



## APRIL 2020

Hi everyone and welcome to April! Hope you don't get fooled on the 1<sup>st</sup>!

This Newsletter won't be full of a lot of social news in the "Coming Events" section etc. due to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic, but we hope to bring you some informative news and something a bit lighthearted to help us through a concerning and unprecedented time.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Diary for this month.

Anyone wishing to add content to our Diary can leave their entries on the piece of paper in the Post Office or email me at [newsletter@barmedman.com.au](mailto:newsletter@barmedman.com.au) with details. It can be about the coming month – or something in the future.

Please leave/email your entries before the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. Thank you!



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### ON THIS MONTH:

#### CHURCH SERVICES:

There will be no church services until further notice due to the Coronavirus. I do know there are daily Masses to view online

[www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/)

And for Anglican parishioners there is [www.anglican.org.au/](http://www.anglican.org.au/)



#### BIBLE STUDY:

There will be no further Bible Study until further notice due to the Coronavirus.



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### MISCELLANEOUS

5<sup>th</sup> April (Sunday)– DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS – 3a.m. – turn your clocks BACK one hour



before retiring

10<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday

12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

18<sup>th</sup> April – Barmedman Rain Dance - Community Family Music – sadly this event has been CANCELLED. Hopefully to be held at a later date.

25<sup>th</sup> April – Anzac Day service – CANCELLED. Under the circumstances, perhaps a nice way to show respect from a distance would be to make handmade wreaths to place in our windows/mailboxes. (See below for one such idea)



It is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific on the 15<sup>th</sup> August so hopefully all will be well and we will be able to hold a service on that day.

21<sup>st</sup> May – Biggest Morning Tea – CANCELLED. But there will be Donation Boxes at The General Store so please donate to this worthy cause however small. All money will go directly to the Cancer Council. Last day for donating will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

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## CLASSIFIEDS:

If you're looking for a reliable electrician then call Nick Farrugia from Ariaiah Park on 0481702054.



If anyone has any classifieds they would like to include in our Diary – please feel free to write them on the sheet at the Post Office or email me at [newsletter@barmedman.com.au](mailto:newsletter@barmedman.com.au) by the 21<sup>st</sup> of any month.

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## GENERAL NEWS

The Arts & Crafts Coffee Shop recently posted this on their Facebook Page (24<sup>th</sup> March):

**\*\* Closed \*\***

In line with the recent Government directive regarding closures to stem the spread of COVID-19, unfortunately our shop is closed until further notice.

Thank you all for your continued support & patronage - please stay safe & well.

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GRANTS: \$73,000 for works and further development to the Community Recreation Grounds has been approved. There will be a permanent skate track/Pump track for our kids. A new BBQ shelter and power to the shade area erected last year. Our thanks to Steve for his tireless work in securing these grants for the betterment of our town. Bland Shire Council had also offered funding towards our Barmedman Rain Dance that was to be held in April (now cancelled). Sadly this event has had to be cancelled but let's hope it can be arranged at another date when it's safe for all to enjoy a great day out.

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## THE BARMEDMAN GENERAL STORE NEWS

- The Barmedman General Store raised its new sign officially changing its name from the Post Office to "GENERAL STORE", as we now offer way more than just a stamp or

two. Huge thanks to the West Wyalong Men's Shed for making the 1920's lookalike sign and also to Geoff Bush for making and supplying the brackets and to Kev and Arch for raising and installing it!

- New temporary trading hours for the Barmedman General Store are as follows: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday CLOSED)

This is to enable us to isolate the mail for a couple of hours after receiving it before sorting to deliver to you (just in case) as well as ensure our General Store, Takeaway and Post Office are safe places to visit. This will also reduce the number of travellers calling in from who knows where.

There have been locals who HAD to go to larger towns that have checked if they can bring supplies home. We would like to thank them very much.

GREAT community spirit guys, thank you.

Doing anything we can to isolate Barmedman and still make sure the village has supplies of essential items.

- We are now stocking homemade frozen meals if you run out or just don't want to cook? Great takeaway food still available too.
- We have just finalised arrangements with West Wyalong Pharmacy so scripts can be left at the General Store to be taken and filled and save people having to get to town. We will arrange delivery for senior citizens at home. Please phone the Pharmacy on 0269720101 and they will liaise with us. Please ring Linda/Steve at the General Store on 0269762008 for more info. We hope this will help with our vintage villagers not having to leave home.
- The "Secret Sculpturer" has struck again adding more decorations to our village! Who can it be????



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### BARMEDMAN MOTORS

Kath and Harry would like to let their customers know that their trading hours are normal for now subject to change. They also ask that you practise social distancing and to please check before entering the office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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### USEFUL WEBSITES – STAYING INFORMED

Two very Informative and reliable internet sites to look at about Coronavirus (COVID-19). These were both recommended to me by a Healthcare Worker.

[www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

[www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

Also, if possible (smart phones) - download the "Coronavirus Australia" government App in the Apple App Store or Google Play and join the Government's WhatsApp channel on iOS or Android.



## BARMEDMAN HAS ITS OWN SONG!!!!

Check it out at [www.barmedman.com.au](http://www.barmedman.com.au) then scroll down and click on our “Our Song”. And here are the lyrics for you to sing along with when you have a listen! What a great and uplifting thing for us all during this serious time. Enjoy!

I WAS LIVIN IN A CITY A LIFE THAT WASN'T PRETTY  
I KNEW THAT I JUST HAD TO GET AWAY  
PACKED UP MY BAGS DUSTED OFF MY SWAG  
HITCHED OUT WEST OF THE HUME HIGHWAY  
I WAS DROPPED IN BARMEDMAN TOWN  
STOPPED TO LOOK AROUND A SMALL COUNTRY TOWN WITH A BIG COUNTRY HEART  
I WAS WELCOMED WITH A SMILE DECIDED TO STAY A WHILE  
MAYBE FOUND A PLACE TO MAKE A FRESH START

BARMEDMAN MAYBE I FOUND A HOME  
A TOWN OF OLD SCHOOL AUSSIE FOLK  
YEAH THEY'RE FRIENDLY FUN PEOPLE..  
KNOW HOW TO TAKE A JOKE  
BARMED I SAID THAT I'VE FOUND A HOME

THE POSTMAN OWNS THE GENERAL STORE THERES A B&B OUT THE BACK  
A PLACE FOR WEARY TRAVELLERS GETTIN' OFF THE BEATEN TRACK  
THE CANOLA FIELDS GLOW YELLOW IN THAT SETTING SUN  
AND THE WHEAT FIELDS STAND SO SILENT AS ANOTHER DAY IS DONE

### CHORUS

WELL YOU CAN TAKE YOUR BOUTIQUE BEERS  
YOU CAN SHOVE YOUR TRENDY BARS  
CAUSE NOTHING BEATS A COLD ONE BY A Paddock FIRE UNDER STARS  
THE YOUNG ONES TALK OF PLANS AND DREAMS THE FUTURE HOLDS  
AND THE OLD GUYS TALK OF GLORY DAYS WHEN THE CLYDSDALES WON THE GOLD

BARMED. HAVE I FOUND A HOME?  
A TOWN OF OLD SCHOOL AUSSIE FOLK  
THEY'RE FRIENDLY FUN PEOPLE  
KNOW HOW TO TAKE A JOKE  
BARMED I SAID I FOUND A HOME

THERES DROUGHTS AND FLOODS AND HARD TIMES  
BUT LOTS OF GOOD TIMES TOO  
MAYBE IT'S JUST YOU'RE SOAKING IN BARMEDMAN'S MINERAL POOL  
WATCHING DUST TRAILS WHEN IT'S DRY OR WHEN A HOLDEN UTE ROARS BY  
LIFE'S SIMPLE PLEASURES JUST DON'T CALL ME A FOOL

BARMEDMAN I'VE FINALLY FOUND A HOME  
WHERE THE PLAIN COUNTRY STRETCHS FAR AND WIDE  
WALKIN' DOWN THAT MAIN STREET AND KNOWING EVERYONE YOU MEET  
BARMED I SAID YEAH IVE FOUND A HOME OH

BARMEDMAN AT LAST IVE FOUND A HOME  
A PLACE TO FINALLY SETTLE DOWN  
GONNA BUY MYSELF A SHACK DOWN SOME DUSTY TRACK  
I SAID YEAH BARMED IVE FOUND A HOME (repeat x 3)



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## SOME SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL

1<sup>ST</sup> – April Fool’s Day (don’t get caught!)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Be Alarmed Day – change your smoke alarm day

8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> (tbc) - Kidney Health Week [www.kidney.org.au](http://www.kidney.org.au)

22<sup>nd</sup> – International Mother Earth Day

28<sup>th</sup> – Pay It Forward Day - urges people around the world to commit random acts of kindness. It is a day to do good deeds, and instruct the recipient of your good deed to 'pay it forward', and return the good deed to another person. [payitforwardday.com/](http://payitforwardday.com/)

29<sup>th</sup> – International Guide Dogs Day

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## JUST FOR LAUGHS (we sure do need some this month)



Why did the scarecrow win a Nobel Prize?

Because he was outstanding in his field.

(get it? “Out..standing...in his field!” )

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Ah, the modern days. I just saw a grandpa help a youngster who was staring into his phone to cross the street.

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The hearing specialist asks his patient “So, are you happy with your new hearing aid?”

“Very much, Doctor. I already changed my last will twice!”

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## HANDY HINTS

Here’s some uses for WD-40:

- Spray WD-40 onto a soft cloth and use it to remove stubborn crayon or marker pen from walls and furniture
- WD-40 can be used to remove chewing gum from the bottom of your shoes, clothing and even your hair! Just spray on and comb out (Ed. Note – then maybe shampoo it)
- Remove labels from glass jars without scrubbing. Spray the label with WD-40 and wait a few minutes for the adhesive to dissolve before wiping.

Do you know some tried and true handy hints? Let me know! Or recipes? Please email me at [newsletter@barmedman.com.au](mailto:newsletter@barmedman.com.au) (or write on the sheet at the General Store)

Please stay healthy in April everyone. Whilst it is inconvenient to adhere to the rules at the moment – it is only temporary. This too, will pass. By staying home as much as is humanly possible we are not only helping ourselves but each other. It's all for a good reason! Check in on each other and be kind to people still working on the front line. (healthcare workers, grocers etc)

I'll leave you with this idea for an Anzac Day wreath. (I've at least made a start – I've got an egg carton and scissors ready!) .....



I'd also like to share a lovely little verse a friend shared with me about Easter –

May the Beauty of Easter inspire you,  
the Joy of Easter fill your heart and the  
Blessings of Easter be with you always.

