



THE CROAKER

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Deans Marsh Cricket Club

The Deans Marsh Cricket Club has a proud history stretching back to 1898. For 121 years the stumps have clattered on a Saturday and the hurrahs have resounded. Batsmen have come in and gone out. The history of the club is in the dusty old scorebooks, now replaced by devices. Luke Hodge's 228 runs doesn't tell the story of how a young AFL legend to be (who could bat a bit as well), pulled on the pads for Lorne and blasted the Rats out of premiership glory! It's in the afternoon teas served, thousands of them. It's in the drinks afterward. The stories retold. The come from behind Grand Final. The 7 tons in a season, and the antics of characters around the club. That's 121 years of mate-ship and team building at Memorial Oval, which flows like Deans Creek out into our community.



The team at The Rats Nest; Nathan Bennett, Grant Byrne, Rip Bracken et-al who last won a premiership, got on a major roll and won again in every grade as they progressed (except when Luke Hodge played). It was a glorious era and obviously we would love to replicate some of that with the current team of talented young locals, but it takes some dedication to get there.

The 'Red Hot Rats' won the Div3 premiership last season in an exciting finals campaign. The team has moved up to Div2 this season, which will be a challenge.

We are now in a state of regenerating at the Recreation Reserve. The Oval has become home to many diverse activities. Cricket takes over in Summer, but gives way to Marquee events such as the Deans Marsh Sheep Dog Trials (15th - 18th Jan 2020) and The Deans Marsh Festival (20th - 22nd March 2020).

The cricket club is currently leading the 'Festival Stand' pavilion project. It's now become a pilot program set-up by the Surf Coast Shire, to trial a model which allows the community more say in who gets local jobs. This new shade and shelter pavilion generously funded by the Morrison Government, (following Sarah Henderson's pledge) will provide shelter from the summer sun and become the main stage for the Festival, saving thousands of community dollars in stage hire costs. The Surf Coast Shire will also be replacing the boundary fence as part of asset renewal, so our dream of a Village Green with a white picket fence (of recycled plastic) is becoming a reality.

Like a bee swarm looking to nest, the Sports & Arts Kollektive (SPARK) also descended on the Reserve looking for a permanent home to accommodate and showcase our many local artists, which will be a terrific addition to the Reserve.



The future of cricket will include women, and Deans Marsh will need to respond to this by providing opportunities for the women to become involved, so don't be shy girls! New players can join at any time, just rock up to training on Thursday at 5pm, and send a few down.

We have a Grand Final rematch at home on November 2nd, and then home again to City United on the November 23rd, with December 7th and 14th also at home before the Christmas break. Matches start at 12pm. Refreshing drinks always available, all welcome.

Brendan Brown
Secretary, Deans Marsh Cricket Club

DO YOU HAVE ANY DEANS MARSH HISTORY IN YOUR SHED?

Nothing to do over summer? What about a hunt around in your shed, garage, storeroom for all those family papers you have been meaning to go through? Maybe your parents told you they were 'interesting' but you have never been convinced?

Well now is time to make a big contribution to Deans Marsh history. Both Tony Watts and I are working on Deans Marsh Town Stories projects, funded in part by the Surf Coast Shire Council and partly by our own Cricket Club, Hall Committee and Community Cottage. Our quest is to find Deans Marsh and district documents and stories (me) and pictures (Tony) - specifically those relating to all the many, many, activities which have been held and run from and through the Community Hall and Oval.

Did you know the Deans Marsh Hall was first a Mechanics Institute Free Library, part of a huge international educational movement that was more popular here in colonial Victoria than almost anywhere else in the world?

And if you think Deans Marsh has 'too many' committees today, spare a thought for those dedicated community members who ran, at the same time; The Hall Committee, *and* The Soldiers Memorial Park and Recreation Reserve Committee, *and* The Athletics and Sports Committee, *and* the Deans Marsh Progress Association, plus of course the Tennis Club, The Football Club and the Cricket Club... Plus Baseball, Basketball (ladies), Quoits, and wait for it, the Deans Marsh Minstrel and Dramatic Society. Yep maybe there was 'black face' in the Marsh...

Did you or your family members serve on a committee or play with the Tennis Club or the Quoits Club, were your relatives part of the CWA Younger Set? Or the Oddfellows Lodge? Or did someone play for one of the two (yes two at once for a few years, playing in different Leagues) football teams Deans Marsh has had over the years? Was your mother or grandmother a Star of the Ball at the Hall or a Miss Deans Marsh at the Gymkhana? Was your dad or grandfather a champion log chopper, a winner of the footrace from Birregurra to the Marsh, a star full forward, an opening batsman or tennis ace?

Do you have any records, Minutes, flyers, photos, programmes, Members' Tickets or badges? Other memorabilia?

We would love to help you preserve these potential treasures and incorporate them into our Deans Marsh Town Stories projects, so if you have anything you think might useful or relevant drop me an email samsplace9@bigpond.com or call me on 0410 692 665. P.S. I am very happy to either help you sort through all those boxes of stuff, or do it myself if you don't have the time.

Deb Campbell

HELP WANTED! Hall Acoustics

The Deans Marsh Hall and Memorial Recreation Reserve Committee are seeking people with the following skills to help improve the ambiance of the Deans Marsh Hall; carpenters, builders, acoustic consultants and artists.

We would like to form an informal sub-committee to plan and implement improvements to the overall acoustics of the hall.

If you have ideas or skills that could be put to good use, please contact Tom Reid (0417 551 446) or Deb Jarvis (0498 467 164) debbecca@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from all interested parties with ideas and suggestions.



Deans Marsh CFA Go Bag and Fire Training Day and The Deans Marsh Market

Sunday 24th November, 9am - 2pm
Deans Marsh Recreation Reserve

The Deans Marsh CFA invite you to their pre-season fire training and community information day. Community members will be able to get an insight and information about our local CFA.

BRING A BAG ALONG WITH YOU! Every household needs a bag with personal and essential items to take with them in the event of an emergency and you must leave.

The Deans Marsh Community Cottage has received support from the Surfcoast Shire to provide your household with some essential items for your bag (gloves, mask, safety goggles etc). Come along to this informative and interactive community event and receive your FREE items, just bring your GO BAG with you!



We are also looking for donations of clean wool blankets, please drop to The Cottage

The Deans Marsh Markets are a unique hinterland market. Each market aims to provide the community an opportunity to showcase art, craft, music, food and produce. Enjoy the sunshine and colourful atmosphere, there is something for everyone.

Local Deans Marsh Artists hold '2 Ways' pop up show in Apollo Bay

Lea Barker and Deb McSephney have a pop up exhibition coming up at the Arts Inc Gallery in Apollo Bay. The show is on from 8th - 17th November, and is open Friday - Sunday.

Deb McSephney answered a few questions about the show for The Croaker.

How did the two artists get together?

We met when we joined the Birregurra Art Show Committee and chatted about our art practice.

Why did you call the show '2 Ways'?

Well, we took a little while coming up with the name! Our work is quite different and it wasn't easy to find a common theme. In the end, we wanted to highlight our 2 Ways of seeing the world. Everyone has their own take on the world around them and that's the fascinating thing about looking at art. It's a glimpse into another person's perspective.

Have you exhibited together before?

No, this is the first time, except at the Birregurra Art Show! If it goes well, we may plan another pop-up in the future.

What type of work will be in the 2 Ways show?

We will both be showing new work - drawings and paintings. I have a selection of small drawings in the show in vibrant colours, some abstract and some figurative, and a few larger works in oil pastel. I'm interested to hear what people think, as they are quite different from the work I have shown before.

Where is the Arts Inc Gallery?

The gallery is on the Great Ocean Road, on the Marengo side of Apollo Bay. It's the old Mechanics Hall/Cinema. It's a gorgeous heritage building in a spectacular spot, overlooking the Southern Ocean. You can check it out <https://www.artsincgallery.com/>

Thanks Deb, and good luck to you and Lea with the '2 Ways' show.



Image: Working Dog – Lea Barker

Upper Barwon Landcare Local Farm Tour

Sprunt Farm: James and Beth Sprunt run a family business in the Otway Ranges producing (not certified) organic beef that benefits the health of the environment and those that eat it.

Chooks at the Rooke: Xavier Prime produces premium eggs, his business is centered around animal welfare, sustainability and ethical practices.

Biodynamic Dairy: Paul Hodgson runs his dairy using biodynamic principles to ensure farm sustainability.

When: Friday 8th November | **Time:** 9.45am - 4pm |

Where: Meet at Birregurra park to get on bus | **RSVP essential** by 4th November, numbers limited.

Phone 0407 552 663 or email

andrea.upperbarwonlandcare@gmail.com Bus, lunch and afternoon tea provided, BYO water, coffee cup, hat, sunscreen and suitable footwear.

This program is supported by the Corangamite CMA through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program



The Friends of the Barwon are holding their AGM at Provenance Wines, Lower Paper Mill Road, Fyansford on Friday 22nd November, 10am - 12pm. All Welcome.



Open between 11am – 4pm

Rain, hail or shine

Entry opposite Martians Café

12 Deans Marsh/Lorne Road, Deans Marsh
(Parking in Café Carpark)

- Explore over 10km of grassy pathways which wind their way through 40 hectares of some of the world's most remarkable tree species
- Enjoy avenues of trees and vistas stretching the full width of the Arboretum
- Bring a picnic blanket and refreshments ready to laze away a couple of hours under your favorite grove of trees
- Have a quiet sit in the "Neolithic" rock Henge
- Take a stroll along an undulating graded track, following the course of a rehabilitated section of the Deans Marsh creek
- BYO own kites and balls for games on the "Diamond lawn"
- Map and list of tree species available at the gate

Information talk by the Arboretum Designer at 12pm at the Ancestor's Henge
(Arrive at 11.30 to reach the Henge in time)

All Welcome!
(Sorry no dogs)

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DEANS MARSH PRIMARY SCHOOL - RESPECT, RESILIENCE & RESPONSIBILITY

On Friday 18th October, all DMPS staff and students travelled by bus to Torquay to participate in activities around STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). This was a whole day excursion where we visited several venues to explore our STEM work.

Year P-2 Environmental Studies: This excursion gave our students the chance to explore the Torquay College environmental centre and experience a range of species of animals (sugar gliders, turtles, lizards, birds and more). Students then walked to the Torquay foreshore reserve for a bit of a beach ramble and a chance to explore the habitats of various species. It was a big day for our junior students, and they loved every minute of it.



Year 3-6 Solar Boat Cup: Teams have designed and built a solar powered boat. This excursion was a chance to test our creations in a race against Torquay College. There were some amazing boats, both in appearance and in speed and groups had a chance to share posters, showing their creation journey. There were also winners and prizes, however, the focus was on fun and teamwork. Congratulations to all our students on the boats they created and for the positive way they represented our school at this event.

Selected Students - Drone Racing: Students from the school drone club were invited to a drone race. Due to windy conditions, the race was moved indoors, and our drone club enjoyed the challenge of flying our drones through an obstacle course to the finish line, so much so, that many of our students had second and third efforts to try to beat their personal best. Bellbrae Primary School was very welcoming, and our students enjoyed the chance to mingle with new peers.

I saw lizards on the wall. I even touched a turtle called Russell. - Haris

I really like seeing the boat racing. I loved the lizards because they looked so cute. - William

We got to explore all the parks and we got to play whatever we wanted at the school at recess. We also went to the Elephant park. - Paddy

On Friday the kids of DMPS and Torquay College took part in a Solar Boat race. The children of both schools spent a number of weeks making a solar boat in a small group. On the day, everyone was excited to see how their boat would go. In the end, the group the named their boat 'The Beast' from DMPS were the winners. Thank you Pat, Graeme and John for helping us build the boats and helping us on the day. We had a great experience and we hope to be involved in further years. - Bella

We were at Belbrae school and we raced drones and had a play there. There were a few drone accidents but we won. Someone flew a drone into the room and a propeller got stuck which was very funny. Rudy got the winning score which was the quickest time. We got to bring the drone cup back to school. There were some really good drone flyers from both schools and the people there were really nice. - Jai and Benji

Congratulations to our school for winning the overall points and bringing home the perpetual trophy for both the drone race and the solar boat cup. We are looking forward to competing again in 2 years' time. These events could not occur without community help. Despite the depth, complexity and excitement factor of these 3 events, this was a free excursion for our families. This was due to a successful STEM grant (for transport to the venues), sponsorship through the Winchelsea Community Bank (for all our solar boat materials), Bunnings Torquay (for the tools to make the boats) and connections with the Surf coast Energy Group (for the Solar Boat Cup support). We are very grateful for all this support.

November Coming Events: Authors in the Marsh, Friday 1st | TransitionDay 1, Thursday 7th | Bamba Wetlands Day, Thursday 14th | Possum Magic P-2, Friday 15th | Neighbourhood Watch Day, Monday 18th | Bike Education 3-6, Monday 25th - 29th | Gala Day, Saturday 30th November, 2pm - 4pm

The **Deans Marsh Primary School Gala Day** is a celebration of our school and what makes us special. The objectives of the Gala Day are around participation, fun, respect for our community and promoting a sense of citizenship. At our Gala Day, Deans Marsh Primary School students will be running a variety of stalls, competitions and activities. Members of the public are invited to visit our **Gala Day** stalls and will have the opportunity to participate in the activities, which cost \$1 each. The Gala Day this year includes an invitation to the participants in the **Great Vic Bike Ride** who will be arriving in Deans Marsh on **Saturday 30th November**.

*Russell Taylor-Shaw
Principal*

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER 2019

Deans Marsh Cottage - Annual General Meeting - All Welcome!
Deans Marsh Reserve - Deans Marsh Market
Deans Marsh Reserve - CFA 'Go Bag Day'
Frogwood Arboretum - Open Day Picnic
Deans Marsh Primary School - Gala Day
Dean Marsh - Great Vic Bike Ride arrives in town!
(5,000 Riders expected to stay at DM Reserve overnight)

Monday 18th Nov, 6.30pm
Sunday 24th Nov, 9am - 2pm
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Sunday 24th Nov, 11am - 4pm
Saturday 30th Nov, 2pm - 4pm
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