



The Croaker

Volume 9. No. 8 - November 2016
Editor: Renee Wigley

The Croaker is a not for profit, monthly, voluntary publication and is for general information purposes only. Alternative points of view to those expressed in opinion articles are encouraged and welcomed. Please send news, comments and queries to Renee - email: deansmarshartstudio@bigpond.com or on-line <https://www.facebook.com/thecroaker/>

THE DEANS MARSH MARKET

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 9am - 2pm:

Following up from our successful festival back in March this year, the Deans Marsh Community Cottage is gearing up for a November community market.

We already have over 35 stalls booked and more are rolling in, ranging from; candles, cheese, bread, mussels and fire pit sculptures. Visitors will be able to enjoy a wide selection of art and craft stalls, local wine and produce, kids activities as well as some wonderful music.

We are excited to show-off what the region has to offer. Bring your family and friends, enjoy the sunshine and colourful atmosphere, there is something for everyone.

The market will take place at the Deans Marsh Reserve on Sunday 27th November 2016, from 9am - 2pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/DeansMarshMarket>

A Personal Message...

A few weeks back a group of locals, working like a well-trained army of ants, cut, split and stacked 20 tonnes of wood, kindly donated by *Surf Coast Tree Services*.

The team included master cutter Mark F, Tom R, Mike R.K, Lovie and his magical splitter, Luke S, Geoff B, Richard W and Jason C. There were 18 earplugs, 9 sets of safety glasses, 1 x tractor lifting, 2 utes carting, 1 splitter - splitting and 9 mates lifting.

Thanks to all their hard work and friendship the Whiteheads will be warm in 2017.

Big thanks Matt and Jane W

RENEWABLES - 9 Australian towns are committing to 100% Renewables Could Deans Marsh do it too? *Join us to find out more!*

WHEN: Friday 4th November, 7pm. Free entry. Wine available for purchase.
WHERE: Blakes Estate Winery, 80 Bamba Cemetery Rd, Deans Marsh
HEAR: Pat Onesta, Chair of Surf Coast Energy Group explain the aims of the group at 7:20pm
WATCH: The documentary 'Catching The Sun' starting 7:30pm sharp
HEAR: Alex Houlston of Energy for the People explain the options 8:45pm

** Please Book - So we can prepare enough seats!*
<https://www.trybooking.com/238265>
(Don't print tickets we will have a list of names at the door)

DOCUMENTARY: 'Catching The Sun' - An unemployed American worker, a Tea Party activist, and a Chinese solar entrepreneur race to lead the clean energy future. But who wins and who loses the battle for power in the 21st century?



Further reading:
<https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/9-australian-towns-going-100-renewable>
<http://sceg.org.au/>
<https://www.thepeoplesolar.com/about/>

The Members of **DEANS MARSH** **FRIENDS OF RED CROSS**

invite you to:

OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Date: Wednesday 7th December
Time: 12 noon
Cost: \$20.00 per person
Location: Deans Marsh Community Hall

RSVP by **Monday 28th November:**
Deryn - Ph. 52 36 3269 or deryn@bigpond.com
Heather - 0409 953 585

**the
power of
humanity**



You or a representative are cordially invited to attend the

Annual General Meeting of the Deans Marsh Community Cottage Inc.

Thursday 17th November, 6pm
Deans Marsh Cottage Office
10 Pennyroyal Valley Road, Deans Marsh

Agenda items include:

Annual reports from the Committee of Management
(including annual statement of income and expenditure).

Any business relevant to the AGM will be allowed.
No new business.

Voting is restricted to paid members of the Deans Marsh
Community Cottage Inc.

Deans March Community Cottage Inc.
Ph. 03 52 36 3388
cottage@deansmarsh.org.au
www.deansmarsh.org.au

KING OF THE HONEY BEE COLONY

Until 1660 it was thought that the worker bees laid their own eggs and nourished the offspring. The so-called King was the head of the colony. How could it be otherwise - the count of 2000 eggs laid in a day - not a single bee could do that. It all came to a change in the year of 1660, when a Dutch scientist Jan Swammedan dissected the so-called King and found he had ovaries!

So today they call her Queen Bee. She is the one who can lay 2000 eggs in one day, if she has the cells to do so. Working that hard, the worker bees feed and clean her. The eggs she lays in one day will exceed her own body weight. She is a true Super Lady!

Alfred The Bee Man

THE SMS MASTER LIST: WHAT, WHY, WHO, WHEN?

Hopefully all Croaker readers are aware that the Deans Marsh Hall and Community Cottage committees have been working to collect names and mobile phone numbers of all Deans Marsh, Bambra, Boonah, Pennyroyal and Murroon full and part time residents.

We are still at it, so please participate:

Forms available at THE STORE and volunteers letter dropping most, if not all, properties.

We want to create and hold the list for use for after a fire or other disaster, when community members might be dispersed by circumstance or disconnected from other means of communication.

This is **NOT** to replace all the existing fire-warning mechanisms that worked well last summer. This is only for **after** a disaster to keep us connected and aware of all recovery mechanisms being put in place by government and non-government organisations, and by our own community organisations.

We want everyone on the list if possible:

So while we know many locals have excellent networks of their own, we still want you on this list so we can be as sure as possible that all of us will get **the same information at the same time**, from the same source and **not be reliant on often unreliable media announcements**.

We are still in the process of constructing the list as names come in, and thanks to our volunteers for getting forms out there. We are also researching the best technology to use. When a substantial number of names have been received, we will work with Hall and Community Cottage committees to develop operational processes and procedures. These will be detailed in **The Croaker** and **Community Cottage Newsletter** as they are developed.

The Community Cottage will hold the list and the operating system, and it will send out information from government agencies, from local businesses to advise if they are operating as normal and from local people and organisations such as Landcare and Red Cross to keep us informed about what recovery events they are providing or what help they need from us.

SO...

WHAT: A LIST OF ALL OUR COMMUNITY - FULL AND PART TIMERS
WHY: TO KEEP US TOGETHER AND INFORMED AFTER A DISASTER
WHO: EVERYONE IF WE CAN, SO PLEASE HELP - SEND US YOUR DETAILS
WHEN: NOW - FORMS AT THE STORE OR DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR

Thanks, Deb C.

DEANS MARSH COMMUNITY COTTAGE - Chairperson Report:

Over the last six weeks our focus has been on welcoming Rebecca into the fold. Lots of time in learning the ropes and prioritising the tasks ahead. Rebecca is busy meeting our key stakeholders, including; DHSS and Neighbourhood Houses, learning the ins and outs of our systems and developing a work plan for the balance of the year.

After the last period of numerous community meetings, with school holidays and spring activities there were not as many gatherings within the community. We were pleased to be involved in a collaborative community led gathering to discuss the Music in the Marsh and pleased with the outcomes from the meeting. The Cottage will continue to offer its support to help with any grant writing, organisation and governance aspects to help the lead team bring Music back to the Marsh. Watch this space.

Key events coming up include: The Deans Marsh Fun Run and The November Market. Beyond that, we will also hold our AGM in November, a rebranded logo and improved more user friendly website layout for the cottage, finalisation of both out-of-school-hours-care and Family Day care arrangements for 2017, 2017 Dog trials and the 2017 DM Festival.

We will again meet with the Tourism group to explore how we can work more closely with the local businesses and support our local economy and are also in discussion with Lorne Hospital staff about the potential for a pop-up GP clinic being run from time to time in The Marsh. Especially with the books pretty full for Doctors in Birrie and Winch, this is a great initiative led by the Lorne hospital and born out of the recent community meetings held down in Lorne, which the cottage attended.

We look forward to updating the community about this initiative following our next meeting and receiving feedback from the community if you think this would be a good thing for The Marsh.

Lachie Stevens

MORE ON THE ORIGINAL PEOPLE OF 'DEANS MARSH'...

William Buckley and the Gadubanud?

William Buckley's memoirs provide a detailed set of observations on the use of some Otway wetlands. On one of their wanderings in southwestern Victoria, Buckley's mob (believed to be Wadawurrung) was invited to take part in an exchange of tuber roots for eels. The groups were to meet at a place called Bermongo (we now believe the correct name was Barramunga which means 'birth of the great rivers the Barwon and Gellibrand'). Located at the headwaters of the Barwon River, the marsh was teeming with eels.

When they arrived for the exchange, prepared with woven baskets full of starchy tubers, they found a large congregation of about 80 men, women and children. Though Buckley does not name the group involved in the exchange, it is very likely that they were dealing with the Yan Yan Gurt clan, the clan of the Gadubanud people known to live on the north side of the range. The exchange emphasizes the long-distance character of trade connections in the Aboriginal economy and the strong desire for dietary variety.

There are various accounts of Buckley's story, including a fictional version, and one that purports to be his 'autobiography'. The original 'editor' of that version, John Morgan, was a British tabloid journalist who had spent time in the United States among warring settlers and Native Americans. He introduced aspects of those experiences into Buckley's story, seeking to maximize his profit by telling his readership what they wanted to hear: That 'the blacks' were wild, primitive, and often dangerous. This was of course often consistent with the prevailing belief of many early settlers, who were in the process of occupying, that is usurping, Aboriginal land.

Deb Campbell

Text from the Lorne Historical Society website:

<http://www.lornehistoricalsociety.org.au/history/before-louttit-bay/>

*Booklets published by the LHS with the complete **Before Louttit Bay** text will be available from the Cottage soon*

WHAT'S ON: NOVEMBER 2016

RENEWABLES - Blakes Estate Winery, 'Catching the Sun'

Martians Cafe - Live Music 'Don Fisher'

FIRE UP Deans Marsh - Deans Marsh Hall

DMCC AGM - Deans Marsh Community Cottage

Film Night Blakes Estate Winery - Film to be announced

Martians Cafe - Live Music 'Little Wise & Rosie Burgess'

Deans Marsh Market - Deans Marsh Reserve

DM Friends of Red Cross, Xmas Luncheon - DM Hall

Friday 4th November, 7pm

Saturday 5th November, 7.30pm

Thursday 10th November, 6pm - 8pm

** Bookings essential. Ph. 52 61 0501*

Thursday 17th November, 6pm

Friday 25th November, 7pm

Saturday 26th November, 7.30pm

Sunday 27th November, 9am - 2pm

Wednesday 7th December, 12 noon