

The Avenue Ranger

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INCIDENTS OF INJURED WOMEN 'SKY-ROCKET' AT AVENUE

In what may seem to be more than an uncanny co-incident, 3 women from Avenue Range have found themselves inconvenienced and 'leg up', by a spate of unfortunate accidents.

It all began with Katrina Copping, of 'Walteela', who revealed to the 'Avenue Ranger' that she received a break to her right foot while walking under a Morton Bay Fig tree at work.

"I actually slipped on a fig and rolled my foot", Katrina said. "I was in a cast for 4 weeks, and was given a sexy blue wrap-around shoe to wear, so that I could walk. Everyone wanted one just like it".

Soon after, Tania Rivett, from 'Terrania', says she broke her right leg and ankle in April, during a 'Fox Shoot' at Lochaber.

"I was walking through the cutting grass and I must have stepped wrong, and all of a sudden I just went down", she says, "I stopped all the action and had about 12 or 15 men come to my

rescue".

Tania was rushed from the Kingston hospital to Mt Gambier, where her ankle and leg were re-set. She's expecting to be in plaster for 6 weeks.

And Karena Higgins, from 'Patanga', (neighbouring Katrina), allegedly injured her Achilles tendon after a violent game of mixed netball in March. After several attempts to 'take it easy', Karena eventually managed to completely sever the tendon, and required surgery last week to repair it.

"I will be in plaster for about 6 weeks, and I'm using a wheel chair and crutches", says Karena. "Keith has even offered to wash me!"

Is this just a freakish act of nature, or are these local women, and their partners, involved in dangerous pre-meditated rituals performed at some type of exclusive and disturbing 'club'?

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THEFT ALERT FOR GRAZIERS

Lucindale Police are warning Avenue Range graziers of a fuel thief in the district.

On Tuesday 28th May 2002, 800 litres of diesel fuel was stolen from the Avenue Range CFS shed.

Entry was gained after sliding the front doors to the shed. Fuel was siphoned from a nozzle, within the shed, which was connected to an outside overhead tank.

"It would appear that the thief used a trailer or Ute, containing possibly 2 x

44-gallon drums to steal the fuel", says Mr Thunig.

The shed door was reported to be closed at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday 28th May, and was later noticed by a passing motorist to be slightly open at 8:45 p.m.

Police are urging graziers to padlock their own fuel tanks and nozzles, and to contact police if there are any suspicious vehicles around Avenue Range during the day or night.

"This is the second time the Avenue

Range CFS shed has been targeted. On the 1st July 2000, a thief gained entry via the front sliding door and stole 100 litres from the fire truck, and a further 400 litres from two 44-gallon drums located within the shed", said Mr Thunig.

Michael Thunig, urges people with any information to come forward. He can be contacted at the Lucindale police station on the following numbers: **8766 2200 or 0408 854 424.**



CFS REPORT

By Captain Koala



Comments:

The way the Avenue truck and crews responded to all call-outs this year is a credit to all involved. It may seem an inconvenience and imposition at times, but we can have a clear conscience when all the trucks and personnel turn to help us in situations like the Avenue fire.

Stolen Fuel:

Fuel has been stolen from the fire shed again! We will have to be extra vigilant and put extra locks on the fuel line. It is disappointing to think there is someone in areas prepared to stoop so low.

Training:

If anybody wants to improve their confidence to protect the local community, Level 1, Level 2 and First Aid courses are available again in July. Anyone interested, please see our training officer, Andrew Coping. (see Community Notices,

page 7, for details).

It has been a busy year, refer to the list below for our activity report.

Messent Conservation Park Fire: Some basic comments on the Messent fire, most of the stuff-ups were because the fire was controlled by National Parks & Wildlife, and not the CFS. But no excuses for:

- such an early call-out;
- not being fed all day;
- extra crews being called.

Small consolation for Avenue, but we did not have to enter the park, and spent the day protecting surrounding landholders.

End of Season Wind-Down:

Lets all have a wind-down with a few drinks at the fire shed, Friday 14th June, from 6:30 p.m. onwards.

John Hensell.

WINTER APPEAL

If you have any of the following:

- Old sheets
- Woollen jumpers
- Cardigans
- Windcheaters
- Old blankets
- Curtains
- Etc., no matter how tatty

They would be greatly appreciated by a lady in Kingston, who makes quilts for the needy.

Please leave them at the Avenue Store for Audrey Small.

Thank you.

2001—2002 CFS Incident Report

16.11.02	Burn-off got away 'Ardune'
29.12.02	Fire at the Gap
29.01.02	First fire at Avenue
04.02.02	Second fire at 'Ardune'
15.02.02	Lightning fire at Scott Davidson's
23.03.02	Avenue fire
03.05.02	Messent Conservation Park, Salt Creek

FOOTY TIPS PRIZE MONEY

1ST PRIZE:	\$ 700.00
2ND PRIZE:	\$ 300.00
3RD PRIZE:	\$ 200.00
2ND LAST:	\$ 44.00
	(money back)

AVENUE FOOTY TIPS

33 people have entered the Avenue Footy Tipping this year. After Round 10, the leaders of the competition are:

REGULAR COMPETITION

Jacky Fogarty	53
Josh Gould	52
Small Family	50
Nick Edwards	48
Rex Hocking	48
Jon Sherwin	47
Justin Family	47



HEARTS COMPETITION

David Copping	52
Nick Edwards	52
Anthony Hurst	51

(the prize for this competition will be donated by Keith & Karena Higgins)

THE ROViNG EyE !



'Smoking is a health hazard' - a warning to all!

In the interest of community health, a story of one of our brave fire-fighters has recently been leaked to the newsletter.

Not only did the person concerned keep on keeping-on after his lengthy and exhausting stint at the Salt Creek fire last month, but even when he was drastically over-come by smoke, he proved his strength of character and absolutely refused to stop.

Good on'ya, Alan! Maybe next time you light your cigarette, you should RAISE the visor on your helmet first!

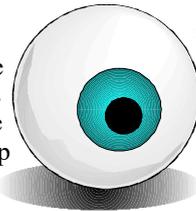
"What the"

Our new Northern resident was concerned at the amount of grass along the Railway reserve, and was contemplating where to fence off the area. He thought the best way would be to drive along the top and have a look.

Going steadily along, as the top was overgrown with phalaris and ti-tree, he pushed through a gap between a couple of ti-tree, and got a bloody great shock when the ground in-front of him disappeared before his eyes.

Reacting quickly, he slammed on the anchors, pulled on the handbrake, to finish balancing precariously on the end of - where once was - a railway bridge.

There was a quick call of help to a neighbour, for the aid of a tractor to pull him out of a "bog". After a couple of goes at towing him, it was to no avail. A quick bit of land clear-



ing was required (not native, of course!), so that a loader could lift him up and push him back.

Nice going there, Widge!

"Waiter, where's my soup?"

After the numerous fires in the Avenue district, one local became inspired and thought they would test out the 'smoke spotting' ability of the locals, and have a go at burning their own house down.

Owing to a very busy schedule that afternoon and evening, she thought she'd just whack up some soup for tea at 2 p.m. before heading off to her next engagement.

On the families return at 6 o'clock that night, they found the house full of smoke - and a black saucepan on the stove.

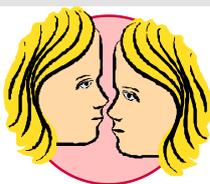
And needless to say, there was no soup in the Watson household *that evening!*

The Naked Truth

A well known Avenue Range bachelor was pretty chuffed with himself after purchasing a 'nude painting' at the Lucindale Gallery Goods & Services Auction.

When he later collected his goods, he was disgusted when he discovered that his 'nude painting' was actually a 'nude sitting' for a painting! Bet he can't wait for that!

YOUR MONTH BY THE STARZ by Crystal Ballz

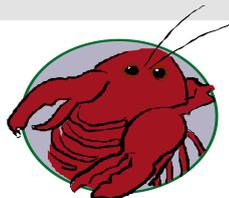


Gemini: (May 21 - June 20)

You are a quick and intelligent thinker and have a vivid imagination. People like you because you are bi-sexual.

However, you are inclined to expect too much for too little.

This means you are cheap.



Cancer: (June 21 - July 22)

You are sympathetic and understanding to other people's problems. Everyone thinks you're a sucker!

You are always putting things off. That's why you'll never make anything of yourself.

Most welfare recipients are Cancer people.



Leo: (July 23 - August 22)

You consider yourself a born leader. Others think you are pushy. Most Leo people are bullies.

You are vain and dislike honest criticism. Your arrogance is disgusting.

Leo people are thieves.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *Did you know that one seventh of your life is spent on a Tuesday?*



ON THE COUCH

ALAN McGURK with VIV



Alan: I was fortunate enough to catch up with local identity and Post Mistress extraordinaire, over a lovely light luncheon with four bottles of Jamieson's Run Sauvignon Blanc. A great drop which loosens the tongue. After the fourth, I threw a few to Viv to see if she could still catch.

Alan: How long have you been married?
Viv: **Seems like 69 years, but realistically probably only 23 or 25, can't remember exactly.**

Alan: Where and when did you meet Mark?
Viv: **Norwood Football Club 'Stud's Night' - Sam's Disco.**

Alan: Did you think him a good sort then?
Viv: **No, thought he was a 'perv', he kept trying to look down the front of my dress.**

Alan: I bet that's stopped now. And first date Viv, any memories?
Viv: **What first date? I took him because he had no car.**

Alan: You obviously are turned on by hairy men, but with-out clothes, is there something you would like to share about Mark with other Avenue fillies?
Viv: **His cute 'BUTT' - gives me something to hold onto**

Alan: Has the man any irritating habits?
Viv: **His snoring has blunted my hearing over the years.**

Alan: Mark's sense of humour, has he got one?
Viv: **Yes he has, but not everyone gets it.**

Alan: Any fights in the love-nest and what was the last one about?
Viv: **We fight about everything, it makes life interesting, especially when we make up.**

Alan: Any changes to Mark if you could?
Viv: **Too late to change him, should have sent him to Rex Hocking early on for a few weeks training.**

Alan: Honestly Viv, lot of conjecture on this one, but who does wear the pants?
Viv: **We both do, that's why we never stop fighting.**

Alan: In three words Viv, what can we say about Mark?
Viv: **"One ov'a kind!" Thank God!**

Alan: Thanks Viv, great interview and I just hope it doesn't land you in court. Liked the bit about his buttocks, shows his soft side. Anyway, must be off.....er, that wouldn't be another Sauv Blanc on the bottom of the ice, would it?





Sharing a Six Pack with

JILL COPPING !!!

Andrea: If you weren't on the land, what career would you have chosen?
 Jill: **A Lawyer.**



Andrea: Who would you most like to have over to dinner and why?
 Jill: **Kouta, and for the obvious.**



Andrea: What is your favourite 'off-farm' activity?
 Jill: **Shopping and spending money.**

Andrea: Who do people say you look like?
 Jill: **My Parents.**

Andrea: If you had one last meal on this earth, what would you choose?
 Jill: **Chicken and champagne.**



Andrea: What's your all-time favourite song?
 Jill: **"A beer with Duncan" by Slim Dusty.**

Andrea: What 'animal' best describes you?
 Jill: **A cuddly pussy cat.**



Andrea: If you won X-Lotto, what would you buy?
 Jill: **Comodore Ute - SS Series 2.**



Andrea: What has the high-light of your life been to date?
 Jill: **Getting married and having 2 wonderful children.**

Andrea: And lastly, why do you like living in the Avenue Range district?
 Jill: **Because that is where my husband - Andrew, lives.**



Gouldy's Gab

by Viv & Mark Gould

In this newsletter, our Avenue Community Welcome goes to Ros Farrell and children, Luke, Zack, Lauren and Morgan.

Ros' phone number is 8766 0067, so give her a call and make them all feel welcome.

Other new arrivals to the area are Yvette, Darren (Chook), Sam and Danielle Cains, who have moved into "Fellwood".

Our community just keeps on growing, which is great for all. Perhaps an Avenue footy, or cricket, or tennis team is a possibility in the future, with all the children now living in our area. The possibilities are endless.

Hopefully, by the time this is printed, our rains will well and truly be with us and everyone will have a great season.

FIREWOOD CUTTING BLUES

By Phil Kuhndt

Many \$\$\$ can be saved in heating costs, by using local wood found on roadsides and on farms.

The cost analysis below indicates the considerable savings made in 2001:

2nd hand chainsaw	\$	285.00
Petrol and saw maintenance	\$	45.60
3rd hand 4WD Ute	\$	7,279.00
Ute maintenance	\$	750.45
Replace rear window of Ute (twice)	\$	310.00
Fine for cutting wood illegally	\$	500.00
Fifteen cases of beer	\$	450.00
Tow charges out of bog	\$	60.00
Hire of Block Buster (log splitter)	\$	55.00
Medical fees (crook back, splinters etc.)	\$	345.25
Safety glasses, ear muffs, etc., (never worn)	\$	132.65
New living room carpet	\$	985.00
Repainting walls and ceiling	\$	510.00
Replace coffee table (chopped up & burnt while drunk)	\$	215.70
Divorce settlement	\$	<u>35,180.00</u>
Gross cost of firewood cutting in 2001	\$	47,103.65
Less winter electricity bill for same period	\$	<u>- 382.15</u>
Nett cost of fire cutting	\$	46,721.50



JOKE OF THE DAY

Supplied by Katrina Copping

One Sunday morning Bruce emerges from the family home with his golf bag and says to his pretty young wife, who is working in the garden: "Well dear, I'm off to golf."

His wife looks up with a frown and replies: "But darling, there are the new planks to get for the verandah!"

The husband replies with a smile: "You're kidding. Am I wearing a Mitre 10 uniform?"

The wife stops working and says: "But Bruce, the wiring for the verandah lights needs urgent repair."

The husband nonchalantly replies: "My dear, you're joking, am I wearing a uniform which says 'Sparky the electrician'?"

By this time the wife is upset and with tears in her eyes says: "But Bruce, the automatic watering system in the garden is not working and needs fixing."

As Bruce packs his golf clubs in the car he turns to his wife and replies: "You're joking, am I wearing a uniform which says 'Joe Bloggs the plumber'?"

The wife is weeping as she watches Bruce's car leave for the golf course. Just then a big strapping young fellow walks past the house and seeing the lady in distress, inquires why she is crying.

"My husband has gone to play golf when the house is in need of repair, including new planks for the verandah, new electrical wiring and the automatic watering system needs fixing."

"Don't worry," replied the young man. "For a small fee I will fix everything for you." "But I cannot pay you," said the distressed wife.

"Yes you can," said the young fellow. "You can bake me a cake, or we can go to the bedroom."

When Bruce arrived home that night, he was surprised to see the new planks in the verandah, the lights working and garden being automatically watered.

He walked into the kitchen and asked his wife how she had managed all the repairs. The cheerful wife explained about the young man and the method of payment. With a frown he asked: "And which method did you choose?"

"You're joking," she replied. "Am I wearing a Sara Lee uniform...."

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THANK YOU

Peter, Pauline, Kelly, Casey and Abbey, would like to thank the Avenue Range CFS, and all the other volunteers, who helped in some way to contain the fire which threatened our place.

Without your help, the damage would have been a lot worse.

The Rivett Family.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the people who gave donations of sheep, cattle and money towards the Farrell and Hanisch Appeal.

The result was fantastic, in excess of \$3,800.00 being raised.

Special thanks to Harry Kolpondinos, for the lend of a Ute to collect animals, and Neville Thomas, who not only donated sheep, but also carted all the animals to the

Sale-yards for no charge.

A good note: out of the 10 families who donated, 8 were from Avenue. Shows what a great community we live in.

Peter and Michelle Justin.

CFS TRAINING

If anyone is interested in doing a CFS Level 1 or Level 2 course, on the following dates:

- July 24th - Wednesday
- July 31st - Wednesday
- August 7th - Wednesday

Please leave your name at the Avenue Store, or contact **Andrew Coping** on **8766 0091**.

Both courses are at the Lucindale CFS station and begin at 7:30 p.m.

WANTED

Vehicle launching ramps, must be able to take weight of Toyota Land-cruiser Ute.

Needed to propel said vehicle across small ravines.

Phone: E. Kneivel 8766 0123

FOR (DISCREET) SALE

With Hugh and Claire Bainger away, their "Manager-in-Charge" would like to make a huge profit for them on their return.

Therefore, he has decided to sell "Hillcrest" in their absence.

All inquiries to: "You-Know-Who".

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor (if I may call you that),

I have read your last disgusting publication 8 times, and each time I am surprised at the level of depravity the people in this community have sunk to.

I shall be organizing a protest meeting (time to be decided), in the Avenue Range Public Phone Box, if I can get enough people to attend.

There will be a dance held after the meeting.

Yours truly,
Aunt Hilda.

P.S. Could I please have 5 copies of your next issue sent to me in a plain brown envelope?

MYSTERY PERSON - "Who Am I?"

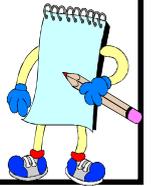
COMPETITION



- Place your entry at the Avenue Store.
- First correct answer wins a prize!
- Winner will be announced on Friday 21st June

Last edition's Mystery Person was
"Peter Rivett"

Congratulations to 1st prize winner
Chris Watts



Where Are They Now? With Sally Williams



When did you live at Avenue Range?
I lived at Avenue for the first 17 years of my life. From 1960 to 1977.

Where did you live?
I lived on the property "Karlakeena".

What did you do during this time?
I went to school at Lucindale.



When did you leave Avenue Range?
I left in 1977 to go to boarding school.

Where are you living now?
I live on "Henbury Station", Alice Springs, running cattle.

Do you have a family?

Yes, Ross Morton is my partner, and we have a son, Sam - aged 4.

What is one of your fondest "Avenue Range" memories?

Playing with all the kids at the Saturday tennis and cricket matches.

Do you come back to visit?

I visit about once a year to see my family and check my Church.

What do you miss about living at Avenue Range?

I miss my family, the sport and the community atmosphere.

