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Paul Komesaroff with Fiona Lindsay and Leilani Harman

DUNOLLY CELEBRATES AUSTRALIA DAY

The weather was on our side for Australia Day; the sun shining brightly, but not as yet too hot when the ceremonies commenced at 11.00am in the Rene Fox Gardens.

The Australian Flag was proudly raised (albeit a little squeakily on the pulley), and Carol Dodson led the crowd of 100 plus in our national anthem with everyone shouting out Advance Australia Fair with gusto.

Cr Bob Henderson was master of ceremonies and made a welcoming speech and then introduced the guest speaker Prof Paul Komesaroff, a distinguished gentleman holding many qualifications; currently a practising physician and a professor in the Faculty of Medicine at Monash University. Prof Komesaroff talked about community contributions to health and well-being (see page 5).

Then it was time to announce the winners of Citizen

of the Year for the Flynn Ward. Fiona Lindsay received the Senior award, and the Junior award was bestowed on Leilani Harman.

Fiona Lindsay has worked tirelessly for the community of Dunolly and headed many different committees. She is passionate about bringing Dunolly to life in her role as president of DDI and Dunolly Historic Precinct and has set about improving the buildings and organising events to bring more people to Dunolly. In her acceptance speech Fiona urged members of the community to become involved in committees, particularly younger folk or those recently moved to Dunolly so that fresh ideas could be brought to the table.

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FIRE DANGER REMAINS HIGH - SEE PAGE 10.

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Rosie's Ramble

The banners in Broadway were great again this year. I have been reading a lot of old National Geographic magazines lately. There seems to be a lot of 1980 editions in the op shops and at the doctor's. It is quite interesting to see how the more things age, the more they stay the same. Many articles are warnings about looking after the planet with dire predictions of what may happen in 30 years' time – which is now! Some of this has come true such as deforestation of the Amazon and Indonesia to make way for palm oil plants which (quote) “will be used in many goods in the future.” The plight of animals in Africa and bad living conditions in the Middle East and Africa are pretty much the same. It is really a bit depressing the way things have not changed.

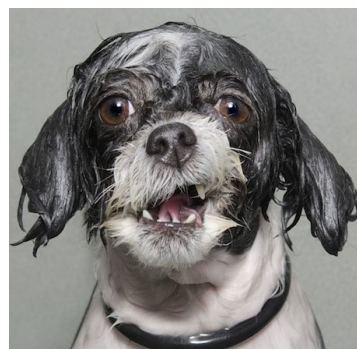
What were the other members of the Hospital Auxiliary on when the photo in *The Welcome Record* last week was taken? I want some!

Has there ever been a more cheesy grin on TV than the one on that farmer who is slipping a boot onto the foot of his prospective wife?

Mr. Ramble just called me outside in that “come and fix this” tone of voice. There on the verandah was a young tame ferret!! I picked it up very carefully – remembering all the warnings from my childhood about the sharpness of their teeth. I put it in a plastic picnic basket with a lid. Rex the wonder dog was very excited – and that could only end in tears one way or another. I hope it belongs next door. Ferrets really do have an interesting aroma.

Saw a sign that I haven't seen before on the window of a car the other day. It said “Naughty little person on board.”

Dog days-The most affectionate creature in the world is a wet dog. Rosie



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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Post Office Seats

With our new street landscape on Broadway, I am wondering what happened to the seats, that used to be outside the Post office under the tree of knowledge, as it was commonly referred to. In the past, elderly people would sit there to ponder, discuss and debate the weather and the problems of the country. Perhaps that's why they are not there anymore!! Have the seats been relocated elsewhere to other locations? To have one or two seats at this location under the tree in the shade would be very useful. Marg J Davies, Dunolly

Evening Market

The mild weather on Saturday was perfect for the Dunolly evening market. A good crowd mingled on the street and there was a wide variety of stalls spread along Broadway including: plants, toys, jewellery, clothing, tools, leatherwork, woodwork, soaps, garden ornaments and bric-a-brac. When you had inspected the stalls, the karate display, featuring students from pre-schoolers to teenagers through to adults, provided some entertainment while you enjoyed a BBQ snag or a pizza, as well as a coffee. It was a very pleasant way to fill in a Saturday evening. The organising committee have worked hard to make the Dunolly markets a success and it has not been easy for them. It seems there is huge competition between towns for the market dollar at the moment, and the unpredictable weather is often against open air markets as well. It was good to see this market work so well.

Vicky Frizzell

Wildlife Rescue

Garry and I would like to thank all who assisted sick, injured and orphaned wildlife during 2015. To those who transported the patient to us we also say thank you. Time and money are saved when Garry doesn't have to travel to pick up patients. It is even more difficult when he isn't home.

During the Christmas period we received a number of Christmas cards, some containing donations towards caring for the wildlife. A very special thankyou to those generous people, also to those who contributed to the care of birds or animals they brought to us.

The fires which burnt in several areas of Victoria impacted on us all in one way or another, the wildlife as well as the humans. For those who have called asking if we need any assistance for the wildlife impacted on by those fires, another thank you. Searches will continue for a long time. We have found it to be necessary for searching to continue for a minimum of three months.

Whilst humans are always the priority during any disaster, all animals, whether domestic or native must also be considered. Their fear and pain is as real as any human suffering, but they have no understanding of what is happening whether it be the noise, heat and terror of the flames or the constant noise of ground and air assaults on the flames. Being hit from above by thousands of litres of water or retardant would bring a terror I can't even imagine.

Garry headed off to search through the fires at Scotsburn just after Christmas. He was away eight days, home for 36 hours and then off again. The cost in time, effort and money is enormous but something that has to be done to stop the pain and suffering of so many creatures. The majority of anything found is humanely euthanased. There is no other choice. That they are able to survive days, weeks even, with the horrific burns they are found with defies belief.

I am in awe of all the men and women who put themselves at risk to assist others and remember one conversation with a fire fighter during a training session when I commented on the bravery of those who went into fires to help save people and their property. His response was that he couldn't understand my bravery, being prepared to deal with wildlife after the fires. I guess we all have different perspectives and do our bit. Once again, to all those caring people of Dunolly, Maryborough and surrounds, thank you for caring. During 2015 a total of 577 calls were received either for wildlife needing help or to answer wildlife/environment questions. There were 352 brought in for care. Call 5461 2970 if you have any queries re wildlife or find something needing help.

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Last timber bridge to be replaced

The last remaining timber bridge in use in Central Goldfields Shire will be replaced in coming months after the project secured federal Bridges Renewal Programme funding. The replacement of Parkers Bridge, on the Bet Bet Creek Road, was this week announced among projects across Australia to receive a share of \$4.26 million under round two of the federal Bridges Renewal Programme. The project, worth a total \$500,000, will receive \$250,000 in funding under the scheme. It will entail replacing the existing single-lane timber and steel bridge with a two-lane concrete bridge. Central Goldfields general manager of technical services David Sutcliffe said, replacement of the timber bridge will represent a milestone for the shire. "It's our last timber bridge in the shire," he said. "We've been steadily replacing them. We're very pleased to get the grant. It means we're able to meet that milestone of replacing the last timber bridge." Mr. Sutcliffe said the council will now call tenders for the project. "It's a design, construct project" he said. "Work is likely to be started in May. They can build them fairly quickly so it could be finished by the end of the financial year." Announcing the funding for the local project, Federal Member for Wannon Dan Tehan said projects to receive Bridges Renewal Programme funding under the latest round had been identified as priorities by local government. "The Bridges Renewal Programme underpins the Government's support for local bridges, which are vital in ensuring communities and local businesses have easy access to essential services, traffic movement and the efficient transportation of road freight," Mr. Tehan said. "The Bridges Renewal Programme is designed to bolster the productivity of Australia's local bridges, and give councils the support they need to better serve communities and drive greater efficiency in road freight and traffic movements. "It is clear that councils have thought seriously about how well their proposal addresses the objectives of the programme and, in many cases, have taken the time to consult with local industry on their needs and priorities." Courtesy Maryborough Advertiser

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Australia Day Celebrations Cont ... from page 1

Leilani Harman was shy at the microphone, only saying a brief thank you to everyone, but Katie Lovel, principal of Dunolly Primary School, gave glowing praise to this exemplary young lady. Among some of Leilani's achievements is the role of School Captain in which her leadership qualities of tolerance, acceptance, patience and encouragement set a fine example. Leilani's academic achievements are far beyond primary school level and this has culminated in her receiving the Dunolly Primary School Academic Scholarship for 2015 and many other academic accolades. Leilani is a self-motivated learner who tutors those in need, and leads and inspires others to work towards their goals, while being unassuming and non-boastful of her exemplary achievements.

I'm sure the community will join me in hearty congratulations to both winners.

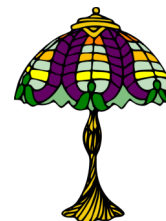
The day would not be Australia Day without a sausage sizzle. The CFA did a grand job providing us with sausages, bacon and egg sandwiches and soft drinks. Thanks for your hard work.

There was a wonderful creation of a gold miner's camp complete with billy and gold nuggets. I'm not sure who set that up, but it looked great. It was a very enjoyable day.

Susan Anderson

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Australia Day 2016

Dunolly's Australia Day Ambassador this year was Professor Paul Komesaroff AM, who addressed the gathering at the Rene Fox Gardens. Paul is a physician, medical researcher, philosopher and writer from Monash University in Melbourne, where he is Professor of Medicine. He is also Executive Director of the international NGO Global Reconciliation.

Paul thanked the citizens of Dunolly for the honour of visiting our community. He described how he had just returned from a moving visit to the Middle East, where there are many problems of poverty, war and deprivation. He had driven straight here from the plane and was able to experience the cool tranquillity of a summer night in our town, with its clear skies and bright full moon. He reflected on how lucky we are to be able to be close to such beauty and to live in a peaceful community where people care for and support each other.

He said he understood that many people had come to Dunolly over the centuries to fulfil their dreams. These included the goldminers in the 1860s to 1880s, who gave the town its present grandeur. They also included the original inhabitants—the Dja Dja Wurrung people who pursued a different kind of dreaming many thousands of years earlier.

The story of Dunolly, he said, like the story of Australia overall, was one of great accomplishment, of the building of material and cultural wealth, of the creation of strength from diversity and the sharing of skills and resources. Here, as elsewhere, great challenges remain. Dunolly has to find ways to support its young and old people, to provide them with opportunities and care. Modern Australia has yet to come to terms with the damage that has been done to Aboriginal communities, and we have yet to find a way to respond to the international refugee crisis with generosity and kindness.

There are challenges and difficulties to be faced, he said. But these should not cause us to forget the great resources we have available to us, and they should not prevent us from finding ways of sharing them with other people elsewhere in the world. Paul's organisation, Global Reconciliation, is involved in a project to help address the crisis in child health in the Middle East, where young people are often denied adequate food and shelter, lack access to medical treatment and are forced to live under the daily threat of physical and psychological violence. He is seeking to build partnerships between communities in Israel, Palestine and elsewhere and communities in Australia, not only to provide much-needed services, but also to offer hope in what for many are the darkest of times. He is appealing to all Australians to join this and similar efforts to share our great strengths and accomplishments, our success as a diverse and tolerant



society, our material wealth with less fortunate people around the world. In today's global culture we are all responsible for the well being of children everywhere. This can be one of Australia's gifts to the world.

Paul closed by thanking the people of Dunolly again for the warmth and hospitality he had experienced in our lovely town. He promised to come again and said that he would long remember his visit here.

Text provided by Prof Paul Komesaroff

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Michael Barling preselected for Wannon

Warrnambool teacher, Michael Barling, has been chosen to contest the seat of Wannon for the Australian Labor Party at this year's election. 51-year-old Michael is no stranger to politics having run for Labor in 2013.

A "born and bred" local, Michael is married with three adult children and lives at Woodford near Warrnambool with his wife Cathy. Michael said it was a privilege to be chosen by the ALP to run in Wannon.

"I know that Wannon is a tough seat for Labor but I am determined to give the campaign all my energy and enthusiasm," he said. "I think this election is particularly important with the Abbott-Turnbull Government clearly positioning itself for an assault on working people," he said.

Michael said he would campaign heavily on Labor's policy to protect people's wages and conditions.

"A lot of people who do shift work or who work weekends depend on penalty rates to survive. As a society, we must not penalise people on the lowest



incomes, but it seems that's exactly what Malcolm Turnbull wants to do," Michael said. "I am also keen to promote renewable energy in Wannon and the need for vastly improved mobile telecommunications in many outer rural areas," he said.

Michael is currently employed as a teacher at Brauer and Warrnambool Colleges where he is working on the development of a strengths-based student wellbeing program for both colleges in conjunction with the Warrnambool Student Wellbeing Association. Previously, Michael had worked at Emmanuel College, Warrnambool for more than 18 years. Prior to teaching, Michael enlisted in the Australian Regular Army and after completing recruit and infantry training was posted to the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment in Townsville.

At the 2013 election, Michael won the vote at several locations in

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Night Games

Sex scandals have long been the bane of AFL club officials. Their young, well-paid players are often the subject of journalists' breathless announcements of yet another allegation of rape or misdemeanor involving one or more of their players.

Anna Krien, in her book *Night Games* mentions many incidents that have occurred over the past few years. However, the court case that Anna follows throughout this book is about a little known player, and therefore, it did not attract the publicity that it would have if well-known players were involved. In fact some high profile players were involved in the incident, but after the initial hearing and the club's hiring of an expensive solicitor, it was decided to only charge the one young man.

The author chooses an unusual method of telling the story by disclosing the jury's verdict in the prologue to the book. However, this tactic does not detract from the story as the reader wavers between believing and disbelieving the accused. I found myself wondering what I would have decided if I had been on the jury. The young woman who charged the player with rape does not appear in court but gives evidence via a video link to the closed court; therefore the reader can only surmise her character and demeanor from other witness accounts.

The many scandals and incidents mentioned in the book include: the St Kilda schoolgirl saga, incidents involving Wayne Carey, plus the Stephen Milne case. Anna Krien claims that the players refer to these and similar incidents as 'Night Games' and maintains that the games and competitions that the footballers engage in are really about bonding with other members of the team and being accepted; this is more important to them than the girl or woman who is participating, willingly or not, in the 'game'.

Courses are now being run for young men joining clubs with the aim of teaching them to respect women and themselves in all situations. There are more women taking up jobs at football clubs that were once only offered to men, such as support roles as fitness advisers, podiatrists, dieticians, physiotherapists, trainers, counsellors, public relations managers, sports scientists, umpires and referees. With more females being seen in and around the clubs, it is hoped that there will be a break down the long held belief that only men can do these jobs. (Krien, 2013, p.162).

Elaine Canty, who was appointed to the AFL tribunal in 1996, emphasised why women needed to be represented in the league: "It's an industry, whether we like to think so or not, and it has to be a reflection of women's place in the general community." She added that these changes were not simply about wanting to be virtuous: "I think they've (the AFL) made a cold-blooded commercial decision that it is in their

interests to involve women in the administrative side of football." (Krien, 2013, p.163).

Although this is not an easy book to read, and I felt extremely angry at the behavior of the young men and women involved in the incidents mentioned, the book is well written and provides insight and a different perspective on the world of football, the players and their clubs.

Coral Christensen

Night Games, Sex, Power and Sport,

Author Anna Krien; Publisher Black Inc., 2013.

Anna Krien wins William Hill Award

Melbourne author Anna Krien has become the second woman to land the William Hill Sports Book of the Year award in its 26-year history.

Her book *Night Games: Sex, Power and Sport* about the rape trial of a young AFL footballer, beat six other nominees to the £26,000 pounds (\$41,000) prize, including the autobiography of former Wales and British Lions rugby player Gareth Thomas.

"It's not a celebratory book about sport," she said. "It's about the dark side of sport ... it can be pretty ugly."

The judges described the book as a "balanced yet fearless" exploration of the behaviour of sportsmen and their treatment of women and it was an essential, if uncomfortable, read.

Krien described the task as more labour intensive than a labour of love and said she had to overcome much opposition from people involved in the sport.

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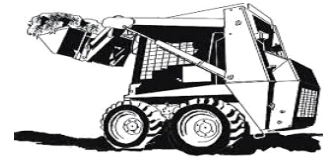
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FLYING WAS HIS PASSION

Maurice Butler's log book opens with "DH82 – Training with Royal Aero Club of NSW, Mascot (Kingsford-Smith Airport) NSW during the period April 7, 1943 to January 15, 1944 – Dual/Day 9.15 hours".

In his memoirs he wrote, 'In 1941 following my interest in flying I joined the Air Training Corps which was a cadet auxiliary unit sponsored by the RAAF which required attendance at evening training groups several nights per week as well as visitations to various RAAF stations and camps. I was intensely interested in flying and, on turning 18, I was accepted for RAAF Air Crew Training subject to chest X-ray, which unfortunately revealed a small scar from an apparent attack of Tuberculosis some years earlier which had gone completely unnoticed in my medical history. I was consequently rejected for enlistment which to my young years was devastating. I continued with my membership of the ATC and flying lessons which I had commenced at my own expense with the Royal Aero Club of NSW at Mascot airport.

I also joined the aero club and became a member which provided me with the necessary security pass to gain admission to the Mascot aerodrome for flying lessons. Through these regular visits to the airfield I contacted a number of US army Air Corps air crew who flew into Sydney from northern bases for various purposes. By this means I was introduced to a Lieutenant Colonel who was at the time Officer Commanding US380th Heavy Bomb Group consisting of a number of B24 Liberators stationed in the Darwin area at Fenton. I was his "guest" for several weeks. Whilst at Fenton I had use of the Colonel's jeep acting as his personal driver.

We flew from Mascot aerodrome to Fenton in April 1943 staying overnight at Townsville RAAF Station. Being somewhat overwhelmed by the trip and in my naivety forgetting the censorship rules in wartime, I wrote a letter to my parents commencing "Here I am writing you this letter sitting in the mid upper gun turret of a B24 Liberator cruising at 10,000 feet enroute Sydney to Townsville". Needless to say by the time Mother received the letter this entire paragraph had been deleted . . . silly me! So my parents had no idea where I was, nor my employer.

Flying, as a means of transport, was in its infancy as far as short routes such as Sydney to Bega were concerned. A few exploratory flights were made in small aircraft used primarily for photographic work on a charter basis when required for a flight from Sydney to Bega. There being no regular airfield at Bega, arrangements had been made to use a paddock in an area known as "Frog's Hollow." This was a pretty rough area with remnants of trees which had been felled scattered throughout. I distinctly remember on one of

several flights on which I was a passenger, on touching down, diverting on the run out after landing swerving left and right to dodge tree stumps. This trip was made possible thanks to the generosity of my paternal grandmother for me to visit my maternal grandmother who lived in Bega.

I maintained an interest in flying even though this was difficult and was limited to local groups as well as the newly formed Australian Air League followed by the Air Training Corps which came into being circa 1939 with the commencement of the War years [and] was an affiliate of the RAAF.

A number of visits to RAAF units were facilitated and being a "bold as brass" type I did not miss out on my share to such as Parkes, Cootamundra, Narromine and other RAAF units.

Carolyn Butler

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We've launched a new campaign called:

"No Exceptions, No Excuses"

Despite recent heat warnings, severe penalties and record-breaking summer temperatures, children are still being left unattended in parked cars.

Ambulance Victoria has revealed that Victorian paramedics were called to 225 cases of children left in cars during December 2015 – up from 161 the year before.

Worse still, on one of the busiest days – which saw the temperature reach 37 degrees - Victorian paramedics responded to 13 call outs to children left in cars.

What stupidity!

This year's campaign reminds parents how easy it is to vastly underestimate the time it can take to run a quick errand. Within minutes, a car's temperature can more than double, and on a typical Australian summer day the inside of a parked car can be 20 to 30 degrees hotter than outside.

With a young child's body temperature rising three to five times faster than an adult's, they are at greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and organ damage.

There is no safe period of time to leave a child alone in a car.

I urge your readers to take this issue very seriously for the sake of their children.

Jaala Pulford MP.

Member for Western Victoria.

Fire danger remains high

Recent rainfall is no reason to become complacent as the Fire Danger Period remains very much in force, the CFA has warned the region's landholders.

The CFA's Goldfields Group Officer, Robert Ipsen, says that following the recent rain there was a danger some may become complacent about the continued fire risk.

"We just wanted to remind people that even though it has rained, you can't just go and burn off willy nilly," Mr Ipsen said. "The Fire Danger Period remains in place and is gazetted until the end of April. There's still just as much need to abide by all the fire restrictions which are still in place," he said. "As soon as it dries off, the high fire risk will be back with us.

Mr Ipsen said he was personally aware of instances in the past in which local residents had foolishly attempted to burn rubbish while the fire risk was still considerable - "just because there had been a bit of rain".

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OLD TIME DANCE

Every Monday evening from 7.00pm in St John's Hall.

If you don't know the steps, an expert will teach you.

WOODWORK

In the shed at the Centre every Tuesday from 9.00am. You can learn how to use power tools safely; what tool is used for what and how to measure properly - most important.

ARTS GROUP

Every Tuesday at the Centre from 10.00am. Bring your own supplies and do your own thing.

CRAFT

Wednesdays from 10.00am at the Centre. Once again bring your own projects and do your own thing.

GARDEN GROUP

Meet on the last Monday of every month visiting local and not so local gardens (no physical work involved).

The next gathering will be on Monday 29 February at Barbara Flood's lovely garden to discuss what members would like to do and see for 2016.

ARCHERY

The Golden Triangle Archers shoots are on the 4th Sunday of every month at their range (Deledio Reserve). Muster is at 10.00am.

DUNOLLY DOGS

A new activity is **DOG TRAINING** - starting Sunday 7 February.

Susan Day is a certified dog trainer/ whisperer, and will teach you how to train your new puppy or old dog so you are both happy and content, using gentle, calm methods (no choker chains allowed).

Training is every Sunday in the Gordon Gardens (next to the tennis courts) at 4.30pm. Bring treats and leads and of course your dog!

All these activities are at a small cost to you.

If you would like to know more details about any of the above the centre, or have an idea or a concern, drop in for a cuppa and a chat. We are in Havelock St (hospital grounds). Phone 5468 1511 or simply email: admin@dunnhc.com.au

Sharon Hiley
Coordinator



Church News

Dunolly Christian Churches

Invite you to worship God and welcome you to their services:

Sunday 31 January 2016

ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES:

St John's Dunolly Anglican Parish Service

No Service this week

St David's Bealiba Anglican Services

1st and 3rd Sundays monthly at 8.00am

Emu Anglican Services

2nd and 4th Sundays monthly at 11.30am

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES:

Dunolly 2nd and 4th Sundays. No Mass this week .

1st and 3rd Sundays - Assembly at 8.30am

Bealiba

5th Sunday. Mass at 8.30am

Tarnagulla

3rd Saturday. Mass at 11.00am

UNITING CHURCH SERVICES:

Bealiba Uniting Church

2nd and 4th Sundays at 11.00am

Dunolly Uniting Church

Heiner Bauch, Musical celebration at 9.30am

Laanecoorie Uniting Church

No service

Scripture verse for the week:

*'Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.'*

Psalm 71:3

St John's Fellowship News

There will be **no service** at St John Dunolly this Sunday 31 January.

There is a service in Maryborough Christ the King at 9.00am also at Avoca St John the Divine at 11.00am.

A couple of dates for the diary:

A Fellowship meeting will be held in the Hall on Thursday 4 February at 2.00pm.

There is going to be a meeting in the Hall after church on Sunday 7 February at 10.00am.

Ash Wednesday 10 February: There will be a service at 11.00am. A shared lunch will follow the service.

Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at St John's on Friday 4 March at 7.00pm

Sunday 24 April : Evensong will be celebrated at St John's at 5.00pm.

Trina Kay

Uniting Church News

On 4 February at 1.30pm UCAF will meet for the first time this year. We will be making up our syllabus for the year; so girls get your thinking caps on as to what you would like to do this year. It might be a craft you would like to learn or a place you would like to visit near here, or a person you would like us to arrange to have as a guest speaker. Please come with all your bright ideas and a small plate of afternoon tea to share.

Rev Ken Rookes will be leading us for two weeks of the month for the next three months. We are thrilled to have him. The Op Shop will be getting a face lift from 1 February with its walls being painted by the 'Work for the Dole' crew. We are very happy to have this done. Thank you all who are putting in your time to make sure this is happening. Our Op Shop will be open as usual on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with all its summer clothes and bric-a-brac. There is will be no Car Boot Sale in the Church grounds this month.

Jean Richardson

Catholic Church News St Mary's Muse

We welcomed our new parish priest, Father John Monaghan, at Mass last Sunday. He says he will be cutting down on travelling distance here after his parish in the Mallee where places are further apart. Father will be saying his first Mass in Bealiba next week and baptizing Benjamin Smith.

St Vinnie's is asking for tip vouchers if you don't use them. Next Sunday is the fifth of the month, so it is collection day for the East Timor school appeal. Boxes are at the back of the Church.

There is a box at the Church for stamps for the missions.

We say thank you for the rain that fell this week.

Mass at St Patrick's Church in Bealiba on Sunday 31 January at 8.30am.

No Mass at Dunolly.

Assembly at St Mary's Dunolly on Sunday 3 February at 8.30am.

R Mcreddy

*"Love is a fruit in season at all times
and within reach of every hand."*

Mother Theresa

St John the Evangelist Anglican Church Dunolly



St John's Anglican Church has been a part of the Dunolly community for over 145 years. You are warmly invited to attend a public meeting where we will discuss how it might remain a part of the future life of Dunolly.

When: Sunday 7th February

Time: 10am, after the 9am Mass

Where: In the church Hall

The Anglican Parish of Maryborough-Avoca

Ph:54605964

Email: maryborough.anglican@outlook.com

Rector: Fr Andrew Eaton

Web: www.maryboroughanglican.com

Blue-Green Algae Warning for Laanecoorie

As of 6 January 2016 the following warning applies for Laanecoorie Reservoir from Coliban Water.

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) is warning the public to avoid direct contact with water in Laanecoorie Reservoir after monitoring detected high levels of blue-green algae. The blue-green algae identified present a risk to the health of humans and animals and may cause gastroenteritis if ingested and could cause skin and eye irritation.

Warning signs will be positioned at major recreational areas around Laanecoorie Reservoir and will remain in place while high levels of blue-green algae are present. Laanecoorie Reservoir will not be closed to the public.

GMW recommends water users from Laanecoorie Reservoir seek an alternative water supply.

You can still boat, sightsee and enjoy other activities at Laanecoorie Reservoir that do not involve direct contact with the water.

GMW recommends:

- People and pets do not enter the water.
- People who come into contact with affected water should wash affected skin immediately in clean water.
- Seeking an alternative water supply for stock and pets.
- Do not use affected water for cooking, drinking, washing or showering. Boiling the affected water will not make it safe for these purposes.

Reading GMW's range of fact sheets and other information on blue-green algae available at GMW's [blue-green algae webpage](#) to be informed of risks.

Blue-green algae facts:

- Blue-green algae occur naturally and can be dangerous to humans and animals. Characteristic signs of algae contact are skin rashes or itchiness; sore eyes, ears and nose; or if swallowed, nausea or vomiting.

It is not possible to predict how long the algae will remain at high levels.

GMW is continuing to monitor the situation closely. For current information visit GMW's [blue@green algae webpage](#) or phone the blue-green algae hotline on 03 5826 3785.

Water supplied by GMW is not treated and should never be considered fit for human consumption.

A blue-green algae warning for Cairn Curran also remains current.

If you suspect high levels of blue-green algae in an area not affected by a current warning phone the blue-green algae hotline on 03 5826 3785.

Coliban Water

Fishing in the Loddon

Test your skills against some of this country's best known fish species. That's the challenge laid down by Loddon Shire, whose varied waterways are home to redfin, Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch. The Loddon, north-central Victoria's largest river, begins its journey in the Great Dividing Range, near Trentham.

It flows 392km northwards through Newstead, Bridgewater, Serpentine, Boort and Kerang, before joining the Murray River between Barham and Swan Hill.

Along the way, it runs through the Cairn Curran and Laanecoorie Reservoirs and several weirs.

Council has made fishing facilities a priority, providing boat ramps, platforms and riverside reserves designed to encourage anglers of all ages to relax by the water and try their luck.

Inglewood enthusiast Brian Rodwell is one: "The Loddon River fishes pretty well for cod and yellowbelly, especially in spring and summer when the water's warmer," Mr Rodwell said.

"When they let in water from higher up at Cairn Curran and Laanecoorie, the fishing goes off a little bit because of the cold water coming through, but it comes good again after a while.

"Lures work really well, plus the normal things like worms and bardi grubs."

Past-president of the Boort Angling Club Ron Hird said he'd often fished the Loddon at Bridgewater and "done alright on lures".

"I've taken mostly cod and yellowbelly there and the same at Laanecoorie Weir," Mr Hird said.

"I also do Newbridge once a year just to see what's going on and I know blokes from the Maryborough and Bendigo Angling Clubs come over this way regularly.

"Up here, our club's family carp-catching competition every October is our biggest event – we had around 200 people here this year."

Fisheries Victoria has advised that this summer has seen around 165,000 native fish stocked into lakes and rivers in Loddon Shire. Golden perch have been released in the Loddon River (80,000), Laanecoorie Weir (10,000) and Little Lake Boort (5,000), while Murray cod fingerlings have gone into the Loddon (50,000) and Laanecoorie Weir (20,000). Newcomers to the sport are advised to look through The Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide 2016 for guidance on size and bag limits.

The guide is available in hard copy, free of charge, from most tackle shops that sell recreational fishing licences or by calling the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources on 136 186.

Loddon Media Release

Thanking volunteers

Australia Day is a day that we celebrate all over Australia, as Australia's special day. We have the National Australia Day Awards and the Victorian Awards. We also have Central Goldfields Shire Australia Day Awards as does every other shire or council.

We recognise local people who have achieved acknowledgement by members of the public for their work in their capacity that in some way contributes to the shire or community.

While I have no problems whatsoever with this, I believe that there are a great many people in Australia, Victoria and Central Goldfields who will never be nominated, and probably don't wish to be.

They are the carers, volunteers, community workers and the many people that, I am sure, you know of in this Shire who go about their roles in serving the community day in and day out.

To those people a big thank you for without you Australia would not be the great country that you have helped make.

Bob Henderson

Dunolly Lions



The Dunolly District Lions Club (sub branch) is now up and running, and ready to start working towards helping out where needed in Dunolly and surrounding communities. We are a small, friendly club, who meet twice a month for a general meeting, where we

discuss how we can best serve the needs of the local community. We also plan social functions in a variety of settings, where we can just relax and get to know one another better.

The club still needs more members to help us in our efforts, and all members of the community are welcome to join us. Members can commit to as much or as little time as they can spare, and will have the opportunity to meet new people in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, and to be involved in lending a helping hand in their local community.

For more information about the club, or to offer suggestions into how we can best serve our local area,, please drop into our bookshop on Broadway, or contact Susan Marney (President) on 0438 148 879, or email susan.marney.71@gmail.com , or Luke Williams (Treasurer) on 0415 104 044, or email luke@ballaratrealestate.com.au

Jean Bradshaw 54681781 (Book Shop Facilitator)

Dunolly Volunteer – Chris Williams

It's been a lifetime involvement in local sport for Dunolly's Chris Williams. Having first signed up to the Dunolly Bowling Club about 33 years ago, Chris has since joined the club's committee.

Currently senior vice president, Chris and his fellow committee members hold a role for two years before moving up a position. The long-time bowler has several responsibilities to undertake in his position.

"The role is to support the president, support the decisions made in the club. I manage the division one team," Chris says. "I also organise invitation tournaments and, depending on the circumstances, if people are away from the club you might need to jump into a role. All of the positions at our club are voluntary. No one gets paid."

The bowling club volunteer has always been involved in sport, particularly bowls, for his whole life due to his family involvement. "I took up playing bowls because of my background. My parents were bowlers, my family were all involved in sport and I've always been involved since I was a kid," he says.

Chris is also involved in other clubs in Dunolly, especially the Dunolly Football Netball Club.

"I'm a life member of the football netball club. I help out and organise people on the gate for the football netball club. That's basically my main role," he says.

"I occasionally help out with working bees if I've got the time, and sometimes with special events."

Chris says he enjoys being involved in his community and encourages anyone who wants to get involved to do so.

"I enjoy it. It's nice to be involved and help the clubs so people can have a happy and enjoyable time.

"I recommend it if people are looking to get involved. It's good to get involved with sporting groups or community groups because they can get a lot of satisfaction out of it," he says.

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Look up before you set up

During hot weather Parks Victoria rangers witness many trees dropping limbs close to camp sites and over roads.

In hot weather native trees such as River Red Gums, Yellow Box and other native species shed branches as a survival mechanism.

As beaches fill up and campsites start to over-flow, campers will grab any spot they can to set-up tents and equipment, forgetting to check what is above them.

Area Chief Ranger Andrew McDougall said: "I was patrolling parks along the Murray River on the weekend when I heard a loud crack and then a crash. As I looked between tents, across the river I saw a large River Red Gum fall to the ground bringing other trees with it.

"The wind was slow but the temperature was already 32 degrees. There was no warning other than the first loud crack.

"Campers on the beach were all amazed at how suddenly and without warning it happened." Andrew said.

When camping outdoors this summer check the site before you set up:

- Never camp under or in the drop zone of a red gum tree. Limbs can fall at any time or whole trees can simply topple over with no warning.
- When limbs drop they can swing like pendulums and end up much further out from the tree than expected.
- If the trees near you have broken limbs high up in their canopies it's a sign of past limb drop. Avoid camping close to these trees. Also check there are no broken limbs hanging up in the trees ready to fall. These are known as "widow makers" and need to be respected.
- Still days can be the highest risk however you can never tell. It might simply be a change in the weather or rain that triggers the limb drop.
- Don't take a risk. It only takes a small limb to fall from the top of a tree to severely injure or kill a person.
- Pay attention to weather warnings. If strong winds or extreme weather is forecast consider moving into a cleared area or going to town for the day. In extreme weather avoid driving if possible as limbs are frequently dropping across tracks and roads.

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Foster Carers

To a child in foster care, you will be amazing. "It's the little things that count". That's the key message in a new campaign to attract the next generation of foster carers in Western Victoria.

The Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, has encouraged local residents from all walks of life to look into joining up to become a foster carer.

Ms Pulford said the Andrews Government has invested \$3.2 million towards attracting, recruiting and retaining more carers, to tackle Victoria's shortfall of more than 300 foster carers each year. She said carers are sorely needed to help care for children and young people who cannot live with their families.

"The campaign highlights that carers don't need to be superheroes – everyday Victorians from all walks of life can open their hearts and homes to make a big difference for vulnerable children and young people," Ms Pulford said.

The campaign includes digital, print and radio advertising beginning in late January, supported by a new website and centralised inquiry line with greater capacity to respond to enquiries from potential carers. The foster carer recruitment and training process will also be streamlined to ensure suitable carers who have been carefully assessed become accredited sooner.

"We want more local residents to join our amazing foster carers who open their hearts and homes to children in need," she said. "I urge people who've ever thought about becoming a foster carer to make a call. You don't need to be a superhero, you just need to have an open mind and a loving home," Ms Pulford said.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer visit www.fosteringconnections.com.au or call 1800 013 088.

Jaala Pulford Media Release

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Photography in Loddon Valley

The haunting granite clefts of Melville Caves, delicate bush orchids and evocative historic streetscapes are just a few of the reasons the Loddon Valley is fast becoming a mecca for photography enthusiasts.

Nearby photography clubs are already making the area a “must-have” on their annual calendars and individual enthusiasts are sharing favourite images with their local communities and beyond.

One such collective, the Wedderburn Photography Group, has been active in encouraging residents of the

photography. It’s really all about helping people to improve their photography skills.”

Wedderburn’s Coach House Gallery is a regular outlet for local photographers, a recent example being an exhibition of work by William Greenfield comprising artistic photography taken across Western Australia and Victoria.

The Kooyoora Wildflower Show’s annual photographic competition invites adults and juniors to enter their images of local landscapes and native flora and fauna.



Loddon Shire also runs a photographic competition for local school students each year in conjunction with its Australia Day Awards.

Another WPG member, Robert Scholes of Bridgewater, was behind a first-time event run as part of the 2015 Naturally Loddon Spring Festival called “Birds of the Loddon Region”.

town to enjoy what’s all around them.

Member Ric Raftis said the group’s formation sprang from a visit made by the ABC to run photography workshops at the Wedderburn Community House.

“We probably have 20 members now – mostly local, but a couple of ‘ring-ins’ from Bridgewater and Bendigo,” Mr Raftis said. “There’s no formal structure – we simply have a closed Google group online where members share their shots and ask for opinions and advice.

“We post some of our work online at ABC Open, run workshops and hold a monthly meeting, starting from Jacka Park before going off somewhere to take photographs. We had an exhibition in November at the Coach House Gallery, we help to organise the photographic side of the Kooyoora Wildflower Show each year and supply the Loddon Visitor Information Centre with images for its ongoing exhibition of local

Mr Scholes said he’d “started to get interested in birds about 12 months ago”.

“Since then, I’ve built up quite a detailed collection of images of local birds, covering more than 100 different species,” he said. “Various areas of Loddon Shire are well known for their birdlife – Kooyoora State Park, for example, and up around Boort wetlands. In the Shire as a whole, there would probably be about 240 species and there are several operators actively running commercial bird tours. That list includes rare and endangered species such as the Plains-wanderer up at Terrick Terrick National Park, where, I believe, they also see the Swift Parrot coming through. Here at Bridgewater, depending on seasons, we can also catch sight of the Rainbow Bee-eater, which migrates from the Australia tropics and New Guinea to nest in Victoria before returning north.”

Loddon Shire Media Release

IMPORTANT DATES

Bealiba Playgroup meets every Friday from 10.00am to 11.00am in the Primary School during school terms

Bealiba Progress Association meeting, 2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm Bealiba Hall

Bealiba Bingo 1.30pm in the Bealiba Hall
2nd Monday each month

Community Bus – every Friday to Maryborough and back. RTC 5468 1205

Dunolly Community Garden at Pre-school: Wednesdays 2.00pm AEST/5.00pm Summer

Dunolly CWA meetings 1.30pm SES rooms
1st Wednesday each month

Dunolly Day Support Tuesday and Thursdays 10.30am to 2.30pm Phone 5468 2907

Dunolly District Auxiliary
1st Monday each month at 10.00am
Hospital Day Room

Dunolly Field and Game meeting
2nd Thursday each month 7.30pm
147 Broadway

Dunolly Fire Brigade meeting
1st Monday each month 7.30pm Fire Station

Dunolly Karate Club Junior/Senior class, Mondays at 6.00pm
Dunolly RSL hall.

Dunolly Community Market
2nd Sunday each month 8.00am to 1.00pm- Broadway

Dunolly Neighbourhood Watch meeting
3rd Wednesday each month 10.30am Bakery

Dunolly Ninjas Program - Mondays from 5pm at the Dunolly RSL hall.

Dunolly Supported Playgroup meets Wednesday 9.30am to 11.30am Dunolly Preschool

Dunolly & District Probus Club meeting
3 Thursday each month 10.00am Senior Citizens Hall

Dunolly Museum meeting
3rd Monday each month 2.00pm 75 Broadway

Dunolly St George Lodge
4th Saturday each month

Dunolly Social Cyclists
Meet fortnightly. Call Neville for info: 5468 7295

Dunolly Historic Precinct Committee
4th Tuesday each month 3.30pm Town Hall

Dunolly Unit Vic SES meeting 6.30pm
3rd Tuesday each month.
Training every other Tuesday

Dunolly Uniting Church Messy Church
4th Wednesday each month 4.30pm to 6.00pm

Golden Triangle Archers
4th Sunday each month 10.00am behind Deledio Reserve

Ladies Only General Exercise Class Thursdays 5.15pm
Dunolly RSL hall.

Ladies only Self Defense Class Thursday 6.00pm Dunolly RSL hall.

Maryborough Lions Club Tourist Market
1st Sunday of every month - 8.00am - 2.00pm
At the Maryborough Harness Racing Complex.

Mobile Library every Thursday 2.00pm to 5.00pm outside Town Hall

Newbridge CWA meeting Newbridge Hall
3rd Tuesday each month 1.30pm

Old Time Dancing 7.30pm Mondays
Anglican Hall Barkly Street Dunolly

Red Hat Society - Gorgeous Goldfields Gals
2nd Thursday Ripples On The Res 11.30am

RSL meeting 7.00pm RSL Hall Dunolly
2nd Tuesday each month - 7.00pm

Senior Citizens meeting
1st Monday each month 10.00am

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls each Monday 1.30pm

Senior Citizens Luncheon
3rd Wednesday/month 12.30pm

Talbot Farmers Market
3rd Sunday /month 9.00am to 1.00pm

Tarnagulla Playgroup Thursday 10.30am to 12 noon – behind the hall

Tarnagulla Action Group - Community Centre
3rd Monday each month 5.00pm

Welcome Record Committee
2nd Monday each month - 2.00pm in the office



February

Thursday 4 UCAF 1.30pm Uniting Church

Sunday 7 St John's Church meeting 10.00am

Wednesday 17 Neighbourhood Watch AGM
At Dunolly bakery 10.30am

Sunday 21 Vietnam Veterans Vigil 12.00pm.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Apology

Last week I omitted to thank Dunolly Friendly Grocer as one of the generous donors to our Christmas Hamper. Thank you!

Debbie Vernon
Dunolly/Bealiba RSL Sub Branch

Dunolly Uniting Church Car Boot Sale

There will be no car boot sale in January and February as we do not have a host organisation for February. The car boot sale will resume again on 12 March. We still have June and July vacant for any organisation wanting to take advantage of the car boot sale.

Op Shop

The Op Shop reopened on Tuesday 12 January and has resumed normal trading times with heaps of stuff and new stock that came in over the Christmas period.

Meeting at St John's Anglican Church

You are warmly invited to attend a public meeting to discuss how the church, which has been part of the Dunolly community for over 145 years, might remain a part of the future life of Dunolly. The meeting will be held on 7 February at 10.00am in the Church Hall.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Annual General Meeting of Dunolly Neighbourhood Watch will be held on Wednesday 17 February at 10.30am at the Dunolly Bakery. All residents are invited to attend.

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Dunolly Football Netball Club

The football season is in full swing and has been since December. We are seeking additional volunteers for the 2016 season as follows:

Fundraising Coordinator
Social Committee Members
President's Assistant – Minute taker at meetings
Volunteer Coordinator
Media Coordinator
Sponsorship officer – Dunolly
Sponsorship officer – Maryborough
Sponsorship officer – Bendigo

Please contact Callum Liddicoat on 0427 110 273.

We have some new gun footballers coming to Dunolly for the 2016 season; summary to follow later.

Callum Liddicoat, President
Dunolly Football/Netball Club



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- 15. Recurrent musical pattern
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- 18. A plural form of 'be'
- 19. Additionally
- 20. Act of changing residence
- 21. European food fish
- 23. Interjection of welcome
- 24. Add extra strength
- 26. Ill-behaved
- 27. Spread grass, eg., to dry
- 28. One who coordinates
- 31. Fleishy part of mouth
- 33. Tattered
- 34. Distribute (measured amount)

- 35. U.S. actress, ____ Thurman
- 37. Before (as used in poetry)
- 38. Shield of Zeus
- 39. Northern Pakistani city
- 41. Unbroken
- 42. Inhabitant of large part of Middle East
- 43. To secure unlawfully by misusing authority
- 44. Cause (another) to recollect
- 45. Nasal air expulsion

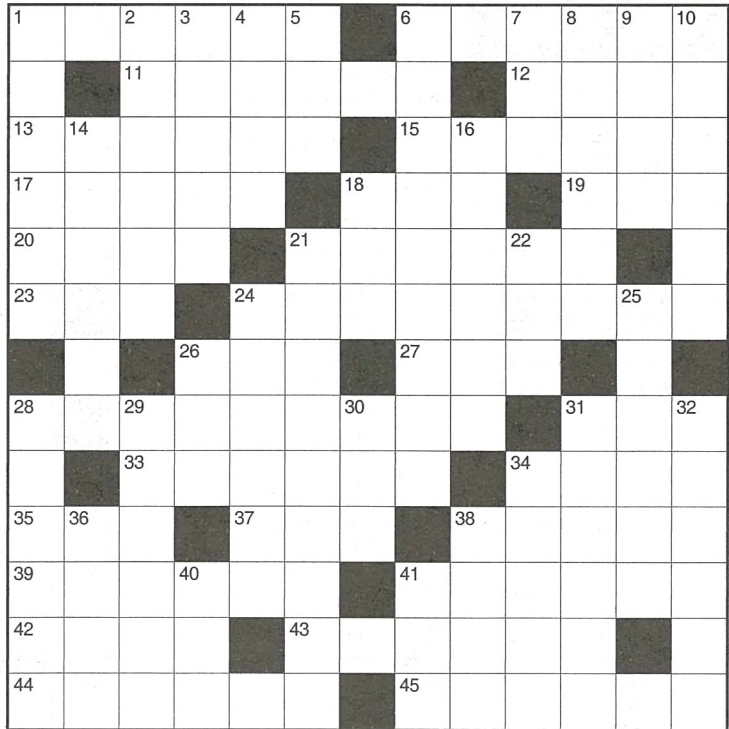
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- 1. Bright green gemstone
- 2. One born in certain place
- 3. An instant
- 4. In a jumbled state
- 5. George Bush's vice-president, ____ Quayle
- 6. Justified (as in 'perfectly ____')
- 7. Woody vine
- 8. Giggle nervously
- 9. Reverberated sound
- 10. Get rid of (stains, eg.)
- 14. Plant with three-lobed leaves
- 16. Young bovine
- 18. Former ruler of Islamic world
- 21. Purebred
- 22. Large fish
- 24. An official in a protecting, overseeing role, anagram of 'garner'

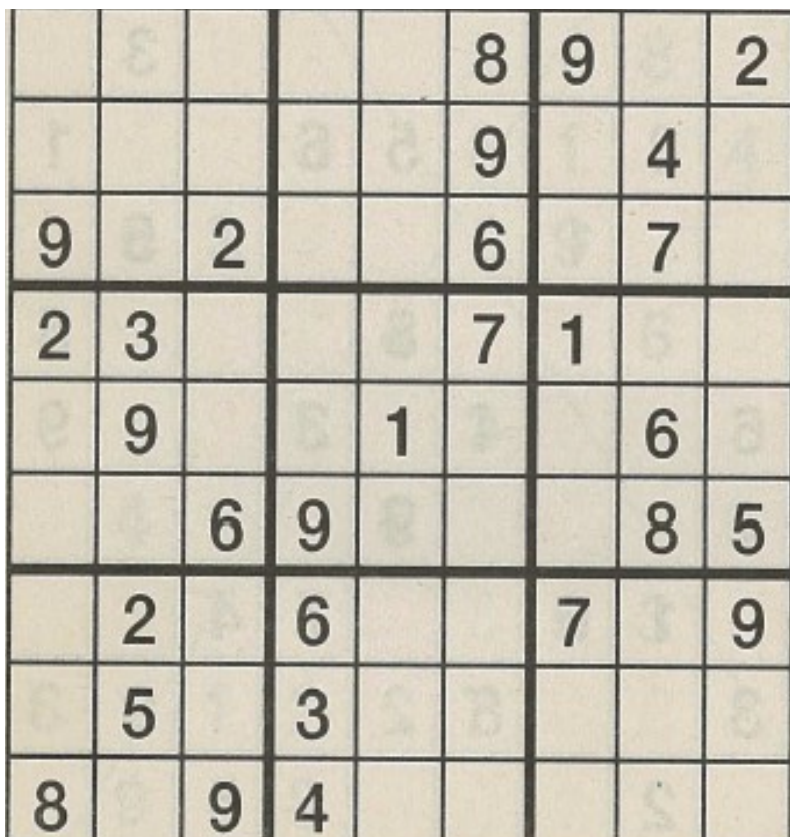
- 25. One who professionally assesses artistic works
- 26. Sheep's bleat
- 28. Relating to the eye
- 29. Champion Aust. golfer, David ____

- 30. Observe
- 31. Representative of the Pope
- 32. Heavy instrument used to grind spices, eg.
- 34. One-thousandth of 1 km

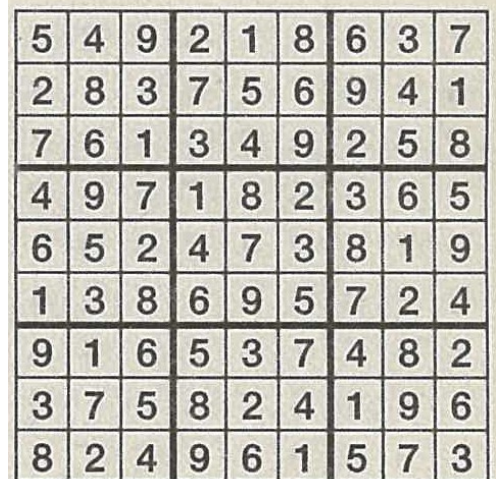
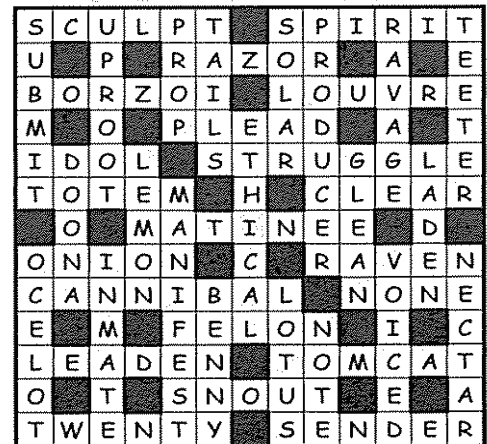
- 36. Female adult horse
- 38. In a short time (used in literature)
- 40. Traditional sash of Japanese woman
- 41. Of that animal or thing



SUDOKU NO 97



Solutions: Crossword 94 and Sudoku 86





What's going on in Maude Street?

Dunolly Kindergarten

Children in the older component (the funded group) have their first session on Monday 1 February. Parent Information session is also on Monday 1 February at approximately 9.00am to 10.00am.

Dunolly Supported Playgroup

Wednesday mornings 9.30.00am to 11.30am. Everyone welcome Maude Street - come and meet new families in our community. Children 0-5 years. Gold coin donation. Bring a piece of fruit to share. Facilitated by Veronica Palmer.

Dunolly Community Garden

Every Wednesday at summer time 5.00pm Veggie swap, garden maintenance etc. Everyone is welcome to call in for a chat and a cuppa. **Find us on facebook**

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EPA says fish deaths a natural process

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) has flagged extremely dry seasonal conditions could lead to further fish deaths in Victoria this summer. EPA Executive Director of Regional Services Damian Wells said fish deaths at Avoca River in Charlton and Lake Colac earlier this month were caused by natural drying of waterways and low water flow conditions. "The prolonged period of below average rainfall across Victoria has significantly reduced water levels of inland waterways – particularly in the north, north-west and south-west of the state," Mr. Wells said. "Drying is a natural process. In some cases, lake beds can dry completely and remain dry for long periods.

"Dead fish degrade naturally and are usually cleaned up by birds and other natural elements."

Mr. Wells said EPA investigated reported fish deaths and works closely with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, water corporations and catchment management authorities to manage fish death events over summer. Members of the community are urged to contact EPA's Pollution Hotline on 1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC) if they see large numbers of fish, crustaceans and/or eels that appear to be dead or struggling.

Environment Protection Authority Victoria

Celebrating Australia Day and a 21st birthday!

As I enjoy Australia Day celebrations within Loddon Shire today, I'll take a moment to reflect on how far our municipality has come since its formation 21 years ago. Twenty-one years I hear you say? That can't be right! But believe it or not, it is.

Time has flown by and this week marks 21 years since the current Loddon Shire was formed, on 19 January 1995, as part of state-wide local government reforms. While strong individual communities within Loddon Shire continue to proudly celebrate their unique identities and histories, over the years I've seen us rally together as one Shire.

In no small way, the Australia Day award presentations throughout the day, present a timely opportunity to acknowledge all we have achieved across every corner of our Shire, through the outstanding contribution of a range of individuals, groups and committees.

Our Australia Day Committees are no exception, having worked tirelessly to arrange a variety of events across the Shire from breakfasts, morning teas, barbecue lunches and teas, and live music at some locations.

Cr Neil Beattie, Mayor
Loddon Shire



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Poetry

Celebrate Australia Day

Hear the day! That sound afar
In the evening's gathered stars
And a New Year's set aflame
Let it bring to us no shame.
All the world is brought low
by Tsunami's cruelest blow
let us gather in this way
To celebrate Australia Day.

Soon our past we leave behind
Moving on we cannot stand
Let us always be so kind
To these who suffer, lend a hand.
In our own contented homes
Let us kneel and pray
that the peace and love abides
to celebrate Australia Day.

Out beyond our furthest fence
Where the fiercest drought
Plagues our soil and our toil
That's what we should be about.
Extending all a helping hand
When devastation comes our way
Or live in fear bushfires roar
As we celebrate Australia Day.

Yes we still live as free
As the terrorist want us to be
Let us put aside our fright
Evil falls, good is right
For a happy song lets sing
And good things come our way
We can take the better things
Celebrate Australia Day.

Finis Ken Peake

Take a Break with a Great Victorian Book this Summer!

The Summer Read is on at Goldfields Libraries and with the warm weather already here, it's time to sit back, relax and lose yourself in a great Victorian book.

The Summer Read is a program of the State Library of Victoria and Public Libraries Network Victoria that celebrates the diversity of Victorian writing and encourages Victorians to take time out with a good read. The ten Summer Read books are great recent releases either written by a Victorian author, set in Victoria or about Victorians, and all are free to borrow from participating public libraries throughout the state.

"Every book on the Summer Read list is a winner and available to borrow for free from your local Goldfields Library," says Ms Higgs, Goldfields Library Corporation Programs and Events Coordinator.

Readers also have the chance to win a personal library of up to 50 Victorian books by filling out an entry form at a participating public library or online at www.slv.vic.gov.au/summer-read

The 2016 Summer Read books are:

- *The Unbroken Line* by Alex Hammond
- *Between Us: Women of Letters* curated by Michaela McGuire & Marieke Hardy
- *Certain Admissions: A Beach, a Body and a Lifetime of Secrets* by Gideon Haigh
- *Hello, Beautiful! Scenes from a Life* by Hannie Rayson
- *Please Don't Leave Me Here* by Tania Chandler
- *Dangerous Games* by Larry Writer
- *Leap* by Myfanwy Jones
- *Bad Behaviour* by Rebecca Starford
- *The Secret Son* by Jenny Ackland
- *Tumbledown Manor* by Helen Brown

The Summer Read runs until Sunday 14 February 2016. For books descriptions, extracts and information about The Summer Read events, visit:

www.slv.vic.gov.au/summer-read

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Pennant Team Results

First Saturday in 2016 for Pennant bowls with everybody involved. Blue won against Golf Blue 77-63 at Golf, a great effort, and Green won 84-61 against Highland White at Highland. In Dunolly Gold (or rather the Nugget team) won against Carisbrook, score 71-60 and Red lost 67-79 against Talbot White, also in Dunolly.

SATURDAY'S MEN'S PENNANT TEAMS 30.1.16

Dunolly Blue versus Maldon at Maldon

G Dobbin	T Galofaro	R Pickering
G McHugh	V Mortlock	C Williams
T Long	B Cann	G Davies
S Howard	J McHugh	J Smith

Manager: C Williams. **Cars:** Second leave 12.30pm

Dunolly Gold versus Newstead at Newstead

P Freemantle	B Lanfranchi	L Thomas
H Freemantle	A Weir	A Britten
J Haigh	B Mortlock	S Rogers
K Neilsen	I Flett	K Howard

Manager: P Freemantle. **Cars:** Third leave 12.30pm

Dunolly Green versus Golf Green at Maryborough

D Mortlock	K McKenzie	R Henderson
M Davies	S Whitehead	A Deason
S Taylor	P Mullins	W Stephens
D Price	A Larpent	D Conlin

Manager: S Taylor, **Cars:** Skips leave 12.30pm

Dunolly Red versus Avoca Gold at Avoca

H Weir	S Chaplin	P Chase
M Webb	S Shay	C Lawson
G Cain	J Morse	D Coe
R Weir	R Cain	F Dunieville

Manager: P Chase. **Cars:** Skips leave 12.30pm

Emergencies for all: D Spiteri and S Deason.

Pennant Teams 2.2.16

Dunolly Blue versus Golf Gold at Dunolly

L Parker	H Freemantle	V Mortlock
M Davies	S Deason	M Webb
J Smith	G Dobbin	H Weir
N Stevens	A Raven	T Galofaro

Manager: Marian Webb, **Emergency:** Peter Fremantle

Dunolly Gold versus Golf Blue at Dunolly

S Chaplin	M Mortlock	H Cooper
J Morse	N Pike	K Stephens
J Haig	E Murphy	W Stephens
B Cann	M Shay	D Spiteri

Manager: Elaine Murphy. **Emergency:** Stan Shay

No Pennant games were played on Australia Day.

Plan for companion animals and horses in an emergency

The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) is urging the community to make early decisions regarding their companion animals and horses in the case of a fire emergency.

Inadequate planning for the management of animals and their welfare in emergencies can result in poor, last-minute decisions with dangerous or fatal consequences for animals and their owners or carers.

DEDJTR Chief Veterinary Officer Charles Milne said procedures and escape routes should be pre-planned, with alternate routes well-known in case the planned route is not accessible.

"If possible, prearrange a safe location to take your animals to; this may be family or friends, a boarding establishment or the local evacuation centre," Dr Milne said.

Ensure all your animals are properly identified, for example, by a collar and tag or microchip.

"Keep microchip details current for pets and horses. Always keep your pet's immunisation up-to-date, and remember pets need current proof of vaccination to stay at a kennel or cattery," said Dr Milne. He also said small animals should be contained as early as possible in the day to ensure that they are close at hand when you decide to leave.

"Don't tie animals up outside or keep them in a vehicle unattended, leave them in a secure area inside your home. It is advisable to prepare an animal evacuation kit including food, water, bowls, leads, halters, blankets/bedding, cages, relevant documentation and any medication they might require," said Dr Milne.

If your animals are unable to be evacuated, there are measures you can take to assist their survival.

"Horses are likely to receive only minimal burns if kept in grazed down paddocks and given plenty of room to move. They will gallop through flames or around their edges, and stand on the blackened, previously burnt area and remain there until the fire has passed, said Dr Milne.

Dr Milne said if you have to leave animals behind, leave out at least 10 days' supply of water, fill every bowl and container that you have with water, then set them in accessible places; do not leave just one container as it may spill.

Ensure your emergency plans also include any livestock you may have. For more information and practical fact sheets to assist people to care for companion animals, livestock and wildlife please go to <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/care-and-welfare/pets-and-emergencies>

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