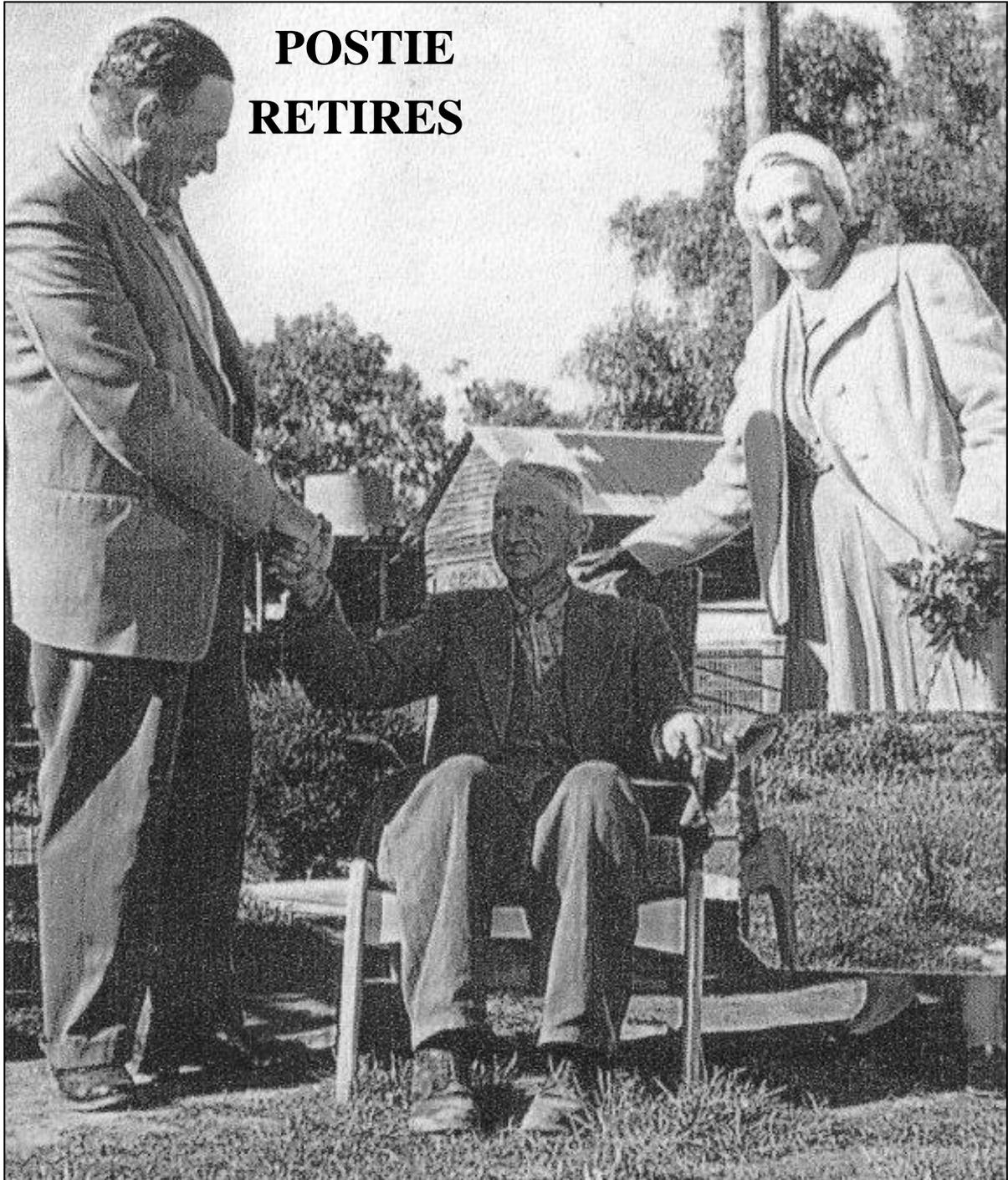


WHOROULY NEWSLETTER

Keeping the Whorouly community informed about what is going on in the Whorouly community.



POSTIE RETIRES

David Kneebone, who spent a lot of time in Whorouly as a youngster and likes to still visit occasionally, sent through an interesting photograph the other day.

The photo (above) is of Bill Newth, Whorouly's mailman for 24 years, on the auspicious occasion of his retirement in June 1960.

He is seated in the chair that was his retirement gift, shaking hands with the presenter of the gift, Cr Cyril (CC) Johnson, with his wife (David's Aunt Maude) at his side.

Following are some extracts from a front-page article that was printed in the then Chronicle Despatch on Friday, 1st July 1960.

(Note, another headline on the same day was 'Six Frosts in Week', which ironically could have been just as applicable around the same time this year. Although the minimum in 1960 was 29.1F, which equates to -1.6C, and this year we got down to, officially, -4.7C on 1st July.)

After 25 years' service, during which time he travelled over a quarter of a million miles, Whorouly and district's popular 'postie', Bill Newth, has retired.

All Whorouly turned out yesterday morning to bid Bill a fond farewell, and long before he arrived in the township to complete his final mail run the streets were crowded with cars and people.

There were cheers for Bill as he stepped from his utility, and in typical fashion his first words were, "What's going on here? You got a holiday or something?"

The postmaster, Mr T Fleet, and Mr Tom Harrington spoke in glowing terms of Bill's service to the community, and then Mr HJ Power thanked Bill on behalf of the citizens of the "floodbound areas".

Cr CC Johnson said that Bill had often complained about the roads, and he had cause for complaint, but he always grumbled in a nice way.

Mrs Newth received a spray and a wall mirror, and Bill was presented with an arm chair.

"You've got me rattled," Bill said. "I think I'm suffering from shock."

It was a touching ceremony there in the main street outside the post office, and the people gathered there were genuine in their thanks as they broke into 'For He's A Jolly Good Fellow'.

Bill told the Chronicle later that he was born at Oxley and had shifted to Whorouly in 1916 to share farm on Mr J Ferguson's property.

"I'm going to retire to the dairy farm now," he said.

"Over the years I've had a lot of enjoyment as postie, and I've certainly seen a lot of improvement in the roads around here."

"When I started the worst roads now would be better than the best then," he said.

"In 1935 when I started this run there were eight families in Whorouly North" he added "and now there are 36."

Bill recalled the day when the mail came by train to Bowmans and he had to wait five hours because it was late.

"It still had to go," he said, "even if it was four hours late."

"I'll find it hard to forget the life I've been used to," he went on, "but I'll have plenty of work on the farm."

"You bet I'll growl if I don't get my mail on time," he added with a smile.

Bill's run, which covers 35 miles, will be taken over by Mrs G Gates.

Rain, hail or shine, floods included, Bill delivered the mail on time, and one small boy summed up the people's feelings when he said, "We'll miss you Bill."

Then & Now

- In 1960 the Whorouly mail run was 35 miles or 56km, now it covers 110km each day.

- In 1935 there were eight families in Whorouly North, in 1960 there were 36 and now there are approximately 60 households.
- In 1935 some of the roads were pretty bad, in 1960 some of the roads were pretty bad and in 2017 some of the roads are pretty bad!
- Then and now, sometimes the mail arrives in Whorouly late, but it is still delivered, just a little late.
- Then and now, rain, hail or shine, floods included (although mailboxes in the worst flooded areas have been missed and once the mail could not be delivered to Whorouly), the mail is delivered.
- Woodsy only has 16 years to go before he too gets an armchair for his retirement!

Retirement Poem

The following poem, written to mark the occasion of Bill Newth's retirement, is attributed to Don Kneebone, although his name does not appear on the original hand-written copy.

Don was always good mates with Maude, as well as being her cousin, so it is possible he was involved, and he later made his name as a bush poet.

As children, Don's family lived at what is now Riverslea Homestead, and farmed part of the property now owned by Costenaros.

THE WHOROULY MAILMAN

We've had our mail for years and years,
Delivered every day,
By Mr Newth our mailman,
And it is sad to say,

His contract finished up with June,
He heaved a heavy sigh,
When he got back to the office

And saw people standing by.

They surely took him by surprise,
He could not make it out
Why all the folks and cars were there,
He thought he'd have to shout.

But that was not their plans at all,
They took a different view,
And chose to recognise the work
For years he'd carried through.

A presentation then was made,
And many people spoke,
But Bill was swept right off his feet,
He did not see the joke.

And while a speech was being made,
We hope he was not bored,
When someone touched him on the arm,
Well stone the crows, t'was Maude.

And in the midst of loud applause,
His voice could not be heard,
It didn't matter anyway,
He could not say a word.

But thanked the people one and all.
And many were not there,
To see the gift they'd given him,
A most elaborate chair.

A quarter of a century,
Is quite a lengthy time,
To take the mail from house to house.
For runner for this rhyme

And so it's au revoir to him,
His postman's job is done
And we may in the future see
His picture in the Sun.

And now a "lady" takes the mail,
We hope she'll carry on
The duties of a mailman,
As well as Bill has done.

FAREWELL WHOROULY AFTER 72 YEARS

I (Barney Gambold) would like to notify my friends in the community of Whorouly that, due to ongoing health issues, I have had to make the regretful decision after 72 years to leave my loved township of Whorouly and move to Wangaratta to be closer to health services.

I wish to advise all my friends it was a sudden decision and I was unable to say goodbye to a lot of my friends in the town.

After some very stressful months, things have settled and I am comfortably living at my new premises at 67 Williams Rd, Wangaratta.

Due to lack of mobility, I am unable to visit Whorouly for some time but would love any familiar faces to pop in to say hi if they have a spare minute to do so while in Wangaratta.

Thank you everyone for your phone calls, support and messages of concern during this tough battle over the past three months or so.

Barney Gambold

BURGOIGEE CREEK LANDCARE GROUP

Find out more about the farming history of the Bowmans Murrumgee Basin at the Burgoigee Creek Landcare Group AGM on 13th August at the Murrumgee Hall.

There will be displays, including old maps, photos and memorabilia, speakers and many shared memories.

How many schools were in the Basin? Where were the tennis courts? What crops were grown? Was there a football and/or cricket team? Where is the Zig Zag track and who used it?

These questions and more will be answered on the night.

Catering is by REMEL 185 and the cost of the meal only is \$35.

Membership payment of \$20, which includes access to our newsletter, may be organised on the night.

Please RSVP to Kathy Dobson ASAP at dobsonandhammond@bigpond.com

WHOROULY FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

June saw the Lions on the road for most of the month, with only one home game played on the 3rd.

A great ending to the month with a clean sweep on Sunday, 25th June, coming home with seven out of seven wins when the Lions fronted up to North Wang at the Wangaratta Rovers ground. A rewarding day for the club, its coaches, players and supporters.

With 8 rounds to go for the season, our Seniors lie in 10th position.

Despite having lost many hard fought matches, the senior boys are remaining positive and determined to add to their winning tally.

The Reserves are nearing the top of the ladder, second on percentage and looking strong.

The merged Whorouly/Milawa team – Snow Road Saints is also holding firm, currently in third.

Good news also on the netball front with all teams within reach of the finals – A Grade 7th, B Grade 6th, B Res 5th, C Grade has climbed to 7th, whilst our 15 & under team is holding onto 5th spot on the league ladder. The girls will be making the most of every opportunity to stay in touch with the top teams.

Remaining home games – July 15th v Greta, July 22nd v Goorambat, Aug 5th v Moyhu and Aug 19th v Benalla.

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The Whorouly Youth Girls Football team Alpine Lions, played their last home game on Sunday, 2nd July and after a great win against second placed Yarrowonga in mid-June, they have cemented fourth spot on the ladder and their chance to play finals.

Finals dates are 16th July and 23rd July, with the grandfinal to be played Sunday, 30th July.

Thank you to all who continue to support WFNC, through sponsorship and all the wonderful volunteers for their time and effort throughout the week and weekends.

Come and support the Lions!

CRAFT & CHAT

Craft and chat sessions at the Whorouly Café have been popular.

Come for a chat, bring your craft and grab a coffee.

Sessions are held on the second and fourth Friday of each month from 2pm until about 4pm. All welcome.

THANK YOU WHOROULY

I (Hilary Carne) would like to thank Whorouly for being a wonderful home to me for the last three-plus years.

I have loved living here.

My little cottage on the Primerano farm has been a delightful haven for me.

Thank you to Inner Wheel, CWA, Senior Citizens, St John's church members, our pub/PO and Whorouly Café staff, my personal hairdresser, and the most wonderful caring friends and neighbours that one could ever hope for – you all made me feel so welcome and at home.

That makes it hard to leave, but it's 'onward ho' for me.

I have just moved down the Peninsular to be a part of the care team for a family member.

Thank you, and may God truly bless you for the care you showed me over my sojourn there.

Hilary Carne

WHOROULY MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE

The Whorouly Memorial Park Committee's AGM will be the next meeting, to be held on Wednesday, 2nd August at 7pm in the function centre. Supper provided.

June has been a very productive month for the committee with many purchases and improvements being made, including the purchase of bollards to replace the power poles that were in very poor condition in the car park area.

We have had some lovely feedback from the many tourists that have enjoyed utilizing our facilities at the recreation reserve and some seating will be erected near the BBQ to enhance this area.

We were also very lucky to receive a kind donation of oval lights from the McNamara Reserve in Myrtleford to help replace and repair existing ones.

The Whorouly Memorial Park Committee is a special committee of the Rural City of Wangaratta; therefore they provide us with ideas, funding opportunities, support and plenty of advice as to how we can help the wider community of Whorouly.

The recreation reserve is a centre piece of our wonderful community.

The football club is one of our main user groups utilizing the facility for approximately nine months of the year.

Other major user groups include the tennis and cricket clubs, local primary school and many more.

Each user group requires their request/requirements each year and we hope that we can provide wonderful facilities for many years to come.

Whorouly has so much, and lots to offer:

- playgroup, kindergarten and school;
- café, garage, pub, churches, function centres, B&B, nursery, farming enterprises;
- Inner Wheel , CWA, Seniors, Book Club;
- many other local businesses.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions to contribute to our committee, please come along to a meeting or contact Ruth Costenaro on 0400 622 386.

If we don't know, we can't do it!

The council offers our community continued services, so if anyone in the community is feeling the need to get together for support or would like to talk to someone, Memorial Park Committee members or council is contactable at any time:

Pauline McPherson – 0417 515 053

Secretary Ruth Costenaro – 0400 622 386

President Jack Harrington – 0411 819 520

Rural City of Wangaratta – 5722 0888

We are also extremely delighted to have been successful in receiving another \$10,000 grant from the Rural City of Wangaratta minor grants program, which will go towards improving the reserve playground.

Improvements will include play equipment suitable for younger children. What a wonderful addition this will be.



WELCOME VIOLET SMITH

A very proud Woodsy recently met is new granddaughter, Violet Billie Edith Smith (pictured above), who arrived in Melbourne on Sunday, 25th June.

Weighing 3440g at birth, Violet is the first daughter for Alanna (nee Wood) and Col Smith, and a sister for Archie.

Violet's second name is a tribute to her great grandmother, the late Billie Hawley of Whorouly.

RED CROSS NEWS

Preparations are presently underway for the annual Bowmans Murrumungee Red Cross luncheon and concert to be held on Wednesday, 26th July from noon at the Bowmans Murrumungee Hall.

Admission is \$20 and there will be pre-lunch drinks and nibbles. There will also be a raffle and lucky door prizes.

WHOROULY INNER WHEEL

Whorouly Inner Wheel met at the Whorouly Primary School for our June meeting and were very pleased that we did. What a school!

Sincere thanks to Fran Waterman for being so hospitable in allowing us to use equipment at the school to stage the meeting, so that Liz Walpole could update us on the work of the Friends of Lacluta (FOL).

Our club particularly enjoys supporting the work that our local women are already performing within Australia and the wider world, and as such we agreed, almost from inception, that we would support the health and educational aims of FOL in Timor Leste.

The club then recommended FOL to our wider district (A61) as a required 'international' project, that all clubs within the district could perform targeted fundraising for.

There are four other projects vying for the opportunity.

Regardless of the outcome, it is very heartening to learn of all the amazing work being done around the world by the wonderful women in the Inner Wheel clubs surrounding us, all seeking to improve the quality of life for those less fortunate than we are.

Thanks must also go to Inspector Kerrie Hicks from Victoria Police, who is the local area manager for the Wangaratta Police Service Area (PSA).

Inspector Hicks, or Kerrie as she introduced herself, joined us in an informal yarning type of circle, to describe her background, passion for policing (and travel), career and aspirations for the communities around Alpine, Indigo and Moira within her PSA.

From Tungamah to Mt Beauty and the snowfields in between, it is a very large area of responsibility.

'Community Resilience' is something of particular interest to Kerrie and we look forward to hearing more about her work over time.

On 21st June we sent emissaries, Liz Walpole and Barb McDonald, to the Milawa-Oxley Rotary Club changeover night, furthering the spirit of friendship that underpins our club.

Congratulations to President Elect Lesley Sanderson for her new role with the Milawa-Oxley Rotary Club and we hope to continue the association.

Given that Whorouly Inner Wheel meetings normally occur during the evenings, a decision was made to not hold a meeting this July.

The roads are foggy, the nights are cold, and a large number of our members have vacated the state anyway in favour of warmer climates.

In fact two of our roving club members have visited the Inner Wheel club of Kalgoorlie.

Our next meeting is now a daytime meeting on 19th August at Whorouly's Snow Road Nursery starting at 11am, where all things Village Fair will be discussed, plotted and potted.

If you would like to join us, you are most welcome, and guaranteed a laugh, a plate of something yummy and a drink of something warm or cold, but enjoyable nonetheless.

WHOROULY VILLAGE FAIR

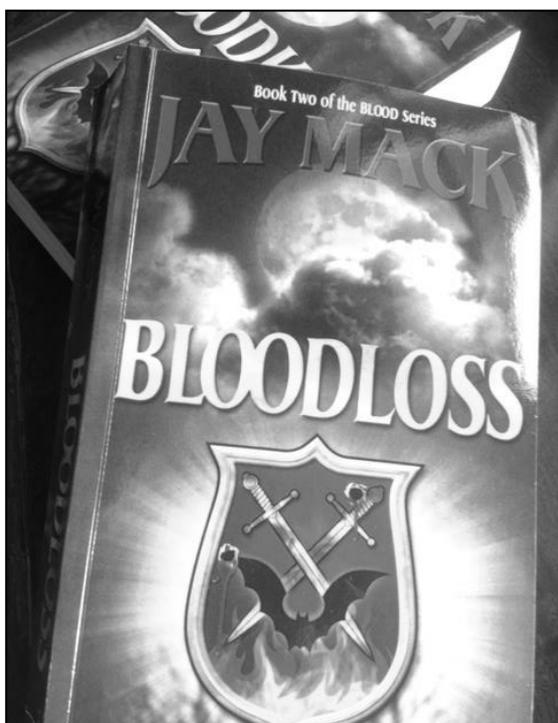
Only three months to go until the Whorouly Village Fair is on again, so now is the time to get organised and book your site.

This year's fair will be held on Sunday, 29th October.

Stall fees are the same as previous years (\$20 for single, \$35 for a double and \$50 for a triple site).

The next meeting of the organising committee will be held on Tuesday, 21st August at the Whorouly Café starting at 5pm.

For more information about the Whorouly Village Fair, contact Jennifer on 5727 1424 (pub) or 5727 1379 (café).



SECOND BOOK RELEASED

Ex-local resident Jason McIntosh, the son of Sue and Peter McIntosh of Whorouly East, has released the follow-up to his first book *Bloodkin*.

Under the author name Jay Mack, the sequel *Bloodless* picks up where *Bloodkin* left off, with the ongoing struggle of the main character Jarrad Stevenson.

It is another wild ride and manages to up the ante from the first book.

With new characters such as Rachel, Treshka, Joxy and Rayko, the action drama and one liners really lift.

With book three planned for December and 12 books in the series, it looks like there is no letting up for Jay Mack.

WHOROULY & DISTRICT PRESCHOOL NEWS

Whorouly Preschool enjoyed a busy final week to Term 2 with a Teddy Bear picnic on Wednesday, and a Pyjama Day on Thursday with homemade sausage rolls and warm Milo.

We hope everyone enjoys the break and we look forward to seeing you back at the start of Term 3.

We would like the broader community to know that we will be participating in this year's Woolworths' Earn-and-Learn sticker collection.

The preschool would appreciate everyone who shops at Woolworths collecting stickers and dropping them off at either the preschool or the Whorouly Cafe.

The next Whorouly Preschool Committee meeting will be Tuesday, 8th August starting at 7pm at the preschool in Church St.

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Please submit items of interest by the first of each month. To submit articles (which may be edited due to space restrictions), please contact Jennifer Garrett (5727 1424 or email jengarrett@bigpond.com).

Note, all items are submitted and the organisers take no responsibility for the accuracy of statements or information.

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