



LEONGATHA LIFE MEMBERS



Two of our Leongatha Sports Residents have recently been awarded Club Life Memberships. Firstly, Trevor White joined the Croquet Club's only other Life Member, Mrs Bee Cramp. Trevor has worked tirelessly for the Club and the award coincided with the Club's 80th Anniversary of croquet in Leongatha.

Ian Rassmussen was presented with Life Membership of Leongatha Table Tennis Club. He started playing in the 1950's and then with Leongatha Club when it was established in 1963 and he, together with wife Dawn, has worked ongoing for the sport over the years. Congratulations Trevor and Ian. Photographs courtesy of "The Great SouthernStar". (Mike)

Photographs: (right) Trevor with Bee Cramp and Mayor Jim Fawcett,

(below) Ian with his trophy.



LEONGATHA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to this 22nd edition of our community newsletter – we produce 2500 copies most of which are delivered direct to homes but many are also available to you through community centres and local shops. We receive a lot of feedback from our readers praising the range of information we bring you and we have to thank our contributors for their efforts. Please keep up the good work. As a Progress Association we are currently working on a heavy vehicle alternate route, the Optus tower, town parking, the CFA redevelopment, the Salvation Army redevelopment and we are still working on the Town Logo. May we advise sporting and community groups that you are welcome to send representatives to our meetings whereby we can perhaps help you with your problems. It's certainly worth a try. Meanwhile, let's all work together to make our town, Leongatha, the best in the whole of Australia. It's good value. Regards, Mike Curley, "Progress Leongatha".

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TO WISH ALL OUR READERS
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY, HEALTHY, SAFE 2011

PROGRESS LEONGATHA

WOORAYL LODGE LADIES' AUXILIARY

(by Mike)

Well, here is another year coming to a close and we are all very pleased with what we have been able to achieve this year.

Results of our Fathers' Day Competition were: 1st Prize - \$100 Panthers Mensland Gift Voucher – S. McAuliffe, 2nd Prize – Car or Picnic Rug donated by RACV – Ted Wigley. Drawn at the Lodge 4pm on 4th September. A big thank you to all who supported us.

We held our second "Cent Day" for the year at the Lodge on 21st October and it was again a great success. We had over 70 contestants with lots of lovely prizes and everyone enjoyed it.

– Mount Eccles Manor

The weather forecast was dreadful and, whilst we would have loved nice sunny days, it turned out better than we expected. We had good crowds both days including a busload of Senior Cits on Saturday. The gardens were absolutely magnificent, Lions provided BBQ lunches both days, Rotary, together with Lodge committee members organised admission fees and parking, we provided tea/coffee refreshments and there were lots of plants for sale provided by the nursery in Mirboo North. All-in-all, a great success. Thank you Christine and David.

Next on our calendar was the Lodge's Annual Fete and Garage Sale on 27th November – hope you were able to come. Well, how lucky were we with the weather. The forecast certainly wasn't good but the rain stayed away until well after the finish. We had good crowds and the day was again a success. At the close of the Fete, the following raffles were drawn: The lovely Christmas Hamper was won by Alan Moore of Leongatha and that beautiful Patchwork Quilt made by our resis was won by Zel Fawcett also of Leongatha.

The Annual Christmas Party for Resis and Families is on 9th December. We all hope that that Gentleman in Red may find his way here. We will report on this in the March edition. Meanwhile, let us wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy 2011.

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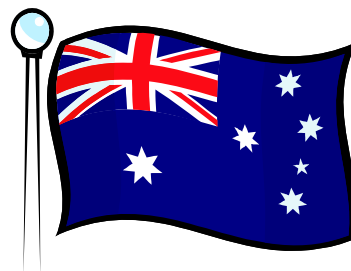
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Australia Day Invitation

Australia Day celebrations will soon be upon us.

The Leongatha Australia Day Committee extends an invitation to all residents of Leongatha to join us at McIndoe Park on Australia Day 26th January 2011 for Flag raising, entertainment, children's activities and a Bar B Que breakfast.

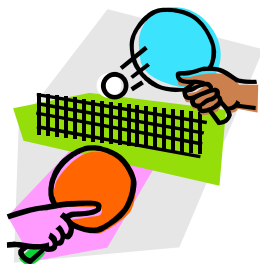
Activities start at 8.15 a.m. and finish around 10 a.m.



All you need is a chair, perhaps a sun hat, sunglasses, bring the family and join with us in having a great morning.

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Leongatha Table Tennis Association



- report 12.11.10

As we head into the holiday season we look back on our achievements for 2010.

It has been a very busy and successful year. In January we had some of our juniors commence their involvement with the Gippsland Sports Academy Table Tennis Program. This was a first for us and also the first time the academy had run a Table Tennis program. While it has been a huge learning curve for our players, coaches and administration people it has also been a hugely rewarding experience.

Our "Academy Kids" have achieved amazing progress in their game, they have played in a number of tournaments at MSAC in Melbourne and other venues, they have achieved some excellent results against some of Victoria's top players. Michaela was successful in being selected to represent Victoria in the under 13 girls team, and travelled to Queensland to play a tournament with them. Selection of players for next years Academy program is now under way.

We have had eleven members participate in a coach accreditation course, and we are now well placed to provide coaching programs for any beginners wishing to take up table tennis as their sport.

During the year we were pleased to host a number of schools events at our centre. We ran a fund raiser day/night event to raise funds for improvements and to purchase top quality tables.

We held a very successful presentation night with "Great Scott" the magician entertaining before we presented our yearly awards.

Michael Holwerda was the Tom Lott best club person award winner, Michaela Campbell was the most improved player - all grades, and Daniel Campbell the most improved player in B grade.

Ian Rasmussen was made a Life Member for his many years of service to table tennis.

Season 2011 will start in February, although some

players are continuing to hone their skills on a weekly basis.

Keen-Agers continue to play every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am - noon, there will only be a short break of two or three weeks over the Christmas - New Year period.

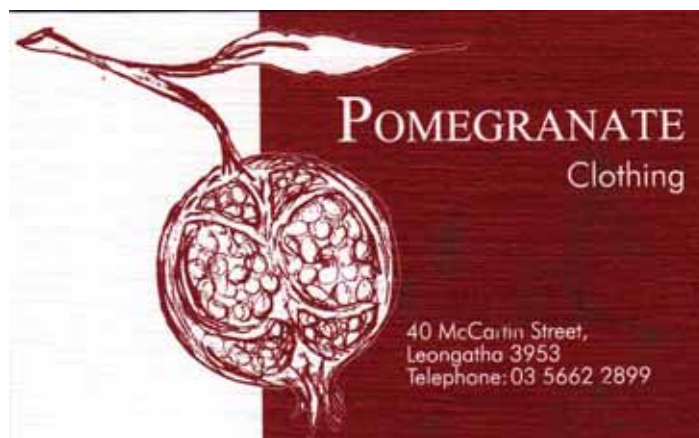
Anyone of any age wishing to come in at those times will be made welcome. Why not come along and enjoy the fun and friendship.

Six Keen-Agers travelled to Bairnsdale on October 30th to play in their first Open Tournament in their magnificent new centre. While we could not beat the Traralgon teams we did have players make the semi finals of the men's doubles and the mixed doubles.

In September we hosted some twenty Drouin Keen-Agers and a return visit to Drouin is planned for early 2011.

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Further information from Ian on 5662 5578.





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SOUTH GIPPSLAND PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

We continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month with the exception of this November and December. In October Social Worker Kim Bolding gave us a talk on services available to Carers which tied in with Carers' Week 16-23 October. Carers from our group attended lunch at Leongatha RSL on 22nd October as guests of Carers' Association of Victoria. Our November meeting was our Christmas Lunch which we held at Manna Gum Restaurant in Inverloch and we all had a lovely day.

This year has been tinged with sadness as we lost four of our members. On a happier note we enjoyed a group outing to Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay. A variety of guest speakers have been well received.

Dr Kelly Bertram, Senior Registrar, and Ms Sue Varley, Movement Disorder Nurse, both from the Neurological Department of the Alfred Hospital have agreed to come to talk to our meeting on FRIDAY 21st JANUARY 2011 about their involvement with a number of trial medications for Parkinson's and about any other aspect of living with Parkinson's. They are two of the medical team involved in the Parkinson's trial. We have invited members from Moe, Warragul, and Frankston Groups to join us on that day and trust that all our members will be able to attend. Come along and learn all you can.

When and where do we meet:

We meet on the 3rd Friday of each month at the Leongatha RSL Clubrooms. We gather at about 10am for a 10.30 start and after the close of the meeting most of our members and visitors enjoy fellowship as we have lunch here together which is very reasonably priced. A big "Thankyou" to the RSL for looking after us so well. Enquiries – President Peter 5668 4274, Sec/Treas Trevor 5662 5393. Compliments of the season to our members, RSL staff, carers and readers. (by Mike)

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY

– SOUTH GIPPSLAND GROUP

Another successful and spectacular Flower Show, Plant Sale and Art Display was held on a wet, cold weekend in October.

Working bees continue at Ellen Lindon Park and the Library as needed.

Our first meeting for 2011 will feature local members, Glenda and Harold who will present a talk on their 2010 trip to Western Australia.

Date – Wednesday 9th February at 8pm.

Venue – ECG McMillan, Nerrena Road, Leongatha.

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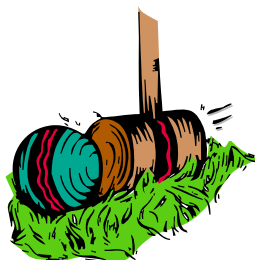
Under the guidance of Damica Symmonds, curator of the Leongatha Golf Club, and with the input of labour by club members, Leongatha once again has croquet lawns to be proud of. Resulting from applications of fertilizer, spraying to control weeds and pests, the newly sewn grass is now firmly established. The most favourable growing conditions over the past three months have resulted in a transformation of the playing area.

Because of the small number of club members, finance is an ongoing challenge. Our thanks are extended to the management of Cinema 4 who recently supported our club through the screening of the film "Life As We Know It". A percentage of the door takings was donated to our club. Club members sold tickets and provided afternoon tea for the patrons.

The Leongatha Croquet Club Association Rules Tournament was held from November 15th to 17th. Competitors came from Bendigo, Korumburra, Leongatha, Morwell, Phillip Island, Traralgon. All players were impressed with the standard of the playing surface.

The Club is once again inviting other groups from the district to come and enjoy twilight games. Lessons and equipment are available on these occasions and enjoyment is assured. Club days are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The courts are situated beside the tennis courts in Roughead Street. Enter through the Recreation Reserve gates.

For further information contact Club President Thelma Arnup 5657 3372 or Secretary Ann Shandley 5668 6213.



WOORAYL LODGE

2009/10 ANNUAL REPORT

This is the 49th Annual Report of Woorayl Lodge and every year the Aged Care Industry appears to become more demanding and the pressure on staff, management and Committee to meet these demands also increases. The major issues and highlights for the year are as follows:

KPMG Advisory Report – We took advantage of advisory assistance during the year which was subsidized by the Department of Health and Ageing where they reviewed areas of Strategic Planning, Business Analysis, Operational Reviews and Financial Modeling and we are currently working through the Report.

Certification – The Lodge has easily surpassed the minimum building standards and we comply with the 2008 Building Certification Instrument.

Accreditation – We were submitted to an Accreditation Audit in September and we were compliant with all 44 of the Outcome Standards and a follow-up audit in March resulted in shortfalls in 3 standards and it shows the ever changing goal posts that Aged Care Facilities aim for.

Standard of Care – we continue to receive excellent feedback from residents and visitors as to the standard given to our residents much to the credit of staff and volunteers .

Fund Raising – we continue to receive excellent support from the local community and during the year funds were received from Lord Brassey

Lodge, the Freemasons Public Charitable Fund, Leongatha RSL, Lions Club of Leongatha, and the Estate of Mrs Rita Barnes and we must thank the Woorayl Lodge Ladies' Auxiliary who contributed \$50000 to the construction of Dewar Lane for which they had been fund raising for at least 10 years.

Thanks – We express our heartfelt thanks to all staff, volunteers, contributors, residents, family members, Committee members and Ladies' Auxiliary members. Mike Curley, President, 2007-2010.

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The Leongatha Urban Fire Brigade is possibly the oldest secular community service organisation in the town. We are always on the lookout for new members to become firefighters but we also need more support members to do other tasks.

Many people don't feel they have the skill, fitness or capacity to be a frontline firefighter, but they may still be just what we need at the Leongatha Fire Station.

The Leongatha CFA is like any volunteer group, it needs the people behind the scenes to keep it running and provide support for those on the fire front.

Some of the best volunteers we have are retired from serving on tanker crews, or perhaps were never on the fireline at all.

They can make the district safer by teaching fire safety to the community, helping with brigade administration, maintaining equipment or even just tidying up the station a couple of times a week.

Some brigades have non-operational volunteers carrying considerable responsibility, in roles as senior as Brigade Secretary, and many people don't realise that just under half of Victoria's 60,000 CFA volunteers are non-operational.

Any football club that fields a team on a Saturday also needs the coach, trainers, fund raising auxiliary, secretary committee and people in match day roles like manning the ticket box or the scoreboard.

Your local CFA brigade is the same, and they are CFA volunteers, part of the brigade, given CFA training and vital to the organisation, just like the crews who respond to fires and car accidents.

So even if you can't see yourself as a frontline firefighter, volunteering can still offer you the camaraderie, the chance to serve the community and the respect that goes with the words 'CFA Volunteer'.

A visit to the CFA's website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or a chat with a Leongatha CFA volunteer (there is usually someone at the Fire Station around 7:30pm on Monday Evenings) can help you discover how you could be part of the team.

Andrew Kay

Captain, Leongatha Fire Brigade



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SOUTH GIPPSLAND – UDDERLY SATISFYING AWARD

(Extract from Melbourne ‘Sun’ 6 October by Mike)

Young dairy share farmers Lucas and Kylie Licciardello are aiming to have one of the best production herds in the nation. The couple, from Kardella in South Gippsland, recently won the Genetics Australia Share Dairy Farmer of the Year award.

With their young longmeadows holstein stud, Lucas 29 and Kylie 28 said their focus is on breeding high-yielding animals. “We registered our own cows in 2006, and we thought we’d go left field by focusing more on production,” Lucas said.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE BRASS BAND - BAND NEWS

The South Gippsland Shire Brass Band has been an important part of the South Gippsland community, serving it musically since 1892 and is the oldest community group in Leongatha.

The Band has been performing at Churchill Island, Pound Creek and Mardan South Church in November and in December will be busy with Christmas Carols. Planning is underway for “Carols at the ‘Drome” on Saturday 18th December. It promises to be huge with many talented performers taking part,

The New Year will see us performing on Australia Day at Leongatha, and Pound Creek CFA, also at “Music for the People” at Mossvale Park on Sunday 27th February.

We welcome new members – perhaps you have just moved into the area, can play a brass instrument or just want to learn. Former members of the South Gippsland Schools Music Programme would be most welcome. We have a modest membership fee and supply instruments and uniforms and we play a wide variety of music from classics to pop. If you just enjoy music and would like to come along and listen, or play, you would be most welcome – rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at Leongatha Courthouse, or contact President Darryl Hunt 5662 3623.

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WOORAYL LODGE

(by Mike)

On 14th October our residents and staff lined our side of McCartin Street to wave to 800 Motor Cyclists as they rode from Bairnsdale to Phillip Island for the GP in what is known as the Barry Sheene Memorial Ride. Residents were supplied with checkered flags to wave and were rewarded with hundreds of horn blasts as well as sirens from Police and Emergency Vehicles. Everyone enjoyed it.



A group of residents had a very enjoyable day at the Senior's Week concert in Korumburra entertained by Wendy Stapleton who sang songs by Doris Day and Dusty Springfield. South Gippsland Shire put on the concert and provided transport for the day and a lovely afternoon tea.

Preparations are under way and our Craft Group are working their fingers to the bone to have things ready for our Annual Fete on 27th November. Among the many items is a beautiful patchwork quilt, the patches of which were sewn by residents and assembled by our volunteer, Isabelle Cooper. It is going to be raffled and it would be a wonderful addition to any home. Look out for it. The Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Hamper raffle will also be drawn at the fete.

We had a wonderful afternoon of entertainment provided by Kathy and Suzie who travelled here from Queensland stopping mostly at aged care establishments. They were excellent.

We were all sad to farewell cookie Heather – we all hope you enjoy your retirement, Heather.

Our Woorayl Wallabies Team competed in the recent Interlodge Quiz Challenge at Carinya Lodge on 19th October. It was a very close battle and the final scores were 1st Hillside Bunnies 69, Woorayl Wallabies 68 and Carinya Cats 64 points. Thank you to our competitors for a job well done.

Our days are filled – art, craft, exercise, reading, choir, bus outings, Church visits, entertainers. Happy Christmas to all of you and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Bye for now.

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Citizen's Advice Bureau

28/11/2010 PRESS RELEASE

TAX HELP PROGRAM FINISHES FOR 2010

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) acknowledged the work of the *South Gippsland Citizens Advice Bureau* tax-help volunteers (Nicholas Peck, Tony Holmes and Clare Carmichael) last week.

Chris Ramsden, Community Liaison Officer for the Australian Taxation Office, presented each of the volunteers with an ATO gift and also used the occasion to thank the volunteers on behalf of the tax office. Bernie Billman, the tax help volunteer from Philip Island was also acknowledged.

Chris also presented the South Gippsland Citizens Advice Bureau and the Philip Island supporting venue with a certificate acknowledging their involvement.

2010 has been the twenty-second year of the "Tax Help program".

In his presentation to the volunteers Chris Ramsden noted that this year tax-help volunteers throughout South Gippsland had assisted 211 clients. He also drew attention to the special thanks the ATO passed onto all the bureau volunteers who backed the program with bookings, mailings etc.

2010 was also the centenary of the ATO's formation, and for this special year commemorative stamps had been issued. Each of the volunteers received a unique collector's envelope with stamp, and the venues received a set of the commemorative stamps.

Below, Tax-help volunteers with ATO liaison officer, left to right: Bernie Billman, Chris Ramsden (ATO), Nicholas Peck and Clare Carmichael.



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(MDF)

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CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

November 2010 press release

LEONGATHA CENTRE- LINK AGENT KEPT BUSY

Hours of operation for the Leongatha Centrelink Agent increased by half an hour per weekday earlier this year. The Centrelink Agent has been operating from 9:30 am to 1 pm each weekday (not including public holidays).

This has been to keep up with the increased demand for the services the agency delivers.

"People still like to deal with a real person," said Bev Ellwood, Centrelink coordinator for the bureau.

"They can access many Centrelink services on the net, but many prefer to deal with the agency," she said.

On a visit to the Agent last week, Centrelink Rural Services Officer, Bob Hutton, noted that some Centrelink customers were not aware that there is a Centrelink Agent in Leongatha.

"These services have been established in the local community to ensure that people can access Centrelink easily and close to home," Mr Hutton said.

"Although Centrelink Agents do not have system access, they can provide information on payments and services, and help with forms and claim lodgement.

"Agent staff can even sight and photocopy Centrelink Proof of Identity documents, which can save a lot of travel time.

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May you always have walls for the wind,

A roof for the rain, tea beside the fire,

Laughter to cheer you, those you love near you,

And all your heart might desire.

May the neighbours respect you,

Troubles neglect you,

The angels protect you

And Heaven accept you.

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LEONGATHA LIBRARY

What's happening at the Library?



Summer Reading Programme for Children. The Summer Reading Club is running throughout the holidays and will finish on 12th February 2011. The programme is run nationally and it is anticipated that up to 50000 young across Australia will participate. The slogan for this year is 'Scare up a Good Book'.

The Summer Reading Programme is open to all 5 to 16 year olds. Participants are encouraged to read 10 books to enter the draw. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the programme. So, when next in the Library check out all the details or visit the library website www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au The Summer Reading Club has a website all of it's own – check it out at <http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/>

Xbox has come to Leongatha Library. An Xbox has been installed in Leongatha Library. So, if you have a spare hour during the holidays why not come to the Library and play one of the games?

Public Holiday closures. Leongatha Library will close at 3pm on Christmas Eve and be closed on Christmas Day (Saturday 25th) and also on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th December.

The Library will close at 3pm on New Year's Eve and be closed New Year's Day Saturday 1st January 2011.

The Library will also be closed on Australia Day Wednesday 26th January 2011.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND WALKING AND ADVENTURE CLUB

The Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at Leongatha Community House at 8pm. We are a group of people of all ages with a common interest in an active lifestyle spent mostly in the outdoors. At times we do like our coffee and cake after an activity and regularly meet for a meal together at a local restaurant.

Day walks are held each Tuesday morning and regularly on a Saturday or Sunday. We have regular base camps allowing us to travel further and to enjoy a different area. This month we are joining all the Gippsland Clubs for a combined camp in the high plains out from Licola. As well as these base camps, extended walks carrying a backpack are offered. For those club members who wish to try out this activity we have experienced leaders and a supply of gear which is available for members to hire before buying. Beginners overnight walks are also on the programme. Some members enjoy a further challenge and have hiked for 7-10 days in remote areas.

Overseas trips have also been put on the programme and these have included New Zealand, Thailand, Singapore and the Cook Islands.

Many members are keen on cycling. Rail trails, far and near, have been explored and the bikes paths in Melbourne are visited on a regular basis. Local day rides are held and there is a regular overnight trip to Walkerville from Koonwarra. We even have a moonlight cycle each year to and from Fish Creek from Meeniyah with a night meal at Fish Creek.

Another group enjoy canoeing both locally and in rivers and lakes further away. In the past members have tried activities which include parasailing, tandem parachuting, abseiling, white water rafting and caving.

If you are interested in a bit of fun and a bit of activity we would like to meet you. President Ros can be contacted on 5664 2358. Cheers for now.

Library opening hours:

Monday,	Tuesday,	Wednesday,	Thursday
	10am to 6pm		
Friday	10am to 7pm		
Saturday	10am to 1pm		

The staff of Leongatha Library wish all readers a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SUB/BRANCH

We are very proud to say that our Memorial was unveiled and dedicated at Inverloch on Sunday 12th September. One hundred participated in this significant day for our sub-branch and we invite everyone to visit and pay homage. I spoke on what an important part National Servicemen played in their "Service to The Nation".

Another important occasion was the Dedication of the National Memorial in Canberra where over 4000 Nashes in their very smart uniforms marched in their year of service from 1951 to 1972 all the way down Anzac Avenue to take the salute in front of the War Memorial – quite a wonderful sight. There were more than 5000 other people in attendance. The only way to describe this Memorial to those who gave up their young lives for Australia is 'Magnificent'. We were very proud to participate and urge everyone to pay a visit.

Our bus trip to Adelaide was another success – great to see our countryside of Victoria and South Australia so healthy and green.

Showcase day was smaller this year but nevertheless had some interesting items on display.

Our General Meeting was again well attended, where I spoke on the significance of Remembrance Day and what it means to everyone. Wreaths were again laid at Korumburra, Leongatha, Inverloch, Meeniyian and Phillip Island.

Forms are still available to apply for your Medals – please make an effort to do so. Our AGM will be 6th February 2011. A Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year to everyone. Don Earl, (President) 5655 1853

FRIENDS OF LEONGATHA LIBRARY

Rosemary Abbey, our wonderful, patient Librarian at Leongatha for 28 years, has announced her retirement. A belated farewell function will be arranged, probably for late January or early February. Please watch Library Notice Boards for details.

The January Book Sale will be held in the Courthouse on January 6th and 7th from 10am to 4pm each day. Bring along your friends and family to find some great holiday reading.

Tickets for the Christmas Hamper are on sale in the Library to be drawn on Monday 20th December.

to be sure....to be sure....

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets,

"Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said "I do Father."

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked the second man,

"Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father" was the man's reply.

"Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said,

"Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No I don't, Father."

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me

that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

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May you live to be a hundred years
with one extra to repent.

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The Leongatha Progress Association has been formed to unite, promote and be an advocate of the Leongatha area.

The specific objectives of the Leongatha Progress Association are:

To develop data and information sources for the Leongatha area.

To develop communication and networking opportunities for the Leongatha area.

To develop, encourage and facilitate collaborative approaches toward the delivery of economic, social and cultural development programs and services in the region.

To increase awareness of economic, social and cultural development program in the broader community.

To provide representation in local, state, and national efforts to promote and protect the Leongatha area through collaboration with the Local, State and Commonwealth Governments.

To monitor and communicate national and international issues affecting the Leongatha area.

To promote the interests of the Leongatha area by lobbying the relevant authorities.

To associate with other groups to achieve common goals.

Leongatha Progress Association invites contributions to this newsletter by email, proress@leongatha.vic.au or post / hand deliver submissions to Mike Curley, 14 Ogilvy Street, Leongatha 3953. Phone: 5662 3530. This is your community newsletter and we encourage you to take advantage of this offer. Next publication of our newsletter will be March 2011, Our distribution is approx. 2400 households. Deadline for next edition is 23 February 2011. Thank you to the South Gippsland Shire Councilors Lewis and Jackson for their support of this newsletter.

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