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Anakie Advocate

September 2020

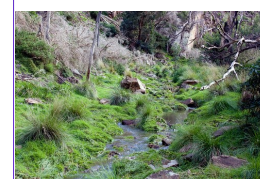
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The Anakie district is rich with interesting characters, some



known well to the community and others familiar mainly to long-time residents. **Joe Khan**, pictured left with his daughter, **Terri**, is one of the latter. Having celebrated his 90th birthday this year, it was time to catch up with Joe. Turn to

page 8 for a very brief account of Joe's life at Staughton Vale, where he has lived his entire life.



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Anakie Fire Brigade News

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It is not looking good for us getting back to normal any time soon, with current rises of Covid19 cases, not only in Melb, but in our own area. ALL precautions are now in place at the brigade to safeguard each other at calls, not only from ourselves, but the community we serve at large. Please wear face masks any time you are in the fire appliance in the community so we can assist in stopping the spread of this virus. Members are encouraged to go online for some CFA training, which is the best we can do now. CFA is trying to work through remedies to assist brigades with training soon. The Anakie group has been busy planning a 5 to 10 year package for CFA to see what may be needed. The planning has considered: new or refurbished fire station to accommodate new trucks, bigger meeting room and LCF office, broader membership, updating current fleet

of brigade-owned appliances, expansion of housing allotments - to name a few. It is an exciting time for CFAs to see what direction the hierarchy take for our future. We attended 5 callouts last month: 2 car accidents and 3 false alarms. Note these numbers for member support or call a brigade officer who can point you in the right direction: **CFA Wellbeing Support Line 1800 959 232 Lifeline 13 11 14** You can follow the brigade on Facebook 'Anakie Fire Brigade' and CFA and SES activity on website: <https://emergency.vic.gov.au/> If you have an **urgent** emergency, call **triple zero 000**, but if you are out of service, call emergencies **112** on your mobile for more information on your whereabouts to assist call-takers. The mobile app is called 'emergency plus'.

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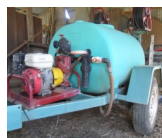
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Peter, Sue, Lynda, David and families, the world has lost a special person after the very sad passing of your mum **Joan Stephens**. Joan was an active member of the Maude and Anakie communities her whole life and was known by everyone as "a truly lovely lady." She will be remembered for her enjoyment of singing at the community house, taking part on many trips and being a good friend to everyone she met.



Graeme Legge and family, on the loss of your brother, **Peter**. Peter and his mate, 'Tiny' Young (dec), were staunch supporters of many local groups, in particular Anakie Fire Brigade, raising thousands of dollars through staging their fabulous **P & T Nights**. Over many years of volunteering, Peter played the organ at three local churches; took on the role of diligent treasurer/secretary/caretaker of Anakie Hall and assisted at Anakie Community House as an active member of the management committee, a dedicated volunteer and an enthusiastic participant.



More condolences

Maria, Benjamin, Jessica, Isobel and **Brigid** and families, on the loss of your husband, father and grandfather, **Terry Beggs**. Terry was born and raised in Balliang and he and Maria brought up their four children in the district - they were very involved in, and a huge asset to, the Balliang/Anakie community.

Eddie Looney, on the passing of your wife, **Helene**.

Matt, Jackie and **Mitch Primmer** on the sad loss of your father & grandfather, **John** (Grumps) **Primmer**.

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and **space per person** are **strictly**
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* 15% of infected people will *never* show symptoms.

* masks are 65% effective if the person coughing over you is *not* wearing one.

* they are 85% effective if you are *both*

wearing them in the same scenario.

Important: even while wearing a mask, physical distancing remains *vital*.

* *regular* hand washing or sanitising also remains *vital*ly important to reduce

the spread of *any* disease pathogen. Wearing gloves does *not* replace

sanitising and it may give a false sense of security. Use wipes and sanitiser

wherever it is provided in supermarkets, petrol stations etc. as this is *more*

effective than wearing gloves. Keep sanitiser and/or wipes in the car, too.

* **Finally:** being outside reduces the risk of cross-infection because of the

unlimited amount of air changes. That's why crowded indoor spaces are risky

when trying to eradicate infections.

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Joe's story

Over the years, many local people's 'stories' have featured in these pages, but this is the first time the individual was not able to be interviewed in person. So a huge thank you to Joe's daughter, Terri, for interviewing her dad from a list of questions and then adding more information from Joe's fascinating life.

Joe was born in Geelong Hospital to parents **Nabob** and **Amelia** (nee **Zagabria**) on 2 March 1930. He was the fifth of six children, the others being: **Hazel**, **Elenah**, **Muriam**, **Amanah** and **Frank**. Frank, who is eight years younger than Joe, is the only sibling still living.

Nabob was an Indian hawker who travelled around the Ballarat and Anakie districts selling drapery, boots, materials, sewing needles and threads. Amelia carried out home duties and worked for local families helping with housework.

Joe attended Staughton Vale Primary School up until the



Joe has always had a special affinity with horses

age of fourteen. Over the next thirty years, his jobs ranged from onion growing in the Anakie district, working for the Forestry Commission and employment with the Geelong Waterworks and Sewage Trust (now Barwon Water).

As a young man, Joe attended dances in Meredith and on a blind date at a party he met **Valda Dixon**.

He and Valda attended another party a few months later and, as Terri notes, "the rest is history". Sadly, Valda passed away in 2010, due to complications with emphysema, heart disease and diabetes.

Joe's only child, **Terri**, was born on 1 March 1975 and if you do your math, you will work out that it was the day before Joe's 45th birthday - what a lovely birthday present!

Throughout his life at Staughton Vale, Joe's good friends included: brothers **Neville** and **Noel Tucker**; **Jock** and **Alan Tucker** and **Charlie** and **Jack Osborne**. Only the two Osborne brothers are still living.

These days, although aged 90, Joe keeps active through gardening, woodcutting and tending to his cattle, horses and chooks.

What he likes about living in this district is that "It's nice and quiet." There is nothing he doesn't like or feel he has missed out on by living in the country.

Although this was the end of the general questions, Terri kindly provided a few more lines:

"My dad has always had racehorses and horses, which is a passion he has had all his life. He is very modest, but amazing with horses - handling and riding. He has loved horses his whole life. He also enjoys his cattle, which he has had for a considerable time and he still breeds calves as an interest."

Any story can only contain a very small snapshot of a person's life. The week before regional Victoria returned to stage 3 Covid-19 restrictions, I was arranging to meet up with Joe and Terri, but sadly it turned out to be a little too late. So Terri's contribution is greatly appreciated and I very much look forward to meeting Joe face-to-face when restrictions ease.



Joe in his 20s. Terri says, "Look at the hair"

Heather O'Shannessy
August 2020