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Social Club 4.00pm		*Deadline for Next edition		Community Social Club 12.00-4pm	Brainstorm 6.00pm	2:30pm
28 *Tolmie Sports Recovery/BBQ 12.00pm	29	30 Pilates 10am				
Community Social Club 4.00pm						

# For more event details and information please see the event calendar on Tolmie.com.au

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### From the Editor...

Happy Easter! Hope you are enjoying some rest with love ones over the Easter break, and that you are avoiding the chaos on the roads. Stay safe and enjoy the hotcross buns!

Kelly Schultz - Volunteer Editor - tolmietimes@tolme.com.au

To whom it may concern

My name is Emma and I work at the Mansfield Youth Centre as a Project Officer for disaster recovery. On the back or the Black Summer Bushfires we have received a government grant to upskill and rebuild our community around disaster recovery.

That means we can pay for young people aged 14-25 (course dependant) to be upskilled for free.

I have attached some flyers for your convenience.

Thanks Emma

Emma



Hi Kelly,

Tamara has kindly forwarded your email re adding a note to the Tolmie Times.

I was wondering if it would be possible to add the below:

The LEAPing into Resilience Project is currently working with the Tolmie community to develop the Local Emergency Action Plan for emergency preparedness and response. If you would like to get involved, please contact Danna Lezcano, the Project Officer via (03) 5772 0333 or <u>diezcano@murrindindi.vic.gov.au</u>.

Note: Tamara and I are working on a Council website for further info, but it's not quite ready unfortunately. However, I will let you know if it's completed before Friday.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for questions or comments.

Thank you,

Danna

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#### Tolmie Sports Facebook Page "Tolmie Sports

Association link"



#### Tolmie Community Facebook Page

"Tolmie & Surrounds Community link"



### Want To Be Upskilled For Free For Ages 14-25

Contact: Emma Youth Project Officer Disaster Recovery

Email: emma.kay@mansfield.vic.gov.au youth.services@mansfield.vic.gov.au

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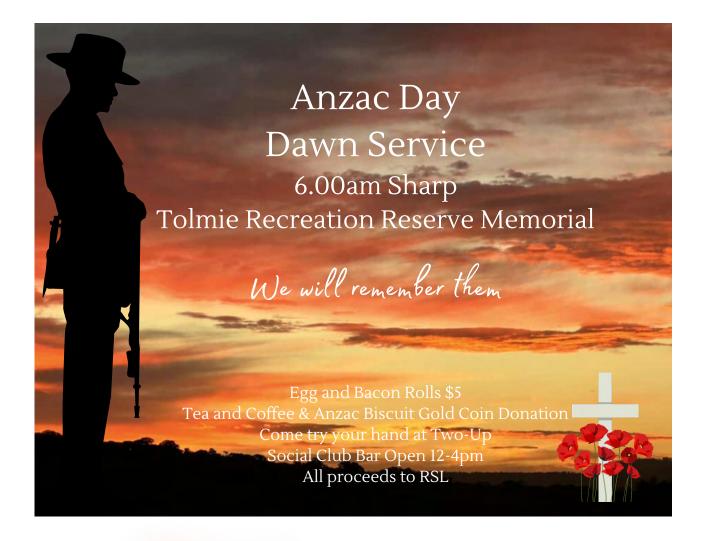
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### Tolmie Mechanics Institute & Recreation Reserve Committee



Thanks to a handful of willing workers, one more side of the Camp Kitchen now has a fresh coat of paint. Thanks to Phil Orchard who did all the prep which enabled Marg V, Mike D, Michael L and myself, to get 3 coats of paint on in super quick time over two days. We had to start very early in the day to beat the late summer (actually autumn!) heat though! Thanks also to Peter from the 1 st Armoured Regiment who also pitched in and helped paint! Just one more side to do this month – once we get higher scaffolding in place! Weather permitting this will be done on Sunday 14 th April if there is anyone willing to help please let us know.

Tony Houghton is doing a fantastic job of renovating the old toilets – which is being funded by the Social Club!). They are going to be terrific when finished and much easier to clean for our volunteer crew. It looks like the mowing season is over now – just a bit of hand mowing and the occasional snip around the buildings should see us through winter. Thanks as always to Trevor King who you can always rely on to be passing with his mower and gear, to do what is needed!

The application has gone in for the grant for the application of new synthetic grass to one of the tennis courts. Fingers crossed we will be successful and this can be done before winter.

Finally, some of us have been working with the Shire to produce an emergency "map" for Tolmie, and there is also a desire to put together a brochure or the like, which describes what to think about and prepare for, in the first 72hrs after an emergency such as a bushfire or storm. To ensure we get input from a wide cross-section of our community and various demographics, we plan to hold a short brainstorming session prior to the next casserole night, which will be held on Friday 26 th April. Given this is sort of a long weekend, we hope to also have weekenders attend and perhaps some with younger families etc. Watch out for further info via email and FB and if you are a regular attendee of Casserole Night we are asking that you bring one extra person along each so we get a good cross section of opinions (you might even offer to bring food for them!). We will kick off at 6pm and be ready to get on with the usual good fun evening before 7pm.

Linda Terry, Treasurer and Booking Officer. 03 57762113. linda.gai.terry@gmail.com Tolmie Times - April 2024

# Planning for an Emergency

How would you respond in the first 72 hours after a major Emergency if you were cut off in Tolmie without power, communications and possibly with damage to your house or that of your neighbours?

With the help of Australia Red Cross and Mansfield Shire, and the **LEAPing into Resilience Project**, we aim to prepare a document which will go to all households, to help residents think through and plan, for such an event.

Fo prepare this document, we need input from a cross section of Tolmie residents, in a 30 min brain storming session. To be held on Friday 26th April at 6pm, it will be followed by our regular Casserole Night - always a fun night!

Tolmie Hall, 6pm, Friday 26th April

RSVP or for further info, linda.gai.terry@gmail.com



Line Dancing at the Tolmie Mechanics Institute Hall every Wednesday from 3.45 - 5.15pm. Come and join the fun. Gold coin donation to the hall. Wear comfortable foot wear and bring a drink.



### **Tolmie Sports Committee**



Following a highly successful Tolmie Sports Day it is time to have the customary follow up meeting to learn any lessons that could be drawn from the day. What worked? What didn't? What could be done better? Plus perhaps suggestions towards planning for the 138th TSD.

So come along to the Recovery Meeting 1pm on Sunday April 28th at the Camp Kitchen/Social Club. The meeting will be preceded by a BBQ lunch at 12pm (RSVP required for catering by Monday 22nd April) on 0408301553

#### Anita Godber, President TSA.





### **Tolmie and District Fire Brigade**

#### Just a bit longer!

We anticipate the end of the Fire Danger Period (FDP) to be declared somewhere in mid April – but please keep an eye on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TolmieCFA for an announcement of the exact date. Until then, you may not burn off in the open air without a permit. Around this time of year we always get a few callouts, either because someone has decided to "jump the gun" and light up a burn-off sooner than permitted, or does so in the first few days after the FDP ends but doesn't supervise it properly and it gets away. This is a waste of time for our volunteer members who have other things they would rather be doing, so please be respectful of the dates. When the FDP has ended, **if you are going to have a burn-off PLEASE REGISTER IT by calling 1800 668 511. Let your neighbours know as well!** This is all enormously helpful in preventing

unnecessary callouts...

#### Easter campfires

Because Easter is going to fall earlier than the end of the FDP, we need to issue a reminder about campfires, even if it's in your own yard or property. During the Fire Danger Period, if you wish to have a campfire for cooking or warmth, here are the constraints:

- Wind speed must be less than 10 kph
- Fire must be in a properly constructed fireplace, or a trench that is 30cm deep.
- The area 3 metres around and above the campfire must be clear of anything that can burn.
- Fire must not be greater than 1m x 1m in size.
- Must not be left unattended. There must always be someone there who is able to put it out.
- Must be extinguished when you leave.

Note that using a fireplace - even a properly constructed one - where the primary purpose is rubbish disposal, (such as burning off sticks, bark, leaf litter and other rubbish) constitutes using it as an incinerator, and unless the fire is fully contained so that sparks and embers cannot escape from any side (i.e. including having a proper fitting lid), this is not permitted either. Council bylaws may apply as well. Thanking you in advance – have a great Easter! Cheers, Milton

#### **Brigade Contacts**

Milton Taylor Captain 0418 172 511 John Valcich Community Engagement 0428 992 039 Brigade Email (All Matters) <u>tolmie&district.fb@cfa.vic.gov.au</u> Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/TolmieCFA</u>

# HIGH COUNTRY HOMESTEAD

by SHS

This past month has seen a few changes and some sleepless nights here on the Homestead. New life has begun, but on the flip-side there have been some deaths and disappointments. As the 'farming folk' hereabouts say, "if you have live ones, you'll have dead ones". And we have had plenty of both.

Calving season began here a few weeks ago. We awoke one misty morning to a Mum nursing her little boy who had clearly been born throughout the night. It was lovely to watch them both together and heralded what we hoped would be a smooth and (relatively) stress free period. Weeks passed, with no further arrivals. Then one morning I got up to find 2 heifers, both presenting with hooves. After a while it was clear that neither were progressing, and in both cases the calves had to be pulled. Unfortunately both were stillborn, which was very upsetting, both calves were MASSIVE, like 4 month olds and there was no way they could have been birthed naturally. Two poddy calves were acquired for the Mums to nurse. One potential Mum wasn't interested and the other, my favourite heifer never managed to get back on her feet. After 10 days feeding and watering her by hand, countless injections and supplements, sitting with her for hours at a time keeping her company and trying to encourage her, I 'called time'. And I am left feeding two poddy calves. The problem we face is we had so much grass and clover in the paddocks that the Mums and their unborn calves were getting bigger and bigger – too big in fact.

The remaining pregnant heifers were locked up in a much smaller area, where their food intake could be more closely monitored. We started doing checks throughout the night in case their waters broke, then you have a 1.5 - 2 hour window for the calf to arrive safely. EVERY calf since then has had to be pulled, but luckily because action was taken quickly, everyone has lived. I'm feeling sleep-deprived and will be grateful when the remaining heifers have done their thing, at the time of writing this though they don't even look close.

Unfortunately my veggie garden had decided that this would be the best season in terms of produce, we have ever had. Over 40kg of tomatoes, 12 pumpkins, about 30 kg potatoes, 30 or so leeks and much, much more. We tried to preserve what we could, but the timing and our energy levels were not at there best and we shared a lot our bounty with friends and neighbours.

Things are starting to calm down a bit now and we still have sweetcorn, watermelon and more pumpkins and tomatoes to go, so there will be more opportunities to put stuff away into storage. Sometimes, despite your best efforts things don't always go to plan. Prioritise change and you just have to wing it and hope for the best.....





### SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

### **TOLMIE UNITING CHURCH**

**TOLMIE CHURCH NEWS** 

Come and join us on **SUNDAY APRIL 21st at 2pm.** We welcome our friend Rev Glenys Gill from Benalla who will lead worship. As always we shall enjoy fellowship together with afternoon tea after the service. Everyone is welcome - Tolmie residents and any visitors who may be camping at the sportsground.



For more information or any pastoral concerns contact: Norma Pearce (0417 103813) Martina Sonneveld (0413 771941) Email: ne.pearce@bigpond.com

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- 1. How many Grammy Awards has Kylie Minogue won?
- 2. Which video game came first: Pacman or Space Invaders?
- 3. What word beginning with 'p' describes a person who knows and is able to use several languages?
- 4. How many emirates make up the United Arab Emirates?
- 5. Which has more bones: the hand or the foot?
- 6. Which Polish scientist is often referred to as the father of modern astronomy?
- 7. Which golfer and current PGA world No. 1 made history recently by winning The Players Championship for the second consecutive year?
- 8. Was El Greco a Greek painter, philosopher or musician?
- 9. Pluggers is Australian slang for which clothing item?
- 10.True or false: Australia has never elected a prime minister aged 70 or older. (Bonus points for naming the oldest Australian prime minister to take office and for naming the oldest serving prime minister.)

### Solar off grid Get together

Are you living in Tolmie and running your home with solar power independent of the electricity grid?

If you are (or would like to be) perhaps you would be interested in coming along for afternoon tea from 2.30pm, Saturday 27th April to mingle & chat with others to swap ideas or glean & swap information.

If this is for you, phone:- Danny 0409 107 491 or Janet 0419 107 496 to book your place & we will give you the venue address.



### **Tolmie UFO (Unfinished Objects)**

UFO runs every week on a Friday morning from 9.30a.m – 12.30. We are a small friendly group of people who get together on a Friday at Tolmie Mechanics Institute Hall (gold coin donation) to laugh, tell stories, share craft skills and hopefully work on or finish our projects whilst having a cuppa. Everyone welcome, especially new folks to the Tolmie area.

Hope to see you soon, Janet 0419 107 496



### **Monthly Ladies Luncheon**

Usually held on the last Thursday of each month with a different location to gather each time.

Anyone new to the area is welcome to attend and get to know other ladies from the Tolmie district. If you are interested or require further information, please contact Sue on clutterbuck@activ8.net.au to go on their email list.



#### **EXERCISE CLASS**

- Pilates based class with qualified Physiotherapist.
- All levels of fitness welcome!



**Tuesday 10am Tolmie Hall** 

Ph: Tasha 0431 346 552

# The Little Shop of Good Reads



The Little Shop of Good Reads sells high quality preloved books with all profits going to support the Mansfield Library. The Little Shop of Good Reads can be found at the corner of Curia and Highett Street opposite the Council Offices.

> Our hours are: Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm Thursday: 10 am to 4 pm Friday: 10 am to 4 pm Saturday: 10 am to 1 pm.

Drop in and look around, you never know what you may find!

**Quiz Answers:** 1) Two 2) Space Invaders 3) Polyglot 4) Seven 5) Hand 6) Nicolaus Copernicus 7) Scottie Scheffler 8) Painter 9) Thongs 10) True (Bonus points: John McEwen (who was 68 when he took office) and Robert Menzies (who retired at 71).)





### Supported Playgroup

For families with children aged 0-6 years

#### Monday (Crawl and Play)

St Mary's Mercy Centre (39 Malcolm St Mansfield)

- Toddler Session (18 months 5 years) 9.45am 10.30am
- Infant Session (6-18 months) 11.00am 11.45am

Bookings are essential and can be made via the QR code below.

#### Wednesday

• Youth Centre (7 Erril St Mansfield) 10.00am - 12.00pm

#### Thursday

Tolmie Community Hall 10.00am - 12.00pm

#### Friday

- Mansfield Youth Centre (7 Erril St Mansfield) 10.00am 12.00pm
- Bush Playgroup Bracks Bridge Goughs Bay 10.00am 12.00pm

For more information scan the QR code, or contact Supported Playgroups on 0417 683 427 / 0429 703 364 or playgroup@mansfield.vic.gov.au

mansfield.vic.gov.au/SupportedPlaygroups



Mansfield Shire

### Wonderings from the Wombat



Easter is past and the mornings and evenings are getting cooler. It must be autumn.

The Gang-Gang Cockatoos have moved on, the Butcherbirds have arrived, and the chook pen is full of feathers. Hence, no eggs now until the days start to get longer and in the mean time some seriously scrawny-looking chooks.

We had over 3 weeks without rain from late February through to late March, the longest dry spell we've had this summer and everything dried off quickly. And that put an end to picking blackberries and spraying the blighters...phew.

And, I've been meaning to talk about Antlions. This is the second summer that these tiny, conical pits, up to 3 to 4 cm. across, have appeared in the fine, loose soil against the wall at the front of the house. After asking around, I was told that they are the sand traps that Antlion nymphs dig to capture ants and other insects. I had heard of them but the word 'lion' somehow conjured up an image of a largish, ferocious looking something, not an insect where the adult's maximum wingspan is 150mm. So now I know what these funny little craters are and the insect that digs them.

After writing of cooler mornings earlier in this 'wondering', this morning we woke to a light frost...I'm sure this is a bit early in the autumn for frost.

And if I think it's a bit early for frosts, I also think it's a bit late to be seeing Native Bluebells (wahlenbergia) in flower. We spotted some on the edge of Frascas Lane in March and I know that there are a few different species, but the ones we see on our block flowered in January.

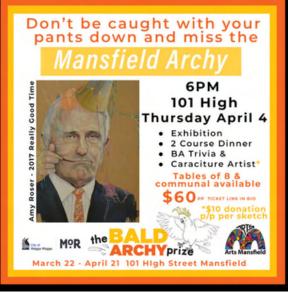
Don't forget that the Bald Archy prize exhibition will be showing in Mansfield through till April 21st. If you never saw it when it used to come to Swanpool, now's your chance. Wonderfully irreverent and very clever.

Hope that the Easter period went well for you and that you didn't overdo the chocolate

Margaret V









#### **CLASSIFIEDS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE NOTICES**

### WANTED

The Tolmie & District Rural Fire Brigade is looking for a secretary. It is an easy computer-based volunteer position. Perhaps you have the skills and would be interested? If so, contact the Tolmie Captain, Milton Taylor.

#### MECHANICS INSTITUTE

The hall is available for hire for private functions.

Contact the booking officer,

Linda Terry (5776 2113).

Tolmie not-for-profit groups can use the hall for free.

Individuals attending other community get-togethers such as the casserole nights, may be invited to give a gold coin donation to help cover costs.

### Tolmie Tennis Club



Join the Tolmie Tennis Club - Household/Family Membership \$15pa or discounted for 3 years. Contact Secretary Lisa Hodgkinson 0468461244



Tolmie Hall, Wednesday afternoon From 3.45 – 5.15pm, all welcome Gold coin donation to the Hall Contact - Janet 0419 107 496





Tolmie residents and community groups can advertise in the Tolme Times Classifieds for **free** 



#### JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Justices of the Peace provide a free public service and are available in the Tolmie locality for the following services:

- Attesting the execution of a document
- Witnessing an Affidavit for use in court
- Witnessing a Statutory Declaration
- Certifying a True Copy of an original document
- Certifying a person's identity

CONTACT Kelvin S. Lowe, JP 0477 140 541

### TOLMIE UFO (Unfinished Objects)

#### All welcome

WHERE: Tolmie Mechanics Institute Hall (Gold coin donation) WHEN: Every Friday from 9:30 a.m

CONTACT: Janet - 0419 107 496





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