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Having trouble finding news this week for some reason. All been a bit quiet. But as I sit, things come to mind.

Watchem Website - Watchem.org – is progressing well with new things happening most days. Justin and Jayden are making a real effort to bring this to reality and to deliver something that delivers for Watchem, The District, the people, the groups and clubs and others who are on our borders.

We would be keen to have pics of different district events and happenings to be sent in via email at info@watchem.org so as to be included as the history of different aspects of local life. The wedsite will only be useful and successful if it has input from a wide range of people.

There are a couple of initial fundraising initiatives on there at the moment. One is for a Defibrilator for the Community and a small start has been made to kick start the purse for this important piece of equiptment. Ray Darminan and Family had pledged \$100 to this project at the time of their house fire in Watchem, and this will be added in the next day or so. There is a opportunity to have local clubs, groups etc contribute to this, as well as other families or individuals, local or now moved on. Please have a think about this and consider making a donation toward what could be something that saves a life, any life. Follow the promts on the website.

The other project looking for funding is the Games and Craft group who are hoping to purchase a storage cupboard for their gear. Not a big cost so we should be able to get that over the line as well.

Questionaires are being delivered to all houshold around Watchem and District this week as well. Please fill it in and get it back, either via email, posy or drop at the shop in box provided.

WATCHEM LAKE AND RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

This group met last night and have discussed a number of things. On the agenda was – Mapping of sites for ease of booking, Caretakers for the coming season, Concreting of the two newer sheds, general mow and tidy up and discussion on agreement between Parks Vic and Delwp with regard to the land opposite the lake to the north – Watchem Bushland Reserve or the Watchem Common or Pa Blue's Paddock as it has been know in the past. The new toilet block was also to be discussed with the view to seeing what progress has been made with that.

Results are in and the First job to come out of the meeting will be a Working Bee on Tuesday 23rd August at 8-30am to do a overall mow and tidy up and too box out both shed ready for concreting. Bring along appropriate machines, tools and man/woman power to get the job completed that day. Old Conficius saying – many hands make lite work.

BULOKE COLLECTABLE VEHICLE CLUB

A meeting in Donald on Tuesday evening was reasonably well attended and a few things were decided on.

Past members who have not paid their new membership are currently out of date and we ask that you pay your \$50 as soon as possible please.

The club will be participating in the Open Day at the birchip Railway Station on Sunday 24th Sept from 10.30am for static display and then parade at 11am. The club would like a good roll up if possible, even if your vehicle is not complete. Donald and Wycheproof Shows are also on the agenda. A new event callendar is out and new meeting locations will be added soon.



UNITING CHURCH

The next Uniting Church service will be held on 21st August in Birchip 11.00 a.m. with Karen Robertson. Next Week: Birchip 9.00a.m.

Don't forget to leave your used stamps at the shop please for re-use by the Church. Thanks in anticipation.



MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will be visiting Watchem between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m. on 25th August and 8th & 22nd September outside the Watchem Hall.



WATCHEM CFA

Fire Roster for the following weeks. Please note: Drivers are reminded that the truck must do a minimum of 30kms per week, also could members please take the time to quickly check the truck over i.e. tank water level, tyres and storage lockers to make sure everything is fire ready.

21st August 28th August 4th September G Baird G Milne I Tait **J Lyon**D Nichols
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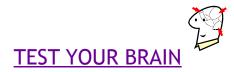
TIP TIMES

The Watchem Tip is open for recycled material on Wednesdays 4 – 5p.m. Sundays 4 – 5p.m.

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Whatever the job you are asked to do at whatever level, do a good job because your reputation is your resume. *Madeleine Albright*

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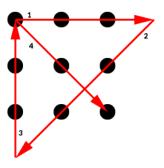
What is represented by this BrainBat? $\label{eq:definition} \text{DEEF}$

Last issues solution

Using exactly four straight lines, without taking your pen off the paper, can you join all nine dots? You are not allowed to

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retrace your path.



Answer:

If you have anything you would like the Watchem community to know, via the Watchit (Birthday greetings, for sale, wanted to buy, a thought of the Day, a Brain teaser, meeting etc.) please let us know.

What do you think of the state of the Sunraysia Highway? VicRoads have not made a allocation of any money for this highway for this financial year except for emergency work. No rehabilitations / rebuilds at all. Voice your concern to your local State Politician, The Sunraysia Highway Improvement Committee via Mr A Judd at Buloke Shire or what ever way you think will make a difference, Facebook page maybe??

No Government seems to be listening to the cries for country road funding.