

platform is supposed to involve consultation and social justice, and issues such as Landcare and Salinity are being approached successfully through consultation and using planning scheme amendments, and it seems in this case that the motivators behind the proposed amendment were attempting to shorten the path.

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by Mr. Pat McNamara, and State Leader of the

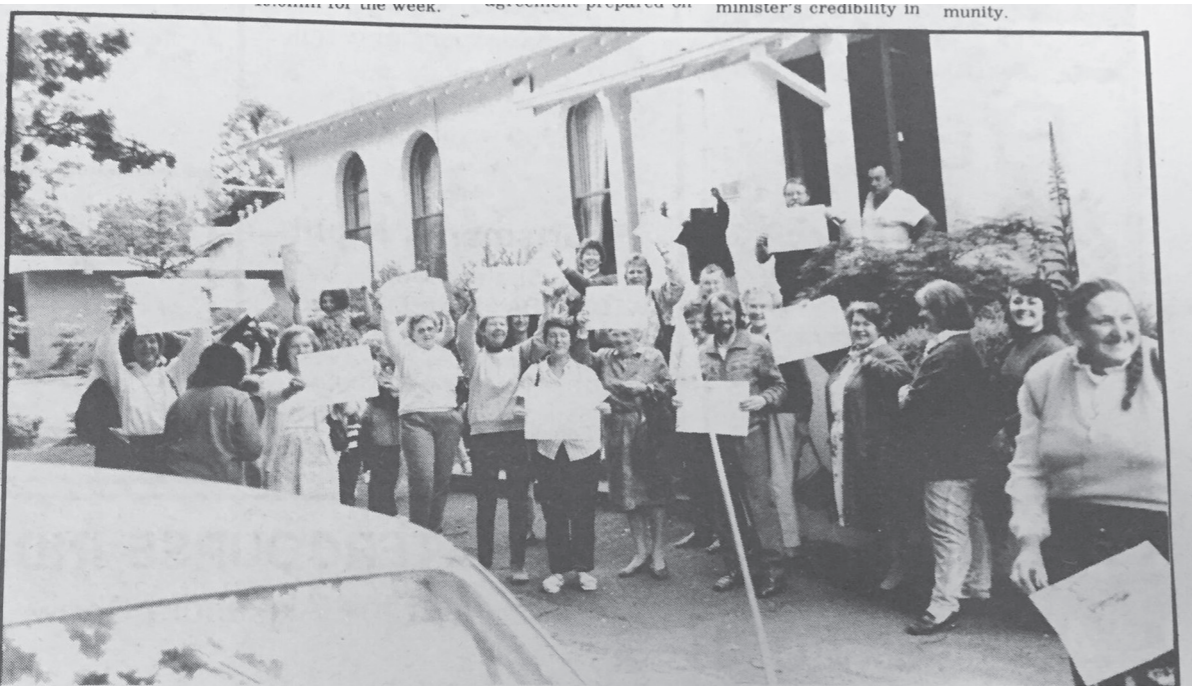
committee do a wonderful job. Horticulture, Floral and School work entries

FEATURE SHOW as Special Show, Sheep, Goat sections.

EVENTS commence at 10am. Held by the Melbourne

for 450 entries. Apex competition.

Historian Scottish Dance "The Sun" and Alex- andons, Dog Jumping, Tent Pegging and the as much, much more - every member of - this Saturday -



Moratorium on library cuts

Five representatives of a newly formed 'Friends of the Library' committee met with Shire Councillors this morning and won an agreement that no cuts would be made to any library services before December.

Between now and December the group and Council will hold discussions aimed at cutting library costs and in-

troducing volunteer labour so that no changes to library hours or services will need to be made.

Speaking after the meeting, spokesperson for the group, Virginia Linton-Smith said that a meeting is to be held next Wednesday November 15th at the Alexandra Library at 5.30p.m. to formally constitute the Friends of the

Library group.

If you are one of the readers who signed the petition or if you are interested in seeing the library services maintained and better liaison between users and Shire Council please attend this meeting or indicate your interest to your branch library.

The Alexandra Times — 1868.

The Yarck, Gobur, Taggerty, Thornton and Acheron Express.

From the archives: thanks to the Alexandra-Eildon-Marysville Standard for this memory from the 1980s.

Achievements of Friends of the Library Committee since this article the 1980s.

- Comprises of dedicated volunteers who contribute to the library through financial and practical support and the running of the bookshop;
- Formed circa 1983 by interested locals with the express purpose of supporting the one existing library in the Shire of Alexandra;
- Became an incorporated body in 1990s;
- The FOL began selling books around 1989 - at first from a trestle table outside the library;

- In addition to the practical support provided it has contributed over \$191,550 worth of goods, chattels and program support since 2004
- Provided financial support from 2003 to enable extension to land and library building.

Enhancing liveability and creating strong vibrant community

Friends of the Library recognises the value of the library service in Alexandra and, for the past 25 years, have endeavoured to promote and financial support service and its programs. The library is a unique

and iconic part of Alexandra history.

The library has relied on creative and passionate staff that are willing to take initiatives, to test new innovative ideas and even provide extra out-of-normal hours activities.

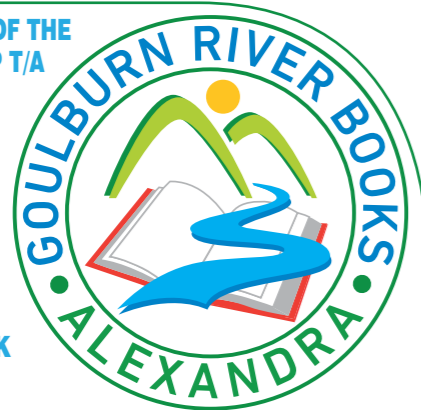
The staff's commitment to the local service, together with out-of-budget expenses underwritten by Friends of the Library Alexandra, provided an outstanding service which became known as the best rural library in Victoria. The community loved the programs and appreciated the efforts of the staff.

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A Farrell Family Favourite Recipe

BOSTON BUN

Ingredients:

- Half cup cold mashed potato
- 1 cup mixed fruit
- Half teaspoon all spice
- Half teaspoon ground cloves
- One and a quarter cups self-raising flour
- Half cup sugar
- Half cup milk

Method:

1. Preheat oven 180 degrees
 2. Mix sugar and potato together
 3. Add other ingredients and mix til fruit is spread evenly
- Bake 30 minutes



Book Review by Graham Page

Barkskins by Annie Proulx

A novel of fiction but a serious comment on early logging of the native forests of Canada and New Zealand. The story begins in 1693 and ends in 2013 — a period of about 300 years!

It follows the growth and development of a widely dispersed family of mixed origins — French, German, Dutch and Native Indian, beginning with the native Indian (from the

Mi'kmaq nation) and following the ever widening family who from time to time inherit part of or the whole of the expanding and fabulously wealthy business of timber getting and eventually milling, finishing, plywood and fibreboard manufacturing, paper making etc.

Shipping and export also

becomes a large part of their empire.

Through the many relationships, both expected and unexpected, the maturing family becomes large, scattered and multi-national; the story follows the relationships and weaves them into the development and on-goings of the family empire.

Keeping the business in the family (by inheritance) over hundreds of years and many generations is a complex task and fortunes are both made and lost.

It is quite startling how many lives are lost due to unnatural causes such as accidents riding the logs on the rivers, bush fires, accidents with the axes when cutting the widow makers, accidents with drag lines, fights and murders,



Barkskins is available ask librarian Sally.

What's in the news

by Tom Farrell

On August 5th 2018 Catlin Fitzsimmons wrote an article in the Age on "Why I love my library- and why you should too."

Some of my highlights were the fact that in Victoria there were more 30 million visitors to the state's public libraries. NSW had 35 million visitors to their libraries. Catlin merits this to the fact that libraries are now so much more than a place to borrow books.

Just look at some of the offerings the Alexandra library: Tuesday Shows with outstanding speakers, History Cafe on the 5th Tuesday of the month 6-8pm, Tech Talk on the 1st Thursday of the month at 10am, On the Couch 1st Tuesday 6 to 7-30pm, Storytime with Sharron 3rd Thursdays 11 to midday, 4F for over 6 year old on the 4th Tuesdays 3.45 to 4.45, Acoustic LIVE Music last Friday of the month 12.30 to 1-30, Ukule Heaven 2nd Tuesday 6 to 8pm, French Conversation 2nd and 4th Saturday

11am, Bridge Monday 2 to 4pm, Scrabble Fridays 1-30pm, Blokes Cafe 4th Tuesday 6-30 to 8pm and Knit and Crochet Fridays at 2pm.

THEY ALSO HAVE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, LISTEN TO BOOKS AND DVDS.

A program booklet listing the full detailed program can be picked up at the library.

As Catlin wrote "Love your library and don't take it for granted."

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and of course many die of illnesses, disease and simply old age.

Proulx can write quite darkly at times. Some descriptions of desperate characters, families in wretched circumstance, one man's treatment of another and so on are quite unsettling.

She can be a very descriptive writer giving the reader sharp images with clarifying focus — no room for misconception!

Raping and wastefully destroying the vast pine, redwood, forests of Canada and the kauri forests of New Zealand goes on for years decades, even hundreds of years with no thought of the importance of these forests to the indigenous inhabitants for whom the forests are everything— providing food, shelter, medicines, warmth and spiritual meaning. No thought is given to the long term future of these forests nor the effect of their decimation on human existence or on the destruction of wildlife through habitat loss. The wanton waste attributed to poor tree felling practices, cutting unsuitable trees, burning of excellent valuable stout timbers such as could make excellent ships masts or housing timbers, and to clearing the land for agriculture, informs one of the gung-ho attitudes of those early invaders who came in waves of thousands. (Genocide of

indigenous races, forest clearing and decimation of wildlife habitat is a familiar part of Australian history.) Clearing of the forest giants to make way for the planting of crop, met with the usual disaster of land slips and exposure of generally unfertile soil - as the stabilisation and nutrients were removed with the trees. Dieter, the German born member of the family empire, saw from the beginning how the felled forests needed to be replanted to secure a long term future for forestry and its products. He grew seedlings and seed in a nursery which he either planted or sold on. The story implies that sustainable methods based on

Dieter's work had to be eventually adopted in Canada to serve the paper and plywood industries, etc.

This is a serious read of some seven hundred pages with many twists and turns, love stories, triumph and ruin, pride and disgrace and all the rest of it. An engrossing tale told by an outstanding writer and story teller. If you have the time and the desire, please read this one - it is worth it.

(Proulx's many well known works include The Shipping News and Brokeback Mountain.)

Friends of the Library supports the local library of Alexandra and District by raising much-needed funds through:

- membership subscriptions
- profits from Friends of the Library Bookshop in Grant Street, Alexandra.

Funds are used for added activities

Funds for events and resources to enhance the reach and services of the library into the community and for the enjoyment of library patrons.

In 2017 Friends of the Library Alexandra was the major sponsor for most speaker visits and special library events.

Public performances by the the fabulous 7-piece band Radio Days, as well as

the Acoustica Concert in November showcasing wonderful local talent were just two examples of events Friends of the Library helped fund in 2017. Most suppers and refreshments were funded through Friends of the Library.

More than a place to borrow books

The library is much more than a place to borrow books. The library provides the community with significant social, economic and cultural activities that benefit everyone.

If you enjoy your local library why not help support its dynamic future as a creative, innovative and resourceful community space. Help make it the best library in the state.

Friends provide a Voice

When there is need for community representation Friends of the Library provide a community voice.

Please join/renew your membership to Friends of the Library for 2018 today

Add your name to the many others and register your support through Friends of the Library for our wonderful library.

Your \$5.00 membership is one of the best investments you can make – for yourself and for the community.

Join/renew membership at Alexandra Library today.

Thank you

What's on

BLOKES CAFE

4th Tuesday 6.30pm-8.00pm

Join in with other blokes each month and shoot the breeze. Wine and nibbles sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

BRIDGE

Mondays 2pm-4pm

New members welcome. Experienced tutors available to help.

STORYTIME WITH SHARRON

3rd Thursdays 11am-12 midday

Come along for a fun filled hour of songs, stories rhymes and a craft activity. This is a structured session and starts on time at 11am. As a courtesy to the presenter and participants please be on time.



Tech Talk 1st Thursday each month 10am

Learn more about your smart phone or tablet, first Thursday of each month at 10am. Bring your charged device with your log-in and password and Library staff will help you to access Audio Books, Magazines, ebooks and much more. Alexandra Library 5772 0382

Tuesday Show



A Leadership journey with Dr Nick Jans (Brigadier Ret'd)
Tuesday 21 August 1pm-2pm

A familiar face in Murrindindi Shire, Nick has written a book on leadership based on his military career in the Australian Army from Duntroon to Canberra. His talk will explore the journey from developing and recording ideas to publishing a book in June 2018.

Real, Live, Romance Writer with Kelly Golland

Tuesday 18 September – 1pm-2pm author talk. 6pm-8pm beginners writing workshop – workshop bookings essential 5772 0382

Local writer Kelly is an internationally published professional writer of sexy romantic comedy. Come along to her talk and hear about how she became a writer and her writing process. In the evening, Kelly will host a beginners writing workshop. Perhaps it could be the start of something?



Living a Sustainable Lifestyle with Dora Berenji

Tuesday 16 October 1pm-2pm

Dora has been living sustainably in a hand-built off-grid mud brick house near Daylesford for more than 25 years. As well as home educating their two children, she and Ken grow and process their own food. Dora will share her philosophy for living sustainably, stories of how the adventure works out in practice and the many skills, hints & tips she has learnt over the years.

Acoustica Gala

Tuesday 13 November 6pm-9pm

A celebration of Acousticas Past! Join us for supper and a parade of local performers selected from our Acoustica pool. Be on time for a 6pm start, or risk being unable to see.



1st Tuesday of the month 6pm-7.30pm Alexandra Library

Do you find yourself wondering what book to read next? Looking for fresh ideas?
Then why not come along to "On the Couch". Our librarians will introduce you to loads of new books - and some DVDs - while you enjoy wine, nibbles, conversation and laughter.

HISTORY CAFE

Tuesday 30 October 2018 6pm-8pm
Learn about local history from David Hibbert and his team

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Monday 2pm - 5pm	Wednesday Closed	Friday 9.30am - 5pm
Tuesday 2pm-5pm 6pm-8pm	Thursday 9.30am - 5pm	Saturday 9.30am-12noon

To find out "What's On" go to www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au, look up Libraries and then Alexandra Library.

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