



# Tolmie Times

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October 2024

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# LEAP Update

Dear Tolmie Community Members,

Thank you to everyone who attended September's session and contributed to the Tolmie Local Emergency Action Plan. Your input was invaluable in identifying key decisions and priorities. However, there is still an opportunity for people to contribute further to this important project.

Below is a link to the draft document for your review. This document discusses the themes and actions that had been identified in our three sessions. [Tolmie LEAP content Sep 2024.doc](#). Please let me know if you have issues accessing this document.

What's Next?

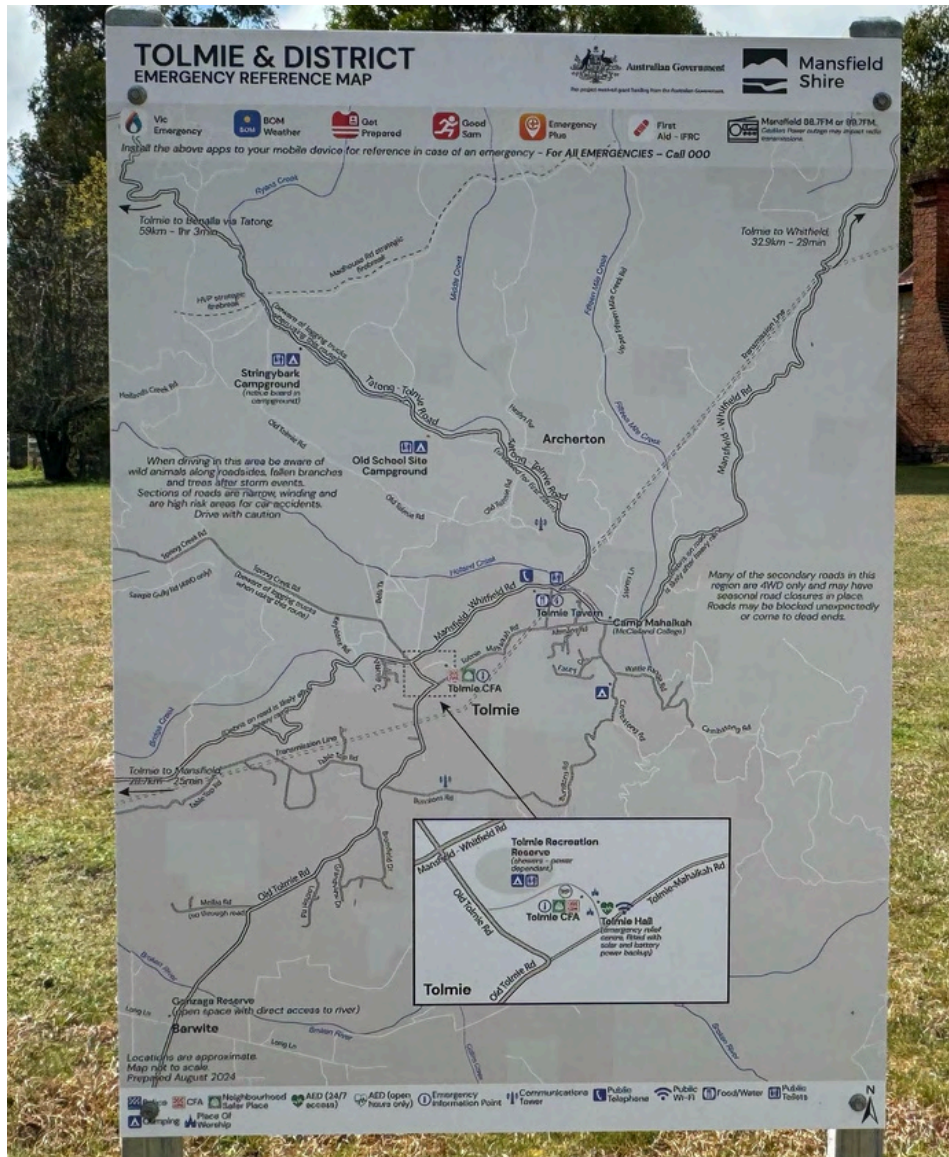
- 1. 17 November 2024 CFA 85th Celebration, Mural unveiling and Mini Emergency Services Expo:** We have spoken with CFA representatives, and we have agreed to combine resources for community engagement and bushfire preparedness conversations.
- 2. Community Input:** The draft content will be posted on Council website for broader community feedback and suggestions in the coming weeks. We plan to share the link through Tolmie Times so more people have access to it.
- 3. Design and Distribution:** We have engaged a graphic designer to create an engaging and user-friendly format for the LEAP. Once finalised, it will be printed and distributed throughout the community. The map developed by the Resilience Benchmarking Project will be included.
- 4. Endorsement Opportunity:** After finalising the LEAP, there may be an opportunity for community representatives to present it to the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) for endorsement, likely in the new year.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Danna Lezcano

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The LEAPing into Resilience Project has installed the new “Tolmie and District Emergency Reference Map” - located opposite the CFA station and between the Uniting Church and Mechanics Institute Hall.



# LLOYD SPIEGEL COMES TO TOLMIE

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## Tolmie Sports Committee



The 138th Tolmie Sports flyer is out! Please share with all your friends, save the Date.  
8 February 2025

The next meeting for the Tolmie Sports Association Inc will be on **October 3** at the Tolmie Hall at 7.00 pm, all welcome to come, swap ideas and get involved with the future planning of the 138th Tolmie Sports 2025.

The next meeting dates for your calendar are

- October 3rd 7pm
- November 7th 7pm
- December 5th 7pm

An email address has been set up for all emails for the Tolmie Sports Association Committee Inc contact:- [tolmiesports@gmail.com](mailto:tolmiesports@gmail.com)

On behalf of the committee thank you Tolmie for your continuing support.

### TSA Committee



# 2025 138th Annual Tolmie Sports Day



Tolmie Recreation Reserve  
8th February 2025

Oxmen Championships

Equestrian Events

3 Man Challenge

Crosscut Saw & Dog Jump

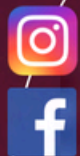
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**Tolmie Sports Association**





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## Tolmie Mechanics Institute & Recreation Reserve Committee



I'm sorry to have missed it, but it seems Tim and the Captain and their "Ghosts of Castlemaine" gig was a great success with around 90 attending, Huge thanks to Tim and Ian for putting on this show for our community and we hope they loved doing it as much as everyone loved listening, and to all the Social Club committee and volunteers who worked so hard to make it such a successful night!

We are now very excited to be presenting another music event in November. Lloyd Spiegel, 14 -time Australian Blues Award winner, will be playing at the Tolmie Mechanics Institute on Saturday 30 th Nov. Lloyd Spiegel has toured with the founding fathers of modern Blues to stages around the world for 30 years or more and is famed for his guitar wizardry, powerful song writing and knack for humorous story telling. The night will kick off with a great support act by none other than Tolmie's own, Matthew Roberts.

Flaming Pizza's will be on hand with their fab pizza's and of course a bar will be running. Tickets on sale now via Try Booking <https://www.trybooking.com/CVTGK>. Tolmie locals who book before 9th Nov will receive a \$5 voucher each, to be redeemed at the bar. With the arrival of Spring (some days!) the grass will be starting to grow and our working bees will be busy times with mowing etc, with the next one being Sunday 13th Oct from 9am. We will be also painting new railings at the hall and doing some repairs to gutters, plus maybe repairing the tin around the base of the old kiosk building. So, if you have the skills to help with any of those jobs (or mowing!) please, please come along! [Huge thanks btw to Tony Houghton for taking on many of the carpentry jobs around the place such as replacing the railings and also adding skylights to the bottom toilets]. There will be a quick sausage sizzle following the working bee and then the AGM for the Committee of Management will be held, 1pm at the hall. All welcome.

The synthetic grass for the tennis court is nearly here so watch out for that exciting development. New signage is up regarding the emergency points around Tolmie and the LEAP project progresses – though we'd love some greater input to that by more people. Finally, we are catering for a group of 30-50 from the Bush Poets on Saturday Nov 23rd. If anyone could make a dessert for this, we would love to hear from you.

A reminder that Casserole Nights are the 4th Friday of the month (not the last Friday). October's night is the 25th at 7pm.

Linda Terry,  
Treasurer and Booking Officer. 0411 280 447. [linda.gai.terry@gmail.com](mailto:linda.gai.terry@gmail.com)





## 2024 TOLMIE Bush Entertainment Muster 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November

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### FREE entry. Donation for Greg Champion Concert

SATURDAY 9am - 10.30am Bush Poets & Muso's Breakfast Open Mic to lunch 12n.  
2pm - 3.30pm ANZAC Tribute. Break. Open Mic to 5pm.  
8pm Concert: Greg Champion of 'Coodabeen Champions'  
& selected entertainers to approx 10.30pm.

SUNDAY 9am to 10.30am Bush Poets & Muso's Breakfast  
Novice Poetry & 1 minute poem Comps. Finish 12n.  
\$7.50 per person per night site fee.

**SAVE THE DATE**

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# Tolmie and District Fire Brigade

## TOLMIE AND DISTRICT FIRE BRIGADE

### Burn-offs

We are at the time of year when the Fire Danger Period is rapidly approaching, and the last few months have been marked by below average rainfall in the District. Now is the time to be clearing up fuel from around your dwellings and sheds.

Please take care with your burn-off. Have a decent firebreak around it. Check the weather for the following few days. A lot of burns look benign by day's end, but then escape the next day when the wind gets up and blows sparks or hot coals into the grass. PLEASE register your burn with Fire Permits Victoria, It saves a lot of wasted time for our volunteers turning out to false alarm incidents.

### Mural Update

We are excited to be starting to paint our mural on the Station building in the next couple of weeks. If you'd like to lend a hand please contact our lead artist Liam Ferguson at our Brigade email address below. The design is still open for comment and constructive feedback – you can see a rendering of it on the Station noticeboard as well as the Social Club. If you would like to see what it will look like at scale, come and have a look on **Thursday 10th October between 9:30 and 10pm** because we will be laser projecting it onto the front and side wall of the building. (We did this recently for the Casserole night and it looked truly amazing).

### Save the Date

The aim is to complete the mural in time for the Brigade's 85th Birthday, which will be an Open Day celebration and community engagement day **Sunday 17th November**

Brigade Contacts		
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**Save the date: Sunday November 17 10am - 2pm**

## Tolmie & District Fire Brigade is 85 years old!

- Official unveiling of the new station mural
- Birthday BBQ
- Open Day
- Bushfire Safety and Property Preparation Session



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

UFO is taking a hiatus during winter - we'll resume when the weather warms



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## **TOLMIE UNITING CHURCH**

TOLMIE CHURCH NEWS

Our next service will be held on **SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER at 2pm** and will be led by **Rev Andrew Delbridge**. Andrew has moved to a new posting in Melbourne. We will be pleased to have him with us and hear news of his new area of ministry. Everyone is welcome to join us to worship together and share 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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Martina Sonneveld (0413 771941)

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# HIGH COUNTRY HOMESTEAD

by SHS



Oh, Spring! A time of renewal, blossoming flowers, and the gentle warmth of the sun returning after the long Winter. But not this year. No, this year, Spring decided to make quite the dramatic entrance—and I mean dramatic with a capital D!

Do you remember the week leading up to Spring? The wind was relentless, like nature itself was throwing a tantrum. Friends from Melbourne to Gippsland were all griping about the gusts that seemed determined to make us all take up kite flying. I've never been a fan of wind; it gets under my skin, makes my hair stand on end, and leaves me feeling like I'm in some horror movie where the wind is the villain.

But just when I thought things couldn't possibly get any worse—Mother Nature, in all her mischievous glory, said, "Just watch this!" The first day of Spring dawned with a torrential downpour, gale-force winds, and a thick mist that swallowed the world whole. It was as if Spring had decided to cosplay as the dead of Winter. By afternoon, the wind had revved up to a fever pitch, rattling windows, shaking trees, and making me seriously question if I'd wake up in Kansas the next day.

That night, I went to bed with a simple prayer: "Please, let these winds calm down by morning." It didn't! I spent the night in a fitful sleep, waking up every time a gust shook the house, dreading what the morning light would reveal. And reveal it did. As I groggily stumbled to the window, I rubbed my eyes and blinked. My greenhouse, my precious greenhouse, was gone. Vanished. Nowhere to be seen. It hadn't just blown over—it had taken off, soaring through the skies like a plastic-and-metal kite. All my carefully nurtured seedlings, my tiny pots of future nourishment—gone! The broccoli, cauliflower, capsicum, and chilli I'd tended with such care? Gone. My tomatoes and spinach? Gone. And the 20 little pomegranate seedlings I'd started late last Summer? GONE!

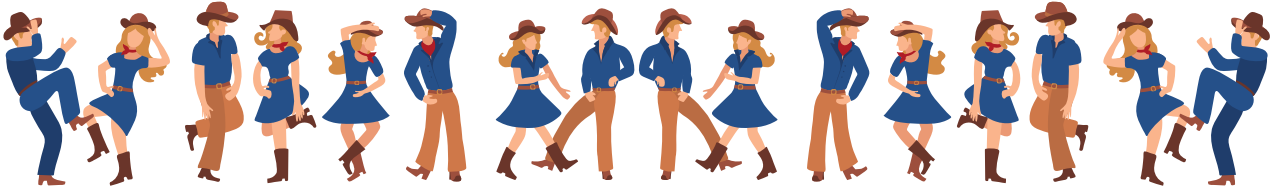
For those who don't know, in this district, a greenhouse isn't just a nice-to-have—it's essential. Our growing season is so short that without it, getting a decent crop is nearly impossible. This wasn't just a hobby; this was our food for the next two seasons. And with no income apart from a few egg sales to neighbours, replacing it isn't an option. I'm devastated—utterly and completely gutted. The past fortnight has been one calamity after another—farm animal injuries, household pet injuries, even human injuries—our savings diminished by vet bills. Now this?

I'm sure, eventually, I'll come up with some brilliant plan to rebuild. But for now, I'm just standing here, dazed and confused.... And, if you happen to see a greenhouse flying through the air like something out of *The Wizard of Oz*, don't panic—you're not hallucinating. It's probably just my greenhouse, off to start a new life in the land of Oz.

# Line Dancing

# Join! us!

Line Dancing at the Tolmie Mechanics Institute Hall every Wednesday  
from 3.45 - 5.15pm. Come and join the fun.  
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## Feeling Stiff and Sore?

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1. Which classic novel was originally titled "First Impressions"?
2. What sport used the lingo Scrum?
3. Including special characters how many letters are in the German Alphabet?
4. What does a Turk call Turkish Delight?
5. What is the chemical symbol for Tungsten?
6. Who wrote the Ballet "The Creatures of Prometheus"?
7. What film was the first movie with an original soundtrack album?
8. What was the name of Vincent van Gogh's art dealer brother?
9. Who was the first Roman Emperor?
10. What is the only major city located on two continents?

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## Wonderings from the Wombat

Spring has definitely arrived with some glorious, mild days but boy was it cold over the 2nd weekend in September with snow falling on the Sunday. The daffodils along our driveway are looking really beautiful and, so far have only been briefly visited by the white cockatoos (.....maybe I speak too soon).

Kangaroos lounge in the paddock, overnight cultivation continues (wombats) and we see deer almost daily, although usually only fallow. We continue to hear the Boobook Owl nightly and also Nankeen Kestrels and cuckoos (Fan-tailed) calling during the day. I'm pretty sure that the kestrels are nesting in a tree somewhere nearby in the paddock but haven't watched them for long enough yet to discover where. They successfully raised a chick last year but have previously chosen nesting sites that were a bit exposed and lost their eggs/chicks to the Currawongs who are always on the lookout for an easy meal. Still hearing and occasionally seeing Gang-Gang cockatoos daily.

And, whilst I'm discussing birds, why do the Crimson Rosellas that live around our house always take off the minute you walk out of the door or around the corner of the house, yet those feeding right at the edge of the bitumen road when you're heading down to Mansfield, totally ignore the passing car? We don't feed them at home but neither do we chase them away so I don't understand why they see us but not a fast-moving car as a threat.

And another bird comment, for the first time since we've lived in Tolmie, last week I saw a magpie dive bomb the chooks. The rooster was not impressed and did his best to see it off but obviously he couldn't fly after it. When we lived in the Dandenongs, the magpies had a nest very close to the house and chook pen and did a lot of swooping when they were nesting, but only at the chooks and never at people fortunately (the chooks could just hide under a bush).

On a final note, I had another first this week.....a spider in the teapot! This I am sure this has never occurred before, although maybe I just haven't noticed. I'd only made a pot of tea the evening before so it's not as if the teapot had been sitting unused for ages. Anyway, I spotted said spider (a Daddy Long-legs) before I added the tea and boiling water.

I hope you're all enjoying the beautiful mild days and looking forward to some good rain soon

Margaret V







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**Quiz answers:** 1) Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen 2)Rugby 3)30 4)Lokum 5)W  
6)Beethoven 7)Walt Disney's "Snow White" released in 1937 8)Theo 9)Augustus  
10)Istanbul

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**TOLMIE UFO  
 (Unfinished Objects)**

Sorry Folks: we are taking  
 a break for Winter





# TOLMIE TORRENTS

<b>September 2024</b> 1/9/24 - 30/9/24 No of rain days - 13 Rainfall - 21.6mm Snowfalls - 0 20 year monthly average - 110mm	<b>2024 Year to Date</b> 1/1/24 - 30/9/24 No of rain days - 103 Rainfall - 547.2mm Snowfalls - 2 20 year YTD - 915mm 20 year average annual - 1294mm
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Tim & The Captain "Ghosts of Castlemaine"

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