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JUNE

FIFA Women's World Cup Canada

Monday 8th June, 3 pm, USA v AUS
Friday 12th June, 4 pm, AUS v NGA
Monday 15th June, 3 pm, CHN v NZL
Winnipeg Stadium
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JULY

Winnipeg Folk Festival July 9-12, Birds Hill Park

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Folk music duo Xylouris White will be part of the lineup at the year's Winnipeg Folk Festival.

Folk Festival serves up Down Under

Let the smooth rhythms from Down Under wash over you this summer at the Winnipeg Folk Fest, July 9-12 at Birds Hill Provincial Park. We know you can't compare Bondi Beach with Birds Hill, but these diverse acts are sure to lift your spirits up while bringing a bit of the down under to you.

Don't miss the sizzling vibe and sharp politics from bluesman **Ash Grunwald**. The Australian has said his album NOW calls for social change while "making heads nod and booties shake."

Daniel Champagne may be in his mid-twenties, but he has been a touring pro for over eight years, releasing three full-length albums, several EPs, and a live CD. 2014's *The Gypsy Moon, Vol. II* raised heads and brought this classically trained, blues-leaning guitar slinger accolades.

Gorgeous, cascading, masterful, captivating. Those descriptors are consistently used when describing **Luluc**. This duo has earned fans around the world mostly through word of mouth. Their debut, *Dear Hamlyn*, was followed up by last year's *dreamscape*, *Passerby*. Let these two take you away this summer.

A star on the rise, **Marlon Williams** began his career at just 17. Named an artist to

watch by Billboard New Zealand before releasing his self-titled album, his solo sound lends a country croon to bluer notes. He's now based in Melbourne.

Perch Creek is a rag-tag brood of siblings plus one pal that equals a whole lotta fun for audiences from Adelaide to Alabama. Starting off as a family band led by pop Bob Hodgkins, these kids have carried on the family business of rustling up a good time.

Duo **Xylouris White** have been called "brilliant musicians" by the *New York Times*. While they look like an odd match, with lutenist George Xylouris having a musical heritage stretching back to generations near the mythic Cave of Zeus, and drummer Jim White coming from a noisy background with past bands Dirty Three and People With Chairs Up Their Noses, the two fuse together seamlessly, blending Mediterranean melody with punk rhythm.

We're lucky enough to have each of the performers you just read about at the festival, playing our stages at various times throughout the whole weekend. Save yourself a trip around the world and join us in Birds Hill Park for these Australian acts that will set your summer ablaze.

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editorially yours

Charlie Powell



G'day -

Thank you to club member, Dennis Woodford, this month for sending in the story below of his connection to Kelly country.

"Getting to know.." is the second of a three-part series looking at Treaties - this month, New Zealand - p. 4.

The birds i view this month are seagulls, among others (p. 6).

Thanks to other contributors for this month - Jenny, Murray and Brian.

I am saving space here so there is room for more interesting news in this issue.

Enjoy!



The Ned Kelly Blowout at Glenrowan

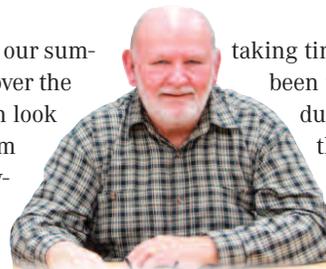
By Dennis Woodford

I was raised in Ned Kelly Country on a farm in Bobinawarra about 20 km from Greta where Ned Kelly had lived. From our farm house we could look across the Oxley Plains to the saddle in the Warby Ranges where Glenrowan nestled. In the mid 1960's, another movie of Ned was to be made with Mick Jagger starring as Ned. This was an insult to some of the locals as the Rolling Stones in those days were a cultural shock to rural Victorians. Then to add further insult, the movie was shot in New South Wales.

In order to appease the public in Ned Kelly Country, the World Premiere of the movie was to be held in the Glenrowan Hall. Glenrowan of course is where Ned was dramatically captured in his armour.

Well, the Premiere commenced, but halfway through its showing there was a great explosion and the back end of the hall was blown out with dynamite! So ended the Premiere of the movie with Mick starring as Ned Kelly.

It's been a strange start to our summer, with the weather all over the place, but hopefully we can look forward to many long, warm days ahead. I've been playing nursemaid for many weeks now, as Margaret decided to take the express elevator down the last few stairs at our daughter's house about 7 weeks back. The cast has now come off her leg, and her right fibula looks a lot better on the x-rays, but rehab is



president's ramblings

Peter Munn

taking time to work its magic. So I've been the chief cook and bottle-washer during that time, and I have to say that the marriage vows, especially the obey bit, are stretching a bit thinner than usual these days. Luckily though, it was a clean break, so the healing has gone well. Unluckily, it was the right leg, so driving is out of the question for now. So that's all for now.

"Yes dear, I'm coming".

Peter



Farewell to James Tume

On May 8, 2015, DUCW members Peggy, and Yvonne and Odette, lost their husband and father,

James. He was born in London, England, on May 22, 1923, and joined the Royal Air Force prior to the Second World War, reaching the rank of Sergeant. During the Second World War, James was stationed in South Africa with the Commonwealth Air Training as a Radio Tradesman with the Air Sea Rescue. After the War ended, he met and married Peggy, the love of his life. The couple moved to Canada in 1957 where James worked for Avro on

the CF100 and CAE supporting the RCAF Pinetree radar sites. In 1964, while in Australia, he worked for Weapons Research Establishment RAAF Edinburgh. In 1972, he worked at the paper mill in Dryden, Ontario, from 1972 until he retired at age 65. He then moved to Winnipeg to be closer to his daughter Yvonne. James lived a full and exciting life. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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Like a big pizza pie

Pizza Hut and Four 'N Twenty Pies are teaming up to produce the "Four 'N Twenty Stuffed Crust".

The pizza includes a mini Four 'N Twenty meat pie on the crust of each slice. The rest of the pizza contains meat such as pepperoni, ham and bacon. The pizza also comes with two tomato sauce sachets for the pies. This release is part of a marketing effort to coincide with the rugby league State of Origin series (between Qld and NSW). [More online.]



Enlightened Hobart

Huge numbers of bioluminescent dinoflagellates creating phosphorescence in breaking waves. (Wikipedia)

Late in May there was a glow in the Derwent River, Hobart, Tasmania. The source of the blue luminescence was billions of plankton, also called "Sea Sparkles". Jellyfish expert Lisa-Ann Gershwin, interviewed by the ABC, was one of many who headed to South Arm, a peninsula south of Hobart, to enjoy the spectacle.

Dr Gershwin said while bioluminescence was quite common, the concentration

of the blooms she witnessed were very rare. Dr Gershwin said the display was the most spectacular she had ever seen.

"It was the most wondrous sight imaginable," she told 936 ABC Hobart.

"I've seen a lot of bioluminescence in the past 25 years and this is the best I've ever seen." [More online.]

Local fine dining with our menu

Out near the northern perimeter is an opportunity to wine and dine on a downunder menu. **925 Bistro and Lounge** is located in the Arrowwood Plaza at the corner of Lagimodiere and Headmaster Row in North Kildonan, and Chef Paul has developed six specialised menus that will definitely whet your appetite.

The other menus are The Caribbean, The Vegetarian, The Private Dinner, The Prairies and The Whole Hog, but the one that might be of interest to our members is The Australian.

To take advantage of the menu on offer, you need to preorder with a week and a half notice so everything will be made to suit your tastes. The Australian menu is outlined on page 7 of our online version of *The Yarn* and on our website.

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Caption: Brendon McCullum and Trent Boult celebrate after dismissing England batsman Gary Ballance.

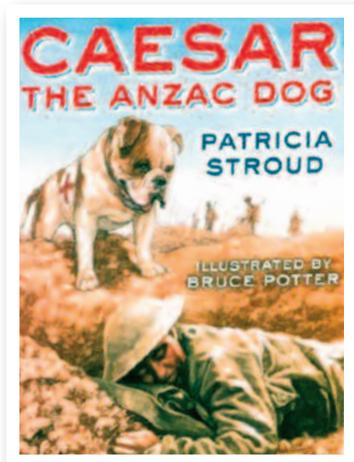
Black Caps triumph at Headingley

The Black Caps have won their first game against England in 16 years, levelling the

test series 1-1 and winning the second match by 199 runs.

The result was a tribute to the cadence at which they played after being sent in. They made 804 runs at 4.93 an over and were denied more than a full day's cricket due to inclement weather.

The victory was another tribute to Brendon McCullum's leadership. Off the field he insisted they could play the same way they did at Lord's, after seeing the test slip from their grasp on the fourth day. With this victory, McCullum edges ahead of Geoff Howarth as the most successful New Zealand captain by virtue of percentage wins.



ANZAC dog

Caesar, A Company, 4 Battalion, New Zealand Rifle Brigade

Caesar the bulldog, wearing his official collar, led the grand parade down Auckland's Queen Street before the Rifle Brigade left New Zealand for the war. He was a trained Red Cross dog and helped rescue wounded troops during the Battle of the Somme in 1916. Dogs were especially useful for helping stretcher-bearers find wounded soldiers in no man's land at night.

Caesar was killed in action. His collar is now held at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Patricia Stroud wrote book about his life, *Caesar the Anzac dog*, which was illustrated by Bruce Potter. [Link.]

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Treaty people

This is the second in our look at where things are at with Treaties in our 3 countries. Last month was Australia; this month it's New Zealand.

The Treaty of Waitangi is New Zealand's founding document. It takes its name from the place in the Bay of Islands where it was first signed, on 6 February 1840. This day is now a public holiday in New Zealand. The Treaty is an agreement, in Māori and English, that was made between the British Crown and about 540 Māori rangatira (chiefs).

Growing numbers of British migrants arrived in New Zealand in the late 1830s, and there were plans for extensive settlement. Around this time there were large-scale land transactions with Māori, unruly behaviour by some settlers and signs that the French were interested in annexing New Zealand. The British government was initially unwilling to act, but it eventually realised that annexing the country could protect Māori, regulate British subjects and secure commercial interests.

Lieutenant-Governor William Hobson had the task of securing British sovereignty over New Zealand. He relied on the advice and support of, among others, James Busby, the British Resident in New Zealand. The Treaty was prepared in just a few days. Missionary Henry Williams and his son Edward translated the English draft into Māori overnight on 4 February. About 500 Māori debated the document for a day and a night before it was signed on 6 February.

Hobson and others stressed the Treaty's benefits while playing down the effects of British sovereignty on rangatiratanga (chiefly authority). Reassured that their status would be strengthened, many chiefs supported the agreement. About 40 chiefs, starting with H ne Heke, signed the Māori version of the Treaty on 6 February. By September, another 500 had signed the copies of the document that were sent around the country. Some signed while remaining uncertain; others refused or had no chance to sign. Almost all signed the Māori text. The Colonial Office in England later declared that the Treaty applied to Māori tribes whose chiefs had not signed. British sovereignty over the country was proclaimed on 21 May 1840.

'Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi', [Online link], (Ministry for Culture and Heritage), updated 18-Aug-2014



The Treaty is a broad statement of principles on which the British and Māori made a political compact to found a nation state and build a government in New Zealand. The document has three articles. In the English version, Māori cede the sovereignty of New Zealand to Britain; Māori give the Crown an exclusive right to buy lands they wish to sell, and, in return, are guaranteed full rights of ownership of their lands, forests, fisheries and other possessions; and Māori are given the rights and privileges of British subjects.

The Treaty in Māori was deemed to convey the meaning of the English version, but there are important differences. Most significantly, the word 'sovereignty' was translated as 'kawanatanga' (governance). Some Māori believed they were giving up government over their lands but retaining the right to manage their own affairs. The English version guaranteed 'undisturbed possession' of all their 'properties', but the Māori version guaranteed 'tino rangatiratanga' (full authority) over 'taonga' (treasures, which may be intangible). Māori understanding was at odds with the understanding of those negotiating the Treaty for the Crown, and as Māori society valued the spoken word, explanations given at the time were probably as

important as the wording of the document.

Different understandings of the Treaty have long been the subject of debate. From the 1970s especially, many Māori have called for the terms of the Treaty to be honoured. Some have protested – by marching on Parliament and by occupying land. There have been studies of the Treaty and a growing awareness of its meaning in modern New Zealand.

It is common now to refer to the intention, spirit or principles of the Treaty. The Treaty of Waitangi is not considered part of New Zealand domestic law, except where its principles are referred to in Acts of Parliament. The exclusive right to determine the meaning of the Treaty rests with the Waitangi Tribunal, a commission of inquiry created in 1975 to investigate alleged breaches of the Treaty by the Crown. More than 2000 claims have been lodged with the tribunal, and a number of major settlements have been reached.

Next month: Canada's Treaties

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Refugees flee Bangladesh, Myanmar for death at sea

Thousands of Bangladeshi refugees are among the victims of piratical smugglers promising passages to freedom, which for hundreds end in death at sea or rejection ashore at their coastline destination.

They are just a fraction of the displaced today from Myanmar and Bangladesh seeking hope and safety in Indonesia, Thailand or Malaysia.

Latest is the discovery of 40 graves believed to be Rohingyas at the Myanmar-Malaysia border.

Most of the Bangladeshis in flight are descendants of refugees, originally Rohingyas, who fled persecution in Burma, and in flight then were absorbed by Bangladesh more than 30 years ago.

Now they seek relief from privation in huge Bangladeshi camps they occupy. They look to hope in the more developed south but too often these days find their transportation is a "floating coffin." Thousands have drowned.

Bangladesh is itself an impoverished country of over 160 million people. In its short history as an independent nation, it has faced a major civil war, massive internal displacement, famines and frequent natural disasters.

In addition, it is hosting over 200,000 Rohingya refugees from Burma in the eastern region, and in recent years recognized the nationality rights of large numbers of Urdu-speaking minority (also known as Biharis or Stranded Pakistanis).

The Rohingya ethnic minority of Burma is one of the most persecuted and at the same time one of the largest stateless groups in the world. Stripped of their citizenship by the Burmese government in 1982 and forced to flee by violent military campaigns and sustained persecution since at least the 1940s, over one million Rohingya live in exile.

South Africa scraps tax intel

South Africa's tax agency has disbanded a secret intelligence unit that was created unlawfully in 2007. A government-appointed investigation found it had damaged the public's confidence in the tax institution.

The SA Revenue Service "does not have and did not have the statutory authority to covertly gather intelligence," Judge Frank Kroon, who heads a committee probing alle-

gations of impropriety at the agency, told reporters in Johannesburg last month. No budget was allocated for the unit and money and human resources spent on it was wasteful and fruitless, the committee found. SARS Commissioner Tom Moyane has disbanded the unit, Kroon said.

The tax agency has been rocked by resignations of several senior executives since Moyane took office in September. Local newspapers have reported a range of allegations of wrongdoing, including that the Revenue Service operated a "rogue" unit, which spied on senior political leaders, including President Jacob Zuma.

Corrupt Chinese headed our way

Commonwealth countries are popular retreats for Chinese fleeing legal process in China, a Beijing report shows.

With that in mind, China has secured from Interpol 100 "red notices" for corruption suspects as part of its campaign to pursue fugitives that have sought sanctuary in foreign countries.

Released by the Interpol National Central Bureau for China in April, the list is aimed at appealing to foreign law enforcement authorities for help in the repatriation of those named.

The Interpol notice identified some who fled the Chinese mainland as early as 1996. Forty of those sought are believed to be in the US, 26 are in Canada, 11 in New Zealand, 10 in Australia, Thailand and Singapore are also presumed to be major destinations for the fugitives.

The "notices" offer case details for each fugitive including a list of alleged crimes, a passport-sized photo of the individual and information on their Chinese resident identity card.

The list also provides the fugitives' former positions of employment, date of departure from China and the countries they are believed to have moved to.

Among those on the list, 12 left China in 2013 when the new Chinese leadership under President Xi Jinping took power, according to the country's top anti-graft agency, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI).

At the top of the list is 68-year-old Yang Xiuzhu, a former Zhejiang provincial government official who oversaw urban development. She is wanted for embezzlement, according to the Interpol notice. Yang fled China with some family members in 2003. Authorities have revealed little about her alleged crimes but her brother was arrested for taking bribes in March of that year.

Calming the South China Seas over disputed boundaries

At least two Commonwealth nations, Malaysia and Brunei, have good reason to worry about the security of their maritime boundaries as China flexes its muscle to lay claims to sovereignty over large stretches of the South China Sea.

Indeed, a new report by the International Crisis Group, which is dedicated to the prevention of worldwide conflict, sees the potential for political, if not military, nastiness if goodwill is breached.

As ICC writes, the South China Sea is the cockpit of geopolitics in East Asia. Five countries – Brunei, China, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam – plus Taiwan – have substantial and competing territorial and maritime claims in a body of water that is both an important source of hydrocarbons and fisheries and a vital trade corridor.

"The recent history has been scarred by cycles of confrontation. Today, the clashes are becoming more heated, and the lulls between periods of tension are growing shorter. As the region continues to grow in influence and power, the handling of the competing claims will set the tone for relations within East Asia for years."

Kigali: End child marriage

The Commonwealth is jumping into the fight to eradicate child marriages.

Its National Human Rights Institutions agreed the new Kigali Declaration – to prevent and end child marriage, after a two-day session in Kigali, Rwanda.

All agreed child, early and forced marriage presents a serious and persistent violation of the rights and causes irreparable damage to victims and society as a whole. The declaration sets out a framework to take strengthen and calibrate efforts to eliminate the practices. Key commitments include monitoring the enforcement of legislation; improving data collection and promoting compulsory education for girls.

Murray Burt writes this column to raise sensitivities to the Commonwealth's value and to lift the curtain on our understanding of a third of the population of the world. The Commonwealth name and significance is rarely mentioned in daily news, he says. It should be. Burt is president of the Manitoba branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society; past president of the Commonwealth Journalists Association; secretary of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada advisory board; Hon LCol of the 78th Fraser Highlanders; a senator of the 166th Battery RCA (Kenora) and a director of The Intrepid Society. He is retired from more than 50 years of journalism.



Seagulls, and so many others ...

An Upclose article in the *Winnipeg Free Press* on April 11, 2015 by Martin Zeilig reported on efforts by a dedicated group of volunteers who, from 2010 to 2014, “travelled to almost every corner of Manitoba in an unparalleled effort to complete a comprehensive survey of all bird species that breed in the province..”. The bulk of the article is a Q&A with Dr Christian Artuso, of Bird Studies Canada, who has co-ordinated the resulting Atlas since its inception and who notes that “birds are an excellent indicator of the health of the ecosystems”.

I used to regularly contribute to a similar project in Australia [Link]. It involved taking a walk around my immediate neighbourhood once a month and counting the birds observed, both numbers and species. The list presented in this article compares an average list from rural Queensland with my *birds I view* in south Winnipeg.

... and of course many others come and go, but the one that most surprised me when we first came here was the Seagull. My Aussie bird-brain only associated them with coastal waters, so what was the attraction

Laidley, Queensland	Winnipeg, Manitoba
House sparrow	House, Chipping, Harris, White-throated sparrow
Willy wagtail	Chickadee
Pee-wee (Mud-lark)	Robin
Magpie	Magpie
Ravens	Crow
Starling	Nuthatch
Kookaburra	Blue Jay
Nankeen Kestrel	Merlin
Tawny Frogmouth	Downy Woodpecker
Noisy miner	Seagull
Butcher bird	Goldfinch
Galah	Ruby-throated hummingbird
Pigeon	Pigeon
Myna	Flicker
Silvereye	Dark-eyed junco
Spur-winged plover	Killdeer
Black-faced cuckoo shrike	Canada geese, Mallard duck

here? Well, we soon learned of all the nearby bodies of water - AND Brady landfill!

The most common gull here is the ring-billed gull (*Larus delawarensis*), so named for the dark marking on its bill. Another you might see at the water is the herring gull - it has a red mark on the lower bill, which, when pecked at by the hungry chick, triggers regurgitation of a meal by the parent. The silver gull (*Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae*) is the most common one found throughout Australia.

Of New Zealand’s gull species, the black-backed gull, or karoro (*Larus dominicanus*) is the largest, at 60 centimetres long.

Gulls in New Zealand slang have a rough reputation. In the 1930s wharf labourers waiting for scraps of work were called seagulls. And in rugby, a seagull is a loose forward who scavenges for pickings on the edges of tight play. [Link.]



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Chef's Presentation – A tasting plate of grilled prawns with a curried pineapple glaze, presented by the Chef in charge of cooking your dinner

Salad – Papaya and green apple salad with house pickled beets and mango vinaigrette

Appetizer – Blackened crocodile spring rolls with cabbage, bean sprouts and carrot, drizzled with dark soy sauce

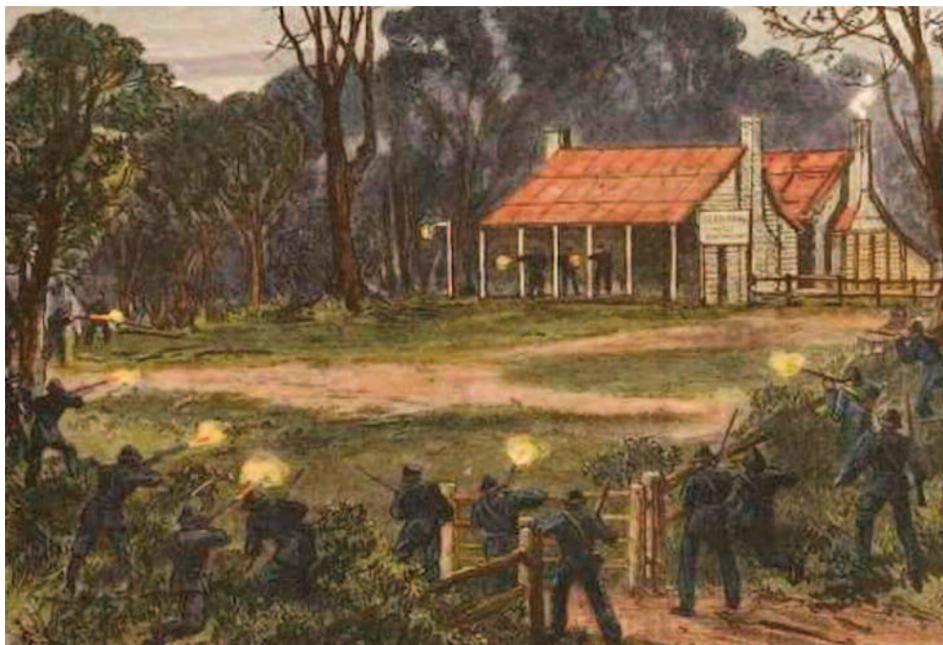
Amuse Bouche – Kiwi sorbet

Entree – Grilled kangaroo loin with a red wine reduction over pumpkin stuffed phyllo pastry and a herb microgreen salad

Dessert – An Australian and New Zealand favourite, the pavlova. A meringue cake that's crispy on the outside, soft and fluffy on the inside, topped off with honey rum whipped cream and seasonal fruit.

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Glenrowan, site of the stand-off battle with Australian outlaw Ned Kelly.