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The efforts of the Dunolly and Bealiba primary schools students have been displayed next to the Dunolly Post Office with these imaginative installations as part of the Imagination Station Project.

Defibrillator for Dunolly Reserve

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with the job of equipping the Dunolly Recreation Reserve with a life-saving defibrillator.

Today, Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, announced the Dunolly Recreation Reserve Committee of Management is one of 100 groups across the state receiving the life-saving device.

When cardiac arrest strikes, there's not a second to spare.

Early intervention greatly increases the likelihood of survival during cardiac arrest. Having a defibrillator means players, parents and spectators can step in and take action until paramedics arrive.

Ms Pulford said Labor had promised to install life-saving defibrillators at 1000 grassroots clubs across Victoria.

"More than a dozen Victorians suffer cardiac arrest

every day, so we know this investment will save lives," Ms Pulford said.

"Defibrillators at local sports clubs keep players safe and spectators protected, but they're also a vital tool for the community. Each device will be registered with Ambulance Victoria's database, giving triple zero operators a handy guide of where to find one when an emergency strikes nearby," she said.

Sports clubs in Western Victoria that already have defibrillators are encouraged to ensure their devices are registered with Ambulance Victoria.

"The Dunolly Recreation Reserve is a great local institution that sits at the heart of my electorate and I'm thrilled to be able to give them extra security in case an emergency strikes," Ms Pulford said.

Jaala Pulford, Media Release

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Wednesday 9.00am -1.00pm

Contributions are accepted up to closing time on Tuesdays. Exceptions are made only by prior arrangement, or for important community notices for the *Classified* pages. If in doubt please ring us before 2.00pm on Tuesday to avoid disappointment.

All letters, articles and classifieds must contain the writer's full name, home address and daytime telephone number.

The Welcome Record aims to present the diversity of viewpoints which reflect the concerns and interests of our community. It will not print contributions which

are defamatory or being used as an alternative to a personal approach in dealing with a personal issue. The opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of *The Welcome Record*.



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Rosie's Ramble

Congratulations to Fiona and Leilani on their Australia Day awards.

We went for an actual ramble at the end of last week – up to Deniliquin. It was a pleasant day for travelling and a lovely evening. I went outside to enjoy it and noticed a small plane coming in to land at the airport. In the opposite side of the sky a wedge tailed eagle was slowly cruising. What a contrast – fussy noisy machine and a graceful silent bird.

As we came into Deni, we were stopped for a breathalyzer test. The policeman held out what looked like a small microphone and asked me to count clearly to five. I did so and he said, "All clear, off you go." I'd never seen a remote breathalyzer before. It certainly beats blowing until your eyes pop.

Liked the campfire and gold pan display at the Australia Day event. Glad to see the lesser known and very rare campfire parrot was included in the display.

I think I have made an earth-shattering discovery – you don't need detergent to get a clean wash! Like all great things it was found by accident. I put the wash on the other day, turned on the washer, got distracted by something and wandered off. It wasn't until the rinse cycle had started that I realised that I hadn't put in the detergent. Too late! Oh well, I can always wash it again. Surprise! Surprise! The washing came out as clean as if I had added detergent. Is it all a big con? All this whiter than white stuff? Maybe the fact that it was a "clean" wash helped.

Dog Days--- You must always remember that, as far as the Bible is concerned, God only threw the humans out of Paradise.

Rosie



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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Surprised Nominee

I was both surprised and embarrassed to learn that I was nominated for Senior Dunolly Citizen of The Year. I thank those who thought that I was worth the nomination. I volunteer my time and expertise in certain areas because it keeps me busy (I would rather wear out than rot out). The benefits of working in, and for, the community keeps it and me ticking along nicely. Congratulations to Fiona on winning a well-deserved Senior Dunolly Citizen of the Year.

Mike Hiley

The Golden Grain Café Closed

As some of you may be aware already, the café is now closed for business! I will tell you all the reason why to stop malicious gossip by a certain few, spreading from here to Tarnagulla and beyond! We do not own the building, and as such are forced to wait for any repairs, maintenance etc. after informing the owners/agents.

Our air conditioner ceased operation on 19 December and it currently is still non-operational, with no anticipated fixing date - as this goes to print. Count it – yep, six weeks and counting! Without an air conditioner in the café we cannot trade. It sits between 6-10° hotter inside than the outside temperature. We have been unable to trade since that date - so no income - however, bills and overheads continue to mount up. We had to dispose of lots of fresh food prior to Christmas as we have had to cancel very large bookings. January is the biggest and hottest trading month in the whole year. Our losses are immense; our anger and frustration is immeasurable, and the owners and the real estate agent are to blame. Not me, not Anthony, not the building itself, not Dunolly, but the onus sits fairly and squarely with the owners and real estate agent. No-one's in a hurry, no-one cares and it's our livelihood that they have destroyed. We have no option but to close because they have sent us broke! It is very sad to watch two years of blood, sweat and tears go out the door with no hope of resurrection, but close we must - we have no choice.

Thank you to all our amazing and loyal customers who supported us; we shall miss you all.

Karen, Anthony and family

Goodbye Karen and Anthony

We are so sorry to see you go. The Golden Grain was a great café with delicious food and friendly people behind the counter. It's so sad that circumstances have forced you to close. We will miss you.

The Welcome Record Team

Theft at Bowling Club

On Monday night the bowling club was burgled. A small sum of money and a safe were stolen. The safe contains no valuables only the entire history of the club in old files and minute books. We would appreciate the return of these items.

Michael Dennis, Secretary

Additional Note from Bob Henderson, President.

If any one knows who was involved in the robbery or if anyone finds paperwork from the Dunolly Bowling Club, please contact either the Club or the police.

Dunolly Preschool Thank you

Trivia Night

On behalf of the Dunolly Preschool I would like to thank the community for coming and making our Trivia Night a huge success. We appreciate the great partnership we have with the Dunolly Bowling Club. Our thanks go to Michael for helping us set up, also to Bob for running the bar. A big thank you goes to Bryce for hosting our night - it was a huge success in raising funds for our preschool. Thanks to Kate Ashton from Maryborough Real Estate for donating the door prize and The Water Wheel Winery for the wine. Well done to the Preschool Committee for all the hard work beforehand and on the night. Back by popular demand, the 'Bare Foot Bowls' night returns in the New Year, so keep your eyes posted!

Great Vic Bike Ride

I would like to thank Brooke and Deb for their hard work in organising the food stall, and the Preschool Committee for helping on the day. A special thank you goes to Nat, Bec, Elizabeth and Deb's family for helping us at Inglewood on Saturday to sell the remaining drinks and food left over from our Great Vic Bike Ride stall. Everyone's huge effort, support and participation on the day was very much appreciated.

Melissa F President

Dunolly Preschool Parent Committee

Funding Cuts to Rural Kinders

Last week, a number of community members received this letter from MP Louise Staley, detailing recent funding cuts to rural kinders, and the subsequent need for parent committees to fundraise extraordinary amounts to cover the shortfall.

I would like this published so that members of the Dunolly community can understand what parents are up against.

Melissa F President

Dunolly Preschool Parent Committee

Letter from Louise Staley MP

Recently the YMCA wrote to me because Daniel Andrews has cut funding to small rural kindergartens and preschools including Dunolly Preschool. Because of Daniel Andrews' cuts, the Dunolly Preschool will run at a predicted deficit of \$22,000 in 2016. The YMCA is unable to cover these new deficits caused by the funding cuts as the total deficit across the region is in excess of \$160,000.

The only way for kindergartens and preschools like the one at Dunolly to stay open is for parents to fundraise up to \$30,000 each year. For communities suffering drought and isolation that is just too much to ask.

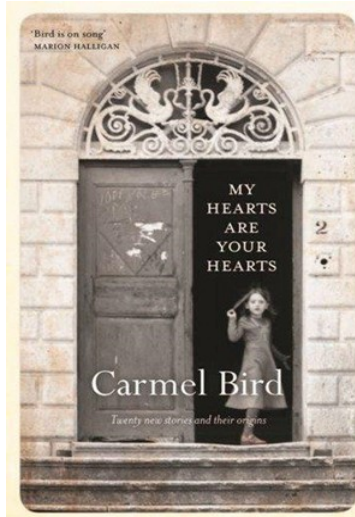
I agree with the YMCA letter when it says, "the care and education of children living in rural communities is no less important than for those living in regional and metropolitan centres." Unfortunately Daniel Andrews seems not to notice anything beyond Melbourne.

Just as bad, your local Labor MPs Jaala Pulford and Gayle Tierney support these cuts. It is an absolute disgrace woman have voted to hurt local kindergartens and preschools.

To help save your local preschool from these cuts I need your help. I have set up an online petition at http://louisestaley.nationbuilder.com/save_rural_kindys

Please sign it and spread the word to tell Premier Daniel Andrews that his funding cuts to Dunolly Preschool are not acceptable.

Sincerely Louise Staley MP, Member for Ripon



Share the Love on Library Lovers Day!

Romance novel lovers are in for a treat with two renowned Australian authors featuring in this year's Library Lovers Day celebrations at Goldfields Libraries.

Highly acclaimed author Carmel Bird will read from her recently published short story collection, *My Hearts Are Your Hearts*.

Local cellist Libby Anderson will also present a short program of romantic music. The event will be hosted by Castlemaine Library on Thursday 11 February from 6.00pm.

Popular historical romance writer Beverley Eikli will run a romance writing workshop featuring the historical Georgian era and tips on self-publishing. The event will be hosted by Gisborne Library on Thursday 11 February from 6.00-8.00pm.

Entry is free for both events and bookings can be made via www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/librarylovers

"Library Lovers Day is a fun way of connecting with the community to promote awareness of what the library is all about," says Tammy Higgs, Goldfields Libraries Programs and Events Coordinator.

"In January we invited the community to vote for their favourite read of all time in our Dearly Beloved Reads program. We are looking forward to announcing the top 40 shortlist to celebrate Library Lovers Day."

Ever tried a "blind date with a book"? Now's your chance as part of Library Lovers Day! A selection of adult fiction and non-fiction titles will be wrapped and available to readers at all Goldfields Libraries during the week of Monday 8 – Sunday 14 February.

Library Lovers' Day is coordinated by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), and aims to raise the profile of the services which libraries offer.

Australia's public libraries provide quality information services that support lifelong learning, significantly impacting the cultural and information industry.

Visit the Goldfields Libraries website for details on how you can join in the celebrations!

www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/librarylovers



Brown Paper Bag

During the last week of the 2015 school term Youthworx Productions shot a short film 'Brown Paper Bag' in Tarnagulla Vic. The majority of the film was shot at Tarnagulla Primary School.

Youthworx is a youth media social enterprise/film production company based in Brunswick that trains and employs young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in creative and commercial media.

Please see the link to our website - <http://www.youthworx.org.au/>

'Brown Paper Bag' is the story of a young indigenous boy who has been 'acting up' at school until he experiences a story session at school with Boori Pryor. His interest in reading develops with the support of the school principal who "secretly smuggles" Boori's books out of the library for him, hidden



in brown paper bags. It is a heart warming and endearing story that will serve as not only a beautiful film but also as a resource for schools.

The script was written by Jon Staley (Youthworx) and Boori Pryor; an award-winning author of books such as;

Maybe Tomorrow with Meme McDonald - Shortlisted for the 1999 Children's Book Council of Australia Award.

My Girragundji - Winner of the 1999 Children's book Council of Australia for Younger Readers.

The Binna Binna Man - Winner of the Ethel Turner prize for young people's literature, the ethnic affairs commission award and book of the year in 2000 NSW premier's Literary Award.

Shake A Leg - Winner, 2011 Prime Minister's Literary Awards, Children's fiction.

The film stars Boori Pryor (as himself), John Wood (Blue Heelers), up-and-coming young actor Khan James Parker, Maurial Spearim and Louise O'Dwyer.

The film was shot by renowned cinematographer Richard Kickbush (Storm Surfers 3D, Cane Toads) Produced by Kelly West and Directed by Jon Staley.

Youthworx would like to thank Tarnagulla Primary School, the CFA, the local community of Tarnagulla and the Laanecoorie Caravan Park for all their support and generosity.

The film, as well as a behind-the-scenes documentary (created by filmmaker Hayden Layton), will be released in March 2016.

Courtesy Youthworx

Dunolly District Inc. Calendar of Events and Activities for 2016

Dunolly District Inc. is responding to a suggestion made by several community groups that will help all community groups and businesses plan events and activities during 2016. A comprehensive Calendar of Events and Activities for the year will make it easier to set dates that won't clash with other events, or, alternatively, will help to see when activities would benefit from clustering together. Currently, The Welcome Record provides a valuable community service by listing many regular meetings each week and additional events as they are notified. However, a yearly calendar will help everyone to plan ahead.

All community groups and businesses are warmly invited to share details of the events and activities you have planned for 2016. A quick response would be appreciated so the Calendar can be distributed as soon as possible and published in The Welcome Record.

Basic information is all that is required. If you can provide information about your events for the whole year, that will be excellent. However, if this is not possible at this stage, please let us know as your plans are confirmed and the Calendar can be regularly updated.

Please email your information to the DDI Secretary, Marion Da Costa, mdac@iinet.net.au, send to PO Box 64, Dunolly, or drop in a copy to Fiona Lindsay, Wright on Broadway, 127 Broadway, Dunolly, 3472.

If you have regular events, such as the Dunolly Market, please include dates etc. for each month. If you are planning a special event, such as the Golden Triangle Ride, please provide the dates for each of these. The Calendar is an opportunity to promote important dates, such as home game days for the football/netball season or major bowls tournaments, for instance.

Please provide the following information for each month:

- Date
- Activity
- Location
- Time
- Contact person
- Phone/Mobile
- Email
- Organisation or business

The sooner we have your information, the sooner the Calendar can be prepared and shared. We look forward to your involvement.

Fiona Lindsay, Pres. DDI - M: 0428 322 208
Marion Da Costa, Sec. DDI - M: 0438 168 634



Road closures 2016 Central Goldfields Reverse Triathlon

The Central Goldfields Reverse Triathlon will be held on the morning of Sunday 14 February 2016, and will be utilising the road carriageway which adjoins several local properties.

The following roads will be affected:

Road	Closure
Christian St (b/n Burns St and Napier St)	½ Road
Burns St (b/n Christian St and Lake Rd) resident access only	½ Road –
Burns St (b/n Lake Rd and Tullaroop Rd)	Entire road
Napier St (b/n Christian St and Earl St)	Entire road
Lake Rd (b/n Earl St and Burns St)	Entire road
Tullaroop Rd (b/n Park Rd and Chaplin's Rd)	Entire road

Please note: Access to Havilah Hostel will be via Holyrood St entrance (at the rear of Havilah Hostel).

The event will commence at 6.15am with registrations. Tullaroop Rd, Burns St, Napier St, Lake Rd and Christian St will be closed from 7.15am through to 10.30am. All through traffic will be detoured for this period of time. Approval from Council and the Victorian Police has been granted to utilise these carriageways.

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Code Red Days

Make sure you know the facts

What is a Code Red Day?

Each day, the Bureau of Meteorology determines a fire danger rating for each weather district in Australia. Central Goldfields Shire is in the North Central weather district.

A fire danger rating of 'Code Red' is the highest level of rating in Victoria. It signifies the worst conditions for grass or bushfires. A Code Red fire danger rating means that if a fire were to start:

- it could be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving
- fire services will find it difficult to put out
- there is a high likelihood that people in the path of a fire will be killed or seriously injured
- many homes are likely to be destroyed -- even the best prepared homes will not be safe
- leaving the night before a Code Red Day or early in the morning of a Code Red Day is the safest option for your survival.

What should you do?

It is up to you to actively seek information, make decisions and act.

Every day during summer, check the fire danger rating for the weather district you are in and check to see if there are fires around you. Never rely on just one source of information.

Understand what the three different levels of warnings mean (Advice, Watch and Act, Emergency Warnings). Don't wait to receive an official warning. Bushfires can start quickly and threaten homes and lives within minutes. Be ready to leave the night before a Code Red Day or early in the morning of a Code Red Day. Don't wait and see if a fire will flare up – it's too late for you to travel once a fire has started nearby. If you know of someone who might need help, for example, a person who is frail, elderly, or without transport, talk to them about how you can help them leave early.

If you get caught out during fire, last resort options include neighbourhood safer places (NSP's) located at Princes Park Maryborough, Pascoe Reserve Maryborough, Pioneer Park Talbot, Gordon Garden Reserve Dunolly and Market Reserve Carisbrook. (There are no other NSP's in Central Goldfields Shire).

Remember -- neighbourhood safer places are places of last resort when all other bushfire plans have failed. They may protect you and your family from direct flame and radiant heat, but they do not guarantee safety. In addition, travelling during a fire can be dangerous due to smoke and fallen trees and you may not be able to reach a NSP.

How can you find out if there are fires nearby?

To find out if there are fires nearby:

- visit www.emergency.vic.gov.au
- download the FireReady app

- tune in to ABC local radio, commercial radio, designated emergency
- broadcasters or Sky News
- call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667
- check out CFA's Twitter and Facebook Accounts.

Changes to Council services on Code Red Days

When a Code Red Day is determined for the North Central weather district, Council will implement a number of changes to its operations. Please visit our website and review the Emergency Management section for more information

Roads may be closed due to smoke and fire. Check road closure information before travelling on Code Red Days by visiting traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au or call 13 11 70.

Parks and forests will close on Code Red Days. Visit parksweb.vic.gov.au or call 13 1963 for park closure information.

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Volunteer Wildlife Rescuers

It will be a long time before volunteer wildlife rescuers call a stop to the difficult searches currently being conducted on fire grounds

looking for burnt, injured and orphaned wildlife. Searches in the Scotsburn area have been in progress since the beginning of the year and will continue for some time on an on/off basis, allowing the frightened animals time to settle so searchers can more easily assess their problems and act appropriately. A huge number of animals have been dealt with so far, the work is exhausting and extremely stressful.

One of the essentials required to ensure the rescuers stay fit and able to cope is a supply of drinking water. Thanks to the generous donation of a good number of 10 litre containers of water from our local Maryborough Woolworths Supermarket, one of our essential requirements is currently off the 'wanted' list. A very grateful thank you goes to Woolworths for their rapid response in supplying the water.

It is likely that in the near future assistance for wildlife impacted on by the fires still out of control in The Otway Ranges will begin, preparations on many aspects is taking place, unfortunately because the fires are still out of control, rescuers are not as yet allowed to enter the fire ground.

Thank you for caring.

Brenda & Garry

Maryborough Wildlife Shelter



Bendigo Coach Lines

There is a new bus service from Maryborough to Bendigo via Dunolly. The service will depart the Maryborough Railway Station bus stop and provide access to the following locations enroute to Bendigo. Maryborough CBD, Whirakee Rise Estate, Bet Bet, Dunolly, Laanecoorie and Marong. Destinations will include Hazeldene's (Calder Alternative Highway), Marist College, Bendigo Railway Station, Bendigo Senior Secondary, Girton Grammar, Bendigo TAFE and La Trobe Uni. Other destinations, including Bendigo Health, can be accommodated in the timetable.

Dunolly and Laanecoorie departures need to be pre-booked the day prior by phone.

For further information please contact Bendigo Coach lines on 5446 7018 or email:

contact@bendigocoachlines.com.au

Dunolly Senior Citizens

At all times the Committee of Dunolly Senior Citizens Club would welcome new members to join this club and any person aged 55 years plus is eligible.

At this club, in the Senior Citizens Hall, we have a two-course luncheon on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month commencing at 12 noon – cost \$12.00 per person. Luncheon is followed by some form of entertainment and then afternoon tea. The next luncheon is on 17 February 2016.

Each Monday indoor bowls is played, commencing at 1.15pm – cost \$ 2.00 per person. An enjoyable time is had by all and we appreciate and are grateful to several members of the Maryborough Seniors Club who travel to play and support us at the DSC Hall. Card playing has been in recess for some time but, following some enquiries, will now re-commence on Tuesday 9 February 2016 at 1.30pm in the Seniors Hall – cost \$2.00 per person. The card games 500 or euchre can be played. If enough interest is shown, cards would be played each Tuesday, commencing at 1.30pm.

Any enquiries regarding card playing, please contact Dos Polinelli on 5468 1280. Other enquiries to Marie on 5468 1212 or Dos on 5468 1280.

Annual membership fee is \$5.00 due on 1 July 2016.

Marie Lovel, secretary DSC, 5468 1212



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The Arty Farty Fun Book

Download free from Central Goldfields Shire Council's website

Now available on Council's website is the Arty Farty Fun Book - a collection of creative activities to share with children under the age of 5.

The Arty Farty Fun Book has been proudly made in Maryborough by local families. It began with a series of 'test kitchen' sessions at Art Central. At each session parents and their children, along with the Art Central artists, tested a range of different art activities and recipes, and documented the results.

Creative play and artistic activities are some of the building blocks of child development. Through art play, children learn to express feelings, learn to observe and describe, analyse and interpret.

Contact Kay Parkin on 5460 4588 for more information about the book.



Eensy weensy spider or twinkle, twinkle little star?

Dunolly Bowling Club

Twilight Bowls

We have played three nights of Twilight Barefoot Bowls and have had three very enjoyable bowling evenings. We have another five nights to go starting with Friday 5 February at 6.15pm.

Dunolly Bowling Club needs more bowlers and invites all, young, old, ladies and men, to come along and have a try out at the Twilight Bowls.

We have bowls for you to use and bowlers to show how to get started, so just come along.

Normally, the green fee for the night is \$5.00, but we have not got around to collecting it, and the Twilight Bowls interim membership fee is a once-only-fee of \$5.00.

Phone the Club on 5468 1143 or phone or email Ken Nielsen - 5469 7230 - knkinex@gmail.com with any questions you may have, but do come along.

Ken Nielsen

Registrations are open for Clean Up Australia Day 2016!

It's time to take a look around your local area - your streets, parks, sporting grounds, beaches, bush land and waterways to find those rubbish hotspots that need attention and register a local site for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6 March 2016.

It's easy to get started!

Please join us on Sunday 6 March 2016 for a day of community fun and excitement. Anyone and everyone can get involved - it couldn't be easier to get started!

- Find a local rubbish hotspot or favourite location that you think could use a clean up
- Jump online at cleanupaustraliaday.org.au to
- register your site location and information
- Ask friends, family, groups in the local community to help out
- Register them as volunteers for your site!

We'll send you a pack of materials to get you started including rubbish bags, some gloves, registration information and promotional material.

Then it's as easy as getting out on the Day to give the local environment a hand.

YOU campaign

But if it doesn't appeal - there is another way YOU can be involved. In 2016 YOU can have your say in programs Clean Up develops as we continue our effort to stop rubbish.

YOU donors choose the rubbish item that annoys YOU the most and Clean Up allocates your donation towards development of a program that focuses on that item. Becoming a YOU donor is as easy as texting CLEAN to 0437 371 371 or follow the prompts on our website.

2017 Campaign image contest

We are excited to announce a new competition for Clean Up Australia Day 2016!

We are looking for the 2017 campaign image and think it might just come from you!

Take a creative shot during Clean Up Day. We'll choose the image we think sums up the Clean Up Australia spirit - using it as the National Campaign image for Clean Up Australia Day 2017! Put your thinking cap on and get ready to become famous! Stay tuned for more information about how to enter.

Come on Australia!

Clean Up Australia Day 2016 is your chance to get involved and join the hundreds of thousands of volunteers who will grab their white and yellow bags and don their gloves to clean up their local community. Over the last 26 years, volunteers have donated more than 29.8 million hours towards caring for the environment through Clean Up Australia Day, removing the equivalent of 315,776 ute loads of rubbish from 158,809 sites across the country.

See you Sunday 6 March 2016!

Daisy Kelly, Community Officer

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Keeping Victoria's Title As The Least Littered State

The Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today welcomed the Andrews Government's announcement of a \$700,000 Litter Innovation Fund to help communities reduce the amount of litter and illegal dumping in Victoria.

Ms Pulford said grants of up to \$20,000 will be available for local government, industry, and community groups to submit innovative solutions that tackle local and regional litter problems.

"Victoria is Australia's least littered state, and we want to retain that lead by finding new and innovative ways to manage an issue that impacts communities throughout the state," Ms Pulford said.

The funding is part of a broader strategy, the draft Victorian Community and Business Waste Education Strategy, which will help keep more waste out of landfill by increasing recycling and reducing contamination.

"Different regions have different needs when it comes to litter prevention and clean-up. This fund aims to encourage and support communities to think differently about how they address these challenges," Ms Pulford said.

"The strategy will help communities and businesses better understand the environmental, social and economic benefits of increased recycling and reducing our reliance on landfill," she said.

The government is seeking community feedback on the draft strategy over the coming months. The draft strategy and information about opportunities to provide feedback are available at participate.sustainability.vic.gov.au.

Jaala Pulford Media Release

Help to grow local shooting sports

The Andrews Government is giving shooting sports clubs in Western Victoria a chance to develop their facilities under the Shooting Sports Facilities Program. The Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today urged local clubs to apply for grants as part of the second round of the Labor Government's funding program.

"Clubs in Western Victoria can apply for grants of up to \$100,000 for projects including upgrades to ageing clubrooms, new facilities for the growing number of female participants and improved access for people living with a disability," Ms Pulford said. "In addition, clubs will also be able to develop new rifle ranges, target systems and shooting platforms," she said.

Ms Pulford said the Labor Government is committed to helping Victoria's shooting sports clubs attract more members. "The grants will mean clubs will be able to boost participation, better accommodate people of all abilities and provide real pathways from the grassroots to the Olympic Games," she said. "This is a great opportunity for our local clubs to upgrade and modernise their facilities, to give members a base they deserve," Ms Pulford said. "Victoria has produced some great shooters. This is our small role in identifying the next Russell Mark or Deserie Baynes," she said.

For more information or to apply online, visit

www.sport.vic.gov.au

Jaala Pulford Media Release





What's going on at
THE DUNOLLY & DISTRICT
NEIGHBOURHOOD
CENTRE

MEETING

Our next Committee of Management meeting on is on Wednesday 10 February at 10.00am in the Centre.

GARDEN CLUB

The first meeting of the year, for all you keen gardeners, is a chance to find out what you would like to see and do and where you would like to go in 2016.

The meeting will take place in Barbara Flood's lovely garden at Waanyarra on Monday 29 February; meeting at the Centre at 1.00pm.

The Whispering Weeders Garden Club is for all lovers of gardening and gardens where, on the last Monday of every month, you get to visit, swap plants and find out what will or won't grow in our region.

If you love gardens and gardening, join in the fun! No digging, pulling of weeds or any physical work whatsoever involved! How good is that?

If you would like to know more details about any of the above, 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

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MAL GILMORE, ARTIST

The Dunolly & District Neighbourhood Centre is privileged to have Mal Gilmore, Artist, to mentor its Art Group.

Born in Bendigo in 1943, Mal showed interest in art in his early teens, but it was not until 1967 that he felt he was ready to paint seriously.

In 1968 Mal became a full time artist and has since had exhibitions throughout Australia and the U.S.A. His paintings have now found worldwide acclaim.

Indeed three paintings were purchased by Henry Luce III for the Time magazine collection in New York.

Works by Mal Gilmore are also hanging in the Sheffield Gallery, London, the Lloyds Bank collection, Singapore and in private collections in France, Germany and Holland.

Mal has enjoyed successful one-man exhibitions in Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Geelong and in California U.S.A.

In preparation for an exhibition, Mal will travel extensively throughout Australia for ideas, carefully selecting an area which gives him most inspiration for the expression of his art!

His reason for painting is revealed in his own words.

"I started painting because there was a compulsion within me to paint the Australian bush. I have a deep and positive love for this country. I started as a bush artist, the bush itself being my teacher"

After 32 one-man exhibitions, Mal Gilmore retired to a studio in Inglewood Vic and after recovering from lung cancer he commenced painting again in 2013 concentrating on small to medium detailed landscapes.

And now he comes to Dunolly the first Tuesday of every month to pass on his extensive knowledge, talent and expertise to our own artists.

How lucky are we?

If you are interested in joining the Dunolly Arts Group ring the Neighbourhood Centre on 5468 1511 .



Mal Gilmore, Artist



DUNOLLY CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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

Sunday 7 February 2016

ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES:

St John's Dunolly Anglican Parish Service

Eucharist, Father Andrew 9.00am

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. Mass at 8.30am

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

Joy Turner and Julie Ramsey will lead us in prayer at 9.30am.

Laanecoorie Uniting Church

No service

UNITING CHURCH NEWS

We will not have a car-boot sale in the church grounds this February. The next car boot sale will be in March. The church is hoping to have the choir perform 'Alive' this Easter. There will be a choir practice after church this Sunday.

The Op Shop is starting to be painted; it will be so much brighter and cleaner looking after it is all finished. We are still opening the op shop on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with all our Summer stock in place. We hope to see you all there.

Jean Richardson

CATHOLIC CHURCH ST MARY'S MUSE

A display cabinet has been donated for the display of memorabilia from St Augustine's Parish. If you have items you would like to display, contact Trish Walsh on 5461 1775.

The e-book *Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C* is available free of charge at www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

It looks as if the prayers for rain have been answered to a degree - is it greedy to ask for more?

Assembly is at St. Mary's, Dunolly at 8.30am on Sunday 7 February.

R. Mecredy

'Every morning is a fresh opportunity to find God's extraordinary joy in the most ordinary places.'

ST JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Father Andrew will celebrate the Eucharist this Sunday, 7 February.

There will be a community meeting held in the Hall following the church service. The meeting will commence at 10.00am.

A couple of dates for the diary:

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

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

Woman'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.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

'Come after me and I will make you fishers of men'.

Matthew 4:19

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

Parks Victoria leader awarded Fire Service Medal

Parks Victoria's Prue Daley has been recognised at the Australia Day honours for her contribution to bushfire management and promotion of community preparedness and safety. Prue has been awarded the prestigious Australian Fire Service Medal for her 22 years' service to Parks Victoria and her influence in emergency management through her role as a Public Information Officer.

Parks Victoria Chief Executive, Bradley Fauteux, said Prue had participated in numerous incident management teams for major bushfires, including the recent Wye River fire, highlighting her exceptional communication and liaison skills. "Prue has been instrumental in improving bushfire awareness and preparedness and facilitating the rapid recovery of communities through her strong links with the tourism industry," he said.

"In particular her leadership and collaborative approach with the Grampians National Park and tourism industry has ensured the region is in a much stronger position to respond to the impacts of bushfire and implement plans for recovery.

"I would like to congratulate Prue for her outstanding efforts in public information through providing a critical link between the community, government and emergency services." Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Chief Fire Officer, Alan Goodwin, said community engagement was pivotal to emergency management.

"The relationships and networks that Prue has built over the years have been crucial in communicating bushfire messages and informing local communities," he said. "I thank Prue for her service and acknowledge the significant contribution that Parks Victoria makes to forest fire management. I would also like to recognise the collective efforts of all of Victoria's emergency services personnel for their role in working as one to make our communities safer, particularly as we experience a busy bushfire season."

Parks Victoria western region community engagement and tourism officer Prue Daley said she was honoured to receive the medal and be recognised for her work.

"Over the years I have been extremely lucky to work with some amazing individuals within our community, emergency management teams and tourism," she said.

"Major events such as fire and floods in the Wimmera have taught me the importance of team work and building long term relationships within our community. By working together in partnership we have been able to create safer communities."

Highlights of Prue Daley's achievements include:

- Participating in the incident management teams for major bushfires including the 2002-2003 Alpine fires, 2005 Deep Lead Fire, 2006 Mt Lubra Fire, 2006-2007 Great Divide Fire Complex, 2013 Victoria Valley Fire Complex and the

2014 Northern Grampians Fire Complex.

- Lead role in coordinating community meetings to inform residents about the 2015 Northern Grampians Fire Complex and evacuation management plans.
- Being the key Parks Victoria contact for the 2006 Mount Lubra Fire responsible for issuing updates, liaising with tourism industry and promoting new opportunities.
- Delivering Public Information Officer training and mentoring staff in this role.
- Initiated and assisted development of the Grampians Tourism fire impact plan to reduce fire effects on the industry and enable effective recovery .
- Developed in collaboration with Tourism Victoria a community forum in Halls Gap in 2014 which used a fire scenario to highlight awareness and preparedness .



PV Prue Daley and Jenny McGennissen from CFA

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HEATWAVE HELP WEBSITE

A practical website has been developed to help Central Victorian residents prepare themselves and their homes to beat extreme heat during the summer months.

Several neighbouring councils including Loddon Shire Council, The City of Greater Bendigo, Mount Alexander Shire, Macedon Ranges Shire, Buloke Shire and Central Goldfields Shire partnered to develop the Heatwave Help Website.

This website is a joint response to our changing environment and was funded by the Adapting to Change – climate change adaption project, in partnership with the Victorian Government and the six local government areas. While all people can be affected by heatwaves, without a doubt the most vulnerable group is the elderly. It's important that the elderly, in particular, are aware of the dangers associated with extreme heat and are able to readily source information which will help keep themselves and their homes cool.

Encourage family, friends and neighbours to help those most at risk to access or action information contained on the new website, which contains a host of useful tips about keeping cool during the summer months.

Suggestions for keeping yourself cool include drinking water, dressing for the weather, going somewhere cool, staying in the shade, reducing physical activity, looking after your pets, going shopping before it gets too hot and calling 000 when you're not feeling well. Better management of the home environment also plays an important part in maintaining health during heatwaves.

Homes heat up for a number of reasons and these reasons may vary according to the direction your home faces. Simple things like keeping windows and blinds closed until it cools down outside, reducing drafts and zoning off areas, can all make a big difference to helping keep you cool.

Investing in small home improvements which would help keep the temperature down inside is also worth considering. Windows are one of the biggest sources of heat gain so making small improvements like putting external blinds on your sunniest windows, ensuring there are thick curtains on windows, taking the time to draught seal gaps and cracks and looking ahead to shade windows by planting trees will all make a difference.

The Heatwave Action website gives great advice on how to beat the heat through simple home improvements and managing our health and living spaces.

The new Heatwave Help Website can be found at www.heatwavehelp.com.au.

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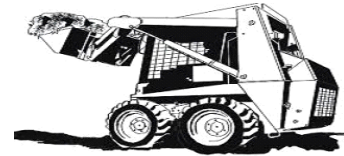
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Cookery Corner

BALSAMIC-GLAZED CHICKEN AND GRAPE SALAD

Serves 4

Ingredients

1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 garlic clove, crushed
¼ cup balsamic vinegar
4x150g chicken thigh fillets
3 small par-baked bread rolls, cut into 1cm thick slices
Olive oil cooking spray
120g baby spinach
1 Lebanese cucumber peeled into ribbons
200g red seedless grapes
½ pecans toasted, chopped
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Method

1. Combine sugar, garlic and 2 tablespoons vinegar in a shallow glass or ceramic bowl. Add chicken. Turn to coat. Refrigerate for 20 minutes to marinate.
2. Preheat a barbeque chargrill or chargrill pan over medium heat. Lightly spray each side of bread slices with oil. Cook bread for 2 minutes each side or until lightly charred. Transfer to plate. Cover loosely with foil to keep warm.
3. Drain chicken, reserving marinade. Add chicken to chargrill. Cook, brushing occasionally with reserved marinade for 3-4 minutes each side or until cooked through. Transfer to a plate.
4. Meanwhile, place spinach, cucumber, grapes, pecans, oil and remaining vinegar in a large bowl. Toss to combine. Thickly slice chicken. Add chicken and croutons to salad. Toss to combine. Serve.

Super Food Ideas

CUCUMBER CAKE WITH SUNFLOWER SEEDS

Ingredients

125g butter
1 cup white sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla essence
2 eggs
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ cup sunflower seeds
1 cup peeled, grated cucumber drained

Method

Cream butter, sugar and vanilla essence and eggs (one at a time). Add flour, baking powder, cinnamon and sunflower seeds and fold through the grated cucumber. Spoon into a well greased or paper-lined loaf tin. Bake for 45 minutes at 150c degrees. Cool on a wire rack.



This is delicious as it is, or can be buttered like a loaf.

Sugar & Spice by Jo Seagar

Poetry

SCRAGGIE MAGGIE

He turned up in our back yard
At the very end of spring,
With his gammy little leg
And a pair of wonky wings.

The target of the bullies
He made a fast retreat,
In spite of disability
He's quick upon his feet.

His feathers are all scruffy,
His head's a real disgrace,
But he's getting very cheeky
Inside his safety space.

He is a scraggy maggie,
But no doubt will heal in time
And turn into a nice smooth bird
To fill our hearts with pride.

R Mcreddy

HOW I MET MY MUM

I used to live another life
'Til I was four or five
Then the old man got quite ill
And eventually he died.

So his daughter took me in
But I wasn't too keen on that.
You see, I had to try and survive
With at least a dozen cats!



They didn't want to share the food
Or let me lay to rest.

I was a small, unhappy dog,
My life was not 'the best'.

Then one day a lady came;
She looked and saw my plight;
She picked me up, stroked matted coat;
I was a sorry sight!

She quickly put me in her car.
Oh joy! Can this be real?
I wagged my tail really hard
To tell her how I feel.

She said, "Now my darling, your name is Pebbles;
You can come and live with me
I'll bath you and I'll love you
And give you meat for tea!"

Well, that was many years ago
My life has been 'the best'.

Now read of my adventures
'Cause I've lived it all with zest.

Poet: Pebbles, Pen pusher: Mardi Smith

PS:

The adventures of Pebbles will feature often in The Welcome Record in the future. Mardi Smith is the 'Pen Pusher', Pebbles just tells her what to write.

Bealiba CWA Update

We're back! I don't know about rearing to go, but we certainly have a busy year ahead with several functions already pencilled in and, of course, the East Wimmera Group Craft Exhibition which will be held at Bealiba this year in May. More about that later.

Traditionally, the CWA host the Australia Day Celebrations at Bealiba and we were happy to see so many residents come along and join in the festivities. After the flag raising and the singing of the National Anthem, we moved indoors to hear a very interesting and entertaining speech from Mr Bob Osborne (an Order of Australia recipient), who highlighted many aspects of our national character. At the completion of his address, Bob was presented with a basket of fruit.

Then it was time for Life Member, Betty Lovel, to present Sam Whitehead with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Goldfields Shire along with a gold nugget pin. This was in recognition of Sam's 47 years as a local J.P. Well done that man!

Instead of our usual sing-along featuring Australian tunes, Heather Cooper thought it was time for a change, so she organised a quiz – and what fun that was with people pondering over questions such as how much beer is in a Darwin Stubby (2 litres), and what do Jackie Howe and Dwayne Black have in common? (holders of shearing records).

Following on, we had a poem on the Australian Dunny and some Aussie yarns from yours truly.

Lunch, this year, had a special treat – lamingtons. They were Jenny Lovel's idea and one that members cheerfully endorsed by the way they disappeared from the tables. I think everyone thought the same – ripper idea.

Before I wrap up on Australia Day, I'd like to thank everyone who lent a hand on the day. Whilst the girls were busy in the kitchen, the blokes (Tiger, Robert, Bill and Keith) were organising the bar-b-cue. Thanks also to the volunteers who insisted on helping with the washing-up, set up extra tables (Ian) and swept the floors. Apologies if I've missed anyone.

Finally, members are reminded that February's meeting is going in reverse order, with the meeting in the morning and craft after lunch.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday, 18 February, General Meeting at 10.30am, craft in the afternoon

Saturday, 27 February, East Wimmera Conference at Donald.

Competition for February: Money Box.
Heather Davis

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Dunolly Market Report



The Dunolly Twilight Market on 23 January was a great success. There were over 40 stall holders with lots of beautiful crafts and treasures to be seen. The town had lots of people from out of town visiting and who were very impressed with the market.

We are looking forward to our next market on 14 February which is Valentine's Day, so we hope to see all out celebrating the day of love. The Dunolly SES will be hosting the BBQ, so we look forward to seeing you all there.

If you are interested in having a stall please do not hesitate to contact Lucinda on 0448 681 147.

Leanne Mullan

Vandalism and Theft

It is always disappointing to hear of vandalism and theft in a small town like Dunolly. In recent weeks there have been several incidences resulting in damage to the bowling green, theft of irreplaceable historic documents from their club rooms and a fire left to burn at the Recreation Reserve. The community and club facilities of this town are there for everyone to use and enjoy. Damage and theft shows a total disrespect for the hard work that many of our community members put into providing, maintaining and improving these facilities. Our suggestion to the offenders - join a local club or organisation and become involved in our community.

And just remember – even in a small town there are a lot of eyes watching!

Concerned Community Member

FUNNY FILLERS

Local police are hunting for the 'knitting needle nutter', who has stabbed six people in the rear in the last 48 hours. The police believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.

Dunolly Community Market Valentines Day

Sunday 14th February 2016
8am-1pm

Great range of stalls for all ages

stall enquiries: Lucinda on 0448681147

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

Mother Goose Program - every Friday during school term at
Dunolly Primary School - 9.30-10.30am

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 14 Dunolly Field & Game AGM 2.00pm

Sunday 21 Vietnam Veterans Vigil 12.00pm.

WAYAWA CAFE

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CLASSIFIEDS

Dunolly Field and Game

The Annual General Meeting of the Dunolly and District Field and Game Club Inc. will be held on Sunday 14 February at 2.00pm at the shooting ground on the Dunolly/Eddington Road.

Marg J Davies

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.

R Mecredy (Sec)



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Dunolly Uniting Church Car Boot Sale

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



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



The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is aimed at children aged 0-4 years and their parents. The program is run by a trained facilitator and focuses on the use of playful and imaginative language (in the form of rhymes, songs and games) to foster the bond between parent and child, whilst helping children to develop their confidence in social situations and encourage the development of early language skills.

The Dunolly Primary School hosts the Mother Goose Program. Sessions are held each Friday during school term from 9.30-10.30am. It is free to attend with a morning tea for children provided. All families with preschool children are most welcome. For more information contact the school on 5468 1111 or call Denise on 0428 681496.

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Across

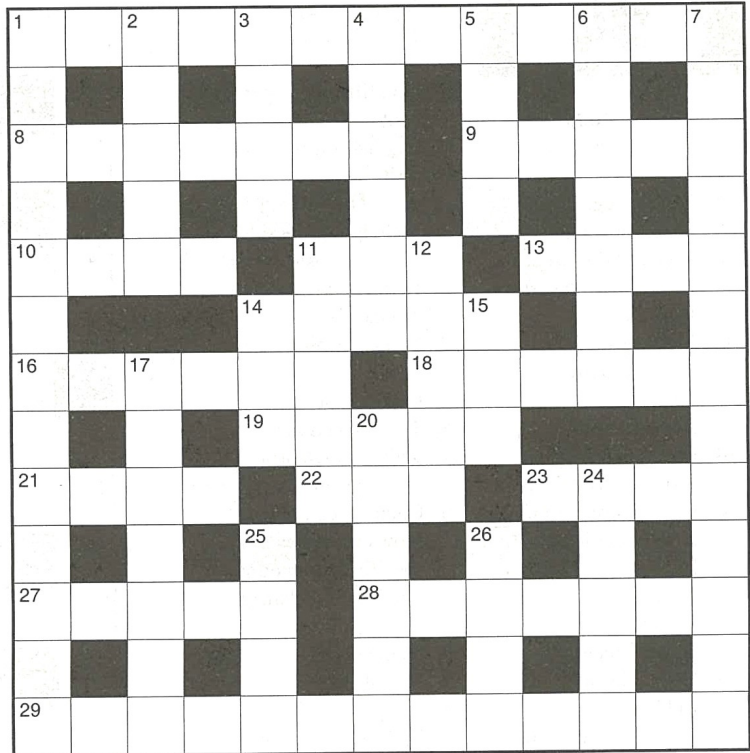
- 1. Country bordered by Switzerland and Austria
- 8. Open section along outside of house
- 9. Large keyboard instrument
- 10. Stringed musical instrument dating from ancient times
- 11. Object of affections
- 13. Impartial, ___-minded
- 14. Band who performed *Rock Around the Clock*, Bill ___ and the Comets
- 16. Dried grape

- 18. Lined with soft material (to avert injury, eg.)
- 19. To soak in a liquid
- 21. Put into certain order
- 22. Take to court
- 23. Powder used on skin
- 27. Perfect
- 28. Great U.S. escapist, Harry ___
- 29. Fellow champion horse trainer and daughter of Tommy Smith (3,10)

Down

- 1. Intersection of railway and road (5,8)
- 2. Long-feathered wader
- 3. To dangle
- 4. Protective glassy coating
- 5. Unappetising semi-liquid food
- 6. Country of NW Europe
- 7. Not prolific
- 11. Trousers

- 12. Dwelling of Native North American
- 14. That lad's
- 15. Dog's yelp
- 17. Yitzhak Rabin, eg.
- 20. Game played with up to 32 cards
- 24. Interjection of goodbye
- 25. Market where second-hand goods are sold, ___ market
- 26. Of the sort indicated



SUDOKU NO 98

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Solutions: Crossword 95 and Sudoku 97

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Tailings

Extracts from the newsletter of the Goldfields

Francis Fearn is best known in Dunolly as the one who changed the Criterion Hotel into the Railway Hotel and for his sketch of the Welcome Stranger nugget. However, there is much more to the man. Francis Fearn's wide range of talents included publican, storekeeper, draftsman, surveyor, bookkeeper, artistic painter, sign writer, singer, orator, stage manager, actor, writer, poet and historian.

Fearn first appears in the district in 1862 at Burnt Creek where he was a partner with Henry Payne in a store selling kerosene and whale oil. Here he was also doing coach painting and sign writing. Both of them helped establish the Burnt Creek Amateur Dramatic Club. In 1863 Fearn moved to Tarnagulla as publican of the Victoria Hotel. This hotel and its attached theatre are still in the main street in Tarnagulla. Fearn painted the set for this theatre, part of which included the Australian flag. At the time Australia was still separate colonies and there was no Australian flag so what he actually designed and painted is a mystery. Perhaps it is still there under many layers of paint?

Both Francis and Emmaline joined the Dunolly Dramatic Club. Their main venue was the theatre attached to Frayne's Commercial Hotel in Broadway. Here Francis painted a drop curtain depicting the Dido Building of Carthage. Other scenes he painted here included the shops along Broadway with the owners out the front, a mine, the Newbridge Brewery and, what was claimed his masterpiece, 'the home of the fairies'. In 1865 Francis and Emmaline were both founding members of the Dunolly Garrick Club then, in 1867, both helped form the Muff Dramatic Society. David Garrick was an English actor and muff is a term for an amateur actor. Both these groups were raising money for the Dunolly District Hospital.

In January 1868, Emmaline Fearn stayed up all night looking after two sick friends. This weakened her and she caught scarlet fever and was dead a few weeks later. Emmaline was 22 years old. Whilst working Francis Fearn broke his leg. This hampered his ability to do survey work. He left the Survey Office in December 1873, becoming licensee of the Criterion Hotel. He immediately changed the name to the Railway Hotel as the railway was to be extended to Dunolly the following year. He also became secretary of the Dunolly Public Library. In 1878 he was elected as councillor for the Borough of Dunolly, serving for one term. Francis changed from licensee of the Railway Hotel to licensee of the much smaller Camp Hotel in 1877. Two years later he left Dunolly and moved to St Arnaud to run a hotel. His final shift was to Bendigo. Here he wrote a history of Bendigo titled *Chronicles of the Golden City*. He died in Bendigo in 1896.

In Dunolly, Francis Fearn made a pyramid of mineral specimens for the Melbourne Intercolonial Exhibition of 1866. However, it fell apart while being transported to

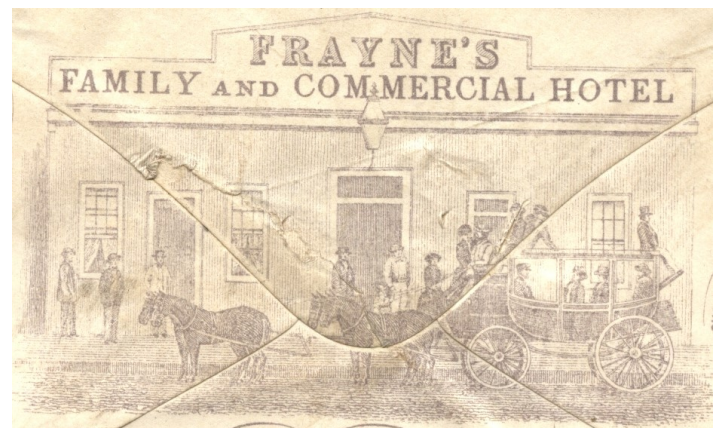
Melbourne. He tried again for the 1875 exhibition, this time successfully displaying a pyramid of geological specimens on a revolving stand. For the 1866 exhibition, he also displayed a painting titled 'Flowers in Leatherwork Frame'. The illuminated addresses sent by both the Borough of Dunolly and the Shire of Bet Bet to the Duke of Edinburgh were hand painted by Francis Fearn. He is also credited with the introduction of fish into both the Dunolly and Tarnagulla Reservoirs.

What is not so well known about Francis Fearn is his writing under aliases. For many years he wrote poetry, comic verses and a history of Tarnagulla under the name of Josh Billings, Josh Billings being a well known American humourist. Later he wrote under the name of R T Mus Warde, which was a play on Artemus Ward, another American humourist. As part of Fearn's humour he would misspelle wherds inn his lettuce in thee knews paypurse.

There were also some letters in the Maryborough newspaper that were very much in the style of Francis Fearn's writing. They were critical of the Dunolly Dramatic Club and signed by Jack the Fossicker. There just happened to be a man living in the bush out from Dunolly known as Jack the Fossicker. He protested vehemently that the letters were not his.

None of Francis Fearn's paintings are known to have survived.

John Tully



Envelope from Frayne's hotel, attributed to F Fearn

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MAYORAL COLUMN

Hats off to our Australia Day award winners

Well, they've done it again! A small army of community minded committees have successfully hosted a range of Australia Day events across the Shire. I would like to personally thank all involved for helping bring our communities together. We couldn't do it without you.

This week's column also provides the perfect opportunity to congratulate our Australia Day award recipients. While each winner has a different story to tell, they have one thing in common: a willingness to quietly contribute, regardless of individual strengths, skills and circumstances.

Space restrictions allow me to touch on just one story, that of Loddon Shire's Citizen of the Year, John Piccoli. John is a widely known and loved identity who is taking Boort to the rest of the nation through his award winning spanner sculptures. Born and bred in Boort, John contracted polio when he was eight and is confined to a wheelchair, but through sheer determination went on to run a successful farm. Several years ago John's creativity led him to welding spanners into stunning sculptural artwork, which attracts thousands of tourists to Loddon Shire each year, raises money for charity and encourages other young artists. John is a generous, inspirational and worthy winner of the prestigious Loddon Shire Citizen of the Year, and I congratulate him along with other Australia Day award recipients.

These include Emma Leech and Thomas Jackson (young citizen of the year joint winners), Boort Historical Society (community group of the year), Advance Crew – Dingee (community project of the year), Hazel Whitmore (Boort community services award), Valerie Johns (Inglewood community services award), John Corry (Tarnagulla community services award), Keith Richards (Terrick community services award), Lance Ward, David and Fay Lockhart (Wedderburn community services award joint winners).

Give Bridgewater Triathlon a try

While some of us are sporty by nature and others prefer to cheer from the side-lines, you're likely to find a pace to suit at Bridgewater this Sunday. The 13th Annual Bridgewater Triathlon is designed to cater for all fitness levels, with four courses of varying difficulty to choose from.

A fun course comprising a 50 metre swim, three kilometre ride and one kilometre run is available for the beginner, while a step up from that is the short course including a 200 metre swim, 10 kilometre ride and three kilometre run.

Seasoned entrants are likely to compete in the long course 500 metre swim, 20 kilometre ride and five kilometre run, or the duathlon which begins with a two kilometre run, followed by a 20 kilometre ride and winding up with a three kilometre sprint to the finish line.

Scores of athletes and families flock to Bridgewater each year for the event which significantly benefits our Shire's business and tourism sectors. The community focused fun gets underway at Bridgewater Caravan Park from 8.00am, with a range of prizes, including two \$500 cash prizes, to be won by a lucky club or school.

For more information, or to enter online, go to www.bridgewateronloddon.com.au/triathlon.

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Pennant Team Results

A cooler, cloudy day on 30 January was a great day for Dunolly Bowls as our Red team brought home a win, 94-53 over Avoca. Our Green team won 82-47 over Maryborough, our Gold team won 74-59 over Newstead and our Blue team won 68-60 over Maldon.

SATURDAY'S MEN'S PENNANT TEAMS 6.2.16

Dunolly Blue versus Tartan at Dunolly

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.

Dunolly Gold versus Golf Gold at Maryborough

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

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

Dunolly Green versus Talbot White at Dunolly

D Mortlock	K McKenzie	A Deason
S Rogers	S Whitehead	S Deason
S Taylor	P Mullins	W Stephens
D Price	A Larpent	D Conlin

Manager: K McKenzie

Dunolly Red versus Newstead White at Dunolly

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.

Emergencies for all: Norma Stevens, Doris Spiteri

PENNANT TEAMS TUESDAY 9.2.12

Dunolly Blue versus Golf Blue at Maryborough

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

Manager: Marian Webb, **Emergency:** Steve Rogers

Cars: Heather Weir & Stella Deason

Dunolly Gold versus Carisbrook at Carisbrook

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

Manager: Elaine Murphy. **Emergency:** Alan Larpent

Cars: Barry Cann & Nancy Pike



DUNOLLY SOCIAL CYCLISTS

An enthusiastic group of six enjoyed 2016's first ride which was a circuit of Laanecoore weir from Eddington and return, with good coffee and home-made French delights to eat at the end.

Our next ride, Sunday 7 February, will be from Ashton's on Broadway, Dunolly to check the Mulberry tree and return, starting at 9.00am. This is not a ride for road bikes!

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What A Tree!



This gnarled old tree sits beside a road near Timor. Huge burls and thick bark cover much of it. Some branches have been cut many years ago while others have fallen off over the years. It is full of hollows and dark spaces where it would be foolish to put your hands. No doubt it is home to many birds, small animals and insects. Somehow this tree, with its many dead limbs, is still managing to put out green leaves. Who knows how old it is, but this tree is full of character and untold stories. It is a survivor.

Vicky Frizzell