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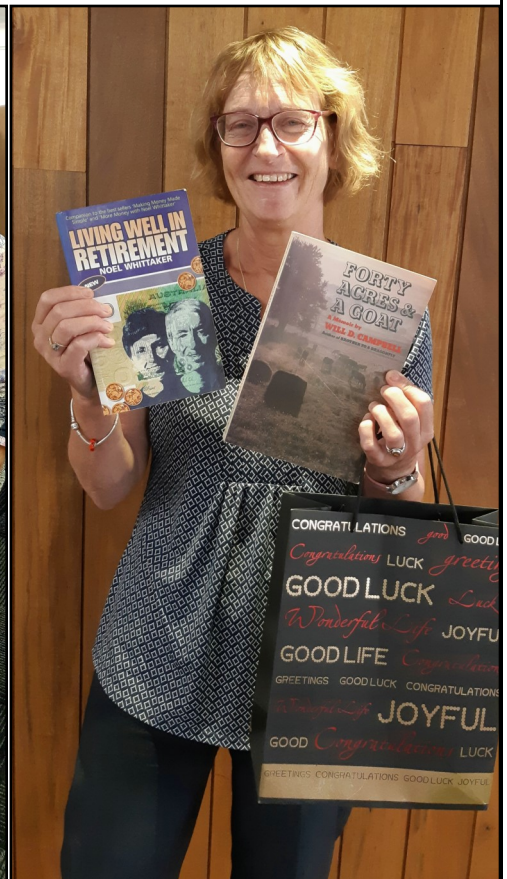
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# FOIBLES

## Library Co-Ordinator Marlies Tammes Retires



**Above:** Benalla Library Co-ordinator, Marlies Tammes, who was appointed in January 2019, as replacement for Deb Saunders, announced her retirement after only one year. Marlies is pictured above with Library staff Anne-Maree, Kay and Shelley, and FOBL President, Geraldine McCorkell, at Friends' farewell for her.  
**Below:** FOBL member Bev. Thornell, presents Marlies with 2 "gems" from our well-stocked Redb4 Shop. We know Marlies will enjoy reading them. FOBL, Library staff and the public will miss her energy, knowledge and enthusiasm. We wish her well in her retirement in Swanpool, where she will no doubt be an enthusiastic participant in its many Community activities. Our loss will be Swanpool's gain!





# President's Piece



As we move into Autumn, and hopefully a few cooler nights, take time to sit and relax with a good book. I would like to congratulate Kaye, Shelley and the staff for maintaining the high standard we have come to expect of the Library . You are doing a great job. Meanwhile, the Redb4 bookshop goes from strength to strength, thanks to our army of volunteers, who work or swap shifts when necessary. There has been discussion about our policy of accepting books that are not up to standard. I would like to reassure our volunteers that you have the right to NOT accept donations that you deem unsuitable for sale in our shop. \*N.B. With the current virus doing the rounds and hints on how to avoid it, we have purchased a small bottle of hand disinfectant, now sitting on the desk for you to use. When I can obtain a larger bottle I will. Feel free to use it frequently. Meanwhile, keep up the good work and stay well!

~ Geraldine McCorkell (President)



**Query : Which is more important?  
Four weeks supply of Toilet Paper OR  
four weeks supply of Books to read??**



Our Redb4 Bookshop is going from strength to strength, thanks to our volunteers and the generous donations from the public. We have well stocked bookshelves of popular authors, a large selection of non-fiction, plus a bookcase of children's books. Do come in and browse! Or bring in your donations of saleable items.



**Tuesday 25 February: AUTHOR TALK : KATHERINE JOHNSON "Paris Savages"**  
Six years in the making, "Paris Savages" is Katherine's 4th book. Fact and fiction are intertwined in a historical account of three Fraser island indigenous people taken to Germany in 1882-83. As at previous successful author events, Michelle from Booktopia was the moderator/interviewer, an ideal medium to glean a greater understanding of the amount of extensive historical research behind and inspiration for Katherine's fascinating book.



## Autumn Book Launches *and* Author Talks



### **“DAM BUSTERS”**

**WEDNESDAY, 29th JANUARY**

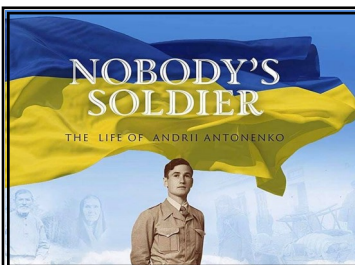
We enjoyed Peter Spring’s previous, interesting lecture on the Normandy Landings. As a result, the library managed to entice 50 listeners to this Military Historian’s most recent talk on “The Dam Busters Raid”. This famous raid of the Second World War has been immortalised in film, so it was interesting to hear Peter’s typically well-researched version of the topic.

Using slides of photos, facts and figures, Peter explained how the British conceived, planned and carried out this audacious raid in May, 1943, to destroy 2 huge Dams at the heart of German wartime steel production.

Peter had even brought along his model of the main bomber in the raid, which was actually flown by an Australian Squadron Leader.

We look forward to further talks by Peter Spring.

### **“NOBODY’S SOLDIER” WEDNESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY**



Author, Peter Antonenko, gave his audience at the Library a fascinating account of the extraordinary life of his father, Andrii Antonenko, who was born in Ukraine. He and his family were sent to a labour camp under Stalin’s regime, but Andrii managed to escape and this book outlines his amazing tale of resilience and survival.

*\* Pictured below is Peter Antonenko selling a signed copy of his book.*



# Benalla Library Goes Solar!

## Library goes solar

The Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop Learning Centre is having solar panels installed to offset the annual electricity cost of operating the building — saving 93 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

The installation is part of the Local Government Energy Savers Program with funding from Sustainability Victoria.

Benalla Rural City Mayor Danny Claridge said the installation of solar panels and other energy-efficient devices was important.

"These panels are a greener solution to operating our venues," Cr Claridge said.

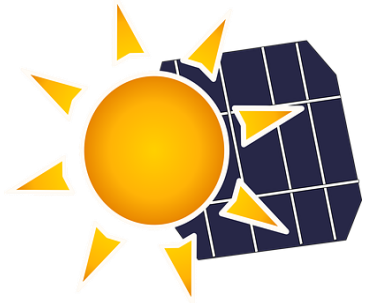
"This and the fact that they

will relieve pressure on the council budget is important."

Through the Local Government Energy Savers Program, the council has also installed solar panels at the Senior Citizens Community Centre, and LED lighting at the Senior Citizens Community Centre, town hall, library and Benalla Art Gallery.

This install is expected to result in annual electricity savings of about \$25 000 and 93 tonnes of greenhouse gas savings.

A display monitor will be installed somewhere within the library for education/engagement of patrons.



\* Article & picture copied from Benalla Ensign, February 12.:

## kanopy

**kanopy** is a NEW free Film Streaming service for Public Libraries. Kanopy is only available through libraries, so you need to be a member of a participating library to use **kanopy**. With the motto of "thoughtful entertainment," Kanopy provides Library members with access to films of unique social and cultural value; films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere, and programming that features diversity, with a wide array of foreign language films, films on race and current affairs. You can start watching by signing up with a valid public library card number and a PIN. Benalla Library has been trialling **kanopy** from 1st December until the end of January to gauge borrowers interest. Library members can stream up to a maximum of 5 movies per month.

\*|Betty Lindsay, one of our FOBL members, a keen reader and movie viewer, has been using **kanopy** for quite a while and is extremely satisfied with this service. Here is her review, plus handy advice:



Have YOU used **Kanopy** yet? Five FREE films per month from a huge selection, with NO ADS! If you do not have a Smart TV, you just need a Chromecast cable to hook up to your TV (instructions on the product - approx. \$50) or Online. You can access Kanopy via your Benalla Library Card - just follow the instructions. If you do not own a Smart TV, you can still easily use Chromecast.

We started using **Kanopy** early last year, after our librarian Marlies informed us about this new service. This month we have watched: "Brooklyn", "Phoenix", "Omar" and also "Hunt for the Wilderpeople", a quirky NZ film. **Kanopy is Great fun!!**

### Storytime

Every Friday at 10.30 am at the Benalla library  
\*from 0-6 year olds.

**SUSPENDED**

### Writers' Corner

The Last Wednesday of each month: from 5.00- 6pm. Share, discuss and enjoy some time and creativity with other writers.

**UNTIL**

**FURTHER NOTICE**



## Reminders

The Benalla Library will suspend all public events, programs, workshops, education programs and author talks from **Tuesday 17 March to Monday 13 April**. This is based on advice from the Australian Federal and Victorian Governments on preventing the spread of COVID-19, including across our community, staff, volunteers, authors and visitors. The Library will remain open to the public. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We will keep you informed of any future changes through [benalla.vic.gov.au](http://benalla.vic.gov.au) and through our Facebook page.



### Library Easter Closing Times

The library will be closed for 4 days...From Good Friday, 10th April—Easter Monday, 13th April. It will reopen on Tuesday, 14th April.

**EASTER**