



PEOPLE AND PLACES



Still in the Wilderness

Any side that has Marcus Hill and Harry Sleigh as openers is a shoe in, unfortunately the Wilderness didn't have them and the Riverine club had their equivalent in Dean Baulding and Mark Yates. The late recruitment of the McLarty Clan after losing most of the Kelly gang was inspired but they were not able to drag the southern team out of their wilderness.

The Wilderness started well with Daniel McLarty (36 no) and Doug McLarty (25) before Hamish McAlpin came in at 3 and didn't recover from being hit in his middle stump and was caught next ball for 2. Brent Kelly (9) was batting well before his batting partner called the suicide run. Said partner named Greg Pritchard (33) partnered with Tom McCooey (35) for a big stand before they both retired and Allan Jarrott talked himself into Dugald McKay bowling him for 4. Not wanting to be outdone, Fraser Welsh was then caught and bowled by Dugald for 5. The tail wagged like a docked terrier and the Riverine Club was set a semi-decent total of 187 to win.

The Wilderness started well getting M King for 2 then D O'Reilly *14, only to get Mark Yates who hit 28 in as many seconds, while Dean Boulding accumulated a steady 36. Dugald McKay was controversially given

out caught behind (if the DRS was available it would show it missed his bat by about a foot but that didn't stop his brother appealing like Virat Kohli), we thought we had "cut the head off the snake" but alas, the Riverine club is more like a Hydra. M O'Rielly* came in and blasted a quick 33 and the game was in the balance but the Riverine Club's tail wagged like a dog at dinner time and they got up by 3 wickets with a couple of overs to spare.

Best Bowlers were the youngsters Tristan McLarty from Whiteheads Creek and the "Amazing" Grace Baulding (Deans 12 year old daughter, who showed us all what cricket is meant to look like).

Captain Tom McCooey was awarded man of the match for his 35 runs and 1/10 just shading the Riverine club umpire who gave Dugald out**!

Next match is the Beersheba Bash on ANZAC day at Maygars Winery. So you now have a pretty obvious choice between the "Snoozetime at the G" or some real sport.

*Grandsons of the legendary "Tiger O'Reilly"..... that's not fair.

**Dugald was later fined a round of drinks for dissenting the umpire's decision by the leadership group (Alan) which was a very popular decision with everyone except Dugald.

By Scott McKay



The valiant but vanquished Wilderness Team. They may look like a Motley Crew, but there's some serious cricketing talent in our local team



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The Cruelty of Certainty

I have problems with "certainty", so I have a dilemma. When I make a decision, I like to be as certain as possible that I am doing the right thing. There have been situations when I have acted with very little certainty and acted inappropriately. But there have also been times when I have acted with very little certainty, taken a risk and it has turned out well. There is great satisfaction when success occurs despite the odds.

In life there are really no certainties. Yes I know the sun will rise tomorrow, but in billions of years perhaps it won't, or if tomorrow there is a nuclear catastrophe, we won't see it anyhow.

Even scientists don't believe in certainty or even proof, they rather operate in terms of evidence until such time as the evidence is compromised. The good scientist is forever testing his or her own assumptions.

In a world that changes so rapidly the temptation is to cling to old habits and assumptions. It is not that we should just dispense with such beliefs and morals, but they do need continuous re-examination and testing.

I do get impatient with those who espouse fundamentalist positions and who are 'always right' on political, religious or moral issues. It seems to me that reflects a real lack of humility. Carlo Rovelli tells us; 'Only by keeping in mind that our beliefs may turn out to be wrong is it possible to free our minds from wrong ideas.'

(Reality is Not What It Seems. p.229).

When people insist on certainties there is a danger that their certainty will become prejudice, bigotry or hatred. The next step can then lead to persecution, cruelty and even violence. What do you think?

Stuart Reid — Highlands

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Monday 10th April
11:00am
HIGHLANDS SPINNERS 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd. Caveat
 Bring anything that you may be busy working on – knitting, embroidery, spinning, etc..... All Welcome
Contact Jan 5790 4361

Thursday 13th April until Monday 17th
10am-4pm daily
WHITEHEADS CREEK EASTER ART SHOW at Whiteheads Creek Hall
 This is the 5th in the series of Art for CFA—Featuring works from Artists in CFA District 12. All Welcome & monies raised go to Whiteheads Creek Rural Fire Brigade. Entry by Gold Coin

Good Friday 14th April
Middy
RUFFY CFA - GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH at the Ruffy Fire Shed
 The annual community seafood lunch is on again. **EVERYBODY is WELCOME**
 This is a terrific chance for the community to come together to support the Royal Children's Hospital appeal and to catch up with local friends.
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Saturday 15th April
9am—1pm
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Wednesday 19th April
7:30pm
RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
 Quarterly Meeting
 A warm invitation to the Ruffy Community to come along to this meeting to hear details about the future of our Action Group and its local projects. Everyone is welcome
For information contact Verena Weinmann, Secretary, 5790 4309

Sunday 23rd April
9:00am— 1pm
NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET on centre median strip High St Nagambie
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ANZAC DAY
Tuesday 25th April
11:00am
MAYGARS CHALLENGE CRICKET MATCH Maygars Hill Winery, Longwood East
 The traditional match between the 'The Wilderness' and 'Maygars Mob' has been renamed the "Beersheba Bash" and fittingly, it'll be fought out on ANZAC Day.
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ANZAC DAY
Tuesday 25th April
11:30am
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8.00pm
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