

Anakie Advocate

December
2020

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Gus and Esther del Rios have made a great success of Del Rios of Anakie Winery and Restaurant, with guests visiting from the local district, Victoria-wide, interstate and overseas. Turn to page 8 for a brief account of their lives.

Jumping Castle at community house on Tuesday 15 - page 5. Free fun!

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Anakie and district church services



St Bridgid's Catholic Church: Ballan Rd Anakie. Mass times 11am **Sundays fortnightly.** ☎ **5286 1230**

Anglican Church: St Georges, Balliang. Vicar: **Revd Richard Litjens.**

Services: 2nd Sunday 10.30. Communion, 4th Sunday 9am morning prayer. ☎ **5367 5362.**

Uniting Church: Thelma Ross Memorial, Parwan Sth. **Diane** ☎ **5367 3097.** Services suspended.

Lara Uniting Church: Cnr Flinders Avenue/Forrest Rd. Lutheran public divine service 3rd Sundays **1.30am.** ☎ **5278 2443.**

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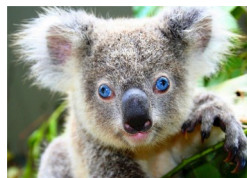
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wildlife shelter Sandi Murdoch

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Anakie Fire Brigade News

Secretary Carol Brislane
ph: **0438 893 197**

The Anakie brigade has been made aware from a City Greater Geelong survey regarding the high fire risk to our area, that some Anakie residents are relying on the brigade to advise them to leave in the event of a fire. **This is not the case** - you should keep a watchful eye on the Vic emergency app, TV broadcasts, and websites to prepare yourself for the need to leave early. Anakie Fire Brigade alone will **NOT** advise residents when to leave properties. Next training: **Sunday 6 December** at **9am** after radio sched. Anyone is welcome to come to see what we do. We seek new members; if interested, contact our captain on **0401 956 683**. If you don't wish to fight fires, we have a range of other activities/duties you can be involved in. **Working smoke detectors save lives** With summer upon us, every resident should be in, or finished, cleaning up around their property for the coming fire season. Some councils in the top end of the state are already into fire restrictions and as areas dry out

restriction are coming into force. Anakie is in the **central fire district**. To keep up-to-date with restrictions or for more information, see website <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/home>.

Fires can happen any time of the year, in all environments, so be prepared, be safe; have a fire plan.

This year has been tough for all parties with pandemic easing but NOT gone. Brigade officers wish all members, the Anakie community and neighbouring brigades, a happy and safe Christmas & new year. Thanks for your support and dedication in 2020. You can follow the brigade on Facebook 'Anakie Fire Brigade'. For information on emergency activity in your area, download the VicEmergency app or go to the this link - <https://emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/>. If you see any suspicious activity in the area, whether fire or criminal, call **crime stoppers 1800 333 000** or police assistance **131 444** or **000** if it is an emergency.

Paul Moore 2nd Lieutenant
Anakie Fire Brigade



Anakie Fire Brigade Roster

Radio checks 8.30am. All vehicles to be functionally checked and run approx 30 klms. If you can't fulfill the roster, please find a replacement.

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Local organisations contact details

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October
total rainfall: 76 ml
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November
total rainfall: 63.5 ml
days of rain: 7



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group fitness classes

Mondays at 6pm



Michael
uses
heavy
weights

Meet at the community house for a workout in a friendly group with local tutor, **Kevin**.
\$15 per session.
More: **5284**

Hairdressing - Thursdays

Ladies cut/blow-dry or shampoo/set \$30, foils/perms available; men: \$20; students \$15; toddlers: \$10.
Only one or two places left for 2020.

Hairdresser: **Darlene**.
Bookings: **5284 1359**

Face masks must be worn during service.



Bill likes
short
back &
sides

JUMPING SLIDE

Anakie Community House **Tuesday 15**.

Free to use between

9 & 11am and 1 & 5pm.

No need to book,
just bring the children!



Art group

Tuesdays @ 1.30pm.

Beginners or established artists meet for a couple of hours in a social setting, compare work and share ideas. Bring materials (some available); easels provided. \$2 weekly.



Yan
paints
amazing
portraits



Carolyn
knits

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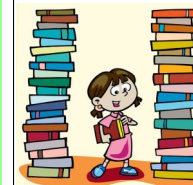
Wednesdays at

1.30pm. Knit, paint, sew or just chat. \$2.

Last session in 2020
Wednesday 16.

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us.

Mario & Jean

Layered Taco Dip

Bottom Layer:

1 can refried beans

½ cup Taco (low, medium, mild) **or** 1 tin Jalapeno dip

Middle layer

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

250g Phila chees (softened)

1/4 cup sour cream

3 tablespoons mayonnaise

1/4 teaspoon garlic (fresh, chopped or crushed)

Top layer:

1 large avocado

1 medium onion

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1/2 cup sliced olives

1/2 cup spring onions

Dice tomato and green and/or red capsicum. Stir in bowl the beans and taco sauce. Spread out in a quiche dish. Top with half the grated cheese. Combine the cream cheese, sour cream, mayo and garlic in a blender on medium until smooth. Spread on top of the first layer. Place chopped up avocado, onion and lemon juice in the blender. Once smooth, place this on top of the other two layers. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Garnish with tomato, spring onions, olives and capsicum. Serve with corn chips or biscuits.



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Gus, Esther and Del Rios of Mt Anakie Winery

Gus was born in Madrid, Spain. The del Rio family migrated to Australia in 1962, when Gus was five; his parents, **German** and **Damiana del Rios**, had five children under eight years old and another on the way. Gus's siblings are: **Pedro, Maria, Frank, Miguel** and **Angela**. The family was sent to Bonegilla Migrant Camp, prior to settling in Corio, where the children all grew up.

Esther was born in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei to a prominent Chinese business family. Her parents were **Kim Kee** and **Doris Ong** and she has three brothers, **Timothy, Stephen** and **Andrew**. Esther came to boarding school in Australia and then attended university.

Esther and Gus met at International House, a residential college for both international and local rural, students attending the University of Melbourne.

Gus completed his Masters in Paediatric Dentistry in 1981 and still practices, two days a week, mainly doing orthodontic implants and oral surgery. Esther finished her Arts Degree and trained as teacher.

The couple married in 1981 and have three children, **Andres**, who is married to **Vanessa** and expecting their first child in March: **Joshua**, married in April

2019 at Anakie to **Rebecca**, and **Marcus** who lives with girlfriend, **Britta**, from Germany. Joshua and Rebecca are both actively involved in the restaurant and winery.

Gus and Esther purchased Ron Thompson's farm, 2320 Ballan Road, in 1995. They renovated the original farmhouse, built a 72 megalitre dam, planted a 35-acre vineyard (seven grape varieties) and built a winery and barrel room. In 2010, they bought Anakie Ridge Vineyard next door. They have totally renovated the restaurant and cellar door, adding a large function room, decking area and a large kitchen with walk-in cool-room and freezer. Future plans include landscaping around the restaurant and developing an open terrace area for entertaining. There have been a few weddings in the past and they would like to expand on these.

Gus spends most of his time at Anakie; in the vineyard or winery, rounding up cattle, sheep or llamas or doing building work at the restaurant/cellar door. Esther spends Fridays and weekends at Anakie, running the restaurant and cellar door, which is open Friday evenings and Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 5pm. They consider themselves very much a part of

the community of Anakie and surrounding district and strongly support employing locals. Many of the younger staff travel on the same school bus to Geelong.

Gus's mum, Damiana, better known as Yaya, is 96 years old. A few of the most popular tapas on the menu are based on her recipes; the tortilla, croquetas and paella being the most well-known. Yaya was actively involved in the kitchen and greeted guests in the restaurant until COVID-19 began in March. Yaya was delighted when patrons praised her recipes and when the dish was actually one of the chef's, she quite happily claimed it as her own, accepting the compliment and laughing to the chef. Yaya is currently staying with Gus's sister, Maria, in Highton. Incidentally, head chef, Guido, has been in the restaurant since it first opened.

Gus's dad, German, died three years ago, but he loved visiting the vineyard and tending to the cows. At this point, Gus would like to make an apology to locals. Many would have seen German, driving his Suzuki Stockman along Ballan Road with a load of hay. He collected the hay from anywhere he could find it - beside railway lines being a favourite spot - to feed the 'black darlings'. The hay was stacked as high as he could get it and then all over a hungry board. Gus says it looked like a 'mobile hay stack'. German

frequently drove out with these (over)loads. Anyone who saw it at the time will still remember it; it was sight never forgotten.

COVID-19 saw the closure of the restaurant/cellar door, but Esther and Gus note the positives. They have had unlimited time to spend in the vineyard and winery and have been able to finish some major renovations to the kitchen and back area. During the renovations, they spent time actually sleeping in the restaurant. At one point, over winter, there was no heating. Esther says they almost froze to death!

As a patron, one is struck by the friendliness of the couple. Esther meanders between tables, chatting and ensuring everyone is happy with their meal and wine choices, while Gus, who also attends tables, provides guests with amusing anecdotes. It is a relaxed and friendly place to enjoy a leisurely meal or to sample some excellent wines.

If you decide to go after reading this, you will not be disappointed. It is important to book, however; as places are limited and these days venues cannot cater to for non-bookings.

Many thanks, Esther and Gus, for making the time to share this information for the Anakie Advocate.

Heather O'Shannessy,
December 2020