

# The Guildford Globe

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# Issue 100



## ‘Welcome To Progress’ supper April 7

For over 65 years, Guildford’s Progress Association has helped this town develop and build much of what makes it unique. A group of committed men and women from here and the surrounding areas, who loved this part of the world and could see its potential, has worked throughout those years to create a legacy.

This includes features we might assume have always been here – the

John Powell Reserve was created by Progress, the Community Hall was instigated by Progress, the Big Tree Park, the Avenue of Honour that forms such a wonderful entry to our town – all created by Progress.

There was and still is a lot of pride in these achievements and many of the people we could thank have left us. So

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# Greetings

**W**elcome to the 100th and for this editor, the final issue of *The Guildford Globe*.

I will run occasional on-line updates, but as far as a full-scale internet and print edition, sadly, I will be hanging up my boots.

There may well be a Christmas edition featuring, what has become a Guildford institution, *The Guildford Globe* 'Person of the Year'.

*The Globe* was initiated by Sally Edward in 2006 when was agreed by The Guildford Progress Association in 2006 to act as publisher. It was later taken over by Kirsten Pender and I was installed as editor in May 2011 and have run it until this edition.

I have decided to resign because I simply do not have the energy or intestinal fortitude to run *The Globe* entirely by myself any longer.

*The Globe* requires a minimum of 100+ hours of my time and labour per issue. The energy required to upkeep and maintain such demands have finally started to deplete within me.

Notwithstanding, *The Globe* did have a few regular contributors Ray Pattle, Jacky Rozenfeld, Roger McAuliffe, Brian Adams, Mary Soderiou and Sheree McIvor and to them I offer by heartfelt thanks.

There were other people who offered us valuable stories and to all of you I am eternally grateful.

I would also like to thank our advertisers, without whose help *The Globe* would have not survived this long.

Finally, thanks must go to the Guildford

Progress Association who through thick and thin have stuck by *The Globe*.

This is a small community paper which needs input from the community to survive. I put out pleas on a regular basis but mostly I received little response.

Despite this I endeavoured to make *The Globe* an interesting, entertaining read that reported on the people and happenings around this town as well as standing up for the issues that mattered to Guildford.

I am proud that in 2012 *The Globe* was a finalist in the Victorian Community Newspaper Awards as well as winning the Best News Story (*Truck Outrage* see page 7). *The Globe* also won a Certificate of Appreciation in the International Volunteer Day Awards in December 2013.

What do you put in your 100th and last regular edition. Unfortunately I only have access to the 31 issues I've been editor of and a few published by Kirsten.

So I've included a mix of current news, together with some of my favourite pieces over the past few years. I've also added an update on some stories including a piece, on the National Anthem, from my first issue (no 70).

And not forgetting "Ockatoo" from Roger McAuliffe who has graced the cover of the final *Globe*.

*The Globe* may or may not continue. In the interim I will publish updates on our website ([www.guildfordglobe.com](http://www.guildfordglobe.com)).

Until then, as they say in the trade, "good night and good luck."

Salut

**Rajeev**

## Bill Sampson apology

In the last issue of the *Globe* Bill Sampson was wrongly identified as Bill Sanderson. The *Globe* apologises to Bill for the mistake.

## Market gets the chop

The Guildford Market has been put on hold until further notice.

Market convenor John Burford said that the main reasons were the inability to secure regular stall holders on a quarterly basis and support from the greater Guildford community.

"Most of the newer stallholders expected a larger return on their commitment," he said, "consequently they moved on to markets with more frequency and the opportunity for more commercial gain."

"Thanks to all those regular stallholders and in particular those who have been there since the market started, providing local products as well as a social outlet for the community."

Mr Burford was hopeful that "this important community event can be rejuvenated in the near future."

## Meanwhile, Maldon is booming

More than 3,000 visitors flocked to the Maldon Market last Sunday from all over Victoria and beyond.

Market Coordinator at the Maldon Neighborhood Centre, Alex Fisher, said that the market is going from strength to strength with the March event being the largest so far.

"We have three main things working in our favour," she said, "firstly the market setting is superb with stalls lining historic Fountain Street and into the beautiful Shire Gardens."

"Secondly our stall holders offer really high quality hand made and home grown products and produce and finally, the market offers something for everyone because we have gourmet and fresh food, art and craft and top quality live music."

The next Maldon Market will be held on Sunday 13th April, 2014, from 9am until 2pm.

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# Roadworks imminent

The road on the corner of Midland Highway and Kemps Bridge Road, adjacent to the Public Hall, is being repaired..

This followed a front page story in the last issue of *The Globe*.



At press time markings had appeared on the road readying it for repaving.

M a l K e r s t i n g , Vicroads Regional Director, said that

Vicroads has recently programmed road surface repair works to address the deterioration of the road at the intersection.

"The repair works were planned to begin in March and weather permitting, will be completed by the end of April 2014," he said.

## Car Boot Sale Easter Saturday

The Guildford Recreation Reserve Committee of Management are holding a Car Boot Sale on easter Saturday 19th April 8am start in Reserve St. Guildford

Lots of horse gear, household, plants, farm and other goods available

It will be free entry with sellers paying \$10 for a car and \$15 for a van.

Funds raised will help maintain the reserve. Enquiries can be made to Fran 0411 430 311

# Reprieve for Banjo Jambo

The Banjo Jamboree will go ahead as planned on the weekend of the 19th-21st September.

The chairperson of the Jamboree, Jeanette Gillespie, said this week that they have some large shoes to fill in our organising group and people are still to be found in the months leading up to the Jamboree.

"This year's Guildford Banjo Jamboree has been in limbo due to the retirement of key organisers," she explained, "Annie Wiltshire in particular has been pivotal to the success of the past four Jamborees with her magnificent management and organisational skills. Also Gayle Boyle and Ray Pattle who have been wonderful workers but will no longer be involved on the committee.

"Fortunately those of us who are re-

maining on the committee have managed to recruit some new workers and it appears that we will be able to run the Jamboree again this year. It will be happening on the weekend of the 19th to the 21st of September.

However there are still some organisational gaps, and it would be great to hear from anyone with some time and energy to give." Jeanette said that even if you are not mad about the banjo or the music styles, please consider that the Jamboree is one of the main fundraisers for the CFA, as well as facilities associated with the oval, the hall and the school.

You can contact us at [info@banjojamboree.org](mailto:info@banjojamboree.org) or on 5473 420

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## Shadecloth installed at Reserve

A new shade structure has been erected at the John Powell Reserve.

The structure was commissioned by the John Powell Reserve Committee of Management, in consultation with Council, at a cost of \$5852.00.

A grant of \$3950.00 was obtained from the Australian Government Volunteer Grants 2013 to assist with funding. The Committee funded the bal-



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## Towers up and running

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And they were erected with nary a protest.

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The towers promise speeds up to 25mbps which in truth isn't much faster than you are getting now.

One thing is certain, we are ahead of Castlemaine which doesn't look like being hooked up for a couple of years.

## Engine rally full steam ahead

It's coming up to April and that means it's time for the Vintage Engine Rally.

This year will be the 18th and will be held on the John Powell Reserve on Saturday and Sunday 18th and 19th April.

This years feature engine and tractor being John Deere.

Stallholders sites available for \$5.00, contact Laurie on 0427 349 165 or Graham on 5476 2581 or visit [www.mavec.net](http://www.mavec.net).



## The Great Guildford Flood of 2010

Didn't it rain?

Guildford in flood. It was November 2010 and the front and second pages of *The Globe* had

the great photos of the town under water.

Some houses in low lying

areas were inundated, others were rewarded with water views.

Given the current climate one wonders when or if, it will come again.

## Changes to bus timetable

There haven't been many passengers on the bus from Guildford and they have changed the times in order to better meet people's needs.

It will still come through Guildford on Thursdays to Castlemaine and stop at the General Store as per the timetable but on Wednesdays the Maryborough bus will only come if someone has booked. The bus will collect them from their home or the General Store which ever suits



## Welcome to Progress

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perhaps it's time for those of us who share their love of this place to carry on the good work.

We're not talking about around the clock working bees but making an major input into what is needed to keep this town and the region great.

Let's stand on the shoulders of the ones who've gone before us and show that their efforts were not in vain.

Everyone in Progress would like to invite you to join us for the next meeting on Monday, April 7th at 7.00 in the anteroom attached to the Community Hall. Come and see how you might be able to contribute as a member and supporter.

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## Fire Crew Safety Retrofit-Tanker 1

At last, Guildford RFB fire fighters have their beloved Tanker 1 back at the fire station following a major retrofit that provides long awaited enhanced crew protection.

In the past, in the case of a 'burn over', crew in the cabin relied solely on the protection provided by bedding down under a thick woolen blanket. Crew on the back sat on a bench seat under the ROPS (Roll Over Protection Structure), once again covered by a blanket, with crew members holding hoses that provided spray coverage over the rear of the tanker. Guildford had the added resource of their own clown to lift morale.

The attached image provides a glimpse of some of the improvements provided by the recent retrofit.

The cabin has been fitted with pull down reflective blinds, and surplus cabin windows at rear of driver/crew have been covered with permanent reflective sheeting.

The ROPS shown in the image is manually telescopic and can double in size. Once extended, an aluminium reflective shutter can be pulled down, securing the crew inside. Radio communication between cabin and ROPS has also been provided.

Once everybody has been secured, a permanently fitted sprinkler system can be deployed covering the whole vehicle in a mist of water.

In addition to these Crew Safety features

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## John Powell get water refund

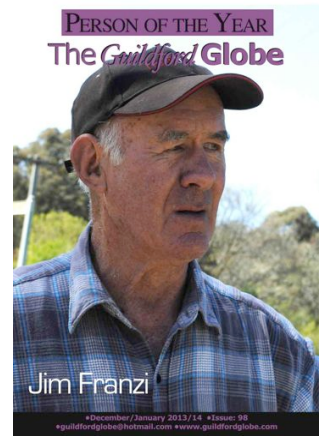
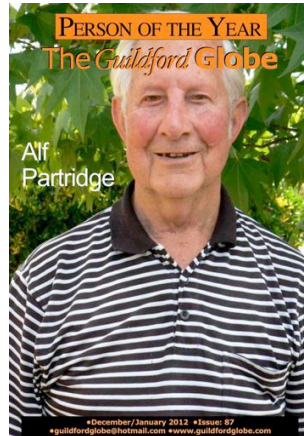
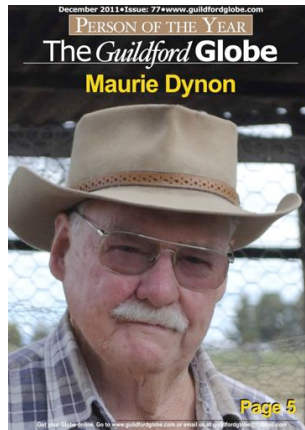
The John Powell Reserve Committee has received a water refund from The Mount Alexander Council

Brian Adams said that in addition to water consumption at the Oval, the John Powell water bill has always included water consumed at Big Tree Park but recent changes to JPR jurisdiction remove the obligation to pay for Big Tree park water. "As a goodwill gesture Council has agreed to reimburse JPR the sum of \$2568.99, being expenditure for the past five years," he said, "This is a great help to the committee in meeting recent heavy increases in water charges."

"Cr. Redden's help in initiating this gesture is much appreciated by the committee."



# Persons of the Year



In 2011 we instituted our inaugural Person of the Year.

It is awarded to that person who selflessly gives to the town without the expectation of reward. That person who will turn up when needed to help, fix, or assist in whatever task is at hand.

It is voted on by you, the readers of the Guildford Globe and hopefully the tradition can linger.

The three winners so far are 2011, Maurie Dynon, 2012, Alf Partridge and 2013, Jim Franzi.

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# BOOMTOWN!

### All over Guildford, they're building, buying & selling

When you weren't looking, it appears to be happening all over town: properties on the market, houses being built, land being sold.

It gives the impression that Guildford has been discovered and over the coming months we will see a whole lot of new blood moving in.

There are currently nine houses for continued on page 6

House on one acre, Fryers Street opposite the Big Tree \$350,000

House for sale, Fryers Street next to Public Hall \$207,000

Trucked in, Little Fryer Street

Recently completed, Francis Street

Land sold, New house planned, Franklin Street

Slab down, Construction imminent, Franklin Street

Materials have been delivered, Construction soon, Franklin Street

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In May, 2012, it certainly looked that way with property on the rise and much activity was in the air.

Three years ago, there was plenty of land for sale and then a few months later there was virtually none. People started to build or had houses trucked in. As well as this there were many on the market.

Today there is relatively little and we hear that it is now a sellers market. That's of course if you want to sell.

But things change.

We hear rumours that over the next six months a number of properties will be on the market...if the price is right.

## The Guildford Globe

### Editor

The Guildford Globe is a monthly periodical that circulates through Guildford, Castlemaine, Campbells Creek, Newstead and other areas.

The current Editor is retiring after three years in the position and therefore, we are looking for someone to fill this challenging role.

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# Guildford. The place for music

If Guildford is known for anything it is as somewhat a music centre.

Whether it's the long running folk club at the pub to the Banjo Jamboree, it is rare you'll walk the streets of Guildford without hearing the sweet sounds of a harmonica wailing or a guitar picking.

Here are some pictures to remind you.



One of our favourite front pages taken at 2012 Banjo Jamboree (left) of the musical bear struttin' his stuff. Not to be deterred he turned up for another serve in 2013. To the right are some shots from the streets, where the very essence of the Jamboree lies.



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Below are some shot of a World Music Day held in the grounds of the Pub. It was highly successful but alas, it proved to be only a one off.





# The walking/cycling track

Is it going ahead or isn't it?

We ran this pic on the front page in February 2012 with the Mount Alexander Council saying they had \$800,000 put aside for it.

Things have changed slightly after they looked at sections of the track and what it would take.

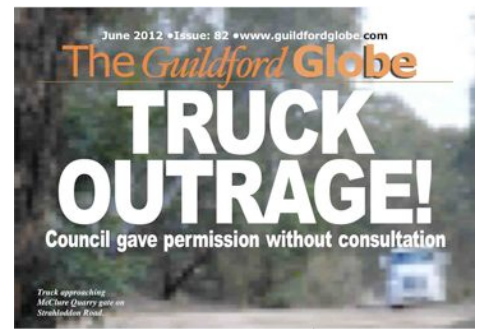
However, the Lord Mayor, Cr Michael Redden told *The Globe*, that a plan to build the track from Guildford to Castlemaine is definitely on the cards.



"It would be more viable," he said, "with a path from here to Castlemaine rather than Newstead."

"The Newstead path would go through Muckleford to Maldon and connect up with the Maldon/Castlemaine track."

It's just a different way



The residents of Guildford have had enough.

The relentless traffic of big trucks through town is creating havoc, and the blame can be laid fairly at the feet of the Mt Alexander Shire Council.

Originally the trucks actually went through Yapeen and via the back road to most trucks travelling the Midland Highway could not fit under the railway bridge until it was extended.

However, last year the Guildford quarry owned by Bendigo Washed Sands (Malcolm McChesney Pty Ltd), applied to the council for a variation to the regulation to allow them to operate a larger truck, at the time not specifically allowed on Fyres Road.

The application was heard at the Mt Alexander Council meeting on 26th July 2011.

Council were noticeably asked by BWS to "consider and determine on an application from Bendigo Washed Sands for the operation of an over-dimensional vehicle on designated local roads."

It was revealed at the meeting that twelve months prior, Bendigo Washed Sands upgraded their fleet to include a truck and trailer combination, with an overall length of 19.6m. The trailer has four axles to increase the load capacity (legal limit) and has an increased length to cater for the extra load capacity.

It should be noted that trucks that are less than 19 metres overall length can legally operate on any road under the Road Safety Regulations, unless otherwise signed. However, as this vehicle exceeds 19m, it is classified as an over-dimensional vehicle and requires a permit to operate.

A report tabled at the meeting from the quarry operator indicates that the "majority of the complaints are associated with other vehicles utilising the gravel pit, not the Bendigo Washed Sands vehicle associated with this application. While residents concern need to be addressed, it is considered that the current application will

have minimum impact on local amenity as it is a single vehicle that will access the quarry 4 times each day (8 trips). If the use of a larger vehicle is not approved the business would have to undertake additional trips to move the same amount of material as a smaller vehicle."

BWS appears to have written around the Council by suggesting that "if the Council refuse to consent to the permit being issued for the vehicle to use the local roads this may have a significant financial impact on the business operations."

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Up for a joyride, rebellious local denizens figure out how to harness the B Double

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The trucks came and wreaked their havoc.

There was little that we could do but complain and even that fell on deaf ears.

Our front page of our June 2012 issue highlighted the plight with the trucks heading up to the quarry run by Bendigo Washed Sands and the Council operation at Tarilta.

As one resident said "it's either road degradation, the "cowboy" driving behaviour of some of the truck drivers or the noise. I'm not sure there's a lot the residents of Guildford can change at this stage".

Thankfully the amount of trucks has dies down but we are still waiting on Vicroads to repair the road at the corner of the highway and Kemps Bridge road.

This piece won the Victorian Community Newspaper Association Best News Story of 2012.

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## Fire Safety Retrofit

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the opportunity was taken to provide other welcome improvements such as new tyres all round, new fire hose reels etc.

Tanker 1 has been in action several times since the retrofit and is performing magnificently albeit thankfully without the need to test the crew safety enhancements. - Guildford Brigade has insisted on retaining the clown!

It is hoped that our Guildford Brigade Tanker 2 will similarly undergo this important retrofit in the not too distant future.

## Guildford RFB-Fire Call Outs

Many readers will know that the Guildford Brigade has been very busy during the current Fire Restriction Period that commenced 2 Dec. 2013.

A quick check of our fire report documentation shows that the brigade has attended over 20 incidents in the three months since restrictions were announced. Some of these fires involve travelling far from home (Emu / Dunolly the furthest!), a number require both Guildford Tankers in attendance, and again, a number require us to man day and night shifts.

The Gisborne / Riddells Creek fires proved to be the biggest draw on our volunteers efforts and it was a thrill to all, that despite many close calls, Guildford and its other Newstead Group brigades did not lose one single house of the numerous that they were charged with protecting.

Fires are still occurring all too regularly and conditions are still severe, so please continue to be careful.

## Please keep clear - even if it is a Roller

Residents who park and leave their cars directly in front of the Fire Station whilst collecting their mail from the Post Office are of significant concern to Brigade Officers.



Fires do happen during Post Office hours and as we only have six minutes to get out the door, anything could happen during the scramble!

These three Rolls Royce vehicles spotted on Labour Day Weekend prove the point, however, I don't believe Guildford residents were involved in this instance!

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# MOTIVES FOR A MURDER

*Jacky Rozenfeld has been a regular contributor to our pages with her offbeat poetry, often looking at the trials and tribulations of life. Here's one we haven't published*

In sadness do I share this tale of killing based on hate,  
Unsure of if I'd turn back time though now it's much too late.  
I knew the loathsome feelings that I held would not abate,  
And just how wrong it was for me, determining her fate.

I really tried to come to view her with, more open mind,  
Despite my nat'ral bias as I'd never liked her kind.  
I kept away as best I could, aware we weren't aligned,  
It's true to say her attributes for me, were hard to find.

As time passed by, her frequent presence, irked me to the core.  
My obvious antipathy each time she reached my door,  
I could no longer hide nor take her horrid visits more,  
It came to be civility was known to me, no more.

Then finally the day it came, she really crossed the line,  
Insisting that my home she share, she wanted what was mine.  
In vain I tried to remonstrate and beg she read the signs,  
Of all the anguish that she caused me all those many times.

I tried to show compassion and to think how she must feel,  
What justified her willingness, my peace of mind to steal.  
So conscious as she moved around, my growing fear was real,  
And even more so when I watched her eat each ghastly meal.

Then yesterday to my dismay, I saw her sip my cider,  
No time I lost, a tome applied, 10 inches maybe wider,  
And then too late to change my mind I could but only hide her,  
The flattened body of my guest, that  
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# The search for Guildford took us to Western Australia, then to the UK and on to NSW, then to British Columbia and down to Tasmania and finally we ended up in.. **Guildford Lane, Melbourne**



Guildford Lane is located in the block between Queen, Elizabeth, Little Lonsdale and La Trobe streets. It extends east from Queen Street to Sutherland Street, intersecting with Flanigan Street.

Several buildings on Guildford Lane have been listed on the Victorian Heritage Inventory as significant historical sites. These buildings include commercial properties and manufacturing and processing buildings which were first occupied in as early as 1905.

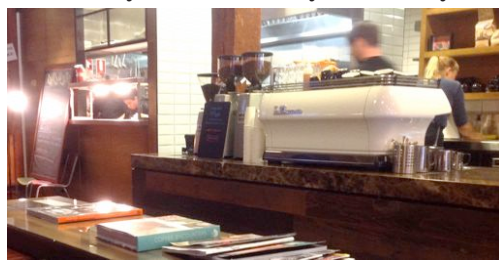
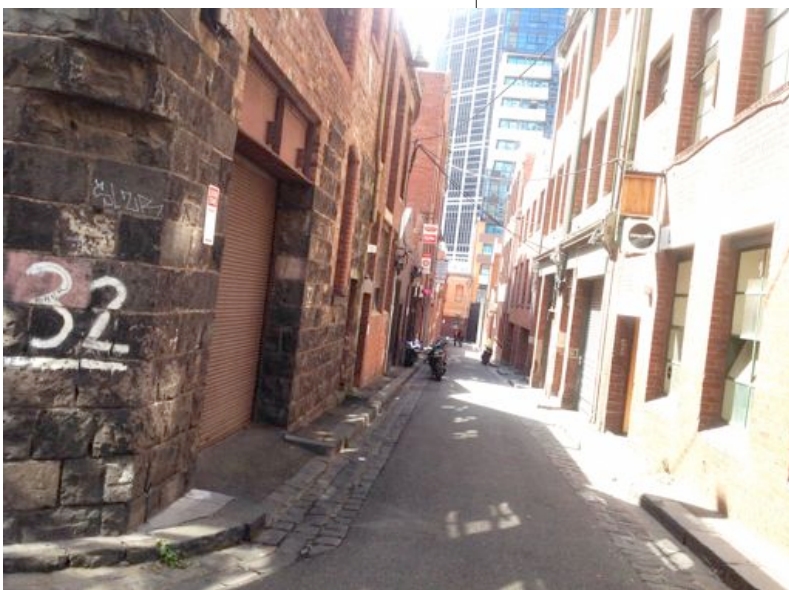
A private residence at number 32-34, and a stable located at number 1-5 are also recorded on the Heritage Inventory, their first documented occupation dating to 1880.

In addition to commercial and manufacturing businesses, Guildford Lane was the home to several food related businesses. In 1920, the Chocolate Bowl Confectionery Company occupied premises on the north side of the lane. In 1911, a request was made to the City Solicitor to take proceedings against several fruit hawkers who called Guildford Lane home.

Today, it houses many urban city dwellers which

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# ADVANCE AUSTRALIA...WHERE?

## Has our National Anthem reached it's use by date?

*In Issue No 70 of May 2011 we questioned whether or not our national anthem was really true to our hearts, given that relatively few of us actually know the words. Here is that report.*

On the 13th October in 2010 when 33 Chilean miners finally emerged from their 69 days trapped underground they, along with their President, sang their national anthem with great gusto. Every January at the US Superbowl football final the crowd, with hands on hearts, stood and sing as one, their national anthem. At any given excuse the French will belt out a rousing version of their anthem *La Marseillaise*.

The commonality between these and most other nations is that their citizens all know the words to their national songs.

But, when it comes to our national anthem, *Advance Australia Fair* most of us don't know the words. This was exemplified in the April 2011 edition of the *Globe* when they were included for all those who attended the Anzac Day dawn service. Lest we forget.

So, why is it we cannot remember the words to our own national anthem? We certainly know the words to the British one. Mainly because it used to be ours.

Is it because we simply don't really connect or relate with it? Do we really rejoice because we're young and free? Does this sentiment remain, the older we get?

"We've golden soil and wealth and toil, Our home is girt by sea"

A homily that is virtually meaningless in the scheme of things. Of course the second verse (which is actually verse 3) is pure mockery given the current political climate: "To make this Commonwealth of ours/Renowned of all the lands/For those who come across the seas/We've boundless plains to share". It is these words that make our national anthem virtually irrelevant and a relic of times past. After all *Advance Australia Fair* was composed over 139 years ago by a Scot, Peter Dodds McCormick and first performed at a St. Andrews Day concert of the Highland Society of Sydney on 30th November 1878. Is it any wonder it has the ring of being in the past tense?

Probably one of the reasons *Advance Australia Fair* remained in contention is that it was sung by a 10,000 strong choir at the Inauguration of the Commonwealth on 1st January 1901. In 1907, the Government decided to award McCormick £100 for his contribution, little did he realise that it would still be sung a century later.

Changing our anthem was one of the tenets of the Whitlam Government and in 1974 they instituted a National Anthem Quest. Some 1400 entries were received for lyrics and 1200 for the music with a \$5,000 prize. Needless to say, none of these cut the mustard and the powers that be at the time, finally settled on three possible choices, *Song of Australia*, *Waltzing Matilda* and *Advance Australia Fair*. A public opinion poll was conducted of 60,000 respondents and *Advance Australia* won with 51.4% of the vote. In 1984 it was proclaimed our national anthem by the then Governor General, Sir Ninian Stephen. As an aside, on the same day, green and gold were named our national colours.

*Advance Australia Fair* has actually five verses some of which are truly cringe worthy. "Her sons in fair Australia's land/Still keep a British soul" "From England, Scotia, Erin's Isle/Who come our lot to share," or "When gallant Cook from Albion sail'd/To trace wide oceans o'er/True British courage bore him on/Till he landed on our shore/Then here he raised Old England's flag/The standard of the brave/With all her faults we love her still/Brittannia rules the wave! / In joyful strains then let us sing/Advance Australia Fair!"

One could say that *Advance Australia Fair* is a dirge whose time has come. As with all great songs it needs a hook, an aspect that resonates. A vibration that one feels in one's gut. And sadly, it delivers on none of these points.

The song that does resonate is, of course, Bruce Woodley's *I Am Australian*. Former premier Jeff Kennett floated the idea that perhaps an updated proclamation might be in order. More of us know the lyrics to Woodley's song than our current national anthem probably thanks, in part, to Telstra, who have used it in their advertising for many years. But *I Am Australian* is a much more modern anthem, sung in just about every school and one that unlike *Advance Australia Fair* does have that invisible hook.

Maybe next Anzac Day we could be a bit radical here in Guildford and sing a new refrain. After all, "I am, you are, we are Australian."



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# Q: What do you do with a big beetroot?

Back in April 2012 we ran a front page story on Victor Rodda and his gigantic beetroot.

It weighed in at 1.9 kilos

Beetroot seems to grow well here in Guildford and as one local suggested we could erect a Big Beetroot structure as a tourist attraction similar to the Sunshine Coast's Big Pineapple or Bowen's Big Mango or Ballina's Big Prawn.

As we remarked at the time, entrepreneur Dick Smith, who runs a food company these days, bought a crop of beetroot from a farmer who was having difficulty selling it. Then he found the big two supermarkets weren't interested and was left with 100,000 cans. Had to give them away.

Anyway, give the soup a try, you won't be disappointed.



## A: Turn it into a soup.

### Rajeev's Borscht

#### Ingredients

- One very large beetroot (see picture) or three to six regular ones
- Two to three onions
- Half cup lemon juice
- 250 mls Sour cream or plain yoghurt
- salt and pepper
- Three litres water

Fill a soup pot with the water. Trim the ends off the beet-roots and cut into quarters placing them in water along with peeled and quartered onions. Add salt and pepper to taste and bring to boil. Once boiling, turn down heat and simmer. After two hours turn off heat and allow to stand overnight. When cooled remove beetroots and peel the skins.

Place beetroots, cooked onion and cream or yoghurt in a blender and blend until pureed. Add mixture back into soup.

Add lemon juice and stir.

Chill.

You can reheat or serve cold with a dollop of sour cream. If served heated you can add boiled potatoes.

# The day a film crew came to Guildford

It was in May 2012 when Guildford was the centre of the world...well almost.

Actually it was a TV commercial for KR Castlemaine and in the scheme of things it was big. Our town was descended upon by trucks, cameras, dollies and crew.

It was a promotion for their relationship with the Country Womens Association as well as promoting a new range of healthier chicken and ham. What they needed was a small town hall and Guildford's Public Hall fitted the bill.





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## Organisation Meetings

Progress Association Meeting .  
Monday 7th April  
Guildford Public Hall.  
All welcome 7.00 pm.  
John Powell Reserve  
Committee of Management Monday  
8th May .Pavilion JP  
Reserve 7.00pm

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Castlemaine 10.15  
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## Groups

Social Networks (Craft)  
Saturday 5th April 10.30am  
Public Hall.  
And thereafter the first  
Saturday of the month

## Classes

Clogging (tap dance with a difference) for health, fitness and fun. Tues 2-4pm and Wed 6.30-8.30pm Senior Citizens Daylesford. Lorene 0427 051 361  
Tai Chi for Arthritis with Teresa Fridays 10-11 in the Hall Details: 5473 4180  
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