

All I need is the air that I breathe...

Each week we post a gem from Gumtree – the online buy, sell, swap site – that is odd, unusual or just plain different. Most items are/were for sale in South-West Victoria or not far beyond.

This week is one that I posted on Facebook some time ago, but it is worth retrieving for Bluestone Magazine, as it remains one of the most original:

[box] Tub of clean crisp country air, collected from my farm. You can breath easy today with this limited item !! Can post, but as I am out in the country it may take a couple of days to ride horse into town. For those city folk wanting an escape to the country but don't have time. Bring the country to you with this very limited offer. Only 1000 available at this stage. \$9 a tub.[/box]



Don't miss our other Gumtree gems...

[Always check the auto-correct!](#)

[Too short for this Hill's Hoist](#)

[12 things for \\$12](#)

[Can't afford a real horse?](#)

Tangled up in blue..stone!

If you have been following this section, you will know that given we are called Bluestone, we thought it only fitting that each week we dig out a track that has the word 'blue' in its lyrics or title.

What better way to start the working week than with some sensational music?

It doesn't come any better than this: lyrics by **Bob Dylan**, performance by the **Indigo Girls** – **Tangled up in Blue**. It is a truncated version, so not the full eight minutes it usually runs for...



(We have chosen this version to save you having to watch the Youtube ads)

Catch up on our other blue tunes...

[Emmylou Harris: Blue Kentucky Girl](#)

[Etta James: Misty Blue](#)

[Flunk: Blue Monday](#)

[Linda Ronstadt: Blue Bayou](#)

A well-travelled junket



[dropcap style="font-size: 60px; color: #A02F2F;"]D[/dropcap] YOU remember junket? Perhaps you still eat it?

These two packets of junket date back to somewhere in the

1970s and, frighteningly, they still contain some un-used junket tablets. Vanilla or pineapple, take your pick!

We are not game to try them for taste, but if we were, the instructions assure us that we will enjoy a tasty dessert that is particularly good for convalescents.

For those who don't remember junket, it was a cross between custard and a chilled milkshake. Sort of.

Junket tablets have been making a comeback. Perhaps you have some at a delicatessen near you?

My mother kept everything – and I mean, everything. Each week we will reveal another item from the collection.



What else have we pulled from Mum's drawer?...

[Bowlin, bowlin', bowlin'...](#)

[Lunch order, 1975?](#)

[signed, Fletcher Jones](#)

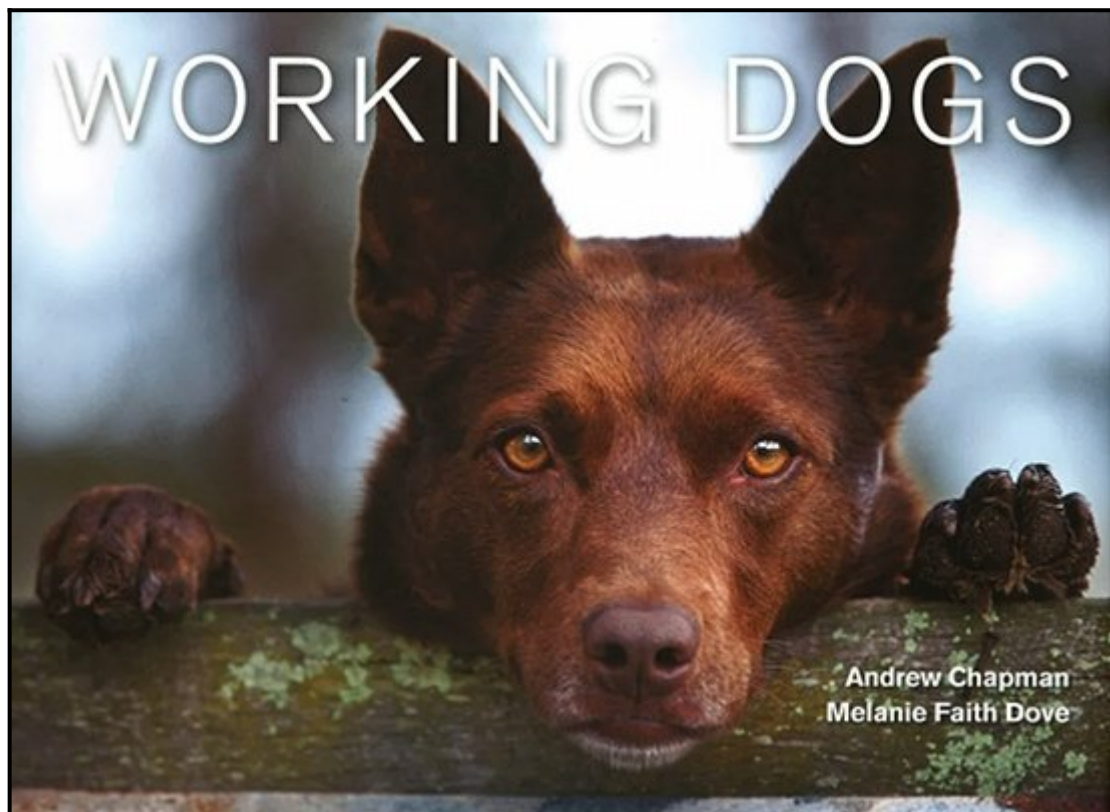
[What is a tray cloth?](#)

Windy? Make the most of it!

"My friend the wind will come from the hills When dawn will rise, he'll wake me again My friend the wind will tell me a

secret He shares with me, he shares with me..." Growing up in Warrnambool, we had...

Working like a dog...



Hello, it is Barney Bluestone here (one of the two Bluestone cocker spaniels).

Normally the two-legged people in the household write these introductions to Bookmarks, but this week it is my turn because it is a book about DOGS!

Most people think that dogs don't like to read and that only cats read (especially newspapers; cats just LOVE newspapers), but where do you think the term dog-eared pages came from?

That's right – from us dogs trying to turn the pages with our

big old paws.

But I digress.

This is a wonderful book: it is full of gorgeous dogs and their stories. I am giving it four-paws.



Michaelie Clark from **Warrnambool Books** will now tell you why it is almost certain to be a best seller:

[dropcap style="font-size: 60px; color: #A02F2F;"] A [dropcap]ward-winning Australian photographer, **Andrew Chapman**, has teamed up with fellow photographer, **Melanie Faith Dove**, to create *Working Dogs*, a spectacular tribute to the cleverest and most colourful canine characters of the countryside.

The book features unique and captivating photographs of man's best friend, both hard at work and in more playful moments, with accompanying snippets of text to provide background and complement the atmosphere of the photos.

While focused mainly on Smithfields, Koolies, Heelers, Kelpies and Collies, the book also includes a section dedicated to 'The Wannabes' – the Pugs, Jack Russells and other small or 'funny looking' dogs on the farming frontline, who are no less important or enthusiastic in their endeavours, but who contribute more to light relief than the serious business of making a living on the land (though they may think otherwise at times).

[dropcap style="font-size: 60px; color: #A02F2F;"] A [dropcap]s with Chapman's *Woolsheds* and *Around the Sheds*, the photographs have been taken in various locations around the country, including several areas in South-West Victoria, such as Bushfield, Merino, Darlington, Port Fairy and Casterton.

(I am inspired! I think I may have to pen a book called "Work? Work? A cocker spaniel guide to doing nothing and getting away with it". – Barney).

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