

HISTORY



Merv Crawford's Memories



Last month in the Wheel we featured a photo of the Bendoc Cricket team from Days gone by and we were lucky enough to get a call from Merv Crawford who was a part of this team for several years. Merv kept the team jacket until a few years ago when his nephew borrowed it for a fancy dress. After this Merv never thought about the jacket again until recently when his family gave it back to him framed, much to his delight.

Merv moved to Bendoc in his early teens to work for the Saw Mill owned by Yelds and Mawson. Merv reflected on the times as **the best**. He joined the Bendoc cricket team and travelled around to Bombala, Mila, Delegate and Corrowong to play. These teams were all solid teams and put a good effort in at each game. Back then he and George Miles, who sent the original photo to the Bendoc Wheel, would often travel together to games. Merv told of the first time he ever had to much too drink being at Mila when George just purchased his car they put a keg in the boot and his memory is a little lost from the time they started to drink till next morning. These were fond days when everyone travelled around to dances all over the area. A dance every Saturday night at places like, Mila, Bibbenluke, Delegate, Bombala and Bendoc. You could drink all day, go to a dance on Saturday night and still have change from 5 pounds on a Monday. Great Memories, Merv thank you for sharing those with our readers!

Information Wanted



As next year marks the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, I have been researching the men from this district who served there. I am looking for photos of the following men and ask any of their descendants still living in this area, who might have photos, could they please contact me on 02 64588028 or email me at sandra.taylor6@bigpond.com

- Arthur Hutchison, born at Dellicknora, son of John Hutchison
- Charles Albert "Bert Ingram", son of J.H. Ingram of Dellicknora
- Henry Matthews, born at Bendoc, survived Gallipoli and accidentally shot in England, where he was an instructor.
- Charles Taylor, son of John Taylor of Delegate River.
- Harold Walter Lewis, born and grew up at Bendoc, then family moved to Ulladulla. His father's name was T.H. Lewis. Harold was killed at Gallipoli.
- George "Day" Dayrell Walcott, son of G.D. Walcott, Balgownie & Royal "Roy" Mervyn Walcott, son of Lucy Walcott, Balgownie.

All information to Sandra Taylor (Contact details above).

The Old and the New

As one year ends and the New Year commences we will see a changing of the guard here at the House.

Louise will be moving on after enjoying her time spent as Co-Ordinator of the centre over 2 years. We wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

Simone Kelly will be taking over the reins as of the 20th January 2015 and is looking forward to the challenges and excitement of the role and hopes the community enjoys the workshops and activities she has in store for everyone!

Please feel free to drop by and introduce yourself (If you haven't already) in the New Year!



Jewellery Making Workshop At Bendoc

We recently held a Jewellery making workshop here at the House and were thrilled with the turn-out. Di Robinson came up from Bairnsdale and shared with us her beading skills and participants went home with an array of jewellery from earrings to necklaces! We also had Jo Phillips attend who is a lovely Psychologist from Marlo who is willing to make visits up here if there is enough interest. Also in attendance was Rowena Harris who is a Police Chaplain and works for Frontier Services; she shared with us some lovely crafty knowledge also! We will look forward to hosting more days like this in 2015!



Wanted

Pony Free to Good Home or Free Lease. Must be suitable for a small child to be led around on. Please phone the Centre on 02 6458 1402 if you have one.



We would like to wish Happy Birthday to

Luke, Tod and Raymond Jamieson as well as Callum Bayliss-Brandenburg, all celebrating their birthdays during December.

18th Birthday Party

Bendoc really stepped up the pace on Friday the 9th of November with the Celebration of the Jamieson Twins Kayla and Troy's 18th Birthday. Proud parents Danny and Lana Jamieson along with many friends and family spent the night partying with the twins at the Bendoc Hall. The party was fancy dress and the Mexican theme was well supported by many adding plenty of colour to the night.. Local Bombala band the "Hođakeriesa" headed by lead singers Brett Hodak and Katrina Skellern certainly kept the crowd entertained throughout the night.. The twins had two separate cakes made and decorated by Jen Rae. A pig theme was chosen for Troy and flowers for Kayla. The night was a great way to finish off what has been a very busy year for the Jamieson family especially with Kayla completing her HSC. We wish Kayla and Troy all the best for many more birthday's to come.



Kayla Ready For Mexico



Bendoc Fishing News

Bendoc Fishing Club kicked off the season well with the recent fresh water competition held over Friday and Saturday the 21st and 22nd of November.

For some the fish were few and far between but the juniors certainly had a successful 24 hours. The Jones boys Zayne and Bryce worked hard with Dad to bring in some good size fish and eels however did not manage to take out any prizes. Winners on the day were Fletcher Manning (Pictured) and the two Bakers boys Max and Alby who had Grandmother Marcia Baker and Great Grandmother Pat Walker amongst other family members to cheer them on.

Theo Hartmeir took out the Seniors (pictured) and everyone is keen for the season ahead. Danny Jamieson now Club President was very happy with the results so far and is looking forward to members working hard to win the Senior End of Year Prize for the Biggest Bag. The prize this year is a 75 litre Waeco Fridge Freezer valued at \$799.00. The Biggest Bag includes Redfin, Black Fish and Trout but is fresh water only and does not include eels.

The next competition is a Salt water competition held this Friday from 6pm, concluding Saturday at Womboyne, near Eden with the weigh in Lakeside. Good Luck To All.

Theo's Catch of the Day



Fletch, Max and Alby



Burn Off Notification

ALWAYS REGISTER YOUR BURNS WITH CFA

Dial 1800 668 511

- Check with your local council for regulations prior to burning off
- Never leave a burn off unattended!
- Always make sure it is safe to burn
Can you fight the fire if it gets out of control?

1800 Number can only be called from landline currently

CFA Opening

Lots of smiles and congratulations shared by the CFA Members. Everyone is pleased with the new facilities but will be glad if they are not used for the season.

Pictured below a photo of awards given several years ago, lots of familiar faces.

Right .. father and son Doug and Jordan Cameron.

Below .. Doug and Danny O'Brian unveiling of the official plaque.



Don't Forget

Fun for All!

Australia Day

This Australia Day Monday the 26th of January 2015

the Cricket Game will be held once again at the Tennis Court in Bendoc.

Ian Cole from Wagga Wagga is organising this fun event and will have players attending from

Brisbane & Cairns!

All names will be drawn from a hat and the teams will be made up accordingly.

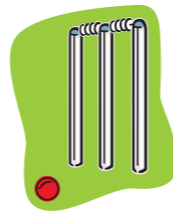
Fast bowling will be deemed "Unsociable", Rules will be bent for those in need, good cricketers will

be quickly brought back down to earth as this is a fun match and all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to participate!



10am start with Presentation to follow at the Pub!

BBQ Lunch at a small cost - all proceeds going to the Hall and Local CFA



Recipe of Month

Little Christmas Cakes

Ingredients

- 1 (800g) bought dark fruit cake
- 6 tablespoons of brandy
- 100g white chocolate, melted
- 4 red snakes, chopped into 0.5cm lengths
- 8 green snakes, chopped into 0.5cm lengths

Method

1. In a large mixing bowl, break fruit cake into crumbs.
2. Add brandy and mix together.
3. Roll one tablespoonful of mixture into a ball and set aside on some plastic wrap. Drizzle cooled, melted chocolate on top of each ball.
4. Press one piece of red snake 'berry' in the centre of the chocolate and add two green snake 'leaves' either side— TA DA, Holly!!!

NOTE: If you would prefer a more traditional look substitute the snakes for red glazed cherries and small green leaves from your garden or even mint leaves for the sweet tooth!



Aussie Trivia

- 70% of the worlds wool comes from Australia. We have over 126,000,000 sheep, which use fully half the continent for grazing!
- Australia is the worlds biggest exporter of beef & veal!

Junior Jokes

Q. What's small, furry and bright purple?
A. A koala holding its breath!!

Q. What animal can jump higher than the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
A. All animals, because bridges cant jump!!

Jokes

Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly "I was Artificially Inseminated this morning". "I don't believe you" says Dolly. "Its true, no bull!!!" exclaims Daisy.

Déjà Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.



The Delegate Multi Purpose Service

Wellness Clinic – Delegate MPS

This is a clinic where people come in for procedures or assessments by nursing staff. This includes:

- Wound care
- Blood pressure readings
- Blood sugar readings
- Non-urgent ECG
- Suture or clip removal
- Other procedures that do not require a Doctor.

Wellness Clinic is held on the following days and times

Monday 9.00am – 10.30am

Tuesday 9.00am – 10.00am

Thursday 9.00am – 10.30am

Friday 9.00am – 10.30am

No appointment necessary. Closed Public Holidays.

Due to Christmas/New Year Holidays, Wellness Clinic will be closed from the 25th December through to the 4th Jan 2015.

Reopening on Monday 5th Jan 2015.



Community Bill Board

LIBRARY VAN. The Library Van visits Bendoc on Thursday the 18th of December 2014 and returning on Thursday the 15th of January 2015. New members are always welcome. Don't forget that you are able to sign up to be a member or return books via the Bendoc Resource Centre. The Centre also has a range of books that can be borrowed direct anytime the Centre is open. These books are changed regularly for your enjoyment.

BENDOC FISHING CLUB. The Bendoc Fishing Club Fresh Water Competition will be held over the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of November see front page for details. Or phone Fishing Club Secretary Helen Jamieson on 02 6458 1462.

BENDOC CRAFT GROUP. The Bendoc Craft Group meets for the first time for 2015 on Tuesday the 10th February 2015 and then held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month after that. There is not a restriction on what type of craft you can bring or how many friends just come along and socialize while enjoying what you love doing.

BENDOC BUS The Merimbula Bus will resume running the second Friday of the month. Phone Claire on 6458 1433 or Nola on 6458 3285 for details.

Delegate Tigers Reunion

The Delegate Country Club will be hosting
The Delegate Tigers Rugby League Reunion
To be held on Saturday the 28th of February 2015
Please phone Carl Crotty on 0428 657 914 for information.



For Further Information Phone Bendoc Resource Centre 64 58 1402
TUESDAY—9.30am-3pm WEDNESDAY—10am-2pm THURSDAY — 9.30am-3pm
Email.... bendocpa@bigpond.com

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CFA OFFICIAL OPENING

The official opening for the Bendoc Fire Station was held on Sunday the 23rd of November and it was fantastic to see so many local members attend. The Station will be the Mount Delegate Group Headquarters and the Local CFA Command Centre and the facilities are going to be an asset to the local community. The day included the awarding of the remainder of the Bendoc CFA Service Medals, the majority of these were given last year, however this was the perfect time to congratulate those that had not yet been awarded. Graham Beever facilitated the day, with words of congratulations made by East Gippsland Shire Mayor Peter Neale as well as National Party Member Danny O'Brian. All those that spoke at the ceremony mentioned the importance of volunteers in services such as the CFA and had nothing but praise for the hours that our local men and women have given to the service over the years. Doug Cameron, Bendoc Fire Captain gave a brief outline of the history of the fire shed and those who have since passed that had impacted the CFA early history. Doug made mention of the vehicles that had been used during the early days and the efforts that were made to establish the local service. It was certainly a proud day for many local families especially the Cameron and Jamieson's with the history that has been established with this very important local service by the past participation from these devoted locals who are looking at four generations of service. So all in all the day was a wonderful success and celebrations continued into the evening with the opening being deemed the Christmas Party as well and fun was had by all.



Bendoc Service Award recipients are pictured above, these awards were not given last year and awarded on the day.

- 5 Year Certificate,** Ashley Matthew, Nick Aniello & Denise Nichol.
- 10 Year medal,** Anthony Reed, Mark Reed, Claire Strickland, Terry Whelan, Mick Hawkins, Melanie Newton, Shane Newton.
- 15 Year Clasp,** Brian Barnes, John Bick, Mark Bruce, Jordan Cameron, Peter Guthrie, Theo Hartmeier, Wayne Jamieson, Dorothy Hepburn.
- 20 Year Clasp,** David Cameron, Terry Newton, Corey Nichol, Margaret Weir, David Whitlock
- 25 Year Clasp,** Graham Beever, Steven Groves, Jeff Tomlinson,
- 35 Year Clasp,** Michael Brandenburg.
- 45 Year Clasp,** Ken Collings.

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RESOURCE CENTRE

10am - 2pm

Tue-Wed-Thu

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