Welcome to the September issue of the Guim Tales. Due to a computer "glitch" this month's format is different, but will return to normal for October.

CFA NEWS

Darraweit Guim Fire Brigade Trivia Quiz Night
Saturday 5th October at the Hall

Tickets available from Matthew Puddicombe (5789 1216) or
Danni Craig (5789 1321)

Darraweit Diary...

BOOKCLUB
3rd Tuesday (7.30pm) at the Tennis Clubrooms

CRAFT GROUP
2nd Saturday 12noon - 3pm at the Hall

LANDCARE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING
3rd Wednesday 7.30 at the School

RED CROSS UNIT
3rd Monday at 9.30am at the hall

CFA COMMITTEE MEETING

4TH MONDAY 8.00PM AT THE FIRE STATION

BRIGADE TRAINING
2nd & 4th Sunday mornings 9.00am at the Station
CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE WHO IS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER !!!!!

OLD BLANKETS, TOWELS AND PILLOW CASES WANTED
If you have any old blankets, towels or pillow cases without holes that you are not using or throwing in the bin or taking to the op shop Helen Callahan is collecting them for a shelter. If you have any please ring Helen 5789 1305, and she will pick them up from you.

CRAFT GROUP
At the hall at 12noon for lunch or 12.30 for craft on SATURDAY 14th September. You are very welcome to join us.

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Closing date for the next issue: 27/9/2013
To include articles contact: Viki Spedding 5789 1237 or Helen Callahan 5789 1305

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Meeting community needs – fresh approaches in new places.

Cobaw Community Health Services Ltd (Cobaw) is embarking on an exciting period of change that will see us provide some services in new ways and in different venues. We provide a range of services to people with a disability and older members of our community. A recent service review has identified opportunities to achieve even better outcomes for people – both current and prospective participants. The changes will affect the services provided by the Social Support and Respite (SSR) program and the Men’s Shed. The SSR service review process identified opportunities to improve programs and the experiences of people who use them, and ensure we meet changing Government policy requirements. One of the key recommendations included better supporting people to build stronger connections with their communities, and to have a greater focus on independence and skill development. It seemed that the best next step was to move away from having a separate facility used exclusively by our programs, and towards using the usual community spaces that everyone uses. This transition to the use of community venues will commence over the coming months. The service review, the cost benefit of investing in the required maintenance works of the building on the site, and the direction set in Cobaw’s Strategic Accommodation Plan has resulted in the Board deciding to sell 8 Mollison Place, Kyneton. The property will be listed for sale by tender in the next month. This decision also affects the Men’s Shed co-located on the Mollison Place site. The Board of Cobaw is committed to seeing the Men’s Shed continue in a new space. Cobaw values the important service the Men’s Shed offers to the local community and recognises the significance of the Men’s Shed to those who currently participate. This change offers an opportunity for all those connected and interested in the Men’s Shed to think about what could be possible in the future. To support the planning, participants, staff and other stakeholders will be invited to help develop a sound plan for the relocation of the Shed. The CEO Anne McLennan says “We understand that these changes impact significantly on the Men’s Shed and participants of the Social Support and Respite program. We plan to support participants of both programs to create new opportunities in new places”. “The sale of Mollison Place means establishing a new office base for approximately 10 staff. Options are currently being explored and we plan to finalise this decision by the end of 2013”. “The sale represents the end of a chapter in Cobaw’s history, but reflects our commitment to providing the best possible services to our local community”. A celebration to mark the move out of Mollison Place will be arranged later in the year. Please contact Anne McLennan, CEO, for further information on ph 03 5421 1666.
Give dodgy tree loppers the chop

All Victorians – especially older people – should be wary of uninvited offers to lop trees on residential properties for cash payments.

Consumer Affairs Victoria has received a number of reports about tree loppers who door-knock to find work, then fail to finish the job or do it poorly.

Some people who have contacted us have alleged that tree loppers have damaged property and intimidated them into paying for sub-standard or unfinished work.

Reports have centred on Melbourne’s east – including Bayswater North, Ferntree Gully and Croydon – but Consumer Affairs Victoria urges all Victorians to be alert.

Be wary of tree loppers who:

- knock on your door unexpectedly
- suggest they have been sent by the local council or have council permits to remove trees on your property
- offer cheap deals using words like ‘for today only’
- pressure you to accept their offer by claiming the tree is damaging property or must be removed
- ask for cash up front
- offer to drive you to the bank to get money for payment.

Before you engage someone to prune or remove a tree:

- shop around – get recommendations from friends and family
- consider using a qualified arborist
- obtain written quotes and check insurance
- make sure all necessary work – such as removing and mulching waste – is covered in the quote
- ask for contact details of previous clients for references
- do not sign any agreement until you are ready
- check permit requirements with your local council before you agree to any work. Ask the council whether you need permits to chop the tree, if they know of people doing this work and whether they have given permission to particular operators. You could be fined for having trees cut down without permits.

Report suspicious activity

Elderly consumers may be more vulnerable to approaches by itinerant tree loppers.

Help protect others in your community and report suspicious activity by contacting Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 55 81 81 or email consumer@justice.vic.gov.au.
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EMAIL ADDRESS -

PLEASE DIRECT YOUR MEMBERSHIPS TO:
Henriette McDonald, Darraweit Guim Tennis Club, Bolinda Road,
Darraweit Guim 3756.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact any of the following:
Henriette McDonald  57891217
Helen Callahan      57891305
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If you have already paid your insurance with another club please also advise your Tennis Victoria membership number.