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Beware: The Wind Turbines

200 Baringhup residents met a few weeks back to discuss the proposal to put wind farms across the Mount Alexander Shire.

Wind farms are fast becoming the environmental solution that turns in on itself. They are believed to produce noise, vibrations, electrostatic energy and nose bleeds among other things.

According to activist Alanna Moore. "It had to be the most highly controlled meeting I have ever been to with the rules continually being changed.

"So many lies espoused by the stony faced windies, they had "more front than Woolworths". They kept mentioning walking away if there is a ma-

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NBN on hold

A decision on the NBN towers in Harcourt and Faraday has been deferred by the Mt Alexander Council.

The Guildford matter will come before the Mt Alexander Council in the next fortnight.

A letter sent by Council to Senator

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The 50kph stoush

The 50kph zone controversy deepened this week when it moved from beyond just the noise factor to the S-Bend on the southern approach to town.

See Page 4

The Bridge



It's time to put it to work

It's worth a lot of money, our bridge.

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to Guildford sign is not that hard.

As well as this, for special events such as the Market, the Banjo Jambo-ree and the Vintage Engine Rally it would be obvious.

We've included some examples throughout the issue.

So let's see what can be done. Perhaps the idea could be planted as part of the Guildford Community Planning Day on 22nd April.

When approached with the idea this week, Mayor Michael Redden welcomed it.

"I think it would really benefit the town as well as helping to promote local events," he said.

We just have to identify the right authority in order to get permission to actually paint the bridge.

Shop. Pub. On the market *Page 3*



Greetings

Lots of comings and goings and all that lies in between this week.

The area is rife with controversy and there isn't a day that goes by when another won't creep up on us.

The NBN debate rolls on and with our friends in Baringhup, they have wind towers to contend with.

NBN tower

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Stephen Conroy has been unanswered, probably due to bigger problems than Guildford. Another letter sent to local member Steve Gibbons has resulted in two cancelled meetings. However in a phone conversation with the Shire mayor, Cr. Michael Redden it was reiterated that the Council still had to make a determination.

As a stand alone tower there appears to be nothing that can be done, but taken in context of the other health concerns around mobile phones, smart meters and the like perhaps a case can be drawn.

The fact that Guildford can't get fibre optics cable when it is within the Castlemaine/Campbells Creek area is one which we have yet to figure out. Especially when the towers don't deliver much more speed than we are currently getting.

Needless to say the jury is still out but we don't hold much hope.

From being a saviour to the growing calls for a sustainable alternative wind farms have turned to become a menace to society.

And what of the 50kph zone? From where we sit the big trucks and increased traffic volume, along with Vicroads, are winning. But this fight isn't over yet. On page 4 and 5 we detail the latest movement as well as a breakdown of the S-Bend.

Speaking of page 4, it's good to see Roger McAuliffe back in these pages along with an overview of his new book. See page 9.

And with all the talk of how we can improve our town, we thought we

would throw one in with the utilisation of the Bridge. Let us know what you think.

Also a trip back to the goldmines with a couple of early photos that remind us of the way Guildford used to be.

There is also news of a raffle to win the print as seen in the centre pages. A must for any wall.

This issue is a little early this month as I am off next week for a month. The next Globe will be out around mid May.

Enjoy this issue,

Rajeev

Meanwhile back to that road



The state of the road intersection in Guildford's CBD has been the butt of much local comment and criticism.

The attached image from the History Collection held in the Guildford Public Hall will remind concerned residents that things have actually been worse!

Note the absence of trees around Russell Square and how exposed 'Tara' is to the township.

Ray Pattle-Guildford Historical Collection

It's a pity they didn't have the foresight back then to build the road straight through rather than create the S-Bend or better still bypass the town centre. But then again there appears to be no cars and for that matter, trucks. ED. Report page 4

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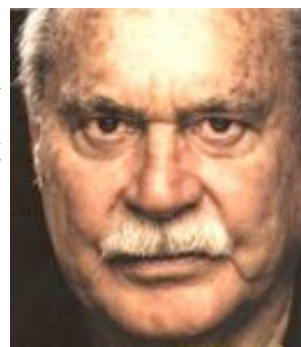
Trevor and Hilary have been run-

ning a wine bar on a couple of nights a week and offering a takeout meal every Friday.

Over at the Guildford Hotel, Terry echoes these sentiments.

He took over the pub last August.

Ron Barassi Way



First the TV program *Where did you come from?* Then the book. And not forgetting the stage show. What is there left for Ronald Dale Barassi football legend?

How about the street?

Yes folks, plans are afoot to rename Frysers Road, Ron Barassi Way.

The idea has been floating for some time but an approach to council would probably get a positive response.

It would be a good thing to have a part of this town named after the great man, after all he hailed from Guildford.

The road renaming needs Council approval so we will watch this one.

Vintage Engine Show

The Vintage Engine Rally is gearing up to roll into town in a couple of weeks.

The Show will be held on the John Powell Reserve Saturday and Sunday 13th & 14th April.

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50kph zone debate rages

The push for a 50kph limit in Guildford intensified this week with the focus shifting from the noise factor to the S-bend.

Some are calling for a slowing down to 40kph.

But not only is the speed limit being reduced overall, there is not even one on the actual bend.

It has arisen that the road is particularly dangerous in the rain as exemplified by a recent downpour.

Terry Douglas, licensee of the Guildford Hotel, says that cars are swerving round the corner as drivers brake to avoid collision.

"I see them coming around backwards", he says, "one car did a 360 degree turn and was extremely lucky not to hit something."

"A few weeks ago a couple of girls came down and ended up in the chasm alongside the the Reserve".

This was concurred by long time local Jim Franzi.

"I can tell you that there have been many a time I have had to go and help out," he said, "if you don't know what's ahead or get distracted for a split second, you could be in trouble."

"There is no doubt that speed is the factor and now with the extra trucks it is

a crash looking for somewhere to happen."

All we got from Vicroads is ambivalence.

They were disappointed with the article in the last Globe.

According to Mal Kersting, VicRoads Regional Director, VicRoads regularly visits this location to monitor its safety and operation and is very familiar with the traffic operations within the town.

"Many requests for reductions to speed zones are received," explained Mr Kersting, "each is considered against the Speed Zone Guidelines, including the length and size of a shopping precinct near the road, the types of vehicles using the road, the existing speed limit near the location, as well as the pedestrian related crash history."

He dismissively pointed out that during the five year period ending December 2012 there were no pedestrian related traffic incidents in Guildford.

"Currently, the Guildford precinct does not meet the criteria for reducing the speed zone to 50 km/h; based on this, no immediate changes to the speed zone are necessary."

"VicRoads will continue to monitor



the safety and operation of this location."

We aren't too sure when Mr. Kersting actually came to town but it was obviously under cover of darkness as no one was informed, contacted or notified.

A blind man would note that there is something intrinsically wrong with the road and we demand that something is done about it.

Rumours are afoot that a meeting with the council about this and other roads in the area are afoot.

But judging by Mr. Kersting's response it is unlikely.



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So a truck will change down, and up and down and who knows what else. And the build up in accompanying noise is growing by the day.

But, hey...there's been no pedestrian incident. Come on Mr. Kersting...give us a break.



Cricket print raffle

It came to the attention of a number of Guildford folk on a visit to Daylesford.

There in the Rex Arcade was a print of a painting of cricket being played in Guildford.

It was painted by local artist Brian Nash.

A framed print was commissioned and the ensuing scene could be hanging on someone's wall if their number is drawn in a gigantic raffle.

We publish it here to whet your appetite.

The scene depicts a game of cricket being played on the John Powell Reserve, more than likely on a Saturday afternoon.

The Raffle will run till Christmas and drawn at the annual Guildford Christmas Party.

Howzat?



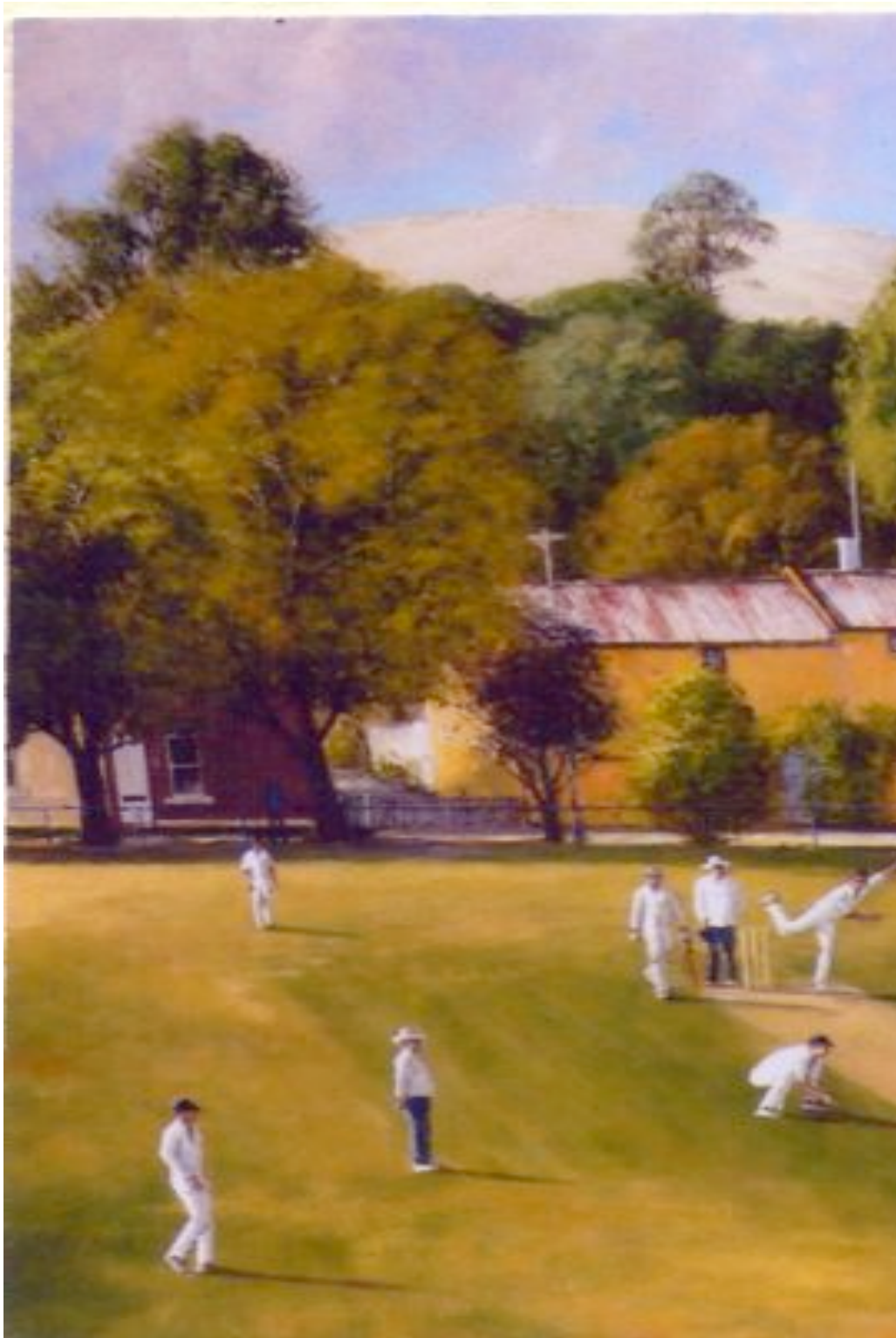
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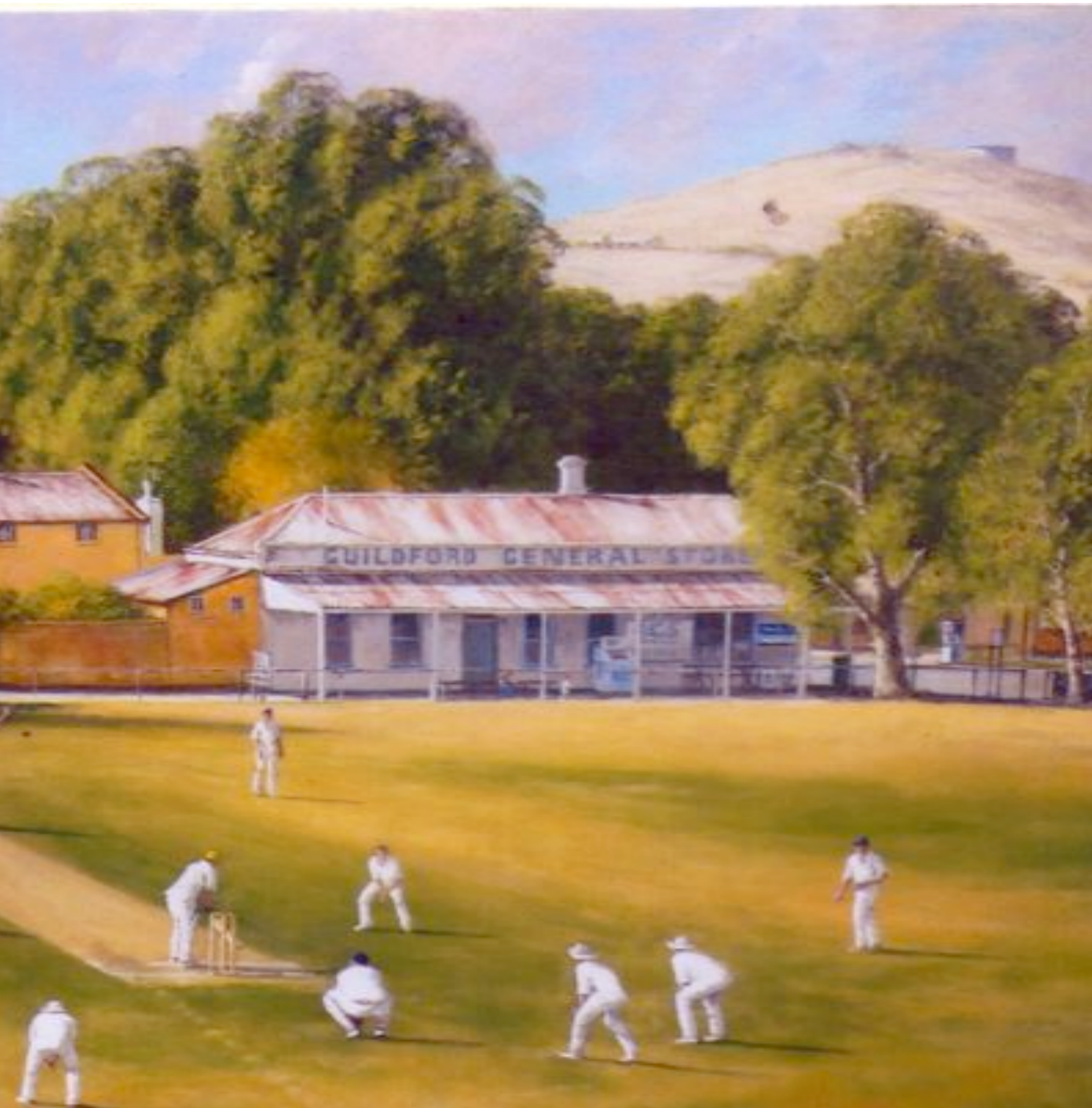
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TO PUDDLE OR NOT TO PUDDLE

This picture of two Puddling machines, supplied by Peter Thompson has drawn widespread speculation amongst the community as to their origins.

A Google search for 'Guildford Plateau Mine' leads one to believe that whilst many mines existed on the Guildford Plateau, they all appear to be operated by 'Guildford Plateau Gold Mining N/L.

The Argus Newspaper 26 February 1934 gives a Financial Report for Guildford Plateau Gold-Mining N/L in which it mentions a contract being let for supply of two Puddlers.

Whilst many mine shafts may have been present on the Plateau, it is my guess that the quartz from each would be carted to a central battery or puddling machine ie. there was probably only the one such plant on the Plateau.

There is some thought that a Puddler would have to be located near a water supply ie Loddon River for the boilers. However, I note in the above Argus article that they were always pumping water from the mines, so possibly this water was used up on the Plateau!

The second image, supplied by 'History Collection held at Guildford Public Hall, is of the Guildford Plateau Mine circa 1933 - 1939. If you look closely to the left and lower down from the central shelter, you can see a reflection of a circular shape. This appears to be a puddling machine (possibly one of a pair!) and the positioning judging from the surrounding woodwork is similar to



Puddling Machines At Guildford Plateau '1930'

that in the other image.

The History Collection also holds a close-up image of the same structure that has a scribbled comment 'Mine behind Oxley's, Guildford Rd. Strangways'.

So this appears to be the location of the puddling machine and as such it does look as though the puddling machines were drawing on water supplied from the Loddon.

In his reminiscences of Guildford, Frank Passalacqua, (Globe-February 2012) talked of the mine and how it was closely associated with many



Guildford Plateau Mine 1933-1939.
Manager M. King

of the Guildford people. He said the mine was not very profitable only pulling around 25oz a week until it was finally closed.
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Aussie movie star recommends his dad's novel

Former Guildford resident and *Globe* cartoonist (he has drawn one for this issue page 4) Roger McAuliffe has just written a book for kids entitled *The Bookworms*.

Among others the book has been endorsed by the author's son Callan McAuliffe who is due to appear in the upcoming Hollywood blockbuster *The Great Gatsby*, where he plays the young version of Leonardo Di Caprio's Jay Gatsby.

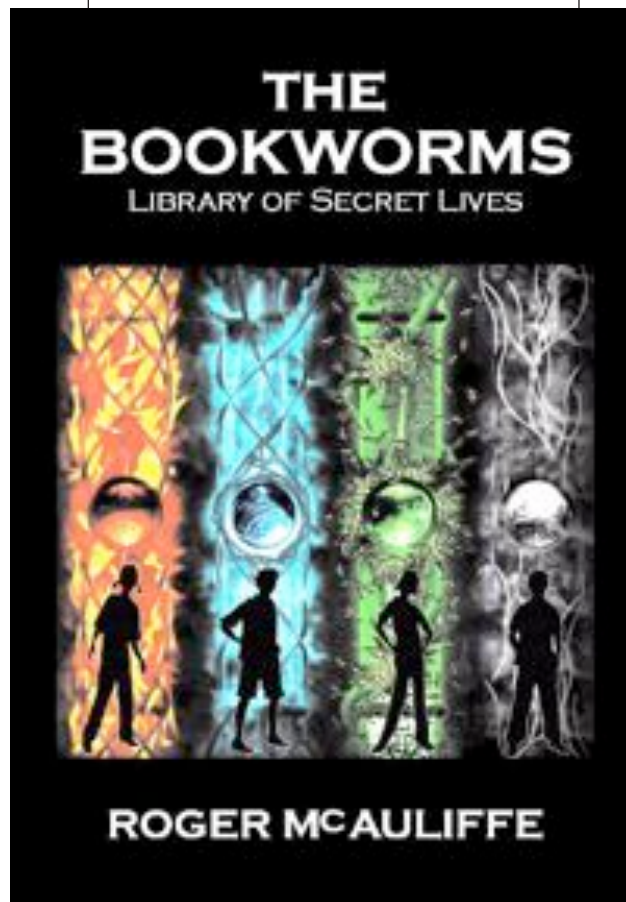
McAuliffe is currently in Johannesburg South Africa co-starring with Samuel L Jackson in *KITE*, a live-action remake of the Japanese anime film of the same name.

'I'm really excited about the publication of my dad Roger McAuliffe's new novel, *The Bookworms*,' the actor said. 'It's an awesome book that will appeal to readers between about 9 and 14 years old.'

'It's a fantasy adventure about four unusual young teenagers in a strange and mysterious library. In there they discover a weird world of reincarnation, mutant worms and freaky visitors from the pages of history.'

The young actor contributed a lot to the book when his father was writing

the early drafts. 'I originally wrote *The Bookworms* for Callan when he was about 12 years old,' McAuliffe senior said. 'He had a wonderful imagination



and loved reading ... and still does. He gave me some great ideas for the book, and was the first person to read the finished manuscript. He also contributed some last-minute suggestions that im-

proved the final result immeasurably.'

Roger McAuliffe says his son was an excellent reader from a very young age, and loved books. According to his father, Callan is also an aspiring writer himself and is currently working on a book of his own.

'He's a constant inspiration to me,' McAuliffe senior said. 'In fact, without his recent enthusiasm and urging, *The Bookworms* would never have seen the light of day.'

The book concerns the mysterious Bio Library which contains only biographies. Four unusual young teenagers spend every spare second they have in the library. There they discover a weird world of reincarnation, mutant worms and freaky visitors from the pages of history.

The four teens, Lani, Luke, Pepper and Pablo, are from different parts of the world. Each has an odd characteristic they have tried to keep secret because it makes them a target for bullies.

But they also discover their strange attributes give them each a special power that would frighten bullies and all cowards like them.

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Wind Farms

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majority of people opposed, but they haven't yet.

"Voting was not allowed but we voted with our hands, many more clapping the anti-wind speakers, than the pro-wind group.

What was achieved in terms of educating the locals? I think possibly quite a bit as people are generally cynical about highly paid and often compromised "experts".

The heart wrenching testimony of Noel Dean and Donald Thomas, farmers from Waubra made impoverished refugees by the Industrial Wind Complex, was compelling.

The whole mode of the meeting, in total damage control, would have raised the alarm bells from the start.

"The treatment of the Hepburn doctor woman, who has had to deal with



the sick people from the Leonards Hill turbines, and was trying to ask questions of Susie Bourke, was appalling. "These people are key witnesses to what is going on with Industrial Wind Power. But the likes of Holmes a Court and Bourke denigrate them with cooked up theories.

"How do they explain babies that get Wind Turbine Syndrome and the bloody noses and ears of the children of Waubra? They were talked into the symptoms by fear whipped up by wind protagonists, according to the macwindies.

"So it wasn't completely a waste of time, but almost!"



National Trust Visitation

The National Trust is coming to town.

Some 40 members of the Castlemaine Branch will be coming to Guildford in September to look at historic sites and examine historic artifacts.

It will be a short stay, only about three hours, during which Guildford will open up its archives. They will not only look at the history but also the ethnic influences of Guildford.

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The details are as follows:

Assembly at 5.45am at the CFA station where people will be ushered across the Loddon River Bridge by CFA members.

The Service will start at 6.00am.

The Guildford Progress Association will organize breakfast at the Music Hall after the ceremony.

The installation of the flagpole depends on the decision on public liability insurance.

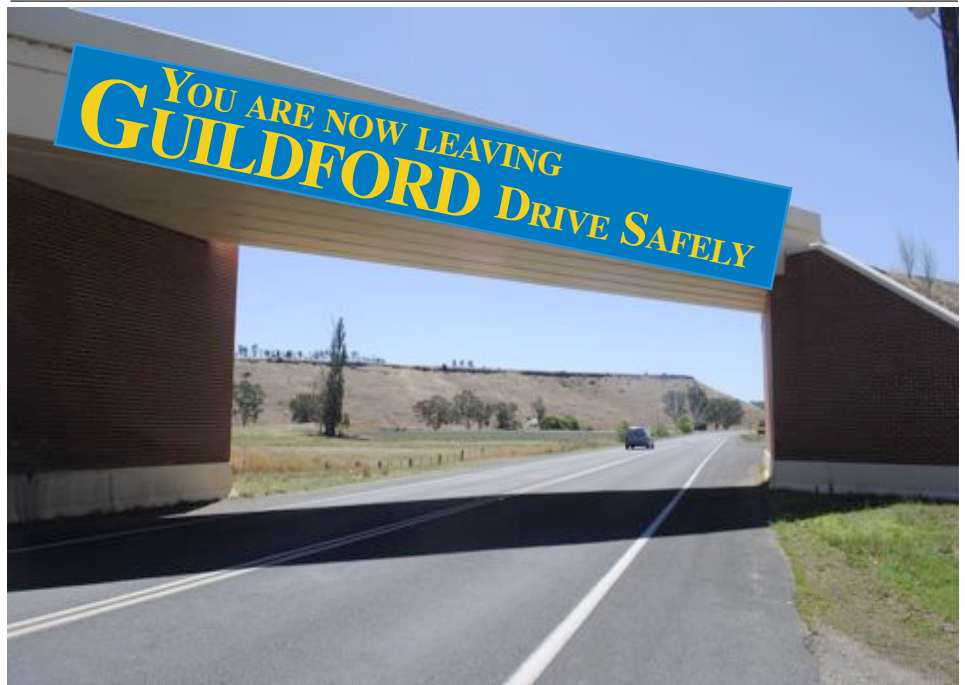


Courtney aces U12 tennis comp

Local girl, Courtney Dodson, aged 11 recently won the Castlemaine District Tennis Association's under 12 Girls' Singles Championship.

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Courtney is keen on all sports, particularly tennis and hopes to have another go next year in a higher age group.



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