

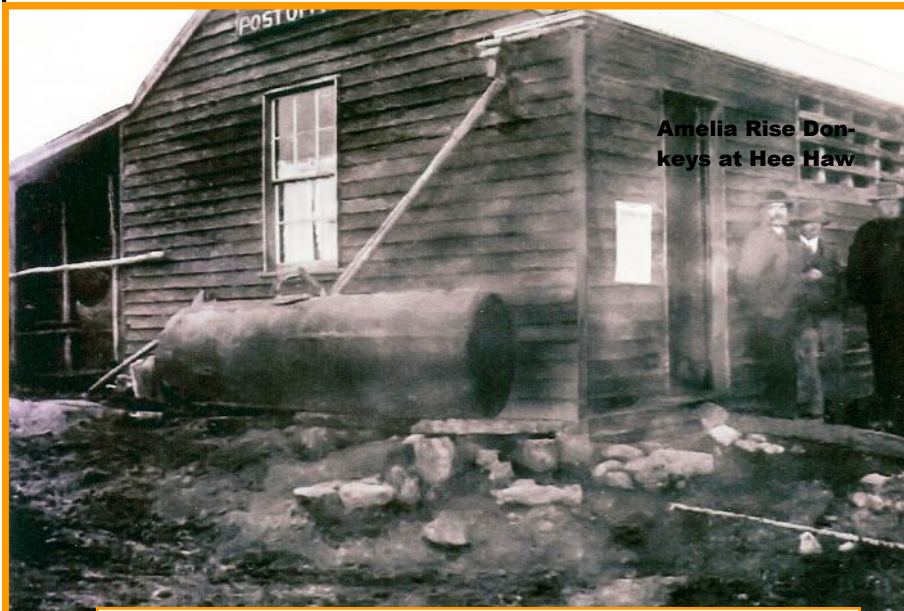


PEOPLE AND PLACES

A PIECE of LOCAL HISTORY POSTED from TARCOMBE

The Granite News mailbox recently received information from Jan Hayes regarding the former Post Office at Tarcombe.

Postal services began at Tarcombe on 4th November 1887 when a Post Office was opened under the control of Alexander Findlay who was to remain in charge until 1893. Very few details of the operations of the Post Office are known, however for the years 1887 and 1891 the salary and letter traffic statistics are available. In 1887 the Postmaster's annual salary was 16 Pounds and there were 2,472 letters processed. By 1891 the letter throughput had risen to 3,311 but the annual salary had declined to 13 Pounds.



An early photograph of the Tarcombe Post Office and Stables

There was a succession of names recorded as Postmaster during the first two decades of the 20th century and in 1920 a Mr J. Bunting listed as Receiving Officer (an alternative name for Postmaster at small offices) is recorded as deceased and control of the office was transferred to Frank R. Tubb. Mr Tubb remained until October 1926 when he was succeeded by Walter A. Earl, who had been a Mail Contractor for the Longwood East to Tarcombe mail route between 1902 and 1905.

Mr. Earl appears to have remained at the Tarcombe Post Office until it closed on 31st January 1943. Tarcombe residents were then served by roadside delivery from Longwood.

Information supplied by Colin Duggan, Curator/Historian—Post Office Museum Victoria

Footnote: The substantial remains of the old Tarcombe Post Office can still be seen as you drive through the Hayes family's 'Tarcombe Herefords' property on the Tarcombe-Ruffy Road.



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Month	Highlands	Ruffy
April	139 mm	115.5 mm
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April Rain Days	10	7



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LOCAL GOINGS ON



The ANZAC Day Beersheba Bash

It was with a sense of irony that we looked at the puddle that represented the pitch for the 3rd game in a now 5 match series. A century ago Col. Maygar and his men went 36 hours in their desert wilderness, desperate for the moisture that we didn't want.



The 'sticky wicket' presented no challenge to Maygar's Men from the flat country, and the Wilderness boys from the hills could only dream that their local roads were this good.

The pitch, which could have featured in the Australia v India test series except that it had some grass and Subaru tyre tracks (it pulled the roller) miraculously drained like the MCG and played like the Adelaide Oval. Now that I think about it, Indian pitches probably do have tyre tracks. In front of a large & boisterous crowd in Bay 13 (aka the Dam Bank) and on the Hill, 'Maygar's Men' (looking suspiciously like Euroa Cricket Club) ambushed 'The Wilderness' who resembled a bunch of ageing Bedouins. After an interesting start someone asked what the score was; but there was no scorer.

In an Atatürk-like show of sportsmanship we guessed the runs scored; wickets taken was a little easier because none had fallen.

The scorebook hardly tells the story except that "the tall bloke with red hair" took a few wickets and "the short fella with the swarthy complexion" batted well (the scorer didn't bother with names).



State member for Euroa Steph Ryan tosses the coin for Maygar's Rob Martin and The Wilderness' Scott McKay

Maygar's Men made 154 after constantly hitting out of bounds on the full (didn't the AFL ban that?) and making the neighbour's bull very nervous.

The Wilderness needed to score about 7 runs an over. They started well but the relentless bowling pressure on a deteriorating pitch (that's our excuse) and the loss of Duncan Ferguson to what looked like a desperate dive to save being run-out but was in fact his hamstring letting go and propelling him half way up the pitch, left The Wilderness needing just 70 off the final over – they scored 4 and lost by 66 runs.

Best for Maygar's Men were Pizzle, Elvis (we knew he wasn't dead), the Mackrell and anyone who retired (which was just about everybody else).

Best for The Wilderness were Old Mate Larwood, Keeper, Offy and the Bloke in Shorts (I kid you not, they're in the scorebook).

Many thanks to Umpire David Mastin and Jenny Houghton's Maygar's Hill Winery team for the great lunch and a great cricket venue. We look forward to the return match on 29th October at Maygar Reserve - Ruffy, which will be 2 days before the Centenary of the charge of the Light Horse at Beersheba.

By Scott McKay

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FINDING FOXY Issue 13 2017
Foxy was still on holiday last week

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — APRIL/MAY 2017

TOMORROW!



<p>Monday 8th May 11:00am</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Friday 12th May 6:30pm</p>	<p>'DRINKS ON THE DECK' at Highlands Community Hall Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. Contact Judy 5796 9247</p>
<p>Saturday 13th May 8.00pm Doors Open 7.30pm</p>	<p>RUFFARTZ A SEASON OF SATURDAYS Ruffy Community Hall Nolans Rd Ruffy "Bush Gothic" Winner of prestigious Golden Fiddle Award, Jenny Thomas, in her trio, re-tells tales of Australia's dark history with original & hauntingly beautiful arrangements of early Australian songs. BYO drinks and nibbles. Tickets \$25 Please book early to ensure your seat. For Bookings Contact Kym 0409 172 595 ruffartztickets@gmail.com</p>
<p>Saturday 20th May 9am—1pm</p>	<p>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org</p>
<p>Saturday 27th May 7:00pm</p>	<p>GOBUR CEMETRY TRUST DINNER at the Ruffy Hall Nolans Rd Ruffy Two Course Casserole Dinner to support the work of the Gobur Cemetery Trust in restoring the historical headstones. \$25 per head—Music and Fun assured. Contact Millie 5773 4287</p>
<p>Sunday 28th May 9:00am— 1pm</p>	<p>NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET on centre median strip High St Nagambie Experience a true accredited farmers' market in the picturesque lakeside town of Nagambie. Further details Contact nagambiefarmersmarket.com.au</p>
<p>Sunday 28th May 10:30am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS meet at Highlands Hall Andrew Shaw will take us from Spaniak's Road across country to Lade Road. Bring lunch & water. If it suits you better, meet us at the corner of Spaniak's Road & Highlands Road at 10.45am. For more information contact Judy Reid 5796 9358</p>
<p>Saturday 4th June 9am — 2pm</p>	<p>YEA COUNTRY MARKET Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea Showcasing local producers, growers and makers offering an array of stalls, the best in fresh local produce, arts and crafts, children's activities, play ground and skate park. Gold coin donation entry</p>
<p>Sunday 5th June 9am — 1pm</p>	<p>TALLAROOK FARMERS' MARKET Mechanics Institute Hall, Main Road, Tallarook One of Victoria's strongest farmers' markets, the Tallarook market is well worth a visit. A generous variety of locally grown fresh produce is on offer.</p>
<p>Saturday 26th June 6:30pm</p>	<p>TAKE A BITE OUT OF WINTER at Highlands Hall Curry and Casserole night - bring a slow cooker or Casserole to share. BYO drinks. Gold coin donation. More details and an invite to come in next week's Granite News.... or maybe the week after!</p>

SAVE THE DATE!