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ANZAC DAY 2015



Walwa Primary School Students singing the National Anthem

Walwa and District. A rose was planted in honour of the Anzacs by Terry O'Keeffe, a Corporal in Vietnam in The RAR (Royal Australian Regiment.), Lisa Connors (a Corporal in RAF Security Police for 10 years) and Private Rosalea Mitson on behalf of our community. Lisa also read "The Ode of Remembrance."

The Australian Anthem was sung, led by the ever-enthusiastic Walwa Primary School students and the service was completed with tight efficiency just before the rain came down.

Refreshments were served in the hall and the throngs moved between some wonderful exhibits of memorabilia from WWI, WWII, and the more recent Korean, Vietnam, and Afghanistan conflicts. The Walwa Primary School students' biographies of honour roll persons were an interesting feature and gave a bit of colour and life to the dry and dusty names on the honour Roll.

The Centenary of the Anzacs landing at Gallipoli on 25 April, 1915 was commemorated this year around Australia and across the world. The significance of the occasion was not lost on our small community of Walwa-Jingellic and a record crowd attended the Anzac Day service at the Walwa Cenotaph.

Well done Walwa Lions Club for organising such a moving tribute to the Anzacs and ensuring that our community has an opportunity each year to gather and remember.....Lest We Forget.

Janice Newnham

As has now become the norm, David McCourt, ex-naval officer and notably Ex-Commander of the Kanimbla, put his vast experience and networking skills into practice and organised the event on behalf of the Walwa Lions Club. The catafalque parade was sourced from Latchford Barracks as was the speaker Major Beau Sankey. Both David McCourt and Major Sankey spoke of the significance of Anzac Day and how the privations and struggles of trench warfare in that far away Turkish peninsula promoted a culture of mateship and honour amongst the ANZACs. It was this spirit and strength which enabled the troops to repel the horrors they must have been exposed to in the trenches. It is this spirit that must live on in Australians and we will continue to honour the ANZACs.

A particularly poignant and moving aspect of the service was the reading of the Honour Roll: David McCourt and Private Matthew Ross read out the names of Walwa and District Community members who had lost their lives whilst in the service of Australia during WWI. In addition to the names they added a few details from the person's service record which had been researched by the pupils of Walwa Primary School. The students had also prepared a short biography of each person named which was on display in the hall, all except the poor soul W. Nelson, of whom nothing seems to be known. During the reading of the honour roll the students placed small white crosses with the names of each departed person into a small bed of sand in front of the cenotaph. It was a solemn and moving touch. The children did a terrific job – well done! A large number of wreaths were placed on the cenotaph on behalf of service organisations, community groups and families from



Crosses placed in sand with names of locals who had lost their lives in WWI

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Luke Brenton

CERT had a training night on Tuesday 28th April. Luke Brenton has been our trainer for a few months.

We learned about the difference between chest wall pain and cardiac chest pain and went through quite a few scenarios based on real cases and we had to work through the signs and symptoms to ascertain which was which and also what drugs we would give each patient

All in all a very informative session. We meet again in May doing burns.

Team Leader Sue Martin

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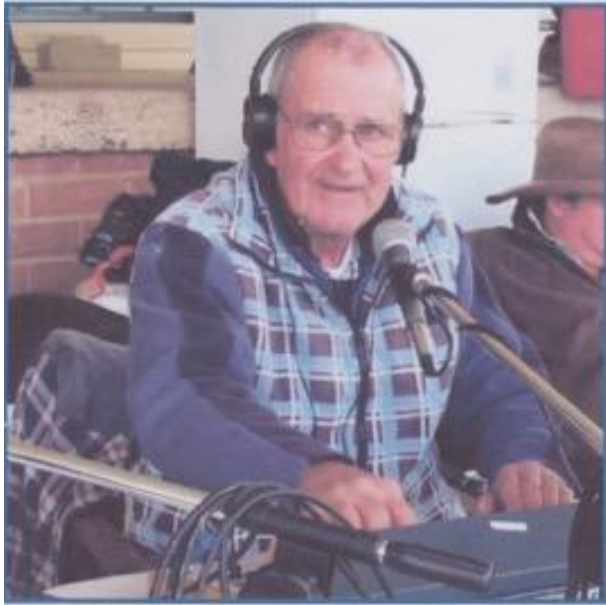
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L to R: Melinda Short, Andrew Perkins, Suzanne Mckimmie, Sue Martin and Mary Hunt

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EULOGY - ROBERT STEWART LEDO "BOB"



Bob was born on the 4th May 1942 in Renmark, SA, the first son of Norm and Gwen Ledo. He had two older sisters, Helen and Barbara, a younger sister, Judyth and younger brother, David.

When Bob was a toddler, his father, Norm, went away for an extended period of duty with the Air Force. When he returned on leave after being away for so long, the young Bob was unsure of his father and when Norm told Bob off for doing something naughty, little Bobby decided that he didn't like 'that man'. When it was time for his father to leave again, Bob saw that his mother was crying because she didn't want his father to go. After he had left Bob said to her "don't you like that man either, mummy?"

After leaving the Air Force, Bob's father worked at Roseworthy Agricultural College, in South Australia and the family lived on the college's grounds, surrounded by farmland and animals. Some of his happiest childhood memories were formed living at Roseworthy College. One story I remember him telling me was that there was a machine at the college and the other kids told him to touch a section of the machine. Bob touched where they told him to and it did nothing to him. It was later worked out that he was saved from being electrocuted because he had on rubber boots.

As a child, he also loved visiting relatives, Aunts and Uncles, who lived at Mannum on the Murray River. Apparently he and his cousin, Roger, were forever getting into trouble.

Bob started his working life as an apprentice men's hairdresser to his cousin, John Nichols, at age 15 in Adelaide.

He met Rae when he was 21 and she 15. Rae was wagging school and went to the Gawler Swimming Pool and Bob had Wednesday mornings off work and spent his spare time at the pool. They were married on the 9th November, 1968 and had 46 years of wedded bliss. Tari was born in 1969 and Kirin followed in 1971.

After Tari was born, the family moved to Broken Hill where Bob got his first job as a 'Poolie' at the Broken Hill Swimming Pool at age 27. The family stayed in Broken Hill for two years and during that time Kirin was born.

They then moved to Mt Gambier where he accepted the position of manager at the Mt Gambier Swimming Pool.

In 1976 the family relocated to Crib Point in Victoria where Bob managed the Crib Point Swimming Pool for 5 years. It was a brand

new swimming pool and the first solar powered swimming pool in Australia, with Bob being the first to manage it.

From there they moved to Lara where Bob managed the Lara Swimming Pool for three years. He ran his own cleaning business for 12 months before a sea change took them to Eagle Point on the Gippsland Lakes to co-manage the Eagle Point Caravan Park with Rae. Next stop was the Jerilderie Sports and Aquatic Centre, followed by Bombala Swimming Pool and, finally, the Khancoban Swimming Pool with the addition of working for the Khancoban Shire doing water treatment, snow clearing, general maintenance etc. before finally retiring at age 66. He had worked in Khancoban for 16 years, the longest stint of his working life.

Bob fitted a lot into his life and was a great community man who gave back to the communities in which he lived. Here is what we came up with:

Swimming and Lifesaving (he was the captain of Gawler Swimming Club, a member of the Lara Swimming Club and a member of the Royal Lifesaving Society) He played Water Polo, Basketball, Football and Baseball. He was a Volunteer of St Johns Ambulance Brigade in SA. He was a Trainer at the South Gambier, Crib Point and Jerilderie Football Clubs. He taught many children (and adults) to swim and ran swimming programs for people with disabilities. He coached the Lara Life Saving teams – coaching them to victory at the Victorian Country Life Saving Championships. At the age of 40 he competed in his first Triathlon in Melbourne and then competed in Geelong. He was a Venturer (Scout Association) leader and he regularly took his charges camping in remote areas, scaring them with spooky stories around the camp fire. In later years he enjoyed Clay Target Shooting – with Kirin and Bradley and they attended many field and game shoots together. For about the past 2-3 years he volunteered at Radio Upper Murray running a morning and afternoon program on Thursdays. He contributed to outdoor broadcasts at various locations in the Upper Murray area and loved going to the Rosewood Country Music Festival, interviewing local and visiting musicians and presenting their music through his programs.

Lately he has been teaching himself to play the guitar with a little help from his friends, Maurice Smullen and James Watson, at the Culcairn Country Music Club.

He had a love of poetry and would often read a poem during one of his radio programs, and was writing a few of his own, since retiring. He had also written a song which he presented at his last Culcairn Country Music gathering backed by the band, Stockade, and Maurie who is going to sing the song for us today in memory of Bob.

Bob was a great family man and father. He was always coming up with spontaneous family trips and holidays; a day at the You Yangs exploring and having a BBQ, taking us to the Moomba Festival, Beaches – namely Torquay, Lorne, boating on the Gippsland Lakes, holidays to Canberra and Mollymook, snow trips with the Venturers, yabbing, fishing – you name it he came up with it. When driving in the car, he would often point out things for us to look at; an echidna on the side of the road, a funny looking cloud or an interesting tree. Kirin and I had a very good childhood and have many memories of the fun family times we had. It certainly wasn't ever boring. But, to be told off by Dad meant we were really in trouble.

Another memory was always getting the froth off the top of dad's beer at night. Something we looked forward to and probably why Kirin and I are now alcoholics.

He was always making up and sharing stories with the younger generation, including his children and grandchildren. One that comes to mind is the story he told his grandchildren of the Bunyip

named Horace who lived in a wombat hole on the banks of Lankeys Creek. He had them searching everywhere for Horace who even left notes for them at Christmas and Easter. Unfortunately Horace eventually found a girlfriend and moved away with her, much to the disappointment of his grandkids.

Whenever his grandchildren visited Lankeys Creek, he would make rafts for them to ride on in the creek, created a sheet of ply with a rope where he would sit the grandkids on and tow them behind a 4 wheel motor bike which they called Grass Skiing. He

always entertained them with things that money couldn't buy and, most importantly, his time. I know that they all have very fond memories of their holidays at Lankeys Creek.

Bob fitted a lot into his life with his work, sports, family, travels and his community involvement. He was well liked and respected and loved by children and adults alike. He loved his family, animals, friends and nature. He was such a big softie and would volunteer to help anyone who asked, no matter what.



Catafalque sourced from Latchford Barracks



Cenotaph

TOWONG SHIRE TO EXPLORE SERVICE DELIVERY OPTIONS UNDER STATE'S RATE-CAPPING POLICY

With the Victorian Government's policy to limit rates increases to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 2016, Towong Shire Council has opened up discussions with community representatives about the possible impact that this will have on the delivery of key services.

Towong Shire Council Mayor, Cr David Wortmann, explained that the State Government's policy will particularly affect small rural Councils.

"Unlike larger councils who can generate income through parking fines, developer contributions and levies, small rural councils rely on income from rates and grants to deliver core services," said Cr Wortmann.

The Victorian Government's policy announcement has come just months after the Federal Government's decision to freeze the indexation of Financial Assistance Grants to local government. The Federal Government's decision has already resulted in a \$658,000 reduction to Council's income over the next three years.

"Our Shire is especially vulnerable when financial decisions are made outside of our control," said Cr Wortmann. "Our small base of ratepayers means that a 1% increase applied to rates generates just \$47,000 of income,"

"Over the last six years, Council has been addressing financial sustainability issues head on," said Cr Wortmann. "We have already taken aggressive action to reduce internal and operating

costs across all areas such as asset management, financial services as well as our organisational structure,"

In recent years, Council has reduced operating costs through its approach to fleet management. Plant items, such as graders and backhoes, as well as passenger vehicles, are now retained for much longer periods and only replaced when increasing maintenance costs mean they are no longer viable to keep. Council recently purchased two small second-hand vehicles to replace aged six-cylinder vehicles with higher running costs.

"However, we now have to explore what other options are available to reduce costs and this could well impact the level of services we provide in our communities," Cr Wortmann said. "We are talking with community representatives about things like whether public facilities are cleaned on weekends or how long we keep the pools open over summer,"

While Council is committed to keeping rates at an affordable level, the Victorian State Government's intention to use the CPI as the measure to cap rates is of particular concern said Cr Wortmann.

"The CPI is not an appropriate reflection of the cost increases experienced by local government," explained Cr Wortmann. "For example, the cost of products such as bitumen and concrete pipes are influenced by factors outside the scope of the CPI,"

"The Victorian Government has not indicated whether they are willing to fund the shortfall in our budgets to maintain roads, infrastructure and services, to a safe, acceptable and sustainable standard".

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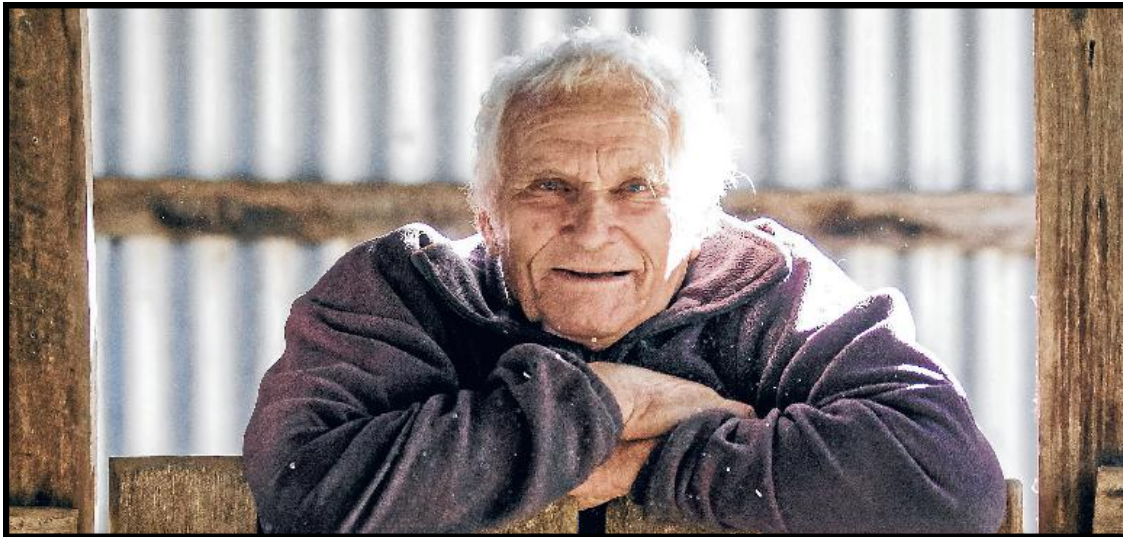
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A POMMY BUSHMAN DYED IN THE WOOL

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REX Beaver's family know exactly what will be inscribed on his headstone when he dies.

I've told them that when they peg me out they are to put "Dad has not gone to heaven - he's leaving it," Mr Beaver told Country Mail.

But that's a few years off yet - he can still shear a few sheep - and turns 78 in July.

Mr Beaver sheared his first sheep 60 years ago at the Murray Glen property, just a couple of kilometres down the road from Beaver's

Lodge, his home block in Jingellic and has continued to shear there over the years, the most recent just three weeks ago when he shored a couple of sheep for the owner of the property.

"I've never worn a sling while I've been shearing, although I have no problem with others doing it," he said. "But I've never needed to; I've got a strong back."

And to prove the point, he leapt to his feet from his chair and touched his toes as easy as you like. Mr Beaver describes himself as a "Pommy bushman" - which doesn't really seem to do justice to his career as a shearer, fencer, grave digger, timber cutter, boxer and any number of other tasks - who came to the Upper Murray, fell in love with the area and never left.

"I was brought up in Leicester in England, with two brothers, but always wanted to come to Australia after reading about it in geography in school and seeing the movie *The Overlanders*, which starred Chips Rafferty," he said.

"I arrived in Australia on March 3, 1954 as a "ten pound pom" under an agriculture employment scheme.

"I spent a week in Cabramatta learning about dairying and then they gave me a train ticket to Albury to take up work with George Palmer at Talmalmo.

"I worked on his dairy for four to five months and then left and started working for a couple of different people down the river. "Eventually I went to work for Eddy Coleman down at Murray Glen."

Mr Beaver worked for Coleman on and off from 1955-1959, doing the "fundamentals" such as fencing and shearing and the

pair fenced off 10,000 acres of crown land - mostly bush - and ran sheep in the fenced-off land.

"Eventually an opportunity came up to join a shearing gang and Eddy said I should take it, so I did," he said.

"I have continued to shear, done a lot of fencing, timber cutting, worked on the Snowy Mountains Scheme and helped build the Jingellic-Walwa bridge over the Murray River.

"Between 1977 and 1985 I leased the Crown Land bush at the back of Murray Glen and ran about 300 merinos in there."

Mr Beaver has lived at Beaver's Lodge, in the Jingellic "CBD" • since 1982 when the .hectare block was gifted to him by Reece Bulle, from the high profile Ardrossan Angus Stud at Holbrook.

"He asked me to find a bit of land with a big shed on it," Mr Beaver said.

"I found one on this block and he said if I helped to take the shed down and move it to his place, I could have the land, which he bought with the shed on it. "So I did." •

Mr Beaver, who has five children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, has an almost fanatical love of the upper Murray and bought himself a 40-hectare block at Talmalmo a few years back. But despite his background in livestock, he doesn't run any animals on the property.

"I've got a big shed up there and a couple of caravans," Mr Beaver said.

"There's a big bluff on the property and I like to get up there and relax and look down on the world; it's



*Rex always wanted to come to Australia after seeing *The Overlanders*, starring Chips Rafferty.*



An engraving above the shearing stand tells Rex's story at Murray Glen.

magnificent.

"If I could talk to God I would say could you give me another 100 years, just to live in this area, mate."

So what does he put his good health and endurance down to.

"Well, I used to like a drink but I haven't had any grog for nine years or smoked since 1982," he said.

"I think it's about working hard and enjoying every moment."

TALLANGATTA CRICKET PRESENTATIONS/ UPPER MURRAY CONNECTION APRIL 2015

Local Heroes

Several Upper Murray cricketers were rewarded for their excellence this week at Tallangatta Cricket Club's presentations.

A Quartet of Homegrown Cricket High Achievers: Sam Stephens, Michael Erdeljac, Georgia Bye and Curtis Stephens



As the Premier League A Grade celebrated their first Premiership in 16 years the club's supporters rallied behind president Jon Thomas and his family with the recent sad passing of his wife, Carmen.

In a fitting tribute, former Corryong resident and now Cricket Albury-Wodonga chairman Michael Erdeljac was glowing in his praise of this season's premier league Under 16 competition with former Corryong player Georgia Bye becoming the first female player in the competition's history to take out the award for most wickets. Georgia claimed 15 wickets during the season. Georgia also received the Under 16 Tallangatta bowling award. Georgia has had a stellar year, playing senior cricket with Tallangatta as well as representative opportunities for NSW and Victoria, being a player with the talent and drive to make her mark on the biggest stages.

Her coach, Sam Stephens, is also a former Upper Murray cricketer. Sam was appointed Under 16s Coach this season and led the team to a preliminary final berth where they were narrowly defeated by the ultimate premiers. Sam has played Premier League cricket for Tallangatta for five years, with this season's A Grade

Premiership an obvious highlight. Sam recently returned to United Kingdom for his third season of international cricket, playing in the Manchester district.

Former Jingellic player, Curtis Stephens, received the Premier League B Grade Champion Player of the Year award after making a successful

transition to playing on turf wickets this season as he has opened the batting and played in several representative teams.

Tallangatta President, Jon Thomas, congratulated all the players who contributed to the club winning three grand finals this season and made special mention of those who have joined the club from outlying districts such as the Upper Murray. He invited all young cricketers to consider participating in the Complete Wealth Cricket Academy run at Tallangatta during the winter months. Players from other clubs are welcome to join the 14 week programme run by top level coaches. For more information contact Academy Director and Tallangatta Club Head Coach Matt Armstrong on 02 6042 4000 or email cricket@completeweath.com.au

A STUNNING SENIOR MOMENT



*A self-important college freshman walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on the steps why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the student said loud enough for others to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, ships and cell phones, computers with light speed....and many more." After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows. "You're right son. We didn't have those things when we were young....so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little sh*t what are you doing for the next generation? The applause was amazing!*

BORDER WALWA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Overall it was a great opening round for BWFNC

The midget Magpies had a ball with all the littlies showing massive improvement since last season.

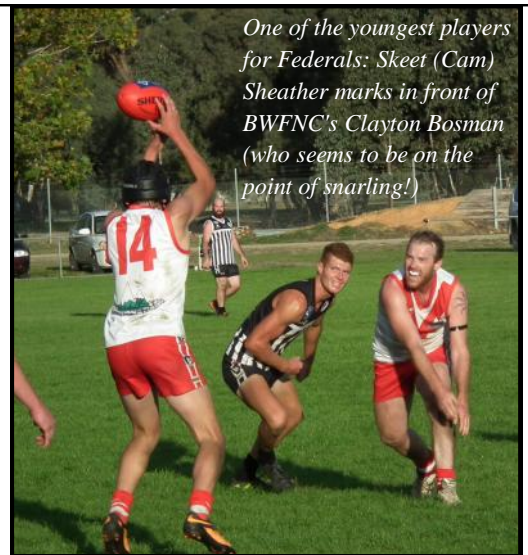
The Ressies put in a great effort with all the weeks of training and drills seeming to pay off with a closely contested game. BWFNC was in touch but trailing by a couple of goals just after half time when disaster struck for the opposition when one of the players came down awkwardly after a contested mark and ended up with a dislocated ankle. Trainers from both teams cooperated to assist the player until the paramedics arrived and thanks to the assistance of Dr Nick Mason, the player was made much more comfortable prior to dispatch in the ambulance. Because of the nature of the injury and extreme discomfort of the player it was inappropriate to stretch him off the field so after a prolonged wait, the teams agreed to declare the win to Federals and abandon the game.

Seniors jumped out of the blocks and played confidently. It was "A cracker of a game" according to Robert Newnham! Federals were tagged and their scoring opportunities were contained. After a real tough battle the final score saw BWFNC down by a goal.



Ninja is an interesting shot of team mates spoiling one another ...a flying Federals player knocks another out of the way and the ball spills towards Matty Galvin of BWFNC.

Jack Daly making a strong tackle on his opposite number. Jock Spiden boots one upfield.



One of the youngest players for Federals: Skeet (Cam) Sheather marks in front of BWFNC's Clayton Bosman (who seems to be on the point of snarling!)



Jimmy McKinlay handballs the Sherrin with great technique.



Lisa Connors and David McCourt - ANZAC Day



Part of display of locals history in WWI as result of research done by Walwa Primary School students

THE PASSING OF A TRUE SON OF WALWA

Lance played for Essendon



Lance Gibson Mann (better known to all as Gippy Mann) was born on 12 July 1930 and died on 13 March 2015, aged 84.

Lance was the son of William Leonard (known as Len) and Annie Gibson Mann (nee Walker from Jingellic) and was born at Walwa Park (now known as Neil's Reserve), one of 10 children. Lance's great-grandfather, Joseph Loftus Mann emigrated from England in 1853 aged 22. His eldest son was William Thomas Mann, Lance's grandfather. William was a Land Surveyor and surveyed most of the

Upper Murray region and later established Walwa Park on the banks of the Murray, as a farmer and grazier. His eldest son was William Leonard Mann, Lance's father. Walwa Park stayed in the family until the death of Len in 1938. Annie and her children then moved into the Walwa Township to live, until her death in 1981. Lance's great-grandfather, grand-parents and parents are buried at the Walwa Cemetery.

As a teenager, Lance was playing football for Walwa, and a chap by the name of Pat Kennedy, was umpiring the game and was stunned to see how amazingly fast the young Lance Mann could run in footy boots in the muddy conditions. Pat's instincts told him that this young footballer would make a brilliant sprinter and this is exactly what happened. Because of his extremely good, all-round natural sporting ability, Lance was destined to leave Walwa and in his late teens started playing for the Albury Tigers. In 1951, a talent scout from the Essendon Football Club simply took one look at Lance's speed and ability, and this was when his football and foot running career really took off. In his first year at Essendon he started playing with the Reserves, but mid-season was promoted to the seniors where the Bombers made it to the Grand Final, but were beaten by Geelong. Lance played 80 senior games for Essendon Football Club.

At the end of the 1951 VFL football season, Lance devoted all his time to foot running and of course Pat Kennedy became his trainer. In 1952, Lance was the first sprinter in the history of Australian foot running to have won the Stawell, Wangaratta and Bendigo Gifts in the one year. It is believed that no other runner has ever achieved that accolade to this day.

With all the extreme training and effort Lance put into his career, he eventually succumbed to a debilitating knee injury which looked certain to end his football and running career. Back in the early 50's there was no such thing as key-hole surgery to fix a knee injury, unlike today. But 'give in and give up' were words and an attitude that never entered Lance's mind. They simply didn't exist. So with a lot of gutsy determination and self-rehabilitation, he recommenced playing for the Albury Tigers and went on to win the

Morris Medal in 1956. In 1958, Lance returned to the Essendon Football Club and coached the Reserves until 1961.

In April 1952 Lance married his fiancée Margaret, and they had six children, Christine, Brian, Jeffrey, Garry, Ross and Paul. The family lived in Melbourne and because of Lance's health, moved back to Albury in 1977. Throughout his sporting life and life as a family man, he put his heart and soul into everything he did.

Prior to the move back to Albury, Lance suffered a major heart attack in 1975 and was diagnosed with Cardiomyopathy (a disease where basically the heart muscles start to deteriorate). He was only 45 years old. The medical staff at the time truly believed that because of Lance's sporting fitness and strength, is what saved him from dying at such an early age. This is when his Heart Specialist told him the "get out of Melbourne and return to a more peaceful life in the country". Further minor heart attacks and subsequent operations occurred, but because his heart muscles were so badly damaged, the only option was to go on the Heart/Lung Transplant waiting list. Lance received a heart transplant in January 1992 which gave him just on another 23 years of life. When he passed away he was the longest living recipient of a single heart transplant in Australia.

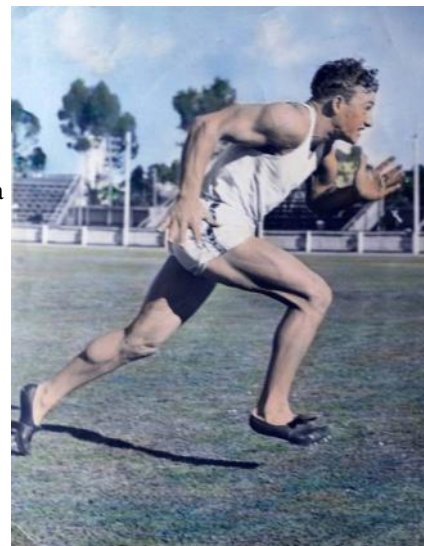
After his successful transplant, Lance's health improved enormously and gave him a new lease on life. He was not one to sit around and do nothing. He was able to return to part-time work, he was involved for many years with Rotary, assisting where he could with Camp Quality, and was also Chairman of Selectors for the Lavington Football Club. You could say that Lance started "living again" and enjoyed many happy times with his family and friends, which included family barbeques, (which was his favourite), playing golf (and yes, he got a hole-in-one), watching his beloved Bombers, camping, fishing and trips back to Walwa.

In March 2014, Lance and Margaret moved into Bupa Aged Care in Wodonga, where Margaret, now 80, still resides. Their daughter Christine lives in Wodonga, sons Jeffrey and Garry in Lavington, Brian in Melbourne, and Ross on the Gold Coast. Paul died in 1975, aged two.

Lance's nephew Neil Mann, and nieces Lyn Hodge and Verna Duryea live in Walwa today. His daughter Christine and son Jeffrey hope to retire in Walwa in the not too distant future.

Lance lived a good and full life with many sporting achievements, but his greatest achievement was his family. All his children have inherited a tremendous love of Walwa and still visit on a regular basis. The Walwa Park homestead is no longer in existence, but Lance and the Mann Family will always live on in Walwa.

Lance (Gippy) Mann nephew of Jean Hughes (Walker) Lance's mother Annie Mann nee Walker was a sister of Jean. Jean loved Gippy.



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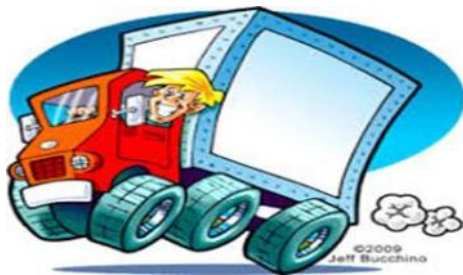
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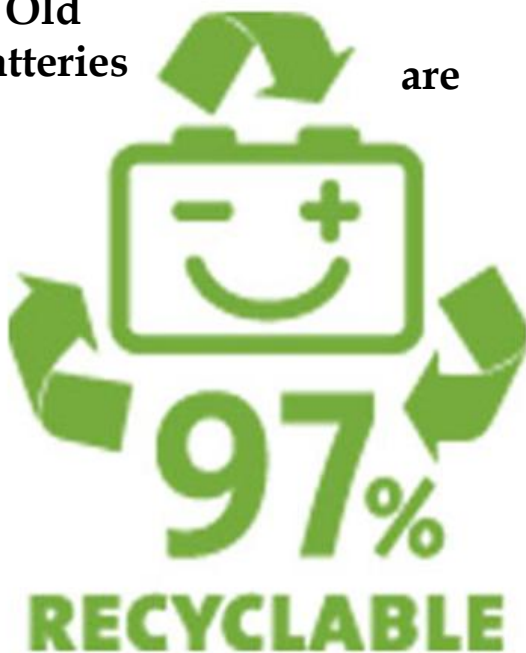
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James McBride's book titled "The Colour of Water" was semi autobiographical but also a lovely story of James' mother.

His mother was a Jewish refugee who's father was a rabbi. The family settled in The South of America where her father opened a general store.

James' mother's story, which he had to draw out of her as she never spoke of her past, is an amazing story. She left her family as she was pregnant to a black boy, and even though she had an abortion, she ended up marrying another black man with whom she had many children. In times when a mixed race marriage was strictly taboo, and even dangerous, it made an interesting story. Her first husband died, but she later married another black man and had more children, The children looked very black and James in particular began to puzzle as to why all these black children had a white mother.

His love and admiration of his mother shone through the story.

Next month's book is titled "The Tin Moon" by Stephen Lacey. Set in Australia in 1969, it is the story of a boy growing up. "A rollercoaster ride of wickedness, love, parental stupidity and everything it means to be a boy" Bron Smithwick



*Guest speaker Major Beau Sankey from
Latchford Barracks*

MONTHLY COMMUNITY CALENDAR WALWA-JINGELLIC

| | 1ST WEEK | 2ND WEEK | 3RD WEEK | 4TH WEEK |
|--|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| MONDAY 10:30am - 3:30pm | Community Shop Kerrie | Community Shop | Community Shop | Community Shop |
| 2-3pm | Balance Class WBNC Yvette | Balance Class WBNC | Balance Class WBNC | Balance Class WBNC |
| 5:30 - 6:30pm | Power Bar WBNC Yvette | Power Bar WBNC | Power Bar WBNC | Power Bar WBNC |
| TUESDAY 5:30-6:30pm | Powerbar WBNC Yvette | Powerbar WBNC | Powerbar WBNC | Powerbar WBNC |
| 5:30 - 6:30 pm | | RUM meeting @ WCS | | |
| WEDNESDAY 10:30 - 3pm | Community Shop Kerrie | Community Shop | Community Shop | Community Shop |
| 11:45am - 3:30pm | Planned Activity Group WBNC Kylie | Planned Activity Group WBNC | Planned Activity Group WBNC | Planned Activity Group WBNC |
| 5:30 - 6:30pm | Yoga WBNC Irene | Yoga WBNC | Yoga WBNC | Yoga WBNC |
| 8pm | Music Group | Music Group | Music Group Jingellic Show Society meeting @ Walwa Hotel | Music Group |
| THURSDAY 9-10am | Catholic Church Exposition | Catholic Church Exposition | Catholic Church Exposition | Catholic Church Exposition |
| 9-9:30am | Ladies Golf Caroline Walwa Golf Club | Ladies Golf Walwa Golf Club | Ladies Golf Walwa Golf Club | Ladies Golf Walwa Golf Club |
| 11:00am - 3:00apm | | | Tangled Threads Old Jingellic School Kerrie | |
| 11am | | Bookclub D | | |
| 2:30pm | Bridge Group Penny Walwa Golf Club | Bridge Group Walwa Golf Club | Bridge Group Walwa Golf Club | Bridge Group Walwa Golf Club |
| 4:00 - 5:00pm | Easy Yoga Irene | Easy Yoga | Easy Yoga | Easy Yoga |
| 5:30-6:30pm | Powerbar WBNC Yvette | Powerbar WBNC | Powerbar WBNC | Powerbar WBNC |
| 6:30pm | Ladies Night Cecilia | | | |
| 7pm | | LIONS Walwa Hotel Vyner | | |
| FRIDAY 10:30 - 3:30pm | Community Shop Kerrie | Community Shop | Community Shop | Community Shop |
| SATURDAY | | | | |
| SUNDAY 10 am | Catholic Church Service | Catholic Church Service | Catholic Church Service | Catholic Church Service |
| 11:30am | Uniting Church Service | | | |

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