



Kangaroo Tales

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WHAT IS A FOOTBALL SUPPORTER?

Between April and September every year, in countless towns and cities in Australia, we find the fascinating creatures called football supporters. These are both male and female, but like many other fauna, the female is the deadlier of the two. They are three times as excitable, three times as biased, and three times as dangerous to other spectators. But no matter what their dispositions, all football supporters have a common purpose: to urge their team for every minute of every game, with every ounce of breath and energy they can muster. These creatures are found in sundry locations on football grounds – seated in, squatting on, standing under, leaning on, peering over, pushing aside or jumping among. Their home teams encourage them, gate-keepers and car park attendants tolerate them, umpires fear them, policemen curse them, newspapers pamper them, and tram and bus companies adore them.

A football supporter is wisdom in a scarf and raincoat; the voice of encouragement with rain trickling down their neck; and the Advocate of fair play with rapidly changing blood pressure. A football supporter is endowed with many qualities - They have the stamina of a pole sitter, the patience of a bill collector, the lungs of a mule driver, the temper of a shrew, the audacity of a lion tamer, the enthusiasm of a car salesman, the confidence of a tight-rope walker. No one else has so strong a combination of optimism, stubbornness, and fanatical zeal. No Shakespearean actor can portray such a variety of emotions in such a short period. A football supporter likes one team, dry Saturdays, pies, hot dogs, score cards, training news, season tickets, shouting abuse, football gossip, next year's prospects, and the sound of the final bell when their side is one point ahead.

They are a puzzling creature. They will be absent from work with a cut finger but will hobble on crutches to see a football match. A few drops of rain will prevent them cutting the lawn, yet they will stand and shiver for a whole afternoon in a thunderstorm to urge their team on. But, despite their curious behavior, their short-sightedness, their tantrums, they do serve a useful purpose.

They promote the game of football – a vigorous sport that brings out the finer point's in a person's character – at least, in the characters of those inside the playing area.

from the Philosopher's Note Book by Russ Tyson.

Australian rules football started about 1858 in Victoria. You either love footy or you loath it... but with Covid19 and our need to self-isolate the football season was firstly put on hold, as many other things were and then allowed to start by playing a shorter version of the game while following safety protocols. The first games have been played in empty stadiums, so the football supporters have had to be satisfied with the television coverage. I can not see the same level of excitement happening in front of the television.

Stay home! Stay Safe!

Winter Sunshine!

Lovely weather allowed some of the Kangaroo Flat Y's Menettes to meet for a walk and coffee on one lovely day and then when restrictions were eased for a short time they went for a walk again and then shared a picnic lunch together at Crusoe Reservoir.

Left - Day 1



Right and below - Day 2

Thank you to Marg Millar for sending me the photos of our smiling girls! We are missing our get togethers.

Peace begins with a smile.

by
Mother Teresa



Easy Date Loaf



4 crushed weetbix
3 tbs butter
1 tsp bicarbonate soda
1 cup boiling water
1 cup raw sugar
1 cup chopped dates
1 cup self-raising flour
1 egg

Mix weetbix, butter, carb soda, water, sugar and dates and let sit for 5 mins. Add egg and flour to mixture and pour into a greased lined loaf pan and bake at 150/170 for 50-60 mins. Slice with butter 😊

Thank you Anje Turner for this recipe. Weetbix are so very versatile!

Bendigo Y Service Club (Men's Club)

Are selling second-hand books from a shop in Hargreaves Mall, Bendigo. The shop is located between the Commonwealth Bank and Sens Jeweller's and is open on Saturday mornings from **9.30am to 12 o'clock**.

A great place to get some more reading material and support the Y.

We missed the usual Easter book sale due to Covid-19.

As well there is also some artwork by members of the club for sale – Stan Thomas and Bruce Rammage.



July Birthday Girl

8th – Judy Taylor

Wishing you a day filled with laughter and much happiness for the year ahead.

I received a lovely email from one of our very hard-working girls and felt it really had to be shared as I thought it both funny and probably related to quite a few of us. I asked permission and was given it but said girl was concerned she would never be trusted again so I am not naming her or her accomplice!

I can't believe another month has gone and yes, I was one of those people who hadn't opened Eaglehawk's Newsletter. I have read it now and really liked the verse, "When I woke up this morning". In fact, I have been very slack with my emails of late. When Marg sent out emails about getting together for a walk and cuppa at Crusoe I thought that would be lovely and noted it in my diary. I turned up at Crusoe and ***** was there. We waited for 10 to 15 mins and thought it very unusual that no one was there so we decided to go for a walk ourselves. I said to ***** I will just message Marg and Dawn to see what is happening. They got back to us and we should have been at No. 7 reservoir. I had seen another email from Marg come through, but I thought it was just a reminder. We decided we would join them, and we had a lovely catch up over a cuppa. I had a busy morning cooking today (last Wednesday) and hurriedly packed my lunch and headed to No. 7 Res. I knew of the restrictions of only 10 people at an outdoor gathering, but I thought it is a big area and we could spread out. When I got there today, I thought I am first here. I was a little early so didn't give it a second thought and went and wiped down the tables and seats. When 10 mins went by and no one else arrived I suddenly thought perhaps I should check my emails and there it was clearly saying due to the changes in outdoor gatherings we wouldn't meet today. Not too worry, I sat and ate my lunch and was joined by 2 magpies. I then went for a walk. It was a beautiful day and the birds were in full voice and there were some other people enjoying a walk too. I think COVID has slowed me down too much. The motto from this story (which is just between you and me of course), is to check my emails every day.

Club News



Marg Millar says – Not a lot of news this month. The Kangaroo Flat Y's Menettes had two lovely days at Crusoe no.7. The first was just bring your own coffee and the second we had lunch. It was great to catch up but with this lockdown, it has upset our plans for the next one. Ian and I took a trip to see the silos at Colbinabbin. It was worth a trip. Then we went onto see the ones at Rochester. Still enjoying my walking even though it is getting cooler. Just finished making another two giraffes. I still haven't been into the shops. Just doing the shopping for parents and taking them for coffees, sitting in the car park watching the scenery going past. They don't feel so locked up in that way.
Marg's latest two giraffes – clever girl!

Anje Turner says – Not too much news from me, I am enjoying these sunny days, even if they are a bit fresh. We had a lovely family weekend for my birthday and our granddaughters 18th a few weeks ago. Walking most days and somehow keeping busy.

Sue Robinson says – We have been busy child minding. We started to venture out and had lunch with friends, had a few people over to our place and saw lots more of the family, even started planning the next getaway. However, we seem to have taken a step back so once again we are staying home as much as possible and just seeing the family. Stay safe everyone.

Glenda Anset says – Not much news here. It's been great catching up with the Y ladies at Crusoe Reservoir for lunch, chat and a walk. Our daughter Kim turns 50 in a few days and our two eldest grandchildren turn 18 soon. Take care everyone.



Marg Stewart says – Our great grandson Archibald (Archie) Raymond Stewart arrived at 2.09 pm on the 3rd June. Archie weighed 5 lb 6 oz. Our grandson Blake and partner Amy are very proud parents. We don't know when we will get down to Glen Waverley to see them, but we have lots of photos taken by Aunty Hannah our granddaughter. The shawl Archie is wrapped in was knitted by my Mum 51 years ago when I had my son Malcolm.

Congratulations to all the family from us all.

Joyce Lowe says – This month has been just more of the same except for being able to bowl and a couple of days camping at Laanecoorie. Sooo good to get in the van again and spend a couple of days with friends off grid. Campfires and cards. These friends had bought a new van before lockdown and were dying to try it out before they took off for months.

Les Campbell says – Rob's Auntie celebrated her 100th Birthday on 30th May at Mercy Nursing Home. Her visitors had to be limited to two a day, so it was an extended celebration! We have had afternoon tea catch-ups with friends and family. I enjoyed our picnic lunch and walk at No 7 Reservoir. I am still trying to sort out old photos and have discarded LOTS! How often did our photos comeback blurry or off centre or chopped off heads! Maybe it was my poor camera skills? So much easier today. Keep safe and well.

Marjie Patton says – I am still having trouble with my shoulder and am doing physio to hopefully get it working again. I'm about to have a biopsy on my lip and hopefully that will be the last of my problems. I have been mostly staying at home and my boys have been doing my shopping for me. I had a visit from my grandchildren which was lovely. We all went out for dinner which was a nice change.

Bev Buchan says – I will be sending my Presidents report to all early next month.

Glenys Buchanan says – I am having no trouble filling in my days. Still scanning photos, some cupboards still need to be cleaned out (can't rush these things). I have enjoyed going for walks and catching up at No. 7 with a lot of our members with social distancing of course. What I have missed the most during COVID 19 is being able to catch up with family and friends over a cuppa or a meal out, but that is a small price to pay if it means that we keep well. Garry and I went for a drive last week and ended up in Shepparton. It was lunch time when we got there, and it was cold. We walked for 45 mins before we found a Restaurant where we could eat inside. It was Thai and we really enjoyed our meal.

Judy Taylor says – My dog Nicki and I have just spent 21 days in Swan Hill at my daughters' home which was lovely. The weather at Swan Hill was very pleasant. Two of my granddaughters, who are both expecting, also visited while I was there so that was special. The first great grandchild will be born at the end of August and will be my 8th great grandchild.

I think you hold the record for the number of Great Grandchildren in our club Judy.

Jenny Cameron says – I have been enjoying the walks and talks around No 7 Res each Wednesday. It's a pity they are on hold for the moment.

I have bought a new sewing machine, so I have been using up my stash of fabric to make quillows for my grandchildren. Wayne thinks that I have lowered the stash by about an inch. There is a long way to go!

Dawn Baxter says – The highlight this month has been catching up with Y's Menettes at the No 7 Res. at Big Hill. Enjoyed catching up on everyone's Covid news, while enjoying a lovely walk around the Res, and a cupcake at the end. To anyone who hasn't been there it is a lovely spot nice walks and picnic area. Having a renovation done in my kitchen. I needed a new oven so am also replacing stove top, sink and bench. I'm not spending as much time in the garden now as the weather's not as good, tired of cleaning cupboards, so reading sewing and knitting. Take care and stay safe everyone.

Jude Rodda says – Well just when we had started to venture out into the big wide world again, along came this horrible Covid19 virus again and spoiled all our fun. All the Kangaroo Flat Y girls had time to enjoy two outings at Crusoe Reservoir for a picnic and it was so much fun catching up with everyone again and catching up with all the goss. Mick and I had our 55th wedding anniversary on 5th June. We went out to dinner, enjoyed a beautiful meal but the atmosphere was awful - two tables with two people at each table in a room the size of our club rooms. Won't be doing that again until things get back to a bit more normal. Our craft group has resumed so that is really enjoyable. Have read plenty of books, done lots of cooking and lots of gardening. Took a trip to Colbinabbin to see the painted silos - amazing and the best I have seen. After all that here we are in lockdown again.

Anne Andrews says – The house has walls on the lower storey, and we can gauge the size of the rooms. The section for my mother, which is three rooms and a bathroom is actually bigger than her present house which is a two-bedroom California bungalow. We have temporary stairs for Neil and Jeremy to carry materials up safely and they are beginning the flooring upstairs next week. We took Mum on a drive to see the silos at Colbinabbin and Rochester which are worth a look. Work for me is still full on. In my down time I catch up with reading, cooking and series on catch-up TV. Sorry I missed out on the walks around the reservoirs, was working. Love to all,

Judy Davie says – Well I have to say there isn't much news here! Just staying home although we did have a couple of days in Ocean Grove with the family because Megan (our Granddaughter) has had 2 weeks away from the hospital so we thought we should be safe! Spent a whole day this week in emergency with a glitch with my stoma but was sent home as they weren't too concerned!

NEVER REGRET A DAY IN YOUR LIFE.

Good days give you happiness,
Bad days give you experience,
Worst days give you lessons
and Best days give you memories.



from LifeLearnedFeelings. Thank you Glenys Buchanan for this lovely verse.



Me – Lynden and I are still managing to keep ourselves busy. Thankfully, the weeds have slowed and the native violets that I am sure are on steroids have also slowed down. I am still wading my way through photos. I have them all in albums now but labelling them is a massive task and is really testing my memory. We visited our two sons and their families in Bendigo. It was nice to be able to see them in person rather than just on Facetime. I have read a couple of books that I enjoyed – Becoming by Michelle Obama and The Dry by Jane Harper. We have a new little person in our house – Molly. Molly is a gorgeous, black,

nine-week-old Mini Schnauzer. She is very lovable; our constant shadow and we think quite clever. Her breeder gave us a list of food to cook for her, instructions as to what vitamins she needs and details of her bathroom routine. Bit like having a new baby. We love how she feels she must share her time with us both and is always aware of where each of us is.

Judy Davie has sent us a nice recipe for an after-dinner dip. Judy said it is for when we can all start entertaining again!

After Dinner Dip

Combine - 250g (8oz) Ricotta cheese, 125g (4oz) grated chocolate, 1 tablespoon Tia Maria liqueur and 150ml (1/4 pint) cream

Mix all together.

Pile into a bowl and serve with vanilla wafers.

And there you have it!

Judy says she uses Cream cheese instead of Ricotta



Why We Love Little Kids –

Opinions – On the first day of school, a little prep grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, “The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents”

Nudity – I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a lady in a convertible in front of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! I was reeling from shock when I heard my little 5-year-old shout. “Mum, that lady isn’t wearing a seat belt!”

Elderly – While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter. She was always intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers, and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, “The tooth fairy will never believe this!”

Sauce – A woman was trying hard to get the sauce out of the jar. During her struggle, the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. “Mommy can’t come to the phone to talk to you right now. She’s hitting the bottle.”

Stay Safe,

Bye for now,

Joy