

# The Avenue Ranger

Avenue Newsletter

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## CHANGING OF THE GUARDS AT THE AVENUE STORE

After 9½ years, the Avenue Store is about to change hands.

Current proprietors, Viv and Mark Gould, have confirmed the sale of the store to Vanda Wiltshire, of Adelaide.

The Avenue Store was built in 1954, by Brian Woods, for his brother Norm Woods.

Since the original opening of the building in 1955, there have been 8 owners, including Norman and Deidre Woods, the Bengier's, Norm and Wilma Whitbread, Tony and Joan Lloyd, the Morley's, Stefan and Andrea Kurray, Nancy Smith, and Viv and Mark Gould.

Viv and Mark purchased the store in 1993, when they made the ultimate life-style decision to 'shift camp' from Lucindale to Avenue Range.

Viv originally came to the South East from Adelaide, when she married Mark in 1974, and settled in Lucindale.

She had a professional back ground in the insurance industry, which she put aside to relocate to Lucindale, and subsequently raise their 3 children,

Kym, Daniel and Josh.

Mark is the 8th of 11 children in the Gould family, and was raised on the family farming property at Greenways.

Mark moved to Adelaide in 1969 to play football for the Norwood Football Club. While in Adelaide, he also worked for the Live Sheep Export industry, shearing and loading sheep at the wharfs.

Upon Mark and Viv's arrival in Lucindale, they worked for several years on a farming property called 'Lantana', on the Fairview Road. Mark then started his full-time shearing career in 1975 - a career which has spanned almost 28 long years.

"During this period, I spent my time raising the kids mainly on my own", said Viv.

Viv and Mark plan to hand over the operations of the store in December this year, to new owner, Vanda Wiltshire.

"We have already purchased a house

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in Kingston, and are currently in the throws of renovations".

"We will move to Kingston mid 2003, and finally, semi-retire!"



Viv and Mark Gould



The newly built Avenue Store in 1954 - Kindly supplied by Tania Rivett

# GOULDY'S GAB

## By Viv and Mark Gould

Firstly, new arrivals to Avenue - Terry and Julie Zohs and family have moved into 'Bogalara' - Welcome!

Darren, Yvette, Sam and Danielle Cains welcome Cameron Joseph, into the world on 14th September, 2002. Congratulations!

As you are all aware, the Store has been sold. The new owner is Vanda Wiltshire, and she will be arriving in the next few weeks.

We wish to thank everyone who has supported us over the last 9½ years. Without all of you, the Store would not survive.

We have watched many changes in this time, in particular, the swing to a younger community. So many babies have been born who I now see catching the school bus.

The activities that now happen in our community - the Shindigs, social tennis etc, have helped to bond everyone together to make this a very strong and supportive community.

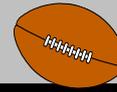
Mark and I have made many strong friendships in this time, and we will always come back to Avenue to catch up with everyone.

We will still be living in the area to the middle of next year, and can still be contacted on our phone number 87660088.

Thank you all once again.

Viv and Mark Gould.

## AVENUE FOOTY TIPS



### HEADS COMPETITION

1st	Josh Gould	130 pts
2nd	The Small Family	129 pts
3rd	Jackie Fogarty	125 pts
2nd last	Steve Thompson	97 pts
Last	The Gill Family	90 pts



### HEARTS COMPETITION

1st	David Copping	122 pts
2nd	Nick Edwards	118 pts
3rd	The Small Family	114 pts
2nd last	Kerry & Chas Gilkes	89 pts
Equal last	Mark Black and Sam Sherwin	84 pts

# SHIN-DIG IN THE SCRUB

## By Verity Ingham

One rather rainy July morning in Avenue Range saw members of the Hocking/Edwards/Ingham clan, fossicking for tarps and implements to erect temporary shelters in *The Washpool* scrub for the winter Shindig.

By midday, the rain had cleared and except for some cold weather "pikers", the community gathered to catch up and share the warmth of the fire!

Kay designed a gruelling scavenger hunt, that saw the population of koalas triple (never been so many sightings in one day!), strong negotiating skills of James Higgins battering skulls bones for leg bones and the discovery missing Hocking family heirloom.....a BBQ plate - lost since a BBQ back in '88!!

It was great to meet the Zohs Family, who recently moved from the colder climes, (south of Mt Gambier), to McGurks Farm, and find out about their inspiring move from a dairy to all sheep - I'm sure Terry and Julie received much advice on the day as to how to manage their new flock!

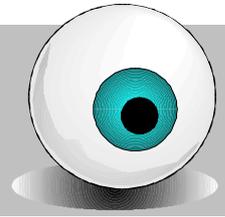
As sun set, most people headed home. However, a few revellers lingered, enjoying the glow of the moon (or was that Alan's pants alight in the fire!!), 'til after 10 p.m.!

Verity Ingham.



The Avenue Shin-Dig in the Scrub - July 2002

# THE ROVING EYE!



## “There was Movement at the Station!”

Who is the new identity in the Avenue area, who went to Adelaide one Saturday morning with wife and friends to see The Man From Snowy River Spectacular, and ended up too crook to go to the show, due to a BIG Friday night drinking session (red wine, beer, whisky & milk!)?

He spent the evening in the motel room.....alone (or so he tells us).

Not bad though, he managed to nail the cause of his illness down to a bottle of red that had slightly turned.....not quite enough to be thrown out though.

ONYA TERRY!

## “There was MORE Movement at the Station!”

But this time the movement was a little too premature.....

A high profile Avenue Range couple drove to Adelaide to see The Man From Snowy River production, full of excitement and enthusiasm.

They dressed and dined themselves in the big city lights. Upon arriving at the production, amongst thousands of

other excited participants, eager to be shown to their seats.....they were told that they had arrived a day too early.

Luckily for a sympathetic ‘Crisis Event Manager’, they managed to be squeezed-in and enjoyed the show.

Ya’ Country Bumpkins!

And who are they? Cryptic clue: ‘CHICKEN’

## “Fire, Fire!”

Not only has a highly reputable Avenue family been trying to burn their house down from the inside out (as noted in the last newsletter) - but they recently made a special attempt to burn it from the outside in.

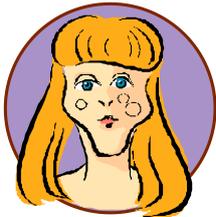
Local drive-by saviour alerted neighbours when they found flames leaping out of the W\*\*\*\*n’s pines, one cold windy night.

After considerable investigations, it was unanimously concluded that a cart full of pine cones, and a lone spark from a pervious clean-up day, had contributed to the ‘almost’ disaster.

Let’s hope you DON’T perfect your latest hobby!

# YOUR MONTH BY THE STARZ

## by Crystal Ballz



**Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 23)**

You are the logical type and hate disorder.

This continual nit-picking is sickening to your friends.

You are cold and unemotional, and sometimes fall asleep while making love.

Virgos are good bus drivers.



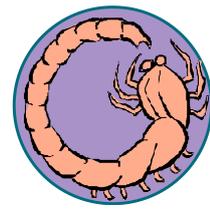
**Libra: (Sept 24 - Oct 22 )**

You are the artistic type, but have a difficult time with reality.

Libra men are more than likely gay.

Changes for employment and monetary gains are slim.

But keep buying your weekly X-Lotto ticket, the rest of us need your contribution.



**Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

You are shrewd in business and cannot be trusted.

You will achieve the pinnacle of success because of your lack of ethics.

The Mafia is full of Scorpions.

**Please Note: The Editor apologises for any distress caused as a result of reading this column, especially my fellow Virgos!**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Why do you never see the headline, “Psychic wins Lottery”?**

# Sharing a 6-pak with Bruce Metcalf !



If you weren't working in rural merchandise, what career would you have chosen?

- **An Astro Physicist – (not smart enough)**

Who would you most like to have over to dinner and why?

- **Steven Hawking – so he could tell me how to be an Astro Physicist**

What is your favourite 'out-of-work' activity?

- **Anything at the beach – surfing, fishing, drinking, eating, etc.**

Who do people say you look like?

- **Malcolm Graetz**

If you had one last meal on this earth, what would you choose?

- **Seafood bisque, followed by freshly caught and grilled trevally, chips & eggs**

What's your all-time favourite song?

- **"She Sells Sanctuary", by The Cult**

What 'animal' best describes you?

- **A sloth**

If you won X-Lotto, what would you buy?

- **An island**

What has the high-light of your life been to date?

- **Producing 2 kids  
(The Essendon v's Melbourne Grand Final in 2000 comes a close second)**

And lastly, why do you like living in the Avenue Range district?

- **Plenty of wildlife (animals too)  
nice scenery  
nice and quiet  
good people**



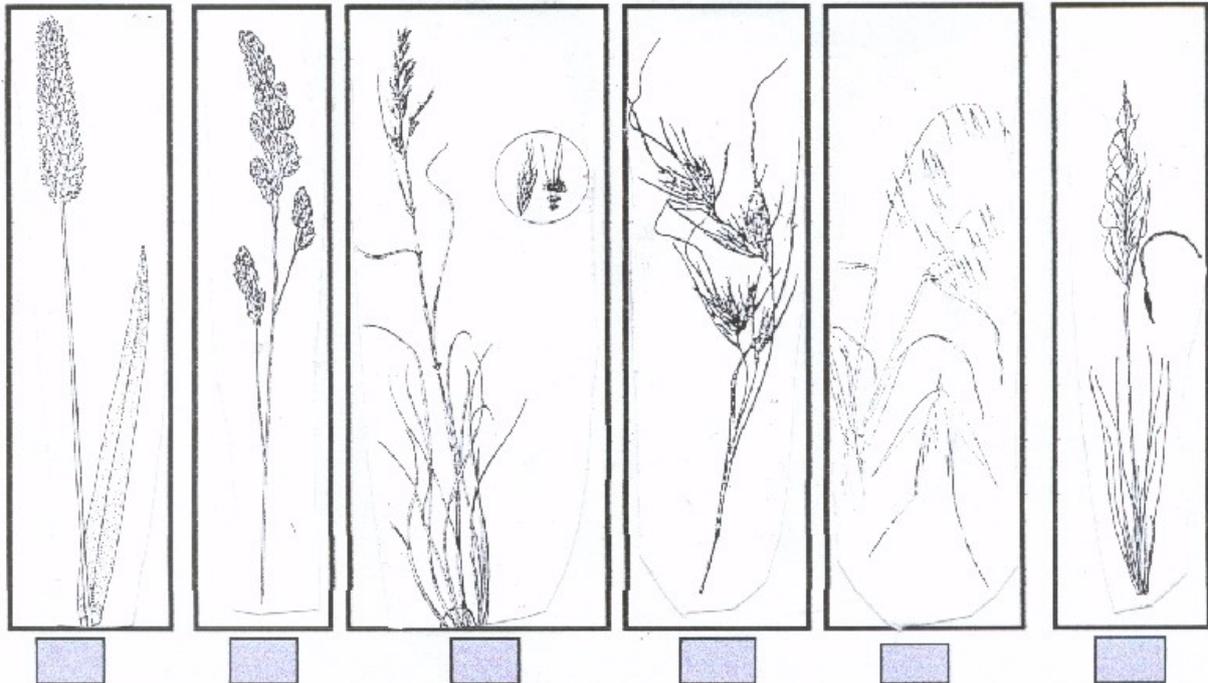
# Grass Identification Competition

By Kerry Gilkes

All these grasses are found in our pastures and around the roadsides of Avenue. Many of our pastures contain native grasses, some of which are very valuable to grazing. A competition is being run over the next month to see if you know the native grasses found in our district.

All entries to be placed in the entry box at the Avenue Store

A junior & senior prize will be given to the first correct entries received



Place the letter listed below next to the correct grass in the above box

- A. **Wallaby Grass** - Fine leaved native grass, tolerates wet feet, very valuable grass, very palatable and high feed value. Can be found along drains, in "rough paddocks", and along roadsides.
- B. **Wild Oats** - A widespread introduced grass
- C. **Kangaroo Grass** - Distinct red/brown coloured native grass. Can be found on the Avenue cricket oval and along the railway corridor.
- D. **Phalaris** - Widespread introduced grass, dominating many pastures and roadsides.
- E. **Spear Grass** - Native grass with a distinct corkscrewing seed.
- F. **Cocksfoot** - Introduced grass, recognised as a pasture species, however, its nutritive value is lower than that of species such as ryegrasses and phalaris.

Name: .....	Age: ..... (if below 16)
Date of Entry: .....	Date: .....



# JOKES OF THE DAY

Supplied by Phil Kuhndt

Did you ever hear of the Tate Family?

There's the head of the family - 'Dick Tate', who wants to run everything.

Uncle 'Ro Tate' tries to change everything around, and his sister 'Agi Tate' likes to stir things up whenever she can.

Nephew, 'Irri Tate' always rubs people up the wrong way, and nieces 'Hesi Tate' and 'Vegi Tate' pour cold water on every proposal.

Aunt 'Imi Tate' is all for trying something just be-

cause someone else is doing it.

Of course, cousin 'Devis Tate' will always throw a spanner in the works.

You're sure to know the Tates.

They sit on every committee, live in every street, join every club...

Just be sure you don't become one of them!

## Supplied by Hugh Bainger

A hip young man goes out and buys the best car available: a 1996, Cosmo Quad Turbo RX-7 (Keith Higgins would most certainly debate this). It is the best and most expensive car in the world, (Keith Higgins would debate this too), and it costs him a cool \$500,000.

He takes it out for a spin and, while doing so, stops for a red light. An old man on a moped (looking about 90 years old), pulls up next to him. The old man looks over the sleek, shiny surface of the car and asks, "What kind of car ya' got there, sonny?"

The young man replies "A 1996 Cosmo Quad Turbo RX-7. It cost \$500,000.

"That's a lot of money" says the old man, shocked. "Why does it cost so much?"

"Because this car can do up to 200 miles an hour!" states the cool dude proudly.

The moped driver asks, "Can I take a look inside?"

"Sure" replies the owner.

So the old man pokes his head in the window and looks around. Leaning back on his moped, the old man says, "That's a pretty nice car, all right!"

Just then, the light changes, so the guy decides to show the old man what his car can do. He floors

it, and within 30 seconds the speedometer reads 200 MPH.

Suddenly, he notices a dot in his rear-view mirror. It seems to be getting closer! Something whips by him, going much faster!

"What on earth could be going faster than my 7?" the young man asks himself.

Then ahead of him, he sees a dot coming toward him. Whoooooosh! It goes by again, heading the opposite direction! And, it almost looked like the old man on the moped! "Couldn't be," thinks the guy. "How could a moped outrun an RX-7?"

Again, he sees a dot in his rear view mirror! Whoooooosh Ka-BbblaMMMM! It ploughs into the back of his car, demolishing the rear end. The young man jumps out, and Jesus to Betsy, it IS the old man!

Of course, the moped and the old man are hurting for certain. He runs up to the dying old man and says, "You're hurt bad! Is there anything I can do for you?"

The old man groans and replies, "Yes. Unhook my suspenders from your side-view mirror!"

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## HAWDON WHITE SUFFOLKS 3RD PRODUCTION SALE

**Wednesday 23rd October, 2002**  
**On Property "SERISTON" Avenue Range**

**ALL RAMS HAVE SCAN FIGURES**

**INSPECTION 11:00 a.m. SALE 1:30 p.m.**

***BBQ Lunch provided***

**Contact:**

**Hurst**

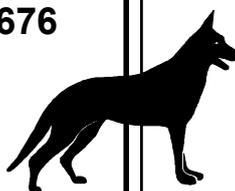
**Anthony**

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## WORKING DOG & STOCK HANDLING SCHOOL

Want to learn how to get the most out of your dog?

Want to reduce stress and stone throwing, and become a more efficient stock handler?

Then you need to attend a 'Working Dog & Stock Handling' School, with instructor Neil McDonald.

The school will be held in early 2003.

For further details and expressions of interest contact:

Rex Hocking  
Ph: 8766 0032

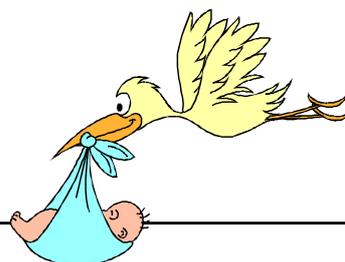
## APPROACHING MARRIAGES



Congratulations to  
Felicity Skillen - (Flic)  
and  
Darren Jenke - (Jenks)  
on their approaching marriage  
Saturday  
30th November, 2002  
at the  
Naracoorte Lutheran Church

## NEW BUNDLES

Congratulations to  
Darren, Yvette  
Sam and Danielle  
Cains  
On the arrival of their precious  
son and brother  
"Cameron Joseph"



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# 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 18th October

Last edition's Mystery Person was  
"Mark Gould"

Congratulations to 1st prize winner  
Mrs Shirley Rivett !

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## Where Are They Now? With Marg Longbottom (nee Hocking) (with a few bits filled in by little brother, Rex!)



When did you live in Avenue Range?

- From 1942 to 1961

Where do you live now?

- On a farm at Mt Benson/Boatswains Point with husband Bill. I have four children, the eldest Tania Rivett lives at West Avenue, Wayne lives near Mt Burr, Paul lives at Mt Benson but does hay contracting work around the Avenue/Lucindale area, and Fiona lives in Robe.

What do you remember about going to school at Avenue Range?

- It was an enjoyable time, with only a short walk from home. The teachers were good. In 1955 I went to school in Lucindale. *Rex added:* Marj rode her push bike to and from Lucindale every school day rain, hail or shine!

How many people lived in Avenue when you were here?

- The railway cottages had 2-3 families in them but the over all population was probably about the same, as new houses have been built. There were a lot more workmen on farms about the place then.

Where there any community get togethers?

- Yes, the church and school were operating. *Rex added:* For the school concerts, the audience overflowed out of the school building. At the Church/School, also Harvest Thanksgivings and Father Christmas parties. Out at the cutting, near *Cooinda*, a Guy Fawkes night was held each year. The chops were cooked on a piece of wire over the fire!

What was the best thing about living in Avenue?

- Growing up in a small community