

BAPS News



Ballarat Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

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AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LIST

Husband and wife team Marie and Bill Rinaldi were among the recipients in the region to be awarded one of Australia's greatest honours. Each awarded an OAM.

The Rinaldi family has been competing at the Ballarat Show from as early as 1956 when four of the children – Bill, Kevin, Judy and Jim entered in junior horse events. As time went on grandchildren Stephen, Michael and Damien became well known for their novelty riding ability. In more recent times a great grandchild Taylor Hayes also competed. As youngsters, one year, Bill and Kevin won every boy Pony Club event. A marvelous achievement and something to be extremely proud of.



Bill Rinaldi watched by his son Michael practicing for the Ballarat A & P Show at their Warrenheip property.

In their early years of competing at the Ballarat Show Bill and Kevin were fortunate to watch high standard show jumping with Olympians such as Margaret McIvor, Ern Barker & Kevin Bacon who

were regulars at the Ballarat show. Margaret and Ern were so impressed with the knowledge of horsemanship shown by Bill and Kevin Rinaldi that they individually engaged them to travel with them to the Sydney show to tend and exercise their horses. An opportunity not often afforded such young people.

After numerous years competing in Ballarat Bill and his son Michael progressed to a higher standard where they became National Novelty champions. A title they held between themselves for a number of years.

A wonderful heritage for the Rinaldi family.
Congratulations Marie and Bill.

Other well-known recipients to be honoured on Australia Day are:

Colin McKenna – Midlands Meats, Warrnambool



Colin was a guest speaker at a recent BAPS Show dinner. Colin said in an interview - "My intention was to own my own farm. That was my dream,"

While growing up on a soldier settler farm instilled work ethic, Colin said his dad “couldn’t give me a cent, but always gave me support”.

After then working as a stock agent, he went into meat processing in 1976, processing stock at now-defunct plants in the region. He bought the Warrnambool municipality abattoir in 1988.

“There was never any plan to be big. That doesn’t make me tick. I just think it’s nice to be able to pay the wages every week, employ some people so they’ve got jobs and can enjoy a good livelihood,” he said.

Andrew Gubbins – Owner of Te Mania Angus Stud



Andrew was a previous exhibitor and supporter of the Ballarat Show.

Co-founder of Te Mania Angus Australia, Andrew Gubbins, who died at the age of 85 on 27 May 2020, was a true pioneer of the Australian beef cattle industry.

Over five decades, utilising innovative technologies in genetic improvement, Andrew played a leading role in the development of the Angus breed as Australia’s premium beef cattle.

Andrew Gubbins’ legacy as an innovator in the development of Angus genetics and as a leader in progressive breeding practices is second to none. As owner with wife Mary of Te Mania Angus, Andrew Gubbins was one of a small number of beef cattle producers who worked closely with scientists to

improve the commercial efficiency of the Angus breed.

SILVERS CIRCUS



In this modern world of COVID you never know what is going to happen. Well, unfortunately the circus that was due to be on the Broadhead Arena in February suffered from the snap lockdown and was stuck in Geelong. To try and make the most of it the circus organisers decided to hold shows for the entire month of March here in Ballarat. So the Big Top will be erected on Monday 1st March and the first show will be Thursday 4th March. Please check the Silvers Circus website for details of show times. It is a wonderful event for adults as well as children so book your tickets and have some fun.

www.silverscircus.com.au



BALLARAT EQUESTRIAN CENTRE **Houston we have lift off!!**

We are very happy to announce the launch of our website for the Ballarat Equestrian Centre. Go onto www.ballaratequestriancentre.com.au and have a look. Would love your feedback. It has been very encouraging to know that even before the website went live enquires and bookings were being received from clubs and individuals.

It is a great facility so please get the word out that it is available for hire.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Today as I type this newsletter the weather is decidedly cool and there is a hint of autumn in the air. So with that in mind I thought you might like this winter soup recipe. I have been making this one for years, it is yummy and very popular with dinner guests. I hope you give this a try and it becomes one of your go to soups.

SPICY PUMPKIN SOUP



Ingredients:

50g butter
1 large onion
2 cloves garlic
½ teaspoon each diced chili or chili powder, grated root ginger, ground cumin
Freshly ground black pepper
1 litre water (I use homemade chicken stock)
1 pumpkin seeded, peeled and chopped
1 packet cream of onion soup mixed with 600ml water (this is optional)
1 teaspoon chicken stock
1 ½ cups of cream
2 tablespoons raw sugar

Sauté the butter, onion, garlic, chili, ginger, cumin and pepper very slowly for a few minutes until it caramelizes, is pale brown and smells wonderful. In a litre of water simmer pumpkin until soft, remove from heat then mash. Process the pumpkin and chicken stock, adding the onion soup mixture and caramelized onion mix. Puree the pumpkin. Pour back into the saucepan, add the cream and sugar and return to a very low heat until hot.

As a garnish add the cubes of red pepper, finely sliced greens of spring onions and chopped parsley. This amount will serve 8 people.

If you ever wonder what is going on at the showgrounds, here is a look at what is coming up in the first half of this year.

March

Ballarat Showgrounds

Ballarat Market every Sunday
1 – 28 - Silvers Circus

Mt Rowan Site

6-8 – Creswick Riding Club Dressage Clinic
28 – Downunder Extreme Cowboys

April

Ballarat Market

27 – May 3 – The Great Outdoor Expo

May

Ballarat Market
21-22 – Poultry Show

June

Ballarat Market
20 –Victorian Sheep Show

You will note if you visit the showgrounds over the next few weeks that the Council is building two new toilet blocks on the Broadhead Arena. These are to accommodate extra patrons who will attend games at the Mars Stadium. BAPS patrons and those attending events here at the showgrounds will also have the use of these brand new facilities. At the moment completion is anticipated to be end April.

We would love to welcome new members. If you would like to become a member of BAPS please contact us on eo@ballaratshow.org.au or phone: 0438 437 493

I sincerely hope you enjoy receiving these newsletters and they are informative for you.

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