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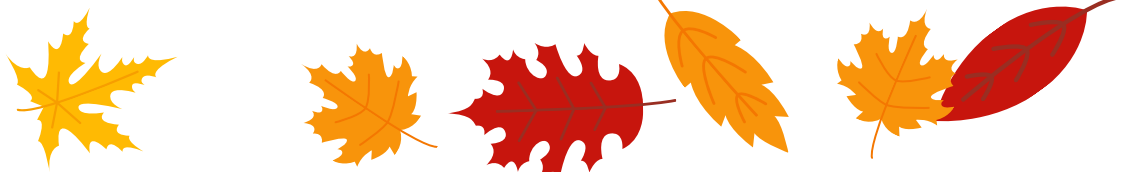
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please see the event calendar on Tolmie.com.au**

Published on behalf of Tolmie Mechanics Institute and Recreation Reserve
13 Tolmie-Mahaikah Rd, Tolmie VIC, Tolmie 3723



From the Editor...

I know if you are reading this that it doesn't apply, but I was alerted to the fact that some folks think the the Calendar page that I have been publishing on Facebook is the extent of the "newsletter" hence a bit boring, and even if they are subscribed and receive the email they are not clicking through to THIS newsletter. So... If you are talking to any locals and if the topic of the Tolmie Times crops up, can you please confirm that they understand that there is a digital version behind the calendar they need to click on!

Thanks in advance for the digital coaching :-)

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



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.





**Tolmie Sports
Facebook Page**
"Tolmie Sports
Association link"



**Tolmie Community
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"Tolmie & Surrounds
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Tolmie Mechanics Institute & Recreation Reserve Committee



As we enjoy this beautiful autumn our Reserve is looking beautiful and is being well utilised by many campers. Thanks as always, to those who volunteer so much time – such as our team of 8 who clean toilets on roster, blokes with mowers who just happen to be passing through and a small team who got the final wall of the camp kitchen painted. Then there are those volunteers who help run the Social Club, which gives locals the opportunity to also come together at the Reserve.

The renovation of the smaller toilet block is also completed and Tony Houghton did a fantastic job of this, while Adrian McGreggor has been working on additional low fences to help control vehicle movement in some areas and allow us to close off the main camping area, once things get sodden again in winter!

The hall has also been busy with the usual pilates, Playgroup, line dancing, UFO etc and the April Casserole Night saw 30 locals meeting to help with the Community Emergency Plan development, before going on to enjoy the usual evening of food, wine and much chatter and socialising. The next Casserole night will be Friday 24 th May, starting 7pm The Wednesday afternoon line dancers had a visit recently from a large contingent from Merton who joined in and much fun was had by all.



Linda Terry, Treasurer and Booking Officer.
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Tolmie Sports Committee



Volunteering is a work of heart and volunteers are the heart of Tolmie. With that said, the **Tolmie Sports Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 23rd May at 7pm in the Mechanics Institute/Hall** and will be seeking to fill a number of vacancies on the committee to ensure that our historic Sports Day has an enduring future.

The current committee (President, Secretary, Treasurer) will be stepping aside but will stay on to assist a new committee to hit the ground running. We are seeking a fresh input of enthusiasm and ideas to keep our Sports Day relevant, fun and vibrant whilst maintaining the flavour of this unique country sports day that has brought successive generations of visitors and locals alike through the gates.

There are many ways you can contribute your talents and strengths to the planning for the 138th Tolmie Sports Day and to give back to this event some of the delight you have enjoyed from the event over the years. So come along to the AGM to see how you can join the incredible team that keeps our Sports Day a fantastic family friendly day.

Anita Godber, President TSA.

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Tolmie and District Fire Brigade

Thank you!

The Brigade is very grateful to community members for their continued observance of careful burn-off practice, including registering burns. To date we have not had a single callout to an escaped burn... be vigilant though as the grass is still quite dry. Let's see if we can make it through May the same way :-)

Is your Chimney Clean?

Most of us are probably using wood-fueled heaters of one type or another to heat our homes in Winter. When was the last time you had your flue or chimney cleaned? Over time, soot and creosote can build up on the inside walls. This is exacerbated by burning softwood or green firewood. This build-up in the chimney is highly flammable. If it catches it will burn extremely hot and can compromise the integrity of the flue or chimney, starting a house fire in your ceiling for example.

Symptoms will include a loud roaring noise, flue glowing red hot, and flames erupting from the top like a jet. If this happens to you, shut down all vents and dampers on the heater to starve it of oxygen. This may not extinguish it, but it will help slow it down until help arrives. Call 000 immediately. If safe to do so, move anything flammable or valuable away from the fireplace as the process of extinguishing the fire is likely to be rather messy. All other persons should evacuate the building and remain at a safe distance.

If you open the firebox door you will probably make things worse, and throwing a bucket of water into a hot firebox is quite dangerous and may not be very effective anyway. Do not leave clothes (including wet washing) draped close to the heater – they should be at least 1m away. And please make sure you have working smoke detectors!

Cheers,
Milton Taylor
Captain

Brigade Contacts

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HIGH COUNTRY HOMESTEAD

by SHS



The cold and windy days have certainly arrived now. At the time of writing, it is pouring with rain, glancing out the window I can see the mists as they swirl across the paddocks and they have obliterated my views of the nearby mountains. The rain is very welcome, paddocks are returning to their green splendor, trees and plants and animals can quench their thirst. And water tanks and dams are topped up once more.

I tried to hold off on lighting the fire, but I have finally relented. My hands are sooo very cold that my fingertips are stinging, in fact I am finding it hard to type. Unfortunately, I have left my run for firewood harvesting rather late this year. And I have an 'almost' empty woodshed. Not good when you rely on firewood for your cooking, hot water, and your general heating.

Time has got away from me somewhat. First it was the hay, then all those issues with the calving season and endless quantities of garden produce to be preserved. Having said that; Summer is not a good or safe time to be out trying to harvest wood, I mean let's face it – it's hot! Then there are snakes, jumping jacks, spiders and all manner of creepy crawlies. And I can hear all you big burly blokes out there recoiling at those words, but this is me embracing my girlie side! Apart from anything else, there is the ever present danger that a spark from the chainsaw will ignite a fire in the long dry grass.

But, this year the cold seems to have arrived in a bit of a rush, and I am sadly under prepared. It is always a good idea to have a 'surplus' of firewood. I mean I have harped on before about having a surplus of food put away in the pantry 'just in case'. You have to factor in all eventualities. Getting sick or injured or losing your job – it is one less thing to worry about if you are prepared and have that surplus, regardless of what that surplus is. Some years, the fruit n veg just doesn't do well, or some strange infestation of garden bugs destroys your plants and produce long before harvesting. But if you have put aside enough in the previous year, then you should be pretty right. It is the same with your firewood supplies – the issue is because I put my back out last year, we used the surplus!

Last week I found a couple of tall skinny, long dead peppermint gums on the property. No branches, just the trunk left (a common sight in this area). They were quickly cut down, lopped up and delivered up to the woodshed, but it was barely enough to fill the ute. Still I am grateful, even that is better than nothing. Our property is quite steep in spots, with a number of areas only accessible either on foot or horseback, and wouldn't you know it, these tend to be the areas with the best firewood! So this morning the young ones and I will just have to go for a wander and have a good look for a few more.

Tolmie UFO (Unfinished Objects)



SEWING ACRONYMS

- SMAD = Sewing Machine Acquisition Disorder
 - THAD = Thread Acquisition Disorder
 - PAD = Pattern Addiction Disease
 - FAD = Fabric Acquisition Disorder
 - UFOs = UnFinished Objects—they exist for most sewers
 - OOP = Out of Print – Refers to patterns.
 - OOAK = One of a Kind
 - PHD = Project Half Done
 - SABLE = Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy
 - STASH = Special Treasures All Secretly Hidden
 - TGIF = Thank God It's Finished!
 - TOAD = Trashed Object Abandoned in Disgust
 - UFO = Un-Finished Object
 - WIP = Work In Progress
 - WOMBAT = Waste of Time, Money and Batting
- (Now we know nother meaning for the name WOMBAT) Hope to see you soon, **Janet** 0419 107 496

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.



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TOLMIE UNITING CHURCH

TOLMIE CHURCH NEWS

Come and join us on **SUNDAY MAY 19th at 2pm**. This month we will welcome the pastor of the High Country Vineyard church – Mark Buscombe, who will lead us in worship. Everyone is welcome to join us for the service and shared afternoon tea – Tolmie residents and any visitors who may be camping at the sportsground.



For more information or any pastoral concerns contact:
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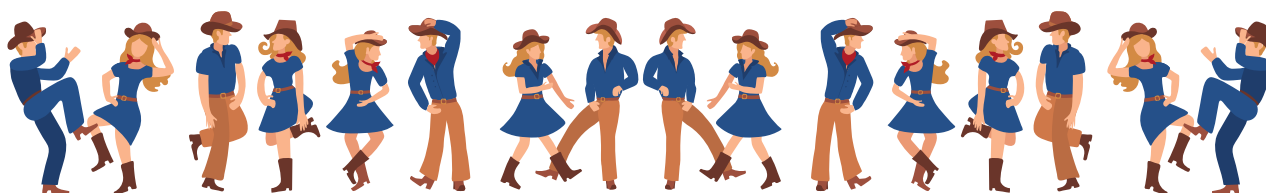
1. How many time zones are there in Russia?
2. What country has the most islands in the world?
3. Which language has the most words (according to dictionary entries)?
4. How many keys does a classic piano have?
5. Where was the first modern Olympic Games held?
6. Name Disney's first film?
7. What country has the highest life expectancy?
8. How many elements are in the periodic table?
9. What country drinks the most coffee per capita?
10. Which planet has the most moons?

Line Dancing

Join!
us!

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.



Feeling Stiff and Sore?

A new exercise class has started Tuesday Tolmie Hall at 9am!

This is a functional circuit class focused on strengthening and resilience and will run for approximately 1 hour
Pilates class will follow as usual at 10am
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Thursday: 10 am to 4 pm

Friday: 10 am to 4 pm

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

Quiz answers: 1) 11 2) Sweden, 267,570 3) English, 200,000 words 4) 88 5) Athens, 1896 6) Snow White, 1937 7) Hong Kong 8) 118 9) Finland 10) Saturn

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- 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



Wonderings from the Wombat



After seeing a cormorant standing on our drive drying its wings I decided that I would talk about some of the birds we see around our block. We often see cormorants on both our dam and our neighbour's dam, usually pied and occasionally black ones. I think that they are Little Pied and Little Black Cormorants. There are other similar species but they are quite a bit bigger. Anyway, although it's not uncommon to see them, often with their wings outstretched, drying themselves, it's usually on the water's edge and not on our drive which is at least 100m from the dam. Australasian Darters are a bit similar, and when they're not diving under the water, seem to be forever standing on the water's edge with their wings outstretched, but they have a much pointier bill.

Whilst I'm talking about birds and dams, some years back, a local man and myself saw what we thought were 2 ducks splashing around in the shallows on the edge of his dam. After watching them for a bit we realised that they were in fact 2 ravens having a bath, something neither of us had seen before either.

I interrupted a White-Throated Treecreeper having a bath in our bird bath last week. It stopped washing at one point and had a bit of a sing while still sitting in the water. Another bird species that I'd never seen bathing before.

But going back to cormorants. Some years back a local lady was telling me about the time her 2 primary school-aged daughters came running into the house to tell her that there was a penguin on their dam! She queried this, obviously, but they were adamant that she come and see. It was a cormorant, standing on the dam bank and from a distance with its black and white feathers, could have looked like a penguin to 2 young girls.

We see a wonderful variety of birds on our bird baths near the house, most of the smaller birds we see all year round: thornbills and honeyeaters being the most common but also Eastern Spinebills, Grey Shrike-thrushes , Red Wattle birds, which can empty a bird bath in one go, Kookaburras, Rosellas and of course Magpies who's song makes Tolmie such a special place to live.

I hope you've been making the most of the beautiful, autumn weather

Margaret V





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Individuals attending other community
get-togethers such as the casserole
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donation to help cover costs.

Tolmie Tennis Club



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Line Dancing

Tolmie Hall, Wednesday afternoon
From 3.45 – 5.15pm, all welcome
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Contact - Janet 0419 107 496



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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



TOLMIE TORRENTS



<h2>April 2024</h2> <p>1/4/24 - 30/4/24 No of rain days - 14 Rainfall - 41.4mm Snowfalls - 0 20 year average Feb - 77.83mm</p>	<h2>2024 Year to Date</h2> <p>1/1/24 - 30/4/24 No of rain days - 32 Rainfall - 241.6mm Snowfalls - 0 20 year YTD - 301.82mm 20 year average annual - 1279mm</p>
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