

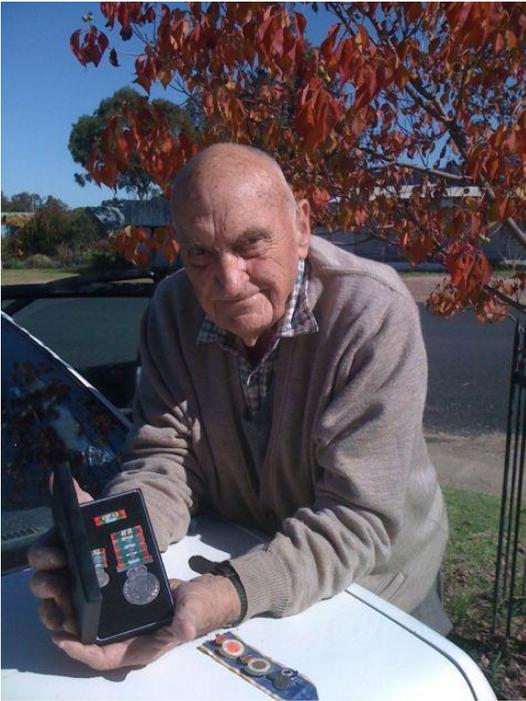
# IRONBARK NEWS

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## Rural Fire Service News



Les Frappell was presented with his 60 Years of Service Medallion at the opening of the Mt Arthur Fire Shed on 9 May. The head of the Bush Fire Service came from Sydney to present the awards. Over 150 people attended and many were presented with awards.

Other Stuart Town members who received awards were Mark Frazer, Bob Armstrong, Tim Trudgett & Cliff Hyde.

Les has received medals for 25, 35 and 50 years of service.

Les has been a member of the RFS since 1947.

The Stuart Town Bush Fire Brigade started in 1947 with the people on the land and the people in the town. They had a 5 gallon knapsack (no motors) and a wheat bag!

There was no fire truck. Les Hannelly (who had the shop opposite the pub), had a big truck which the RFS used during the 50's. It got caught up on the common in a fire- it got burnt!

Les has many, many entertaining stories to tell.



Recipients of awards were from the left Mark Frazer, Bob Armstrong, Michael Reid, Les Frappell, Tim Trudgett, Cliff Hyde

Elaine Priest and Margaret Thompson were caught by this reporter practising for their Village Fire Fighter Certificates.

On Saturday and Sunday, six members of Stuart Town travelled to the Orana Training Village at Wongarbone, to sit for the test.



## Latest News

All Stuart Town participants were successful in qualifying for their certificates.

***Congratulations to all!***

## **Stuart Town RTC**

Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
10:00am- 4:00pm  
Hope to see you there.  
If you would like a special luncheon please  
contact us on  
02 68 468359

### **Next Meeting of RTC**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 6:00pm**

### **Agenda**

Bush Dance

Another Ball

Please send in any agenda items

**Next STAA Meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
6:00pm**

*Special Meeting of the STAA Thursday 7  
June 6:30pm  
To discuss issues to be brought to  
Council's attention.*

*All Welcome*

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

### **Catholic Church**

Mass each Saturday morning at 8.30 @  
St. John the Baptist, Stuart Town. Easter  
Mass will be celebrated at 6pm on Sunday  
evening, 8<sup>th</sup> April .

Any parents / family members interested and  
wanting more information, please contact

Fr. Tony on 6845206 Parish phone no (02)  
68452061

### **Anglican**

#### **Anglican and non-denominational**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 5pm Holy Communion Stuart Town  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am at Mumbil-  
Morning Prayer and Children's Ministry

Home Communion on request.  
Enquiries to Clare- 68468308

### Wellington Services

Fridays – 11am Sundays 8.00 & 9.30am  
Each weekday 7.30am Morning Prayer  
Bellhaven - 11.00am 1st Thursday  
Maranatha – 9.30am 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Friday  
4.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

### From the Bible

...let us not love merely in theory or in speech,  
but indeed and in the truth, in practice and in  
sincerity  
1 John 3:18

### A thought to ponder

Liars ought to have good memories  
Algenon Sidney 1622-1683  
“Discourses on Government”

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 5.00pm Holy Communion  
Stuart Town

## **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

1<sup>st</sup> Marilyn Flett, Blake Norberry  
3<sup>rd</sup> Trish & Graham Sherring, Benjamin  
Barker  
4<sup>th</sup> Dawn Fleming, Anne Marie  
Connaughton, Brittany Frappell  
6<sup>th</sup> Mark Fleming, Anna Stanford  
13<sup>th</sup> John Connaughton  
15<sup>th</sup> David McGregor  
16<sup>th</sup> Charles Sheridan  
18 Warren Hurst, Luke Keft  
20<sup>th</sup> Sandra Preston  
22<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Keft  
23<sup>rd</sup> Bailey Preston  
24<sup>th</sup> Amy Ryan  
26<sup>th</sup> Casey Preston  
28<sup>th</sup> Raelene Hurst  
29<sup>th</sup> Lauren Stanford

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Trish & Graham Sherring  
10<sup>th</sup> Sandra & Bob Preston  
16<sup>th</sup> Marilyn & Keith Pryde

### *Get Well Wishes*

*Barry Edwards is making a pleasing  
recovery after his bout of pneumonia as*

*is Eric Gough, who has also had a short stay in hospital.*

*Laurie Pope is home again and making an excellent recovery.*

*Bonnie Clark is home again after her operation and doing well.*

*Best wishes to you all.*

### ***In Loving Memory***

*Of my Husband and our Father,  
Grandfather and Great  
Grandfather, Frank Bayliss who  
passed away on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1994.  
Silent thoughts, tears unseen,  
Wishing your absence was only a  
dream.*

*Today, tomorrow, our whole life  
through, we'll always love and  
remember you.*

*Loving you always: Noleen, Melba,  
Matthew, Logan, Jamie, Sherrie,  
Damien, Olivia, Lily, Sarah, Ian,  
Pete, Serena and Eliza.*

### **School Newsletter May 2012**

School resumed the day before Anzac Day and this week proved to be a very busy one. It was extremely pleasing to have most of the students participate in the march on Anzac Day and enjoy Mr Grossett's address at the service. Mr G enlightened the gathering about the New Zealand side of the Anzac story at Gallipoli in a most interesting and informative way, ending with a very sincere thank you to those who fought and made our lives what they are today. Later we enjoyed a light luncheon and get-together, thanks to the ladies of the community.

The very next day we were visited by the Mayor Anne Jones, who presented the primary students with a cheque for \$100, being the prize money for the Waste to Art competition. The students have also been successful with the "Croc Pot" sculpture, winning the 'Best piece' at the Wellington Show recently. They were awarded a ribbon

and \$50 voucher from Snazzy Scrapping, Dubbo for their efforts.

The following Friday we were invited to the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration of the NSW Police Force. We had hands on access to displays put on by the Tactical Response team, Highway Patrol, Police Air, Dog Unit, RFS, Ambulance and SES. One of the students even found the siren switch on one of the emergency vehicles!! A great day was had by all and we were very privileged to be invited.

Every Friday this term we have been travelling to Mumbil in the afternoon to participate in some team sports. These afternoons have allowed the senior students to interact with students of their own ability and size in a very positive way, and the infants students to have a bit of fun with students their own age. In addition to these visits, on every second Friday while we are there, we will be having a drum/dance workshop to learn an item for the upcoming eisteddfod or concert.

Cooking lessons have been introduced this term and all the students have enjoyed them making fairy bread, toasted melts and even Rocky Road for all their mothers on Mother's Day. Beautiful cards and poems were also created for the special females in their lives. We hope all the Mothers had a great day. On the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> May a number of the students sat the NAPLAN tests and were fine with them.

Last week we all travelled to Geurie for the Cross Country trials with Joel, Hayley and Tyler taking out 2<sup>nds</sup> in their age groups and Amber equal 3<sup>rd</sup>. Although the infants ran the event, their times were not recorded, but all finished and received a well- done ribbon. Special mention must be made of our Kinder-boy Paul who ran the whole 2kms and beat everyone home. Well done Paul! A long distance runner in the making! Due to the students' efforts Stuart Town placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Well done everyone!

While we were at Geurie we attended a Musica Viva concert in the hall and also enjoyed lunch served by their P&C. We came home tired but pleased with our efforts. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of June are the dates for the overnight excursion to Bathurst. During class the students have been studying Gold- its origins, where it was first discovered in

Australia, its uses and its value to the world. As we will be staying at the Bathurst Goldfields the students will have the opportunity to pan for gold and learn more about this finite resource. More info next time.

Hi there! I was wondering if you could please help.

Stuart Town Primary is partaking in the Woolworths sticker collection in order to receive various goods through the program! We are looking for support from the community to assist our children. I was wondering if you would be able to put it in the next newsletter, so that anyone who receives these stickers can leave them at the school or post office! Your support is very much appreciated!

Thank you  
Cher



Jill Harris brought Kath Frappell to the RTC for a quiet birthday morning tea. Kath celebrated her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. Kath was born in Stuart Town in 1923. Kath's mum had a midwife come and stay for a week. "That's how they did it then" said Kath. Kath's parents lived out at West End. Kath can't remember when she first met Les. "He was just there." Les had come up from Mookerawa when the farms were resumed for the dam. They were married in the Anglican Church and had their reception in the Hall. Kath's father was one of the five men who initiated its building. Kath and Les have four children- Barbara and Gloria who live here, Trish who lives in Carlingford and Bruce who lives in Morpeth. "The Frappell Family is an example of a wonderful close family" Jill says. "If ever there

would have been a mayor in Stuart Town, it would have been Les." Kath's secret for her long life is to eat well and stay positive.

### *Biggest Morning Tea.*

Thank you to every one for their kind donations of Money & Cakes.

### *CWA Annual Conference*

Jill Harris travelled to Blacktown to attend the NSW annual conference for CWA.

800 delegates from around NSW attended the conference which discussed many items submitted by various groups.

Throughout its 90 year history CWA members have lobbied and campaigned for changes to government policies relating to education, health, transport and infrastructure, to ensure that living standards for women and their families are continuously improved.

The CWA of NSW continues as a strong voice to governments of the day, and while issues on the agenda still reflect the same aim of improving living standards, the focus is on current issues such as coal seam gas and open-cut mining, the Murray Darling Basin Plan, and foreign ownership of agricultural land - to name but a few.

This year's policy agenda covers a broad spectrum of issues, including:

- the preservation of Australian ownership of Australian agricultural and mining land
- medication expenses to be covered through the PBS and Medicare for the drugs Lyrica and Vesicare, which are used by persons with spinal cord injury and other debilitating conditions
- road rules applying to learner and provisional drivers should be uniform across Australia
- every child in need of early intervention should have equal access to early childhood intervention services, regardless of circumstances or location.

Jill would like to encourage more people to join the Mumbil/Stuart Town CWA.

They meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 9:30am for a cup of tea followed by the meeting at 10:00am.

## Visitor's to Stuart Town

Thank you for your visit.



*Reta Lawrence from Windeyer, Bob Campbell from Hargraves, Judy Campbell from Hargraves and Tony Lawrence from Windeyer pictured above called in to Stuart Town on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.*

*They happened to arrive on the day of The Biggest Morning Tea at Boehme's Hall, so of course, they called in.*

*What a great opportunity it was for them to meet the locals and talk about their Stuart Town relatives. The group had travelled from Mudjee to visit the Stuart Town Cemetery to look for their ancestors.*

*Bob was looking for the grave s of James and Anne Read. Anne was his great grandfather's sister and Tony was looking for his great grandparents, Nathaniel and Bridgette and his grandfather Peter Lawrence.*

*They were able to find a photograph of Bridgette and Nathaniel in the "Whispers from Ironbark".*

*They left the RTC very happily with their copies of "Whispers" and "Branches" under their arms.*

*We look forward to meeting them again some time.*

## *E-Mail Etiquette*

### Using CC and BCC

#### **What is the Difference?:**

Most people know how to use the **TO** box when creating a new message. However, many are not familiar with the **CC** (Carbon Copy) and especially the **BCC** (Blind Carbon Copy) utilities.

If you are mailing the message to only one address then the **TO:** box is the only one that will work.

When sending to more than one person you can address the email so that the email addresses you are sending to are not visible to anyone on the list.

This is considered to be the best option. You do not want to reveal your friends' email addresses to the world at large. If they are visible there is always a **HIGH** chance that someone (maybe on the list) or someone (to whom the email is subsequently forwarded) **WILL** use the addresses incorrectly or sell them to spammers.

When a person provides you with their e-mail address, either directly or by sending you a message, the absolute expectation is that you will not reveal it to others without their permission. It is essential that you respect the privacy of those to whom you send emails. Like most others, you too should get annoyed about receiving emails with a page or more of exposed e-mail addresses.

So, when sending to multiple people, the best way to is to use the **BCC** utility. The **CC** utility reveals the full list of addresses, **BCC** does not.

The easiest way to use **BCC** is to send the email to yourself. That is, place your email address in the **TO:** box and then all other email addresses in the **BCC** box.

To enable the **BCC** box, open up a new email in Outlook Express. Then click on **View** from the top menu bar and then click **All Headers**. The **BCC:** Box appears.

Type or copy the email addresses into the **BCC** box and send your email as you normally would.

## **A Sweet Hand Treatment**

The perfect use for sugar is not to be sprinkled over lemon pancakes, stirred into cappuccinos, or caramelized atop a crème brulee, but as a luxurious hand treatment.

Take one dessertspoon of caster sugar, mix with one teaspoon of olive or vegetable oil, add three drops of your favourite essential oil (lavender, rose, or sandalwood) and start scrubbing. Massage the gritty unguent into the cuticles, nails and skin of the hand. Allow the sugar crystals to exfoliate dry and dead skin, and the oil to penetrate and deeply moisturise. Rinse with warm water.

## Stuart Town Tennis Court



Finally we can report that the tennis court has been asphalted. And what a saga it has been!! Stuart Town had just resurrected its tennis club and young and old were enjoying friendly games of tennis when the trouble began. Firstly, when the caterpillar came to install lighting, so we could play at night disaster struck when the machine fell through the court!

This was the result of a large amount of water accumulating under the old asphalt.

The next disaster was trying to locate the source of the water. This took forever and then, we came up against La Nina!

Eventually, when the water problems were solved, we applied for and received a Federal grant which enabled the old surface to be removed and the base levelled and a firm surface to be laid. This so far has taken a couple of years!

Now all that needs to be done is to have the asphalt laid. Oh dear, the quote was so old that the price had gone up! No surprises there.

Thankfully Wellington Council came to the party and covered the extra cost.

More delays, more rain, more confusion but eventually, after many years, the tennis court is nearly ready to go.

The last step is to have the lines marked.

***We will be having a major celebration when this job is completed and you are all invited.***

## Council Consultative Meeting at Stuart Town



On Tuesday evening, 29 May, 27 locals from Mumbil, Stuart Town and Euchareena attended a meeting at the RTC.

Mayor Anne Jones spoke of the Council's achievements such as the installation of CCTV cameras in the main street and the completion of the road repairs caused by the floods. She also spoke of the arrangement that has been made with Corrective Services to provide a team of workers five days a week for 52 weeks a year to help Council with their maintenance work. Also a new community bus has been purchased.

Michael Tolhurst, the General Manager, explained the Development Plan which will operate until 2025. He emphasized the need for two-way communication, and spoke of how he plans to meet with us every three months to review our priorities.

Karen Roberts spoke of the rates and charges for the next financial year. These will include some increases. She has left a hard copy of The Workforce Plan, Delivery Plan, Operational Plan, Draft Budget and Fees and Charges Plan along with several CD's for the community to study.

***Anyone who wishes to provide feedback to Council relating to fees and charges or priorities must return their submission to Council by 4pm 14June.***

## Snail Cough Mixture

***20 snails from crevices in walls ½ lb moist brown sugar***  
Leave snails in a bowl to clean themselves. Remove and place live snails in muslin bag with sugar. Leave to drip over-night. Bottle liquid and use a tablespoonful as required.

**Best Drugs on the planet,  
Happiness, Peace & Contentment.**



**New residents, Jan Chapman and Ray Pulbrook with Councillor, Shirley Drysdale, at the Consultative Meeting.**

### **RTC and Hall Committee Piano Fund**

Following the great success of the Variety Concert at the Man from Ironbark Festival it was suggested that we needed our own piano. The one we have is a little past its time!

The piano (that was used for the concert) was hired from Orange, and guess what? This beautiful piano is for sale! But, as you know, pianos are quite expensive. This one costs \$7500. A generous donation has already been made for this purpose and all funds raised from the Snowball Bush Dance will also go to the piano fund.

If you would like to make a donation to the Piano Fund it would be gratefully received.

Thank you.

### **The Transit of Venus**

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

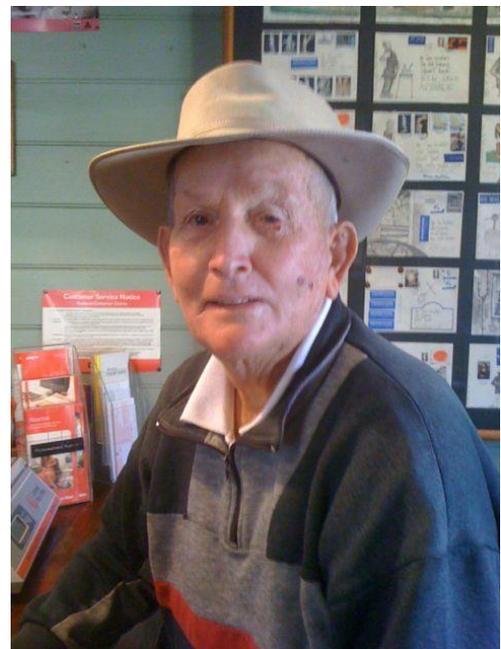
A **transit of Venus** across the Sun takes place when the planet Venus passes directly between the Sun and Earth, becoming visible against (and hence obscuring a small portion of) the solar disk. During a transit, Venus can be seen from Earth as a small black disk moving across the face of the Sun. The duration of such transits is usually measured in hours (the transit of 2004 lasted six hours). A transit is similar to a solar eclipse by the Moon. While the diameter of Venus is almost four times that of the Moon, Venus appears smaller, and travels more slowly across the face of the Sun, because it is much farther away from Earth.

The next transit of Venus will occur **on 5 and 6 June 2012**, and will be the last Venus transit this

century; the prior transit took place on 8 June 2004. The previous pair of transits were in December 1874 and December 1882. After 2012, the next transits of Venus will be in December 2117 and December 2125.

A transit of Venus can be safely observed by taking the same precautions used to observe the partial phases of a solar eclipse. **Staring at the Sun without appropriate eye protection can quickly cause serious and often permanent eye damage.**

### **Citizen of the Month**



### **Hilton Fleming**

Hilton was born in Stuart Town and is a well-loved citizen of the town. His parents had a mixed farm "Eulalie". Hilton took over running the farm. Hilton is affectionately called "Cob" by his family.

At the weekend while on the Central Coast I met a relation of Hilton's called Andrew Moran. One of Andrew's ancestors is buried in Stuart Town. He is related to the Flemings and Laurie Pope.

Andrew has written a book called "Your Father is a Moran and Your Mother was a Murphy". He has donated a copy to the RTC for anyone to peruse.

# Snow Ball

BUSH DANCE

with

# November Shorn

# Stuart Town School of Arts

Book a table for your family and friends  
and BYO drinks and picnic dinner

Adults \$15, children \$5 and Families \$40

Phone 6846 8359 Wednesday to Friday

or email [stuarttownrtc@hotmail.com](mailto:stuarttownrtc@hotmail.com)

RSVP by Friday 15 June 2012

Prizes for best snow-themed outfit and table decoration!

**Schools SNOW THEME drawing competition!**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS NEW COMMUNITY PIANO**

**Saturday 23rd June**

**6 to 10pm**

