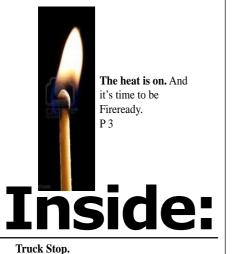
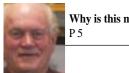
### Voice of the Valley

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# The Guildford Globe amber 2011 e: 76 Why this bus can't come to Guildford...







Why is this man smiling?

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But wait!...There's more:





## is because of this bus.

t's a case of buses everywhere but nary a way to actually catch one.

Currently, the Mount Alexander Council would like to hear from residents who are interested in continuing forming a working



taxi sharing, volunteer drivers and other innovative programs that could be developed through existing community groups or residents working together specifically for the cause.

group to work towards improving public transport along with community alternatives to public transport to custom fit each community. This could be car pooling programs,

In the meantime, a survey has emerged aimed to ascertain community support for a quasi bus service in and around the locality.

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Sandra Major met up with some of her good buddies at the recent Vaughan Springs Bikers Lunch. Being a woman with friends in high places the biking community is no exception. We expect to see her don the leathers in the very near future. More on page 4

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o you ever get the feeling that nobody cares about us in Guildford. Firstly, it appears that the Franklin/Turner Streets roadworks will never be finished.

Then the likelihood that whilst we may get a community bus we may not actually resolve the public transport solution.

And finally, the B-Doubles are starting to drive us crazy.

Even councillor Michael Redden, who fronted the Progress meeting this week is nonplussed about the stagnant roadworks.

There appears not much he can do. The bureaucrats are running the asylum as it were.

Perhaps it's time for Guildford to take somewhat of a stand. At least we at *The Globe* are. You may have noticed that we are taking a tougher approach to what is going on.

In the past few months the Globe's distribution has slowly increased to over 400. We are expanding our reach into areas throughout the shire outside of our town. Because it is my contention that news travels. To this end we also email copies to all the major media outlets.

It is simply the nature of the game. We are here to fight for what is right for Guildford.

Judging by the number of letters we receive...which is virtually nought...we will just have to assume you agree.

However, the poor turnout for the Progress meeting gives one cause for concern, considering Councillor Redden had given of his time to come to Guildford and, apart from the Progress regulars, Guildford didn't give Councillor Redden its time.

Put succinctly, we need to get our priorities right. We can choose to sit on the fence or as Howard Beale, the crazed news anchor in the seminal movie *Network* urged his viewers to evoke the mantra "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!"

Well are we mad as hell or is it that, apart from a core group, we don't really give a damn.

#### \*\*\*

This month we report on developments at the Historical Society, the barbie for bikers at V. Springs, the lowdown on eucalypts and the truth about community newspapers.

Along with all the hot issues around town.

Keep on truckin'

Rajeev

PS: Don't forget, if you give a damn, to send your nomination for our Guildford Person of the Year.





Number of bikers who turned up Vaughan Springs GPA barbie out of an expected 60. Dave Wallace reports on page 4

# \$1000

Amount of grant given to Guildford



Landcare from Victrack to spray all weeds on the rail line from the Loddon rail bridge north to the Muckleford-Yapeen Rd a distance of 2200 metres.

Incidentally, Landcare's Maurie Dynon is off to Government House next week for the annual Landcare Awards. We'll keep you posted.



Number of people who turned up to the November Guidford Progress Association meeting attended by councillor Michael Redden



Years since work started on the Guildford Banner, now on display at the Public Hall. See page 6.



# Road standoff: The saga continues

The Franklin Street roadworks remains at a standstill as the road remains unfinished and, with loose stones across it, has become downright dangerous.

The only comment we could get out of Bruce Lucas, Manager Infrastructure, Mount Alexander Shire Council was a spurious statement through Aileen Walsh, the Councils Communications Officer in which he said, somewhat ambiguously, "Coliban Water are still considering this water main upgrade and Council is working with them to try and secure a greater long term solution to the concerns shared by the Guildford community."

According to Roslyn Salmon,



Colibans General Manager of Customer Service and Communications, they are at present trying to seek a meeting with Council so they can "sit down and resolve the issue."

At press time the date of that meeting had yet to be finalised.

Stay tuned



Enough is enough, she screamed. That was the cry of one

Guildford resident who wrote to the Progress Association about the relentless plethora of B-doubles that come hurtling around the corner in and out of the Midland Highway. With no end in sight and no alternative option.

All day and most of the night they come. Disturbing sleep, vibrating walls and wreaking havoc on the bitumen



*The Globe* is investigating and we will report in our next issue.



It's that time of year again and with summer looming it looks like this year could be a hot one.

This means that the danger of bushfires is high.

And when it comes to bushfires, being forewarned is being forearmed.

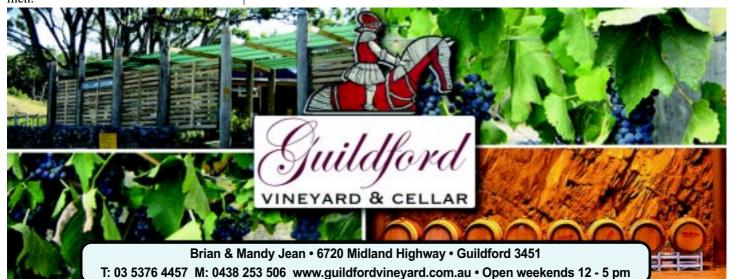
So, this year's CFA FireReady Meeting will be held at Big Tree Park on Thursday 17th November with a barbecue starting at 6.00pm.

This will be followed by a CFA presentation at 7.00pm.

You can register your attendance at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or check with the local CFA.

### **Progress nominations**

Nominations are now open for anyone wishing to join the Guildford Progress Association. There is a joining fee of \$10 and an annual subscription of \$5. Forms can be obtained from Deb Dodson at debdodson@bigpond.com. Deadline is 31st January.



#### The Guildford Globe November 2011 ay Out in Vaughan Bikers

At a recent Guildford Progress Association meeting someone volunteered our expertise in providing a BBQ lunch for "A group of some 30 to 80 bikers in Vaughan Springs on Saturday 22nd October.

The day dawned to a mixed weather report with grey clouds marring what the meteorologists said would be a fine day. Having organised the BBQ along with Jim Franzi, Pam Adams and Sandra Major along with a pristine-quality gazebo on loan from Brian Adams we converged upon the Vaughan Springs Reserve, where we were told the bikers would appear about 12 noon. It could have been the Hell's Angels or some of Cadel's friends; none of

us was too sure who to look out for. Once all was set up the excitement was



Guildford is a small community and amongst us there are those who, shall we say, are the movers and shakers.

Those people who volunteer their time and expertise to helping, agonising and just being there on any number of community projects.

And Guildford has had its fair share of projects during the year.

Whilst there are many in our community who do more than others, we at The Guildford Globe will honour the one person who has gone over and beyond in committing themselves to the Guildford cause in 2011.

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We will announce your nominated person in our December issue.

building. The women displayed their luscious cakes and slices that would tempt any hardcore biker, set the raffle display just so and sorted their various roles for the day. We all donned our wonderful new

red aprons which Tex & Fi had slaved

over to perfect in time, and then fired up

the barbie!

Just as Jim and I had

cooked off our first

batch of onions and

had the snags siz-

zling to perfection,

the coordintator of

the event, Deb

Dodson, arrived

with the bad news that the catering fig-

ures were way off.

Due to the rain in

Bendigo, our biker

fleet was reduced to

a mere 22 riders. The

question arose: what

to do with all the food, as the resourceful GPA crew had catered for 60 individuals with hearty appetites.

Not to be deterred, Sandra and Irene set about asking any passer's by or picnick-

ers in the Reserve if they'd like to also partake at the BBQ feast at competitive prices.

We soldiered on with our preparations. In the distance we heard the rumbling of roadbikes and knew our gang had arrived. They swooped into the carpark in a cacophony of noise, all clad in their leathers.

A dude called "Whitey" who appeared to be the leader apologised for the lack of riders, but also thanked us for our

Guildford Catering Services (l to r) Major S., Thomas R, Fitness I, Franzi J, Major D (front) Wallace D.

efforts. But they all had hearty appetites. So even though there were only 22 and not 60 all was not lost. They put a big dent in our food

supplies and the rest has been frozen for the GPA Christmas party.

As Whitey and the gang prepared to leave, the heavens opened and the rain began. It was a soggy bunch who were left to clean up and pack away.

My thanks go to my co-workers who did such a wonderful job on the day; Jim, Pam, Sandra, Irene, Carol, Robyn, Deb, Doug, and Andrew.

Whitey and the gang all commented that they'd never had a ride before that was so well catered. Perhaps we'll get a regular David Wallace gig with them?

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## Redden reports in to Progress



One would have thought that a visit from our esteemed councillor Michael Redden at the November Progress Meeting might have pulled a few more heads. In the end it was the core group of usual suspects who did eventually turn up.

Mike gave the group a briefing on some of the Council initiatives coming up that are going to be of benefit to Guildford.

The key program being the Mt Alexander Local Community Action Plan, which we featured in the last issue of *The Globe*. Guildford will be in the second wave of towns starting in twelve months. A meeting will be called for locals to put forward your ideas on what we need in Guildford in the way of infrastructure, capital works, community ideas and initiatives.

He also mentioned a \$2 million fund for the building and upgrade of bike and walking tracks throughout the shire.

### Bus!

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Hold on a minute: Didn't we have a meeting way back in March to discuss these very issues?

As you can see by the top picture Campbells Creek not only has a bus service but it also travels Chewton, Harcourt, Taradale and Maldon.

So, isn't the simple solution to extend the bus service to Campbells Creek through to Guildford.

If it were that easy.

What should be noted is there are two issues at stake with the bus situation. One is the plan to organise a community bus which would be available for groups to utilise as needed. The other is the public transport situation with respect to a regular bus service between Guildford and Castlemaine.

Considering the latter, Geoff Hansford, depot manager of Castlemaine Buslines told us that Guildford, as is Newstead, is out of their zone as per the second picture.

"The Guildford/Castlemaine connection is operated by Vline," he said, "and for us to service Guildford we would have to share the route, which Vline will not do."

Castlemaine buslines do operate a school bus twice a day from Guildford.

Notwithstanding, there is a report that VLine are going to alter their route by of-

fering to stop and pickup in Campbells Creek and the Castlemaine Market Building in addition to the current Station drop off.

Currently the weekday Vline bus service, picks up outside the General Store at 06.30; 07.20; 10.25; 15.05; and 16.20. However their are only three return trips at 07.25; 13.00 and 20.10. There are two services each way on Saturday and one each way on Sunday. The only drop point being the Castlemaine Station.

According to spokesperson for the Department of Transport, Mount Alexander Shire ran community consultation on local buses earlier this year and provided information to the Department of Transport for consideration.

"The Department will consider the findings as part of its review of the Castlemaine Network," she said.

We are still trying to ascertain the scope and criteria of this review and when and if it will be implemented.

You can pick up a copy of the Bus Survey at the General Store or Post Office. Or download it at www.guildfordglobe.com

If you have any other thoughts, contact Sue Moses, Transport Connections Project Officer, Mount Alexander Shire Council on 5471 1877 or 0458 019 768 Wednesday to Friday or email s.moses@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

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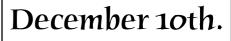
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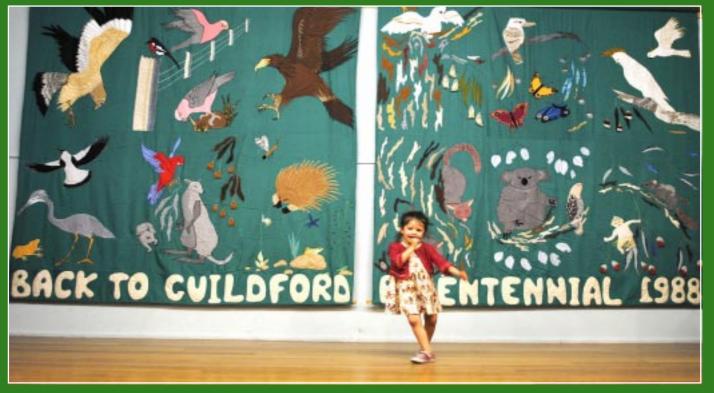
### Christmas Market



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Pam on 5473 4084

# **GUILDFORD BANNERS UNVEILED**



he Bicenntenial Guilddord Banners have been resurrected and now hang, in all their glory, in the Public Hall. The twelve Guildford women who cre-

ated the Banners 23 years ago are Gwen Fairweather, Yvonne Brown, Jackie Tracey, Gwen Clarke, Penny Harding, Josie Philipson, Janet Zepnic, Gail Harris, Elsie Holland, Fran Reed, Irene Fitness and Leslie Yarker.

The Banners were recently found to be in need of some repair and Josie Philipson offered to restore them. The core policy of restoration is to do as much as is needed but as little as possible. This maintains the integrity of the panels as they were made at the time of the Bicentennial. There is a thin line between restoration and remaking and



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Josie has been careful not to overstep that line out of respect for the six women who are no longer with us.

Whilst the Banners have been hung temporarily in the Guildford Hall for the *Home is Where the Hall is* community craft event held on the 5th November, there still needs to be a decision made on a policy of how to permanently maintain this community art project. The Banners can then be used for events such as *The Banjo Jamboree* and *School Concerts*.

We are in discussion with Castlemaine Art Gallery curator, Kirsten McKay as we really need some expert opinion. I have contacted as many members and surviving relatives of the Banner Team to arrange a meeting where we can all discuss the options on



#### Little Zelda on stage at the Hall with the Bicentennial Banner backdrop

how the Banners are to be hung and maintained at an affordable and workable level. I believe that the people and the families that worked on this project as a group 23 years ago may well come up with a solution.

Andrew and I met Greg Edward to work out a practical way to hang and store the banners thus keeping them in good condition. As we were discussing Beris Perry's suggestion that we keep the applique to the outside of the roll (to reduce stress on the stitching) Beris herself turned up to buy a paper and was asked to join us. Greg told us that about 18 months ago he asked a Blind Manufacturer from Maryborough to look at *Continued on page 9* 



# Celebrations set for School's 150th



On Saturday 19th November the Guildford Primary School will be celebrating its 150 Year Anniversary with plans coming along to make it a memorable day for all those who attend.

The day will begin with a parade from the Hall led by that ubiquitous clown, Pockets and his band, a troop of circus performers and accompanied by the CFA and a police escort.

The day's celebrations will include guest speakers, displays and performances by present students with lunch, morning and afternoon tea available.

There will be an official photo shoot to mark the day as well as the burying of a time capsule. During the afternoon there will be old time games. If you have any photos or memorabilia that we can borrow, copy or use for the displays on the day, please drop in and see me at the school, before 8.30am or after 3.30pm.

Any assistance leading up to the event



Whilst dated Circa 1880 I feel that due to number of students it is actually just after 1882. This reflects the change in Victoria's Child Welfare systems when Institutional Care in Melbourne and elsewhere was dismantled in favour of farming children out to families especially in country towns. Information about the history of the Guildford school is a little more difficult.

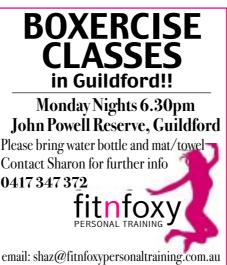
As I know the school was built in 1868 I actually wondered what Anniversary was being celebrated. The main basis seems to be that it is 50 years since we celebrated the 100th Anniversary. Ask anyone what we are actually celebrating and few would know!

When I reviewed readily available local publications and also publications of the Education Department, I found that all of them were largely based on local legend and that no actual research of documents held by Public Records Office appears to have ever been undertaken.

All publications contain errors and are vague on important issues. I have managed to determine that we are celebrating a point of time in the history of schooling in Guildford where an unknown school was accepted under the wing of the Education Department. **Ray Pattle** 

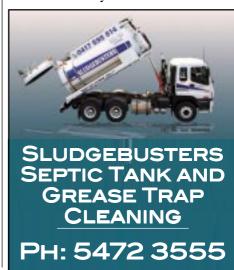
or on the day, would be much appreciated., especially green thumbs who can help us in our garden

There will be a book left at the Post Office for you to register your interest in attending on the day for catering purposes.



Admission is by gold coin donation with free morning and afternoon tea and a range of food items available to purchase for lunch.

For more info contact Dean McLaren Guildford Primary School 5473 4241



#### 8 The Guildford Globe November 2011 ALL ABOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! Ver the last couple of months, the History Solomon was born at Bullarto in 1892 and who later was

collection at the Guildford Public Hall has

Solomon was born at Bullarto in 1892 and who later was to become employed by Victorian Railways with one of his many

been accessed by a number of people res e a r c h i n g their family history.

All have since emailed their thanks for the assistance received forwarding photographs for archiving in the collection along with financial donations in recognition of our help.



postings being Station Master at Guildford during period 1922 - 1926. Solomon had earlier married an Emilie Ann Gilhonie in 1914 and went on to have a number of children at various Railway postings. Our His-

tory Collection was able to supply the researcher

As a typical example, I would like to present one such researcher seeking help on her ancestor, Solomon James Bernard Riley.

A gathering of Guildfordians: (Back row from left) Mr. Riley, M. Togni, G. Franzi, F. Smith, B. McElhinney, V. Delmenico, A. Stevens, A. Reid (Front row) B.Sibberson, P. Franzi, M. Sibberson, O. Franzi, Mrs. Sibberson, Mrs Delmenico, Mrs McElhinney with a number of items that were greatly appreciated and previously unavailable to her:

•Details of Solomon's enlistment with the Railways ie. Commencement

date, position and remuneration etc.

•Extracts from the Guildford School Roll showing enrolment of Solomon's four children.

•Extract from 1926 Electoral Roll listing Solomon as living in Guildford. •Early images of

Guildford •Early and present photographs of the Guildford Railway Station/rem-

nants. •Present day images of the Guildford Railway house and Guildford School

The History Collection was pleased to be able

to add to its archives this marvelous image of Solomon on duty at some unknown railway station possibly in the 1940s.

I feel sure Solomon would have greeted Guildford train travelers with a most agreeable welcome; he certainly looks the perfect Stationmaster!

Armed with this image of Solomon, his physique and jovial face would suggest that he is the Mr Riley at left of rear row in this group photograph held by the History Collection. A copy has been provided to the researcher who enthusiastically agrees.

Ray Pattle on behalf of the Guildford Historical Society



# When the Hall became a Home

In Dunkeld they held a Scone Bake-Off. At the Toongabbie Mechanics Institute a performance of Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit. The Strezlecki Stringbusters (a well-known string band of 14 musicians) will perform at the Clifton Creek Hall. The Benjeroop Hall will have a flood memorial project. Camperdown will host a ball with "100 years of vintage gowns" And the Pomonal Public Hall will have an electricity switch-on re-enactment party and "1960s expo".

These are all part of *Home is Where the Hall Is*, a month long initiative of Regional Arts Victoria aimed at celebrating what local halls mean to their communities

As part of this the Guildford Social Knitworks group hosted an open Community Craft event on Saturday 5th November at the Guildford Community Hall.

The Guildford Community Hall is quite large and we initially wondered how we were going to fill the space. We needn't have worried once our members started to bring their various crafts to teach and put on show.

We opened to the community between 9am and 5pm and there was a steady flow of people wanting to try or just look at the various crafts on offer



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Our lovely old banners were hung as a backdrop and our rugs for the Fistula Clinic in Ethiopia were also on display. We also offered a light lunch ending the day with an evening meal for members, helpers and visitors. People browsed, chatted, caught up, learnt new skills and passed a few on.

As a group we all have our share of the challenges of day to day living and

finding the amount of people to plan and run this event made me so proud

This is the sort of social interaction that makes a community.

Thanks to all of you!

Irene Fitness

email: cycad.7@bigpond.com Read more on *Home is Where the Hall Is* at:: http://www.theage.com.au/ entertainment. Type *call-of-theheartland* into search engine.



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Lyn Rodda shows a little wool

**The Banners** *Continued from page 6* 

the banners. He suggested that a very large roller be used (to reduce stress). Further suggestions from the meeting were that it be permanently stored in a pelmet above the stage and only brought down for dry cleaning purposes. This is still at a discussion stage and we probably need to meet with Josie and the Blind Manufacturer. One positive aspect of the pelmet idea is that the banners will not be stored under the stage where things can inadvertently be put on top of it. Although Greg has had the banners dry cleaned twice over the years, safe storage has been a problem. One negative aspect of the pelmets is the cost, but there is a local interested party that may help us with this. In the meantime the banners have been put up temporarily. If you want to see them, drop into the next Social Knitworks Day at the Hall on Wednesday 16th November.

Irene Fitness

#### Maree Edwards State MP for Bendigo West, including Guildford



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# 10 The Guildford Globe November 2011 Community newspapers. We are not alone. Town, Merier.

For those who may be of the opinion that a small town community newspaper doesn't really matter in the outside world, should think again.

In Victoria, community newspapers as a serious media contender are a growing phenomenon.

In Victoria there are 71 who are members of the Community Newspaper Association representing a combined circulation of over 150,000, more than that of the weekday Age.

The evidence of the health of community newspapers was on show recently at their sixth annual convention, held in Geelong where the editors of most of the CNAV membership came together to network and discuss and share their experiences.

According to outgoing CNAV President Mary Jo Fortuna community newspapers and newsletters are becoming "more visible and recognised as a valuable medium for communication.

"The CNAV has received Invitations for

interviews on ABC Radio are increasing including Centralvic, Drivetime and Macca on Sunday morning.

"With local government bodies encouraging the start-up of new publications all across Australia, villages and towns are producing all manner of periodicals.

"We continue to gain much valuable information about the operation, governance and content of community newspapers from the survey forms we ask new members to complete and continuing members to update as they change in size or scope.

"The data from this research has this year contributed to a presentation taken to Barcelona where delegates from many countries gathered to consider the future of media as we know it. "They were extremely interested in the unique phenomenon of community-owned media in Victoria, Australia, which was put to the conference as an alternative model to fill the gap as the large media corporations decline."















The question arises: What do you call a collection of editors. Especially a mob like this one all gathered in the same place. An Empire of Editors? Perhaps. An Elegy of Editors? Maybe. An Exit of Editors? Has obtuse possibilities. Or the wierd: A Hatchery of Eggitors.



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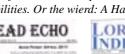
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#### NEWSTEAD ECHO





















The Fable of the hedgehog

t was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died

- The hedgehogs, realising the situation, decided to

group together to keep warm. This way they covered

# Mother, is that a eucalypt in yonder field I see?

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This month, Connecting Country will be running aeucalypt identification workshops in four locations across the Mount Alexander region. The sessions, presented by Greg Guy, a botanist and lecturer from Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE, aim to provide participants with the skills needed to identify some of the common eucalypt species to be found in the region. As well as this each session will provide you with a greater understanding of the life history associated



with this group of iconic local trees.

The workshop format will be a classroom-based discussion on the biology and ecology of our local eucalypts, with a special emphasis on our rare and endangered species. This will be followed by a 'walk and talk' session to identify some local eucalypts in their natural habitat. Participants will be provided with an identification

Guy G. A man and his tree workbook and also a copy of Leon Costermans Trees of Vic-

toria and Adjoining Areas 6th Edition Field Guide.

Each workshop is funded through the Bjarne K Dahl Trust and will be held on Sundays from 1 to 5pm in Castlemaine (Sunday 13th November), Sutton Grange (Saturday 26th November) and Newstead (Sunday 27th November). The cost for the workshop is \$5 per person and afternoon tea will be provided.

Bookings are essential as places are limited so be quick to reserve a spot at info@connectingcountry.org.au or call 5472 1594.

and protected themselves;

die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth. Wisely, the hedgehogs decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with



because of the cold.

but, sadly, the quills of

each one wounded their

After awhile, they

themselves one from the

other and they began to

closest companions.

decided to distance

the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the warmth that came from the others.

This way they were able to survive.

Moral of the story: The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.

#### But, the real moral of this story is..... LEARN TO LIVE WITH THE PRICKS **IN YOUR LIFE.**

Ed: And now a prickly question: How do hedgehogs make love? Answer page 12

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### Organisation Meetings

Progress Association Meeting.Monday 5th Dec Public hall. All welcome 7.00 pm

John Powell Reserve Committee of Management Monday 14th Nov. Pavilion. JP Reserve 7.00pm

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Answer Q. P 11: Very carefully.

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