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Weaving her magic

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BY JUDY BARNET

What do you do when you have four children under five?

The answer surprised me – Learn to spin of course.

I met Judy Donelly a few years ago sitting on a street corner on a freezing cold morning in Warwick as I recall – it was Jumpers and Jazz in July and I had taken a few woolly jumpers (Sheep) to help this wonderful community event and do a bit of promotion for the Rare Breeds Trust of Australia at the same time.

Judy had her spinning wheel, I had the sheep and a local character who knew a thing or two about sheep offered to demonstrate his shearing technique and so we started a sheep-to-jumper demonstration right there on the street corner in front of Sir Thomas Byrnes Statue.

In fact, you can see us do it all again in a few weeks at the 2023 event.

I met up with Judy again a few weeks ago at a local church fete, she was spinning and had a display of beautiful needle felted woolly jumpers, and me, I had the real thing.

I looked at Judy's collection of miniature sheep, and one larger one which I recognised as a purebred English Leicester. The sheep were incredibly lifelike.

There were other needle-felted animals I recall, an elephant and maybe a giraffe, but being a farmer, the sheep really took my fancy.

I asked Judy about her life, when and why she started spinning and her answer surprised me – Judy's Mother-in-law suggested she take up knitting when her four under-five children had gone to bed.

After moving with her family to Gympie, she decided it was a natural progression to spin her own wool for her knitting and on a visit to the local butcher, she enquired if he knew anyone that might supply wool for her to learn on.

The butcher, knowing the local farmers of course, pointed Judy in the right direction and from there she discovered a local spinners group.

"It's an addiction," she says. "Once you start it's hard to stop. "I have, on occasion though, had the odd break for up to a year"

Judy enters needle-felting in the show every year. It takes her two full days to make her sheep. "I am a perfectionist," she tells me. Her fleeces are mostly given to her and Rose City Wools have also been a great source of wool.

I ask Judy what advice she would give people wanting to start needle-felting. I am interested to hear her answer as several years ago I



Weaver Judy Donelly as captured by rare-breeds farmer Judy Barnet.

purchased a needle-felting kit of a beautiful beagle. What I have, half-completed, bore no resemblance to a Beagle at all. I got discouraged and gave up, although who knows, I might go back to it one day.

Judy says it is best if you can have someone show you – and immediately offers her services (I think maybe I should take her up on that one day.) There are plenty of videos on YouTube, she says, but it is just not the same as being shown and have someone there to watch and advise you.

"Oh," she adds – "and don't try to do this watching TV – the needle is very sharp with a barb on the end to prevent the wool being dragged out."



Judy Donnelly and her felted animals.

Picture: JUDY BARNET

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Bring on the Snowflake fun

BY TANIA PHILLIPS

Jack Frost is nipping at noses and the temperature is dropping rapidly - it can be only one time of year, Snowflakes in Stanthorpe time.

The bi-annual event, to be held from 30 June to 2 July, is on again and the Stanthorpe and District population are hard at work preparing for another bigger and better festival.

New Snowflakes in Stanthorpe president Trace Gosney, who has long been involved in the festival on the music and sound side, said it was all systems go for the winter family favourite event.

“We held a launch on Friday May 27 with over 70 people, sponsors, volunteers and supporters,” Trace said.

Held at the Showground the event allowed the organisers to trial three brand new fireplaces (with toastie marshmallows for all) and another of the big Snowflake attractions – two of the three new snow-globes.

“The new globes are a little bit different, they’re Snowflakes branded so you can take photos inside and have the snowflake symbol,” he said.

“One of them has actually got a photo of Marlay the mascot. The globes are pretty popular, people love getting in there and we have synthetic snow inside them. We’re looking to put some small blow-up balloons in one of them for a bit of fun.”

All Trace and his committee and volunteers need to do now is hope for the good cold weather that brings in the locals and visitors from across Queensland and Northern NSW for the event. After all there is nothing quite like Stanthorpe anywhere else in the Sunshine State.

“That’s what people come here for, in summer they go to the Coast but in Winter they come to the big cold climate areas,” Trace said.

“Well, we are supposed to be the coldest place in the State.”



He said there were a few changes to this year's event, promising more fun, frivolity and activities across the three days.

"On the Friday we have tried to make it a locals' day and we're not closing the street off this year," Trace said.

"We got activities happening in the Piazza and there's another stage down near Mitre 10. The big attractions are the chainsaw ice challenge later in the afternoon and at night there is the lantern parade and the fireworks from 5-6pm.

"Saturday, its all at the showgrounds starting from 9am. This year we've got two tiny seven-metre-long blowup obstacle courses and a big blow-up climbing wall and we've got the synthetic iceskating rink inside. We've created a section for children's entertainment, a puppet show, badge-making, sand art, igloo building blocks – building out of big foam blocks. There's entertainment happening on the two stages all weekend, one inside and one outside."

There will also be an animal nursery, a snake catcher, assortment of markets outside and plenty of food with a LED Hoola-hoop Show and a Fire-show at the Showground on the Saturday night and of course the ever-popular man-made snow field – which will be open from 9am on both days. The local farmers, companies and supporters are already freezing their ice blocks in preparation and will be up early Saturday morning to get it all happening.

"There really is lots happening this year," Trace enthused.

"The Enchanted Forest is moving into the old tearoom, which is going to be interesting - lots of coloured lights - we can't wait to see how it turns out.

"We reckon it will be best one ever out of the five we've run."

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Mulled wine and hot chestnuts.



The Rotary Club of the Granite Belt area proves popular during Snowflakes thanks to their warm juice, mulled wine and hot chestnuts.

Angelo is nuts about Snowflakes

BY TANIA PHILLIPS

Ballandean Estate Winemaking pioneer Angelo Puglisi is a local legend around the Granite Belt so it's little surprise he'd be involved in a community event like Snowflakes in Stanthorpe – also being a bit of a savvy customer, it's also no surprise he'd find one of the warmest places to be during the three-day festival.

When you think colder weather it's hard not to think warm food and one of those foods most synonymous with snow are chestnuts. So, you probably couldn't have Snowflakes In Stanthorpe without chestnuts and that's where you'll find Angelo and his friends.

He's pretty humble when you call him "chestnut roaster extraordinaire".

"Well, I've done it a few times," he chuckles warmly.

"If I told you what the secret is to a good chestnut you'd take my job," he jokes before imparting his chestnut roasting wisdom.

"All it takes is patience and determination to make sure that they get cooked correctly.

"You just have to wait until they start to peel the skin off and split a little bit. You've got to always cut them because if you don't do that they just pop.

"It's a bit like popcorn, if they get too hot, they just pop so you split the skin before you put them into the roasting situation.

"And then it depends on how you want to do



Angelo Puglisi in action.

them, the old people use to have an old frypan that wasn't in use too much anymore, drill a few holes in the bottom and sit it on top of a nice fire. They have to get really hot, wait 'til the skin gets a little bit black, keep on shaking them so they don't burn on the one side."

He said the one big mistake that most people made was to leave them on one-side for

too long and that side becomes overcooked and hard like a rock.

"You want them to soften up inside – that's all it is, they soften up inside and they're great to eat," Angelo explained.

"I've seen them all over the world – different places – in Japan, well not only Japan all over France and even all over Europe they do the same thing – there is somebody sitting on the street corner with a drum, a fire drum and a frypan or some sort of container sitting on top and roasting away.

"You go there, they serve them to you nice and hot in a little paper cone or a paper bag, you put it in your pocket, it keeps your pocket warm, your hands warm. You put your hands in your pocket and you peel them without even looking at them.

"They smell pretty good; they've got a nice aroma to them."

Of course, you don't have to roast your chestnuts.

"You can split them and then boil them in salty water – boil them for about 20 minutes, get them all softened up inside and then you peel them, and they are nice and salty."

So where do they source the chestnuts for Snowflakes?

"Well, they grow a lot of them in Victoria at Bright and the King Valley area but they're growing everywhere," Angelo explained.

"There is a big patch of them in Tenterfield

once you've gone down the hill going into town from this side, as you go around the corner on the left-hand side, there is a patch of them there, great big trees. They've only just finished harvesting them in the past few weeks. People grow them everywhere. My father planted a few trees on the farm too and we had them for quite a number of years, slowly, slowly they got a bit like me – a bit of old age to them and got a bit wobbly and started to fall apart.

"But anybody can grow them."

Of course, chestnut roasting is not Angelo's only role though the other is a little more unofficial – bringing in some warm liquid refreshment for the hardy farmers and helpers who make the snowfield.

"I bring in a little bit of warming sustenance – I have to warm their hands up because otherwise they won't make any more snow," he deadpans.

"Trouble is that the mongrels have got hold of it and they want it every time now. It costs me a fortune. I tell them I'll just borrow some port from the people that can't sell theirs and I'll bring them that instead, not going to give them my good stuff," he jokes.

"No, it's a really tough job, it really takes it out of you, it's freezing cold, your handling ice, ice, ice. If you're not touching it with your hands, you're all around it. Everything is cold, the shovels are cold, the machine is cold, everything is cold, so they need a bit of warming up."

Mulling over a winter warmer

The Rotary Club of the Granite Belt create some of the real flavour of the Snowflakes Festival.

It's hard not to picture the festival without smelling the delicious aromas of roast chestnuts, mulled wine and warm apple juice infused with ginger that the club provide each year.

The chestnuts are arranged by Angelo Puglisi and Mario Marino will be arranging and are being sourced as we speak.

But the job of making the mulled wine falls to Perditta O'Connor thanks to a little competition held a few years back.

"There was a Mulled Wine Challenge held in Stanthorpe in conjunction with a live ABC radio broadcast at the Stanthorpe Information

Centre welcoming the start of winter and Brass-Monkey season," Perditta explained.

"A number of the current members of the RCOTGB were previously involved in another club and along with other service organisations - Zonta, Lions and others took up the challenge to make the best mulled wine.

"Members of the public were our judges and after blind taste tests voted by way of gold coin donation for their tippie of choice. To my amazement I won (but it did taste good).

"We ran the Great Mulled Wine Challenge on a few more occasions and I was successful so now making mulled wine is my baby," she laughed.

But when I asked for the recipe Perditta was very suddenly tight-lipped, though she did offer some clues.

"To make a good mulled wine you need patience. Brew it slowly so all the flavours infuse," she said.

"The recipe includes blend of good reds from the Granite Belt (usually Ballandean Estate); some fresh granny Smith apples also from the Granite Belt; perhaps fresh Gayndah oranges and maybe even a touch of lemon.

"Like KFC's Colonel Sanders, I have a closely guarded mix of secret herbs and spices that I add but these herbs and spices would do nothing to enhance fried chicken," she quipped.

Unlike some recipes Perditta does not add any other alcohol - some people like to add fortified wine or brandy or whisky.

The result is a smooth warming drink perfect for cold winter nights by the fire.

For those going to Snowflakes find the Rotary Club of the Granite Belt stand and see for yourself Perditta said.

"You'll also be able to purchase cups of warm apple juice infused with a touch of ginger - another local product and another great winter drop," she said.

The kids can will also be able to pick up some carrots to help them decorate their snowmen.

Shielded from loneliness

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BY TANIA PHILLIPS

May is traditionally the month for the annual Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal with people attending the annual breakfast or donating at any of their collection points in Rose City Shopping Centre the following week.

But what happens to the money?
In the case of the Southern Downs and Granite Belt, according to local Salvation Army officers, Captains Richard and Leanne Hardaker, the money not only stays in the area but it goes into growing a community and combatting loneliness. The main beneficiaries are those in need at Christmas time with vouchers issued for them to buy what they need at Christmas while the pair also have a major weekly event aimed at helping those that don't have friends or family in the area.

Richard and Leanne have been out in Warwick four years coming from the Tweed Coast and have been steadily growing their community by holding a service and Saturday dinner every week.

"It's a great community and when we first moved out here, we realised there were actually a lot of lonely people around, people who didn't belong to any groups," he said.

"Once Covid hit we just wanted to do Church differently. So, we have a 45-minute chapel service at 4pm on Saturday and we have a community meal after that at our base at 24 Guy Street.

"The dinner is around 5pm but it's all in



Serving up the community dinner.

together, people come to everything and in the Chapel Service we teach things like self-esteem and life skills and how they are valuable."

He said the dinner was sponsored by the

Warwick RSL Club.

"They give us 50 meals a week, we just go there at 1pm and the meals are already ready," he said.

"We just bring them back and put them in a hotpot or the oven or we just keep them warm until 5pm. My wife and a few other people look after desserts, so people get a main meal and desert and it's restaurant-quality meals.

"Last week, we had 64. It's a nice community that we are building here, and we try to highlight special events. Recently instead of Mother's Day we highlighted Women's Day and gave all of the women in the room a gift – a lot of them may not have had children or don't have children with them so we just wanted to acknowledge women in that sense."

He said it's not as much about helping under-privileged people as it is looking after the lonely, people who may not have family in the area or at all.

"A lot of people move to Warwick and think it's a great thing and they will be able to build community, but they don't know where to start, so we are a starting place," Richard said.

"We started out with about 25 people and over the two-year period its increased and we are averaging about 60 now."

The meal and service are held ever Saturday and there is heating in winter and air-conditioning for summer so it feels inviting when people arrive. And it is a diverse community with everyone from young families to retirees.

This year's Red Shield Appeal breakfast alone raised \$8000 to enable Richard and Leanne to keep offering the service and meal every week.

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Choosing your wedding location

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Consider which region you would like to have your wedding - whether it is the bride or groom's hometown or a destination wedding.

The Southern Downs has an array of stunning, unique backdrops for a wedding, from stunning natural backdrops to beautiful churches, wineries or farms. Whatever you choose, make sure it is what you envisaged and is the right fit for you and your partner - make a list of venue priorities with your partner.

Ceremony:

A traditional church ceremony or garden wedding? Perhaps you envisioned a big tent or being outside with a hilltop view or an iconic background. A community or council hall, farming shed or a backyard could even be a strong option done right.

Sometimes a simple venue could be a blank canvas to create the dream setting for your wedding. Traditionally the bride's parents will sit in the first row on the left side of the aisle, while the groom's family sits on the right side.

Reception:

Your reception is where you have your first meal and first dance together as a married couple. It is a chance to slow down and talk to your guests and really enjoy the party.

Does your venue serve alcohol and have a

liquor licence? Do they have in-house catering or will you need to outsource this? Is there enough room to have a sit-down meal and a dance floor?

Couples can choose from purpose-built buildings for receptions and functions, a community hall or even hold the reception outside. The venue will determine the freedom a couple has with decorations - remember many require a huge effort from the bridal party and family the night before and after to ensure everything is set-up and packed down smoothly.

What to consider for your wedding venue:

- Is the venue size appropriate for your guest list?
- Is the venue available for your desired dates and budget friendly?
- Could you hold both your ceremony and reception at the one venue?
- Are tables and chairs and other essentials provided? If not, these little things could stack up the overall cost.
- Is it easy access to the venue and sufficient parking?
- Is the distance between your ceremony and reception venues viable, minimal and easy for guests to navigate?
- Are there nice settings for your bridal party photos at either the ceremony or reception venues?



Xavier Duff and Chris Hynes chose to honour the past while looking to the future when they chose St Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanthorpe for their wedding on 22 October 2022.



Tamara and Mark, married 23rd July 22 chose a farm setting.

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Rug up and dress up for the Picnic races.



There are prizes for the best dressed, man, woman and couple and this year.

The race meeting like no other

BY TANIA PHILLIPS

It's the race meeting like no other, a chance to picnic, party and punt with friends and family - the 128th Warwick Automotive Picnic Races to held at the Warwick Turf Club on 17 June.

Turf Club Chief Operating Officer Kristen Doyle said the Picnic Races has evolved over time and is still one of the highlights on the racing calendar for locals and visitors.

"We call it the race day like no other because patrons can BYO their own food and drink and set up a picnic at their table with their guests, friends and family," Kristen said.

"Patron numbers have increased immensely in the past five years and for regulations and

safety reasons the Picnic area is for 18-plus adults only.

"Ticket sales are booming with 900 tickets sold already" Kristen said.

"Our Picnic Race Day is rare, other clubs have altered their Picnic Race Days to suit the economy but we've strived to keep the tradition alive for as long as possible. The Life members of the Warwick Picnic Races are still invited, they have complementary passes for the event, which is fitting given all the hard work they used to put in back in the day to keep the club going."

The race day existed as a separate entity up until 2014 when the Turf Club took over the running of the event and it has continued to

survive, thrive and expand ever since.

This year is currently a five-race card non-broadcast meeting but the Club are hoping to expand the day to a seven-race program again like 2022. The event will have plenty to keep people entertained and not just on the track, off the track there are plenty of things to do with the ever-popular Warwick Hotel Fashions On The Field.

"We have three categories and there will be cash prizes for the best-dressed man, lady and couple," Kristen said. "And then we have the horse fashions, this is new - new sponsor Rebuild Relief have come on board and sponsored the band, Smooth Talk who will play from 5-9pm and the horse fashions will be for the best dressed

strapper and the best presented thoroughbred and there's cash prizes for them too."

If you don't want to miss the fashions or band you will need to purchase your \$60 Picnic.

Tickets are still on sale and will be available on the day as well.

Kristen said there is always a lot of interest in the Picnic Races, making it one of the club's best attended events on the calendar.

"People love to dress up and they have to rug up too, it can get quite chilly" she said.

"This year we have quite a few celebrations happening on course with a 60th birthday party with guests travelling from New Zealand, a large corporation with over 150 guests and an engagement party."



WARWICK AUTOMOTIVE

128th Warwick Picnic Races

17TH JUNE 2023

Fashionistas will be vying for the sash with 3 categories in the Warwick Hotel Fashions on the Field. Best Dressed Lady, Best Dressed Man & Best Dressed Couple - winners will receive a cash prize. Cash prizes also on offer for Rebuild Relief Best Dressed Strapper and Best Presented Horse.

Book your tickets now in the Kidszone Australia Trackside Pavilion - first in best dressed as all tickets for the Picnic area/Kidszone Australia Trackside Pavilion are \$60pp.

You can select your seat when purchasing your tickets. If you miss out inside, you can book to party outside on the lawn.

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Love bombing.



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Do you suppose she's a wildflower?

Curiouser and Curiouser

BY TANIA PHILLIPS

The planning meetings and working bees are continuing and things are getting Curiouser and Curiouser the closer that the Yarntopians get to July.

The Yarntopians, the official yarn bombing team of Jumpers and Jazz in July, Warwick popular and quirky jazz and yarn bombing festival are hard at work preparing for their display according to group coordinator Loretta Grayson.

"Each year local and out-of-town crafters collaborate to produce a large-scale knitted and crocheted art installation," she said.

"From 20 - 30 July this year, our "Curiouser and Curiouser" installation will transform the foyer of Warwick RSL's historic Kings Theatre into a yarn- bombed wonderland.

"We will bring Lewis Carroll's beloved Alice in Wonderland novel to life in a unique, delightful, and very Yarntopian way.

"Our team is friendly and welcoming and crafters of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

"Our planning meetings and working bees are informal, friendly and welcoming. We provide tea, coffee and morning/afternoon tea. We meet in the St Marks Middle Resource Room in Warwick. This room is located beside St Marks Anglican church, next to the office."

As they get closer to July their working bees

are running from 10am - 4pm.

The group has had crafters as young as six or seven up to people in their 90s – it doesn't matter how old or young they are, they can join the Yarntopians.

"And because it's a team where anyone can subscribe to our newsletter and join in, the numbers of contributors change ever each year," she said.

"We have around 12-15 local team members from the Warwick area who are the ones who put in months and months of planning and crafting and install everything and get together for planning meetings and working bees.

"Then we have other people like out-of-town contributors who subscribe to the newsletter and post us their contributions and then we have people who are local and want to knit and crochet in their homes. They send in their contributions.

"Over the years our participants can vary anywhere from about 50 people to a hundred. Last year we had around 60 contributors."

The team have been working on Curiouser and Curiouser since last October November with several more months work ahead.

"We are always looking for more people to help and they can email yarntopians@gmail.com or we've got a page on the Jumpers and Jazz Website.



Ideas are starting to bloom for the Yarntopians.



The Caterpillar.



Drink me?



This cool cat has a secret.

Exciting time coming up

We have an exciting June coming up at Southern Downs Libraries.

As part of our school holiday activity line-up we are welcoming Deano Yipadee to perform at the Warwick Town Hall and the Stanthorpe Civic Centre Supper Room.

Deano is a children's author and entertainer

who will be performing on Wednesday 28 June at the following times: Warwick Town Hall – 10am and Stanthorpe Civic Centre Supper Room – 2pm. This is a free event for families with children who are looking for something fun to do over the holiday period.

Our Southern Downs Libraries are also

offering craft activities, Storytime, a Snowflake Treasure Hunt, and a Mindful Movement session. Children are welcome to warm up this winter holidays with Mindful Movement and a story.

A fun movement session for children where we encourage children to move and stretch

their bodies with breath, play and visualisation. The activity will include a story.

All activities will be promoted closer to the time on the library website, library social media, and flyers at your nearest branch.

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Yipadee doo da Deano comes to town

Best-selling author, musician and performer Deano Yipadee will have the children of the Southern Downs and Granite Belt in stitches as they read, sing, laugh and bounce along with his collection of chart-topping Scholastic books and songs.

Join Nee Naw The Little Fire Engine, Stink-o-saurus, the brand new book, Granny's Undies, and many more as Deano takes you on an hilarious comedy live-music adventure.

Deano Yipadee is a number-one, best-selling children's author, musician, and performer who tops best-sellers charts in Australia, New Zealand and the UK.

Deano's debut album originally hit the top of the UK Children's Album best-sellers charts in 2012, beating out top names such as 'Now That's What I Call Disney.'

Later that year, he headlined the Children's Field at the world famous Glastonbury Music Festival in the UK, then toured extensively with CBeebies TV presenters.

Soon after, he designed and completed a 35-show tour of New Zealand with international best-selling author of Wonky Donkey fame, Craig Smith.

Craig loved Deano's songs so much that he sent them to Scholastic, a powerhouse international publisher.

Deano's first book contract was signed two weeks later, and his first book sold out of three print runs in Australia as it headed straight to the top of the Children and Teens Best-Sellers Chart in New Zealand.



Best-selling Author, Musician and Performer Deano Yipadee makes kids laugh.

Deano has recorded with TV stars from ABC, CBeebies, Coronation Street and more.

He spent time in the recording studio with Ed Sheeran and Justin Timberlake, and released 10 books into more than 20 countries with Scholastic.

Deano now develops fun music videos for his YouTube channel and performs more than 200 live shows per year in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, and the USA.

Before becoming an author, Deano studied a Bachelor of Education at Otago University in New Zealand; however, he was offered a job in Media and spent years hosting radio shows

throughout New Zealand and the UK.

Deano has lived in New Zealand, Japan, the UK, the USA, and now resides in Hervey Bay, Queensland, with his wife and two children.






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Mutton roast made easy

BY JUDY BARNET

Knowing nothing about rare or any other breeds when I started off in sheep, my choice of at the time was based entirely on meat flavour.

I stumbled on the Southdown sheep in the early 1990s and killed a couple for the freezer. I knew as soon as I cooked and tasted my favourite meal, Sunday leg roast, that there was no other breed for me.

I don't remember now whether it was a lamb (although not likely), hogget or mutton but it was sweet, succulent and tender.

It took me back to the roasts of my childhood cooked by my dear mum toiling over the wood stove.

It did make me think and I wondered why no lamb from the butcher tasted like the roast that day. Perhaps the word 'lamb' is the key.

Thirty years later I still only grow hoggets and mutton for my own consumption – I would never kill a lamb.

My mum laughed at me when I bought a slow combustion wood stove. She said she had a big celebration when she bought her first electric stove, with no more slaving over the hot wood stove!

I love cooking, when I have time, which seems to be less and less often these days.

A high priority for me is to grow my own vegetables as much as possible. I still try to cook a roast on a Sunday, mostly hogget or mutton, and mostly in the wood stove.

It only takes me a few minutes to prepare the meat, having taken it out of the fridge 10 minutes before.

I cut a few pockets in the leg and put some small pieces of fresh garlic in and rub a bit of salt on it. Then I pick some rosemary from the garden and place it on top – nothing fancy.

I place the roasting tray in the wood stove, not worrying too much about the temperature as long as it is not too hot.

If it is a bit on the cool side I just cook it for longer. In an electric oven I preheat to 200 deg and cook for around 15 minutes then turn it down to 150. If in more of a hurry, it is just 180 deg until cooked!

I love to serve this with all the "P"s – homegrown pumpkin, potatoes, parsnip and peas!

Finally, resting the roast is most important. I give it at least 10 minutes before serving. And Dear Richie makes the best gravy!



Judy Barnett has become a bit well-known thanks to her entertaining Tales of Taprock Farm column in our paper.

The sound of engines returns to Carnell

BY TANIA PHILLIPS

The roar of engines has returned to the Carnell Raceway out Stanthorpe way thanks to the Short Circuit Motor Sports Association, lots of volunteer working bees and support from the local and motorsports community.

Current Association president Moss Lane (who somehow seems rather aptly named to be a motorsports president) said the track is up and racing and they are preparing for a busy time ahead.

The Association have already held their first Short Circuit race meeting late last month and are gearing up for the Big Chill bike race in mid-June.

"When the Short Circuit Motor Sports Association was formed in '97, I was around then," Moss, who is based in the Moreton Bay area and is a life-long motor sports enthusiast, said. He said his name is a corruption of Morris and when asked if his dad, who introduced him to the sport and raced motorbikes, was a fan of famous racing identity Stirling Moss, he laughed – obviously not the first time he'd been asked.

Moss has been a long-term member of the Association and is pleased to finally see it find a home.

"I was president in the earlier days (of the group) but work and life got in the way and I was out of it for a little while. And then in recent times the long-term president stood down and I took over again, that was a couple of years now.

"Since then, we had the Carnell Raceway presented to us as an option to take over. We have spent the past 12 months working on the track and we've got it under control now. We've taken the complex over as our home track, we're working on reorganising the track and have built it up to a point where it's a little bit more user-friendly. We've done a lot of work on some of the safety items and the track and stuff like that.

"We've been looking for a home track



In the pits at Carnell.

for many years but trying to buy or form a track is a fairly daunting task for a non-profit organisation. The Stanthorpe Club were very people-poor and we were in a good position. They thought it would be best if we came to look after the place, probably for the next 10 years."

So, what does that mean for the Association and for the motor racing enthusiasts of Stanthorpe?

"Well for Stanthorpe, we've been coming to Stanthorpe, to the Carnell Raceway for well over 25 years now," he said.

"It's a very unique form of motor sport, we do the sprint racing – which is two cars on the track at the time. We also have short circuit touring cars which is virtually a club car. We can have as many as 14 cars on the track at one time in a competition."

Members come from all over South-East Queensland and Northern NSW.

"We do have a few coming from Rockhampton way occasionally and over the

border around Lismore and Tenterfield and Tamworth," he said.

"Carnell is a fairly short drive in the scheme of things for people to come from over the border. We have been running a NSW – QLD challenge over the years but we've sort of fallen off times particularly now we have Carnell on our plate. We have been spending our time and resources tidying the track up."

The May meeting was the first meeting that the group had held under their own umbrella at the Carnell track.

"We had a meeting at Morgan Park in Warwick in February, we committed to that last year," he said.

"The Morgan Park event was very successful, we had 93 entries from memory – Morgan Park is quite a good complex but we were looking for a home.

"The May event here went extremely well, we had 56 entries – anything from street cars through to open wheelers and our short circuit touring cars. No major dramas from anyone's



Moss Lane. Pictures: PERDITTA O'CONNOR

point of view, a few cars had mechanical problems but basically it worked extremely well for us."

Their next event will in August but while the Association is running Carnell, they won't be the only organisation on track at the complex.

"The Motorbike Association is also still using Carnell," Moss said.

"They have been at Carnell for many many years and now they've come in as a client of ours.

"They're going to run an event in the middle of June which they call The Big Chill for obvious reasons in Stanthorpe," Moss said.

"Middle of June in Stanthorpe you can guarantee its going to be cold. They're a good bunch of people, similar to us - they race motorbikes we race cars but they use Carnell as their home track as well.

"When we were asked to take over the running of Carnell they were more than happy – they wanted to stay on and we wanted them to stay on because the bills have got to be paid."



Homestead totally rebuilt

The owners have totally rebuilt the original homestead and extended to add all the modern conveniences today's generation demands.

There are five extra large bedrooms, which feature either built-ins or walk-in wardrobes while the master bedroom has an ensuite with bath, shower and double vanity.

The family bathroom features a bath, shower and vanity.

The main shared areas of the house are open plan, including the kitchen, dining and family living area.

The modern farm-house kitchen has a large gas range, rangehood and dishwasher and there is a walk-in larder for groceries and storage as well as a mudroom with laundry and utilities.

The house features ducted air-Reconditioning and decks on two sides.

Outside find a large six-bay shed (approx. 20m x 10m) with four roller doors, as well as a kitchenette and toilet.

There is 3.5 KVA solar on roof, rainwater tanks,



a bore, dam, steel yard, loading ramp, crush and fenced paddocks all set on 20.09 Ha and within 20 minutes of Warwick.

Contact Helen Harm on 0408 457 496 to arrange inspection.
Go to www.helenharm.com for more photos

Address: 135 Cullens Road, DEUCHAR Description: 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, 4+ car Price: \$ 950,000 Inspection: Contact the agent
Contact: Helen Harm 0408 457 496 Agent: HELEN HARM REAL ESTATE

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Warwick**Today** Stanthorpe**Today**

Charming Warwick house

This charming, three-bedroom, ensuited house in Warwick is the perfect opportunity for those looking to settle down in a quiet and peaceful location.

Set on a spacious block of land, this home offers both privacy and room to move, making it ideal for families or those who love to entertain.

Inside, the home is beautifully presented and features a spacious open-plan living and dining area, complete with large windows that let in plenty of natural light. The kitchen is well-appointed and includes all the modern conveniences you could want, including ample bench space and plenty of storage.

The three bedrooms are all generously sized and come complete with built-in wardrobes, ensuring plenty of storage space. The master bedroom features an ensuite and a WIR, adding an extra touch of luxury to this already impressive home.

Outside, take advantage of the fantastic views of the surrounds on the deck and enjoy this low-maintenance yard is fully fenced, making it ideal for children and pets to play safely.

It is also located close to schools, the CBD and the river walk. Don't miss your chance to secure this property - arrange an inspection today.



Address: 4 Grafton St, WARWICK Description: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 car Price: \$380,000 Contact: Alex Dwan 0476196296 alex@waderealestate.com.au Agent: WADE REAL ESTATE

www.waderealestate.com.au

Ph: 4661 5655

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Close to the CBD

It is just a short walk to the CBD from this three-bedroom Queenslander.

There is a well-appointed kitchen with lots of storage and an adjoining dining room while the lounge room has a wood fire and air-conditioning.

The third bedroom adjoins an office/study.

The property features two car parks under the house plus lots of lock-up storage and a two-car carport to the side.

Outside there is also a deck off the back with vision of the 819 m² yard.

Agent Helen Harm believes while this is a great family home it is also suitable for the investor and the property is currently renting at \$400 per week through to 18 December.

- Key Features**
- Three built-in bedrooms
 - Aircon in master bedroom & living
 - Third bedroom adjoins office/study
 - Tidy kitchen has electric appliances
 - Formal dining
 - Bathroom has bath, vanity, storage and toilet
 - Cosy lounge has fireplace + aircon
 - Second toilet next to back door
 - Under home is laundry, garage and storage
 - Two carports beside home
 - Entertaining deck overlooks 819 m² backyard with garden shed
- Contact Helen Harm on 0408 457 496 for appointment to inspect.
- Go to www.helenharm.com for more photos



Address: 131 Percy Street, WARWICK Description: 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 4+ car Price: \$400,000 Offers Over Inspection: Contact the agent

Contact: Helen Harm 0408 457 496 Agent: HELEN HARM REAL ESTATE

Family home at Adrienne Court

This is a brick family home with plenty on offer for all.

The home has three bedrooms, plus an office, built-ins, good living areas and multiple outdoors areas that create more intimate space.

The master and second bedroom have their own air-conditioners while there is a split system air-conditioner and woodfire in the lounge.

The lovely dining area has a north facing patio outside.

Well-appointed kitchen has an electric stove and ample storage plus a pantry.

The bathroom has a shower, separate bath, vanity and separate toilet.

The laundry has storage and access to the backyard.

The outdoor entertaining area leads to the

- 1750 m sq backyard with garden shed with a two-bay carport, vegie patch and garden area.
- Contact Helen Harm on 0408 457 496. Go to www.helenharm.com for more photos
- Home Features:**
- Air-conditioning
 - Broadband
 - Carpeted floors
 - Electric stove
 - Patio/deck
 - Tiled floors
 - Vinyl floors
 - Woodfire
- Community Features:**
- Childcare
 - Clubhouse
 - Playground/park
 - Primary school



Address: 5 Adrienne Court, WARWICK Description: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 study, 2 car Price: \$ 650,000 Inspection: Contact the agent

Contact: Helen Harm 0408 457 496 Agent: HELEN HARM REAL ESTATE



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Ready to Renovate

Central position near schools and hospital.
Concrete stumps, hardwood flooring & frames.

- 2 Bedrooms
- 1 Bath • Separate toilet
- Large Lounge Living
- Sunroom
- Laundry Utility
- 2 Bay shed • 2 Carports
- Garden shed • Fully fenced 1012 m²

\$ 275,000



Corner Allotment

Affordable land in the Historic Village of LEYBURN – 45 mins W of Warwick & 45 mins SW of Toowoomba. Police station, Post office, Store and more communities facilities. Popular stop-over to “grey nomads”.

- Home of Leyburn Sprints each August.
- School is only 200 metres up the road
- Hotel and store a short walk away.
- Almost 3/4 acre (2985 m²) on sealed road.

\$ 75,000+



HENDON Half Acre

Investors opportunity!!

- 2023 m² (½ Acre) with rural views
- Power in Street
- 23K (20 mins) North of Warwick

Half Acre Lot

\$ 65,000



ARATULA Markets

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- Highway corner frontage established 30 yrs
- 2 Satellite liquor licences
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- 4047 m² (1 Ac)
- Views are 360 degrees
- Costing for soil test available
- Costing for power pole available
- Road works required are listed by Southern Downs Regional Council

MARYVALE - 20 min Warwick, 90 min Brisbane

\$ 175,000+



On a Creek

GREYMARE – 2251 m² (.55 Acres)

- On the banks of Greymare Creek
- Level block, slopes gently to the creek
- Bitumen road frontage
- Ideal spot, privacy, relaxed country lifestyle
- Escape the hustle & bustle of city
- Live in picturesque Southern Down Region
- Direct access to main highway
- 20 Mins west of Warwick

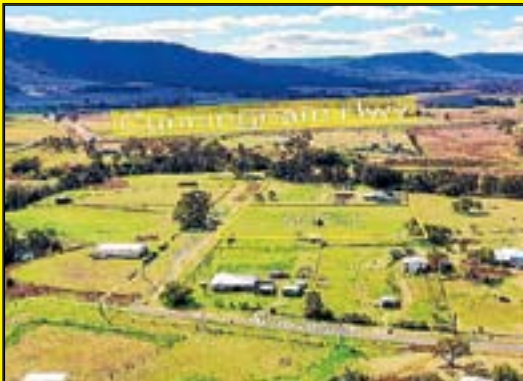
\$ 150,000+



Near Maryvale Hotel

- 4047 m² (1 Ac)
- Views are 360 degrees
- Survey pegs define property boundary
- Road - plans, soil test, survey are done and Paperwork prepared to be lodged with Southern Downs Regional Council

\$ 200,000



Scenic Views

MARYVALE – 6637 m² (1.6 Acres)

- Views of valley back to Great Dividing Range
- Flood Free and gently sloping
- Ideal spot, privacy, relaxed country lifestyle
- Escape the hustle & bustle of city
- Nestled in the mountains
- Direct access to main highway
- 20 Mins east of Warwick
- Well maintained acreage

\$ 260,000



Country Acre

MARYVALE - Nestled in the Great Dividing Range near Cunningham's Gap. Only 90 minutes to Brisbane or the Gold Coast.

- Level 4047 m² corner lot
- Power available
- All weather gravel road access
- New Fencing
- Mountain views in that fresh mountain air!

\$ 250,000



Affordable Land

INVESTORS here is an opportunity to purchase a half acre lot in Leyburn township, home of the historic Leyburn Sprints.

Option 1:- Lot 86 is for sale at \$65,000.

Option 2:- Lot 87 & Lot 86 for \$125,000.

Option 3:- Lot 86, 87 & 88 for \$200,000

ONLY Lot 86 is available as a single lot purchase.

There is a shed kit for \$15,000 available as an optional extra.

\$ 65,000



Double Block

MARYVALE - Scenic Double block has 2 Titles. Quiet country lifestyle only 90 minutes to Brisbane or the Gold Coast.

- 2 x 4047 m² (Total 8094 m²) – 2 Acres
- 2 Separate Titles
- Sloping from front to back
- Power available
- New Fencing

\$ 275,000

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Privately positioned

Privately positioned, approximately 18km east of Warwick with access off bitumen road and only a 10-minute drive to the township of Killarney, you will find this pleasing 100-acre, corner-block property, offering a two-bedroom, one-bathroom, separate toilet, internal laundry, liveable and tidy home.

The property at 177 Huxleys Road, Loch Lomond, has a lot to offer its next new owners. This is a very quiet location, a fantastic parcel of land producing productive soils, large dam, plenty of room for horses and cattle.

The working bore services all outside taps, two large tanks servicing the home with a third to back it up. Huge 18m x 13m powered machinery shed, two cattle yards with crush and race but in some need of repair.

The comfortable two-bedroom plus sleepout home offers good open living space with decent size kitchen presenting generous cupboard space and dining area, comfortable and cozy lounge room offering wood heater that warms the whole home during the cold winters.

Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to own a piece of nature's paradise. Contact us today to schedule a viewing and experience the serenity and tranquillity of this remarkable property.

An excellent tenant in place, so 24 hours' notice is needed.



Address: 177 Huxleys Rd, LOCH LOMOND Description: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath Price: \$825,000 Inspection: Contact the agent
Contact: Mandy Steketee 0400592463 mandy@waderealestate.com.au Agent: WADE REAL ESTATE

Business opportunity

This Queenslander-style two-bedroom cottage building features a gable over front verandah and is currently home for Warwick Chainsaws.

It includes lockup office, showroom area, storeroom, retail area and bathroom as a workshop and storage on ground level at rear.

There is lots of opportunities for this property zoned "mixed use" according to the agent. It is located on a corner position with great marketing exposure to the highway through Warwick and rear access off laneway and front and rear parking.

The site is currently houses Warwick Chainsaws, a long-established chainsaw and mower sales and service business also available for stock value only.

The owners are looking to retire and offer this opportunity for the buyer to establish into a long-time local business operating from their own freehold property.

There is even an experienced staff member available to stay for transition to new owners.



Address: 58 Albion, WARWICK Description: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath Price: Offers over \$600,000 Contact: Bevan Vanderwolf, 0408457793, bevan@waderealestate.com.au Agent: WADE REAL ESTATE

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Family Friendly

- 4 Bed, 2 bath, 2 car
- Main bed has en suite, walk-in robe
- Bathroom has separate shower, vanity
- Separate toilet • Separate laundry
- Modern open plan living
- Galley kitchen, large pantry
- Undercover entertaining
- Fully fenced 845 m² with Vehicle access

INVESTORS: Rents for \$500 p.w.

\$ 450,000



Overlooks River

- INVESTORS: Lease to 30 June 2023 at \$650 p/w
- Open plan, living/dining/ kitchen – electric cook top & wall oven
 - Polished timber floors, high ceilings with exposed beams • Reverse cycle air con
 - 4 Good-sized Bedrooms, built in & ceiling fans
 - Main has ensuite, double shower, double vanity, long mirror & spa bath, walk in wardrobe, bay window & aircon

\$ 450,000+



On Leslie Dam

- On Leslie Dam Shoreline
- Rustic open plan timber cottage
 - Basic kitchen & bathroom
 - Deck on the North overlooks Leslie Dam
 - Fenced boundary to 3.2 Ha
 - Riparian rights are part of the title
 - Private road to the property from Glenvale Rd
 - Great family getaway with lots on offer
 - Fishing, boating, swimming ...

\$ 500,000+



Duplex Townhouse

- Buy both Unit A & B for \$375,000 each.
- Aircon 3 bed duplex Townhouses near hospital.
 - Master has en suite, walk in robe
 - Other 2 bed have built ins & ceiling fans.
 - Separate bath & shower in bathroom + toilet.
 - Large walk in storage upstairs (home office?)
- Downstairs - open plan lounge, family, dining, mod con kitchen, laundry utility has dryer, 3rd toilet, single lock up garage, under stairs storage

\$ 375,000+



As New Duplex

- Each Unit has:-
- 3 Large built in bedrooms
 - 2 bath, master has en suite
 - Living dining off the kitchen
 - Lounge with aircon • Enclosed courtyards
 - Laundry • Storage cupboards
 - Solar power • Rain Water tank
 - 2 bay garage • 997 m² yard

INVESTORS: Current rent is \$900 p.w.

\$ 795,000



Walk to CBD

- 3 Bedroom, 2 have built ins
- Aircon in master bedroom & living
- 3rd Bedroom adjoins office/study
- Tidy kitchen has electric appliances
- Formal dining • Lounge has fireplace + aircon
- Bathroom has bath, vanity, storage & toilet
- Under home is Laundry, Garage & storage
- Entertaining deck overlooks 819 m² backyard

INVESTORS: Rent \$400 p.w. to 18/12/23

\$ 400,000+



High on a Hill

- MARYVALE –
- Enjoy the relaxed ease of country living!
- Air con + wood fire
 - 2 Bed, 2 built-in
 - Open Living areas with vinyl planks
 - Shower, vanity & toilet + laundry
 - Garage converted to Studio
 - Carport, shed, 3 Large rain water tanks
 - Fully fenced 2023 m² yard

\$ 375,000



Exclusive Address

- Aircon 3 Bed+ office, built ins
- Living has aircon + woodfire
- Dining opens to N patio
- Tidy kitchen has electric appliances
- Bathroom - bath, sep shower, vanity & toilet
- Second living/games (converted garage)
- Laundry /utility accesses 1750 m² backyard
- 2 Carports, garden shed, vegie patch & more

INVESTORS: Rent \$650 p.w. to 16/01/24

\$ 650,000+



Simple Country Life

- Short drive to Warwick – 9 mins or 6.9k –
- Livestock suits 11.8 Ha (29 Ac)
- Large 5 Bay Shed • Smaller 4 Bay Shed
 - Cattle Yards, Thompson Longhorn Crush/ Race
 - Dam, 3 paddocks, water troughs & more
 - 3 bed, built ins – main ensuite & aircon
 - Separate shower & bath, separate toilet
 - Kitchen/Dining – storage, electric appliances
 - Lounge media has fireplace + aircon

\$ 1,250,000



Almost 1 Acre

- ALLORA - Boundary realignment allows for almost an acre, 3350 m² level allotment with 2 street frontages to Bennett Street and Erhardt Street (off Darling Street)
- Town Water available
 - All city facilities
 - Fenced

Settlement can occur once survey and paperwork is finalized.

\$ 175,000



Country Manor

- Owners totally rebuilt the original homestead and extended, within 20 minutes of Warwick.
- 5 X-large Bedrooms • Master has en suite
 - Family bathroom • Open plan living
 - Kitchen has large gas range • Walk-in larder
 - Laundry utility • Ducted Aircon
 - 6 bay shed • 3.5 KVA solar • Rainwater tanks
 - Bore • Dam • Steel yard, loading ramp, crush
 - Fenced paddocks • 20.09 Ha

\$ 950,000+

LAND

- WARWICK - 25930 m², High profile, 2 street frontage, Zoned specialised \$ 2,210,000
- HENDON - 2023 m², power next door, rural fence \$ 65,000
- MARYVALE - 4047 m², power nearby, level block, VIEWS \$ 175,000+
- MARYVALE - 4047 m², power available, level block, near Hotel \$ 200,000
- MARYVALE - 6637 m², power next door, level block, mountain VIEWS \$ 260,000
- MARYVALE - 4047 m², power available, level block, new fencing \$ 250,000
- MARYVALE - 8094 m², 2 Titles, power nearby, fenced, 2 x 1 Acre \$ 275,000

See www.helenharm.com for more listing

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