliza Mitchell, a prominent member of the Bush Nursing Association and the Country Women's Association, gave an interesting and instructive address.

The list of inaugural members in the accompany picture has several names that will be familiar to many residents today.

It was unanimously decided that the first project to be undertaken by the branch would be the establishment of a Cottage Hospital with a Bush Nurse installed. Meetings took place on the 3rd Friday of each month, with a silver coin charge for afternoon tea.

In April 1931, Branch President, Mrs Caddy told members that "a very fine piece of land had been donated to the CWA Trentham for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a Cottage Hospital."

The Governor of Victoria, His Excellency Lord Huntingfield, paid his first visit to the Kyneton Shire on Friday 7 September 1934, where he performed the opening ceremony of the recently erected Trentham Bush Nursing Hospital. In four short Depression years, a small, newly formed branch of the CWA had built and provisioned a fully functioning Bush Nursing Hospital. The Trentham Branch of the CWA had made an impressive start to its existence, which perhaps begs the COVID-19 question – could similar endeavours be undertaken and brought to fruition by local, state or federal jurisdictions?

This month's *Trumpet* cover girl, Norma Proctor, was made a Life Member of The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. on 7 October 2017. Norma joined the CWA in 1952 (you do the sums) and has served in every position and worked on every cause the branch has been involved in, over those many years. At her husband's funeral, Norma's grandchildren brought a smile to her face, when they recalled the way their grandfather referred to the CWA as the 'Cranky Women's Association', to which Norma always remarked 'You mean, Chicks With Attitude'. If you're

ever lucky enough to meet Norma, you'll soon realise that even in her 90s, attitude comes with a capital A.

Good works aside, any article on the CWA would not be complete without reference to jam and scones. Is there anyone in the district who hasn't delighted in Kaye Matheson's prize-winning Anzac biscuits and preserves? I think not. There's a lot more to reflect on over the course of the last 90 years. *Trumpet* looks forward sharing the history, cooking and making skills and current activities of the Trentham CWA.

Amanda M.

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Trentham member Norma Proctor

C. W. A. Members, 1930.			
M <sup>rs</sup> J. Caddy	4.0	M <sup>rs</sup> Poole	4.0
Mrs Glen	4.0	" Geo Trewkella	4.0
" B. Glen	4.0	" Jack Trewkella	4.0
" Ewing	4.0	" Hollis	4.0
M <sup>rs</sup> W. J. Anderson	4.0	Mrs Steeman	2.0
" Alice Wagon	4.0	M <sup>rs</sup> W. Rahill	4.0
" Nanley	4.0	M <sup>rs</sup> Williams	2.0
" J. Lucas	4.0	Mrs H. Trewkella	2.0
M <sup>rs</sup> Drummond	4.0	Mrs Ellis	2.0
" Walsh	4.0	M <sup>rs</sup> Wagon	2.0
Mrs M. Glen	4.0	M <sup>rs</sup> Giles	2.0
M <sup>rs</sup> Buntov	4.0	Mrs Wright	2.0
Mrs Cook	4.0		
" Trewkella	4.0		
M <sup>rs</sup> O'Hehir	4.0		
Mrs Caddy	4.0		
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List of inaugural members of Trentham Branch

# Winning Entry from 2020 State Literature Competition

The following was a prize winner in the 2020 State Literature Competition.

## Close Encounter of the Fur Kind

The day dawned bright and sunny. Friday, the last day of the school week. My husband had left for work early, and my two daughters had caught the school bus at seven thirty.

I watched my young son as he carefully poured milk over his Weetbix. He had become very independent since he had started school. He liked to get his own breakfast and warm his milk in the microwave. How quickly the last five years had gone.

After the shock and surprise of expecting another child at forty-nine years of age, the joy and pleasure of welcoming a healthy baby boy was pure bliss. My big strong husband cried, and my two teenage daughters shared the elation. We called him Malcolm John.

The girls went to the secondary school on the bus, but I drove Malcolm to the local state school. Suddenly he looked up at me with those big blue eyes and said, "You haven't forgotten Mum. It is my turn to bring Cyril home for the weekend. He is white and furry and very tame". "No, I haven't forgotten. We'll put his cage in the laundry. The girls had guinea pigs when they were little so he won't be any trouble".

"But mum, he's not a guinea pig, Cyril is a ferret. He is my friend. He likes to run up my arm and I pat him". "Oh," I shuddered with horror. I remembered the ferrets my brother had. They were smelly creatures with very sharp teeth. He used to put them down rabbit burrows to chase the rabbits into the nets. I had not expected a ferret. How would our dear old cat Milo react to such an intruder? I was dreading the weekend.

I dropped Malcolm off at school and continued to do the weekly shop. I included some mincemeat for Cyril. The good news was there were thirty-six children in Malcolm's class room, so with luck we would not get another turn to host Cyril this year. I returned home and cleared a place in the laundry for Cyril's cage.

Malcolm was waiting at the school gate at 3:30pm. He was so excited. Miss Daley said "you can drive the car inside the yard to pick up Cyril". The teacher greeted me warmly and together we lifted the cage into the station wagon. My first glimpse of Cyril was a surprise. He was fat, his white fur was sleek and his little black eyes gazed up at me. "Isn't he beautiful", drooled Malcolm. I thought of many words but beautiful wasn't one of them. Miss Daley explained that it would be better to leave Cyril in his cage all the time. But be sure to empty and wash the litter tray each day.

We drove home. My husband came out to help with the cage. Cyril was curled up sleeping in one corner. "Dad, this is my friend," said Malcolm. "We can keep him until Monday. I can feed him and get him fresh water each day, and you can empty his tray if you like."

While we were enjoying a cup of tea, Malcolm talked about Cyril. They weighed and measured him each week, and Miss Daley wrote down all the information. Every child was on a roster to feed Cyril and to keep his cage clean. He was not allowed any junk food because it was not healthy. My husband smiled as he offered Malcolm a chocolate biscuit.

The girls arrived home and had to go and see Cyril. They were not impressed and declined to put their hands in the cage to have a pat. But they were very tactful. "We don't want to frighten Cyril, wait until he knows us," they said.

They all went off to change their clothes and do their chores while I prepared dinner. Malcolm fed Cyril some minced meat and sat beside the cage admiring his school pet. Perhaps mum and dad would let him have a ferret of his own. He would have to ask them.

Everyone enjoyed dinner and the girls went to do their homework. My husband went to supervise Malcolm's bath and read some bedtime stories. He returned to the lounge to read the newspaper. I finished my chores and went to say good night to Malcolm.

He was sound asleep. Children look so adorable when they are sleeping. I bent to tuck the bedclothes around him. Suddenly something long, white and furry popped out from the bed clothes and ran up my arm, around my neck and down my back. I froze with horror, and watched Cyril run out the door and down the passage. Screams echoed from the girls' bedroom. I ran to their door. They were both standing up on their beds and Milo, our placid old cat, had turned into a hissing, spitting banshee. My husband arrived on the scene. "Whatever is the matter?" he said. "Get him out Dad". screamed the girls. "Cyril is under the bed". My husband peered underneath the bed and picked up Cyril by the scruff of the neck. All the noise woke Malcolm who rushed in. "Don't hurt him Dad," and he reached to take Cyril. "Poor Cyril you've frightened him", he said as he cuddled him close. He looked at his father's stern expression. "Cyril was lonely. He likes to sleep in my bed". "Put that animal back in his cage and wash your hands. You know Miss Daley said Cyril should stay in his cage. Milo is too old to have shocks like that."

Malcolm left the room and took Cyril back to the cage in the laundry. What a fuss his sisters had made. Girls were silly sometimes. Fancy being afraid of Cyril. He washed his hands and went upstairs to bed. There were two days left, lots of time for the girls to make friends with Cyril. Perhaps when Cyril came back next time they would learn that furry friends are just fantastic.

**Nancy Fowler**  
Terang Branch



# BRANCH and GROUP

## A happy and successful end to the year

Even though masks may be covering the happy and excited smiles of CENTRAL NIGHTS members, the masks did not stop the cheerful chatter of the members at our annual Christmas baking and packing evening. It was the first time we had been able to get together at the Geelong Group hall since February. It was so good to be back.

The Geelong Salvo Outreach Van volunteers collected several hundred little packets of deliciousness that evening to distribute on their travels. The volunteers enjoy being able to hand out the home baking and it provides them with an extra opportunity to engage and chat with their clients.

Earlier in the year we had decided to support the annual *Share the Dignity* 'it's in the bag' appeal. Deborah was able to drop off quite a few bags to the local Bunnings collection point filled with toiletries and essential period products. In 2020 *Share the Dignity* collected 93,981 bags that will be distributed to women in need throughout the country.

(L-R) Central Nights members Kay Tait, Donalee Farrell-Magher and Helen DeLange busy packing Christmas baking items



## Warragul Evening Branch Meets Again!



How great to finally catch up with fellow members at the home of Branch President Gwen Mason for a BBQ tea. Two new future members were able to come and enjoyed the evening. The chatter that was heard all night certainly showed how everyone enjoyed the catch up.

During lock down members have been keeping their fingers busy with knitted teddies, baby clothes, heart shaped comfort pads for neo-natal at the Warragul General Hospital. Crocheted knee rugs went to local nursing homes, others were sent to the ACWW/ International and Community Support Committee. Trauma dolls, two bags of second-hand bras and bags of glasses with cases were accepted to support friends on the South Pacific islands.

Warragul Evening members enjoying a BBQ tea

## Woodend lights up for Christmas

After a year like no other, WOODEND EVES brought a bit of sparkle to their town in December by hosting their inaugural Christmas Lights competition. For an entry fee of \$5 locals were encouraged to decorate their houses, mail boxes or front fences in the hope of winning one of the fabulous prizes on offer, with the added incentive of a basket of CWA goodies being awarded to the lucky raffle winner.

Supported by many local businesses who donated prizes and judged by the Woodend Lions Club the Christmas lights competition was a great success. Twelve homes (including one from Tylden) registered and the judges – and hopefully the neighbours – were overwhelmed by the dazzling displays.

After much deliberation, an Australian themed display was chosen as the winner of the 'Best House' category. This beautiful and creative light show included a kangaroo-drawn sled, emus, koalas and wombats surrounded by sparkling trees.

The Branch members are incredibly grateful to everyone who got involved this year and are very much looking forward to making this an annual event.

Christmas lights at Woodend







## Excitement at Seymour Central

After a year in which we had little face-to-face contact with each other, we at SEYMOUR CENTRAL were more excited than ever to be able to uphold our tradition to close the year with a Christmas celebration. We gathered at our favourite local restaurant, exchanged KK gifts and shared lockdown tales over a wonderful meal.

If 2020 taught us anything, it was not to take such simple joys for granted. I hope we never do.

Seymour Central members  
enjoying their Christmas celebration.

## Yarrawonga Border Branch Christmas Lunch

On 10 December 2020 YARRAWONGA/BORDER members and guests enjoyed their Christmas Luncheon in the cool surrounds of Club Mulwala, (formerly known as the 'RSL Club').

We were welcomed to the restaurant with a cool drink, compliments of Management, that was gratefully received and then 'tucked into' the delicious traditional roast meal and dessert of Christmas pudding or berries and ice cream. The fun concluded with a Kris Kringle gift.

The monthly meeting, wearing masks and social distancing, was held in the morning where 2021 program details were confirmed. This included Australia Day participation, the annual International Women's Day Breakfast plans, Sister Branch interaction and a visit to a rice farm to mention a few activities.

Like everyone we are all looking forward to 2021 and continuing the work and friendship of CWA.



Yarrawonga Border members choosing their Kris Kringle gift.

## Never too young to read our magazine

COLLINGWOOD member Paula Hanasz gave birth to a healthy baby boy at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Here is the bub, nicknamed Mr Baby by his big sister, 'reading' the October issue of the *Victorian Country Woman* while daddy, a high school geography teacher, naps on the couch after a long day of teaching remotely.

Paula Hanasz's son reading our magazine.

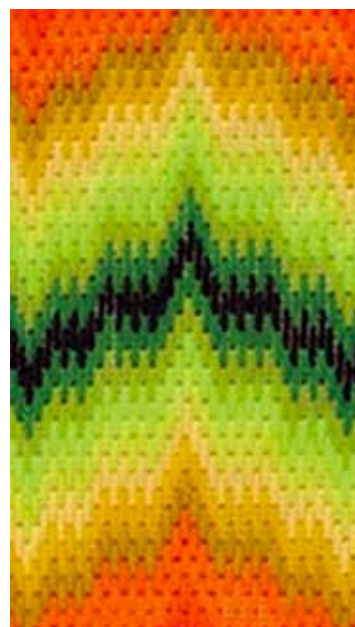


## Avon News

It was great to be back meeting face to face after the Christmas break. At the January meeting we commenced making aprons to enter in the North Gippsland Group craft exhibition being held later in March. Some members recycled unwanted jeans into aprons while others sewed up patterns they'd already cut out. Other ladies brought along their unfinished items or current craft to work on. After lunch (which wasn't a shared lunch) we had our regular meeting.

Unfortunately, February's meeting was cancelled due to the snap five day lockdown. At our March meeting we will no doubt look at our Branch entry into the North Gippsland Group Exhibition and Craft market.

The junior girls met prior to the lockdown and created a bookmark using a technique called Bargello. I had to look that up and found Bargello is a type of needlepoint embroidery consisting of upright flat stitches laid in a mathematical pattern to create motifs. The name originates from a series of chairs found in Bargello palace in Florence, which have a 'flame stitch' pattern. Traditionally wool is used and stitched onto canvas. If the juniors meet in March, they will be doing some cooking and painting.



Bargello patterned bookmark  
made by Avon juniors.





Alphington members Jan Illingworth, Heather Campbell, Michelle Fidler, Anne Nichol, Miranda Sharp, Lorena Felicetti, Stephanie Fidler, Jenny Edmonds at the working bee at the Gleeson Environment Centre.

## Back in the Community

ALPHINGTON members were very pleased to be able to return to the Alphington Farmers Market at the end of 2020. It was terrific to be back out in the community and we had some great conversations around potential initiatives for 2021. These include a commitment to provide support to a local domestic violence women's shelter for the next 12 months.

In response to its growing membership and the need to be meeting in COVID-Safe conditions, Alphington is

excited to now be meeting on the first Monday of the month in the Gleeson Environment Centre in the beautiful Darebin Parklands in the heart of Alphington. Prior to the first meeting of the year members met to give the room and the lovely outdoor area the 'CWA once-over'.

The branch will continue its close association with the Alphington Community Centre - in particular with the popular Alphington Show which will be held in Spring 2021.

## Busy during lockdown

At the end of 2020 FRANKSTON members made a large donation of teddies, premmie hats, blankets to cover the humi-cribs and baby jackets. These were all made during lockdown. We may not have been able to meet but we continued to support the community. We all look forward to our meeting and craft sessions this year.

## COVID-19 Quiet Achievers at Panmure

We were fortunate to meet two days before the third COVID-19 lockdown, under COVID social distancing requirements, our own masks and no food to share. During the Craft show and tell, we were all amazed at the crates, bags and boxes carried into the hall. Four of our elder members had gone into overdrive, producing between them 161 items since the last meeting, pre COVID. The fabrics and yarns are mostly from deceased estates and generous donations; some items are sold to raise revenue for our financial requirements during the year, many items are donated to local worthy and needy causes. These four members epitomise the adages, 'A rolling stone gathers no moss' and 'Make hay while the sun shines'. Ladies, bouquets and accolades to you. We salute our elders.

## Blueberry Farm

Keen to make up for the low number of social outings in 2020, SEYMOUR CENTRAL members have hit the ground running in 2021. Our first social event of the year was to a local blueberry farm, *Blue Tongue Berries*, where we enjoyed homemade dumplings, blueberry tart and blueberry ice cream.

We were joined by a former member and one of our junior members and were fortunate enough to have snagged a booking on the last day of the season for the farm. We will be dreaming of that blueberry tart until the next season begins.

(L-R) Seymour Central members Rebecca Starmans, Raenette Ellis, Sarah Barnbrook and Aurora Barnbrook at the blueberry farm





## 60 years of Service

Group President Cate Venturoni presented a 60 Year Service Certificate and Badge to Mardie Akers of ROSEBUD EAST. Mardie was a member of Maryvale Branch for 37 years and 23 years with Rosebud East. She has held many positions in both branches including Group Secretary, Group Craft Leader, Group Co-ordinator for Craft Exhibitions, Branch Treasurer, Branch Secretary. She is also a proof reader for the magazine. Over the years she has won many awards for her variety of craft work especially for her hand made lace. Rosebud East Branch is very proud and fortunate to have her as a member.

Group President Cate Venturoni (left) presenting Mardie Akers with her 60 year certificate.



## Eastern Foothills AGM and Half Yearly Conference

The EASTERN FOOTHILLS GROUP held their Annual General Meeting and Half Yearly Conference on 12 February. There was a good attendance by members and it was pleasing to see familiar faces again. Although branches had not been able to meet for most of 2020, the Secretary's reports reflected how branches kept in touch with their members and continued supporting their local communities. State Vice President Lyn Trezise presented the Eileen Tomlinson Trophy for the best Secretary's report to Glenys Ball of Donvale. At the half yearly conference a lively discussion was held on the changes to the magazine issues, and Lyn Trezise updated us on other Association matters.

Glenys Ball (left) receiving the Eileen Tomlinson Trophy for the Best Secretary's report from State Vice President Lyn Trezise.



## Zoomers

SOUTH MORANG NIGHT OWLS members held their first meeting since March 2020 in February. A successful meeting with 12 members joining. We were lucky that we were able to meet for our craft night on the first Tuesday in February making two lovely cards. We are hoping we can meet again in March.

## 25 years of Service

Margaret Pryor joined GRANTVILLE after a friend asked her to come along and she has hardly missed a meeting since. Earlier this year Margaret was presented with a certificate for her 25 years of service to the Association.

Over time Margaret has seen many people come and go, but she has always enjoyed the company of the ladies. Sometimes the group was only small but they have managed to keep going helping the community when needed. Well done Margaret for your commitment to the Association.

Grantville member Margaret Pryor receiving her 25 year certificate from Branch President Julie Sanders (right)







## Waste Not, Want Not

One large rug, one small rug, 32 teddies and two sewing kits were given to the Senior Office Bearer who visited us for our Group Conference to deliver to Headquarters. All wool was donated and the knitting was done by only four members. The teddies were finished off by another member. You can see by the rug, that all sorts of colours and amounts were used to put them all together.

Items made by Drung South members.

## Kim

DRUNG SOUTH members have always remembered this lady, Kim, at Christmas time as well as Easter and for her birthday. She lives in Stawell and we 'adopted' her many years ago when another branch folded. We are usually able to deliver her parcel as she loves to see a member and have her photo taken. Kim is wearing our gift of a Christmas T-shirt.

Drung South member Glenda Campbell with Kim



## Bendigo Northern Group Conference

Our February Conference held at Campbell's Forest Hall was on Thursday night the 11 February. How lucky were we to have a meeting the night before the five day lockdown was announced.

Councillor Wendy Murphy from Loddon Shire opened the Conference and mentioned that the 11 February was the 'International Day for Women and Girls in Science'. Wendy is a sixth generation resident in the Shire and from a family with strong involvement in the local community, particularly Inglewood. Her career has been science-based and she is presently involved in ensuring water quality.

State Vice President Viviane Chemali gave an update from Head Office to the members and chaired the election of office bearers. Marilyn Tangey accepted the position of Group President.

It was the first time Campbell's Forest Branch had hosted the Conference and it was quite a challenge for them in these COVID times. Excellent procedures were in place to keep us all safe. The tables were beautifully decorated, and a meal was served to the thirty attendees. Elaine Mitchell was the Competitions judge and we learnt a great deal about preparing our entries.

The previous Campbell's Forest Branch closed in 1954 and in true country spirit this reincarnation is operating very successfully, with a range of activities to meet the interests of their members and the wider community. Their last meeting attracted over 20 people, to learn about wicking beds but the branch has only six financial members.

(L-R) Campbell's Forest Branch President Lyn Griffin, State Vice President Viviane Chemali and Campbell's Forest Branch Acting Secretary Toni Shea at Bendigo Northern Group Conference.



# Their Memory Lives On

**Wynne Parnutt** was a much loved, valued and enthusiastic member of BELGRAVE, a lover of craft and all that is made. Wynne loved CWA and all it stood for and took pleasure in visiting many other branches always enjoying the company and fellowship of others. She had a bubbly personality and loved to be a generous supporter of all the branches.

Wynne died peacefully on 25 January 2021, and we thank Wynne for all the memories she left with us. RIP Wynne.

CANIAMBO members remember with love our long standing friend and member **Phyllis Gibbs**. Phyllis was an enthusiastic and much respected member for over 64 years.

A gentle and sincere lady who was vitally interested in every member and the various activities of CWA at all levels. Over the years she has held many positions in our Branch and served as Group Secretary twice.

Phyllis generously shared her considerable talents in cooking – particularly forcer biscuits; her special love for all wool work including spinning, knitting, felting and crochet and her garden and vegie patch. We have valued her contributions to Branch, Group and State competitions.

Phyllis was also actively involved in her Church, Spinning Group and tennis club, bringing her zest for life to these groups.

A much loved life well lived.

DEAN members were deeply saddened by the passing of their much loved member **Evelyn Grigg**.

Evelyn belonged to the Association for over 35 years and attended many State and Group Conferences. She held the position of Group Secretary as well as many positions in our branch. She participated in many *Song in Costume* items at both State and Group level, helped make the many costumes that were needed, and entertained patients in nursing homes.

Evelyn contributed to the branch effort of making, and donating, Pamper Packs for breast cancer patients at local hospitals. She also loved cooking and provided many items for various functions throughout the years.

The sewing machine is now silent; busy fingers are still; rest peacefully now; remembered fondly with much love.

DONVALE members were saddened to hear of **Dorothy Chiselett's** passing in her 100th year. A long time CWA Country member, we were privileged her last branch was Donvale. A bright flame now extinguished.

KARDELLA members were saddened to hear of the death of former member, **Hilda Kruse**, a long-term member of CWA. She won many prizes for her wonderful craft cooking and gardening at the Group Exhibitions of Gippsland Hills, and will be sorely missed by her many friends and extended family.

Members of the former KERANG Branch fondly remember **Therese Suter**, a valued long-standing member who contributed greatly. She held every office at Branch level and served as Group President of Loddon Valley Group twice. She attended meetings regularly until her health failed. She is sadly missed.

PANMURE members were saddened by the passing of long serving member **Norma Wright**. Norma joined the branch in 1955 and was a valued and dedicated member who enjoyed being involved in all aspects of the Association. We will miss her friendship and cheerful nature.

PANMURE members were saddened by the passing of long serving member **Norma McCosh**. Norma was a valued member of the former Nullaware branch for 50 years and held many executive positions. Norma was a talented cook and won many prizes at Group Exhibitions. We will miss her presence and contribution to Panmure in recent years.

SUNBURY STARS members are saddened to hear of the passing of **Pat Gardner**. Pat was a member of the Sunbury Day Branch (now closed) for over 30 years. In her time Pat held many positions including President, Secretary and Treasurer. She was active in mentoring new members and loved arranging social activities. Pat was a much loved, hardworking member of the CWA and will be missed by her many friends.

THOONA members are saddened by the passing of our dear friend **Catherine Dundon**, a member since 2004. Amongst Catherine's talents were jams, pickles, spreads and many First Prizes were won at local shows, Group and State Exhibitions. Catherine attended two Masterclasses at *Umina* and enjoyed the experience. She was an office bearer when needed and was a friendly, helpful lady with some very practical advice. We will miss her.

WATTLE HILL CREEK PORTLAND members were saddened by the passing of **Rhonda Compton**. Although fairly new to our branch (3 years) Rhonda was an active and enthusiastic member who will always be remembered for her delicious sponges and other cooking. A lovely lady, she will be sadly missed by all our members. Vale Rhonda.



# JANUARY / FEBRUARY PUZZLE ANSWERS

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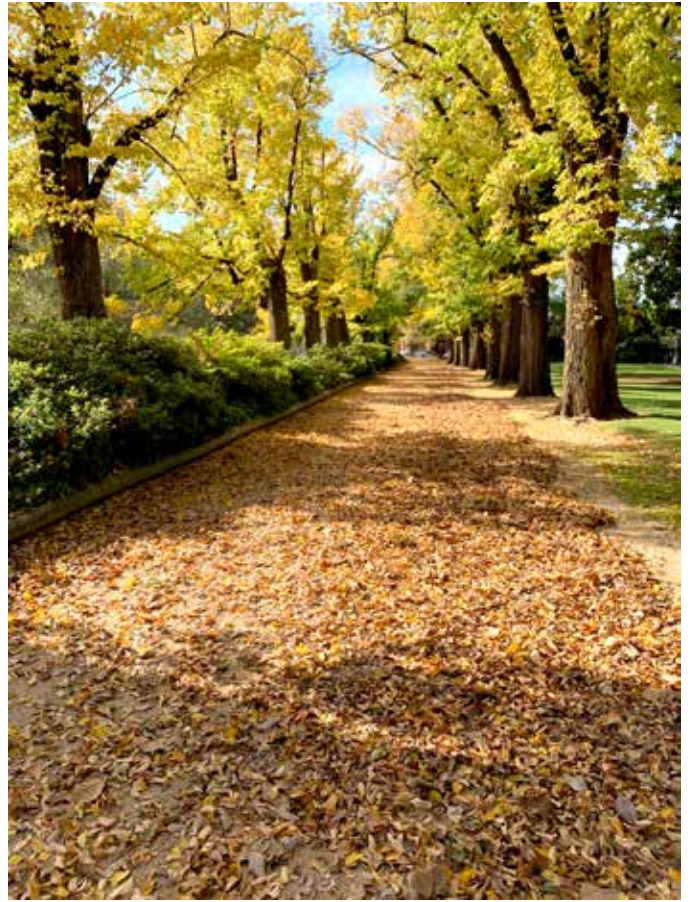
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