

BENDOC WHEEL



Walls Family Flyaway

The Bendoc Community said "Goodbye" to a young family that has become well known in the local district.

Chantelle Walls and her four boys left Bendoc late

December to settle in Northam approximately 95 kilometres east of Perth.

The Walls Family arrived in Bendoc late March 2010.

Chantelle and the boys,

although very sad to leave the farm and close friends, are looking forward to having family nearby once again.

Chantelle has fond memories of the area and will have a big reminder to take with her from her time here, as boy number four, Charlie was born in Cooma last year. (Pictured on right)

The Wall's family moved to Bendoc over three years ago and Jack and Flynn attended the Delegate Public School. Ollie who was just months old when they arrived has been involved in the Delegate Playgroup each Thursday. (Ollie, Jack and Flynn Pictured above)



Chantelle visited the local Bendoc Resource Centre often and we thank the Walls family for their time in our community and wish them well for the future.

Jack and Flynn start at Josephs school in Northam on the 4th of February so they will be settled in before to long.

It's always sad to say goodbye but Chantelle has promised to visit often and stay in touch.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

It's been very good luck for the district considering the extreme weather conditions we have experienced during January, that we have not had large fires threatening our local area at this stage.

Everyone however, should remain vigilant during the coming months as conditions are expected to remain the same during February and early March. Although rains have eased fears slightly.

Our local DSE or CFA members have been on alert.

There have been large fires in Victoria and Bendoc DSE has provided Ground Crews for those as part of an Orbost Task Force.

DSE Locally has also provide Airbase support for the fire burning near Cooma. The Cooma fire had as reported in late January burnt in excess of 12 000 hectares thus far. You may from time to time hear a plane over-head (no not Mundy) this plane is sent out to check when storms have occurred and there may have been lightning strike risks or to check the severity on fires unable to be reached quickly by ground vehicle to assess. For up-to-date information on fires burning in all areas across the state you can go to the DSE Website www.dse.vic.au or to the www.cfa.vic.au both these websites are linked and are up-dated on a regular basis.

CFA News

The Bendoc Tanker and Ultra Light attended the grass fire on the Australia Day **Weekend at "Delicknora". The fire started with a lightning strike but the rain assisted in the controlling.** A big thank you to those involved, appreciated as always.

DSE NEWS. Important Summer Contacts.

Up-dated contact information for The Bendoc DSE office as the old phone number 6458 1456 will be disconnected by next season. DSE Office hours are 10am till 3pm Monday to Friday. If you call outside these hours the phone is diverted to the DSE in Orbost.

THE FIRE RESTRICTIONS COMMENCED ON THE 17TH OF DECEMBER 2012.

BENDOC DSE OFFICE 02 6459 0500 Fax 02 6459 0555

BENDOC EMERGENCY'S

CONTACT 02 6459 0508 for your Work Centre Response Officer.

Department of Primary Industries Poisoning Info..

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI), will be undertaking a 1080 pest animal poisoning program targeting Wild Dogs until the 5th of March 2013 a detailed map of areas which are to be poisoned is available at the Bendoc Resource Centre. For further information contact Biosecurity Area Leader—Wild Dogs, Department of Primary Industries on (03) 5155 8121.

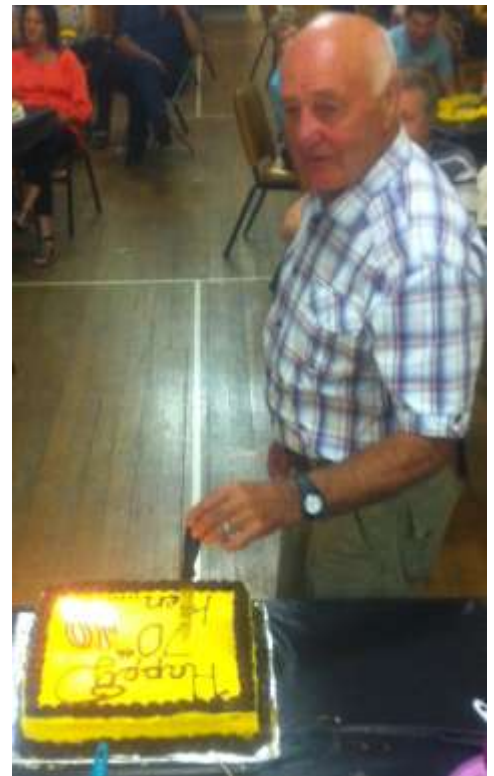
Happy 70th Ken

Bendoc was alive and kicking when over 70 family and friends joined together to celebrate with Ken Collings on the 22nd of December at the Bendoc Hall. The Party was organised by his wife Gillian as a surprise and friends travelled from everywhere from Melbourne to Canberra.

As a extra special surprise, two long time friends from Briagolong, Peter and Irene Andrews made the trip. Peter was the Policeman in Bendoc over 30 years ago and has been in contact with Ken and Gillian ever since.

Ken was wrapped to have his Mum Gladie up from Sale to the party as she was to celebrated 91 years on the 28th of January.

Black and Gold was the theme for the evening. (table decorations pictured below). Black and gold were chosen as they were the colours of the Delegate Tigers whom, Ken had played for during his younger years.



Also on display on the night was the blazer that Ken and his team members were presented with when the Delegate Tigers won the Grand Final in 1969.

Anthony Reed, on behalf of the family, gave a brief **out-line of Ken's life and gave a walk down memory lane.** Also on behalf of the family Clint Collings spoke about his Dad Ken, by all reports these were touching words **straight from the heart and made Ken's night.**

The evening was a real celebration of the many different people who have played a wonderful part **in Ken's life during the last 70 years.**

Gillian and Ken thank all those who brought along a plate of food and a special thanks to Rita Barnes, Heather Scroope and Alana Ventry who each made such a huge effort to help out on the night.



2013 At Your Centre

The Bendoc Resource Centre is open once again after a long summer break.

A big welcome home to the President Clare Strickland after several months off due to a knee replacement. Clare would like to thank everyone for their concern and calls during this time, it helped to make the recovery a little easier. Clare is still a little slow but is looking forward to a full recovery.

This year the Centre will now be closed Monday,

Open Tuesday 9.30am till 3pm,

Wednesday 10am till 2pm and Thursday 9.30am till 3pm.

The times may vary from time to time but there will always be notification on the door with any changes.

The Craft Group will once again be meeting every second Tuesday and new members **are welcome with idea's for new activities.**

The Beauty Day's will continue every third Week varying from Tuesday to Wednesday.

The Merimbula bus will remain on the current schedule and an adventure tour is planned for the coast April or May. The bus will be out and about a little more over the next couple of weeks as the Delegate Public School has it booked Monday and Wednesday during February for the After School Sport Program.

The Centre will continue with the Library Shelf in the Centre for members to borrow books. Memberships can be made at the Centre anytime. The scanner system seems to be working well. If anyone needs books returned and is not able to meet the bus there is always the alternative of the leaving the books at the Centre for Staff to return. In the past there have been some hiccups with returns but it seems this has been sorted.

This year workshops are in the planning stage however we are looking to have Carol Badewitz return with Decoration Creation as well as Sharon Buckman with Glass slumping and Chris Bayliss with the introduction of DAZ3D Classes.

For the out-doors a Chainsaw course and a junior library day for the youngsters. With Seniors week in March Bendoc is joining with the Delegate RTC team for an activity day. If you have an idea for something you could either host or would like to learn please call the Centre suggestions are always appreciated.

This year you will see some changes in the grounds of the Centre we hope to have all the bark chip distributed onto the gardens by the end of April. A hot water system is also being installed sometime over the next couple of months after the successful grant application last year.

The Centre has increased numbers in recent times with a few more library members and several internet uses however please take the time to have another look at what is on offer. Please treat everyday as an open day at the Bendoc Resource Centre in 2012.

Bendoc Under-Construction

Up-date



Works have progress at a amazing rate over the last couple of weeks on the upgrade to the DSE depot at Bendoc. The project is running to schedule with completion looking to be April. As you can see from the photo's taken on Wednesday 6th of February the frames are up and from here on in noticeable changes will occur each day.



There are around 15 permanent construction staff and contractors working on the site, depending on the day and jobs to be done.

There have been local contractors sourced during the works however the large injection of money from the contractors coming in from away that have been staying in the area has been much appreciated.

Some of the workers stay on site in the house provided others in The Mill Houses and the remainder at the Delegate Hotel. All spending money at the local business and helping our local economy. As the construction continues over the next couple of weeks more photo's will be taken for the March Wheel in and around the worksite.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Zucchini Slice

Ingredients

5 eggs
1 cup self raising flour
200g grated zucchini
400g sweet corn kernels
1 onion chopped nice and fine
200g rindless bacon finely chopped
1 cup grated cheese
1/4 cup of vegetable oil

Method

Preheat oven to 170 degrees. Grease and line a 30 x 20 cm lamington pan. Beat the eggs until combined, add the flour and beat until smooth, then add the zucchini, onion, corn, bacon, cheese and oil and stir to combine. Pour into the prepared pan and bake in oven until cooked through (about 30 minutes).

JOKE

All the passengers are seated on a plane out on the tarmac and the stewardess announces “we’re just waiting for the pilots.”. The passengers look out the window and see two men, dressed as pilots walking towards the plane. Both men are using guide dogs and appear to be blind. There are murmurs among the passengers, and some believe it is a joke. The men board the plane and go into the cockpit. More concerned murmurs and uneasy chuckles from the passengers. The plane taxis normally to the runway and

begins it’s takeoff. As passengers look out the window they realize they are nearing the end of the runway. The entire passenger cabin begins screaming but the plane lifts off just before the end of the runway. The passengers calm down and chuckle to themselves. In the cockpit, the pilot turns to his co-pilot and says

“you know, one day those people are gonna scream too late and we’re all gonna die!”

A One Liner One For The Junior Jokers

What do you call an alligator wearing a vest?

An Investigator..

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

BARRY JAMIESON

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY!!



On The Shelf

As mentioned the Bendoc Resource Centre have a good range of books and CD's at the Centre for members to borrow provide by the East Gippsland Outreach Library Service.

The picks of the month for February are:-

Last Truck Out written by Betty Lockyer. Great for the early Australian history buff. It is **the story of Betty's mother who was heavy with child on the last truck evacuated from Broome to Beagle Bay Mission in the north-west of Western Australia.** Betty was born two weeks later.

George and Mildred .. Old favourite British comedy. (DVD)

50 First Dates Which is a light comedy rated M starring favourites Adam Sandler and Drew Barry more. (DVD)

A Bridge to the Stars by Henning Mankell. This is a story of a Twelve year old boy who lives with his father in Northern Sweden. At night he often sneaks out of the house to look for a lonely dog he has seen from his window. On the bridge across the icy rive he **starts a secret society and has adventures. But one night he discovers that his father's bed is also empty. This book is an audio book which is perfect for those who don't find the time to sit and read and great for the long trips in the car.**

For the Junior Members..

The Animal Fair and Other Stories. A Fantastic selection of songs and stories. Over an hour of Audio entertainment.



Who where the Students enrolled at Bendoc Public School in 1973?

Wayne Martin, Joanne Smith, David McCormack, Darren Neil, Marianne Stewart, Sherylene Gleeson, Michelle Jamieson , Stephen Groves, Brian McCormack, Chris Martin, Brian Jamieson, Diana Brandenburg, Colin Groves, Tony Thompson, Keith Gleeson, David Martin, Douglass Thompson, Damien Smith, Diane Neil, Sharon Thompson, and Donna Campbell.

CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted...

A Motorbike, either 80, 100 or 125cc no preference in type or model but needs to be in reasonable condition. Please phone .. 64 588 303

A Children's Pony to either Buy, Swap or Sell. Please phone 64 581 236.

Do you have something you would like to Buy, Swap Sell or Giveaway?

Call and include your item in the next edition of The Bendoc Wheel. 6458 1402.

PUBLIC NOTICES

For Further Information Phone Bendoc Resource Centre 64 58 1402

MOBILE LIBRARY IN BENDOC.

Scheduled dates for February and March will be Thursday the 14th and 28th. Books can be returned anytime to the Centre.



BUS NEWS. The next Merimbula Bus will run the second Friday of the Month again for 2013 with is February the 8th and March the 8th. Bookings and Enquires can be made by Calling Claire 6458 1433 or Nola 6458 3285.

An additional trip will be organized for Seniors Week during March information will be in the next Wheel addition. Plus a Getaway during April or May.

BENDOC CRAFT GROUP.

The Craft Group will resume on Tuesday the 12th of February and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month for 2013. 10.00am—2.00pm... ALL WELCOME

resource centre workshops.

A Beauty Day is held every 3 weeks at the Bendoc Resource Centre. A Nail Artist travels up from Bega and several local ladies have their nails transformed at their own cost but it is a fun social day for all. There are still times available should anyone be interested, however if you would like to just come in for a coffee and a catch-up please don't hesitate. The next Beauty Day is the 19th of February 2013.

A Chainsaw Course is planned for later in the year. If you are interested contact the Resource Centre as the safe operation of a chainsaw is an important skill to have especially in this area.

Bendoc resource centre mini market day.

On Saturday the of 23rd of March a Community Mini Market is planned to be held in the Bendoc Resource Centre grounds. Stalls are welcome. So when you are cleaning up save those bits and pieces and sell on your stall and makes some extra cash. More information will be in the March Wheel.

Seniors week commences 18th march 2013.

Avon Available.

Bendoc now has a local Avon Representative, Katrina Jamieson. Katrina will be leaving a book at the Bendoc Resource Centre for those who wish to browse and or purchase.

Money and Orders can be left at the Centre.

Tuesday Group. The Tuesday Group meets the second Tuesday of each month starting at 1.15pm for 1.30pm at the Delegate Country Club. Take time out to join the group for a few laughs, sharing of stories and most of all company. Contact Sandra Walker for more details.

Bendoc Progress Association Inc is a not-for-profit organisation. It is the auspices organisation for the Bendoc Resource Centre and Neighbourhood House. The Resource Centre has up to date internet and computer technology available to the public, including free internet access on superfast broadband. Other equipment is available for hire such as digital camera, video and audio recording equipment. One-on-one tuition is available for anyone who wishes to learn how to use the equipment.

Bendoc Neighbourhood House is part of the East Gippsland Network of Neighbourhood Houses whose mission is to bring adult education, life skills and group activities to anybody who wants or needs them, in an inclusive, non-threatening environment, as well as to serve as a drop-in centre for those who desire a little company or just to share a cuppa. The Bendoc Resource Centre is also an East Gippsland Shire Library Outreach Centre. Information on Shire Services are available as are the local newspapers,

The Bombala Times and The Snowy River Mail. BENDOC RESOURCE CENTRE IS YOUR CENTRE..