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Pictured outside the new Lions bookshop are Susan Marney - president and on the right Jean Bradshaw - bookshop coordinator.

LIONS CLUB BOOK SHOP

The Dunolly & District Lions Club is preparing for the grand opening of its new premises this Sunday, 14 February. The bigger and brighter bookshop is located at 88 Broadway (the old Millikan's Pharmacy Depot), catering for all ages and tastes. With over 1600 books there is something for everyone, and new stock is added to the shelves weekly. We also have a couple of comfy chairs for people to stop and relax while reading through their books.

This Sunday is the ever popular Dunolly Market and Valentine's day... come and enjoy a wander around the market and pick up a few good books on your way! The Lions members have been practising a new skill in

preparation for the event and will be twisting balloon animals and flowers on the day.

As a newly formed club we are always on the lookout for new members and/or volunteers to assist in running the club and bookshop. If you would like to be involved, contact Susan Marney on 0438 148 879 or Luke Williams on 0415 104 044.

Come and support your local Lions Club and help us help our community!
Luke Williams

A Reminder that the Uniting Church car boot sale will not be held this Saturday
Don't forget the Dunolly Community Market this Sunday

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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*.



Phone 5468 1054

Rosie's Ramble

I was driving up the town the other day when I spotted an elderly lady pushing her wheeler along the street. It was Dos. I presumed she was out on her daily constitutional. Makes a certain person feel lazy (and inspired).

I really like that ad. on TV for the burgers that are better – which involves a found puppy and his rescuer? But the last bit is a worry – isn't it against the law to have a dog on the back of the ute unrestrained? Bad example, Jack.

Some people are inventive. I saw an addition to the "M" logo on the rear door of a Mazda car the other day. The wings on the M had been extended outside the round part of the logo to make horns. A forked tail and a devils spear had also been added, as well as eyes under the horns – to make a perfect little imp. I don't know if these can be bought or if some clever person has a sense of humour.

Spent a few minutes the other day playing with the school's installations near the Post Office. Turned the handles and wheels made of soft drink cans and plastic bottle bottoms connected by wires and pulleys spun around. Very ingenious!

Liked the scenic tour of the district on the other one too.

I've been roof looking again. Do you know that there is a creature up on the roof of the porch of the town hall, lurking behind some sort or ornamental thing? I presume that it is a lion, given the age of the hall. I noticed it the other day while looking from the other side of Broadway.

DOG DAYS

I am trying to find a dog day that the editor can't find an illustration for. This one might do it!

"I love my master; thus I perfume myself with this long - rotten rabbit."

Rosie



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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Reply To Louise Staley's Letter

I write in response to the Liberal Member for Ripon, Ms Staley, who is either greatly mistaken about local kinder funding or is deliberately misleading the community.

As the local kinder year kicks off, every small rural kindergarten in Ripon will be better off, including Dunolly which will receive an increase in its funding this year.

The Andrews Labor Government has introduced a new funding model that helps address the uncertainty caused by fluctuating enrolments year on year in small communities.

Previously, a kinder with seven children enrolled one year that then dropped to having only three children enrolled the next year would have lost more than \$22,000 in funding.

This is the system that Ms Staley supported and seems to be advocating for.

Under the Labor Government's new funding model this same kinder will not lose a cent.

Instead it will receive a higher amount which remains constant, unaffected by fluctuating enrolment numbers - \$67,056.

The fact is that in Ripon every single kindergarten will be better off than under the previous Liberal Government's model, which placed more pressure on parents and local communities.

I strongly encourage the Liberal Member for Ripon to get on board and support the Labor Government's \$500,000 of additional investment across Victoria's small rural kinders.

As well, our drought assistance package will help out early childhood services and local families in drought-affected areas, such as the Central Goldfields, with payments of up to \$10,000 to the service, and free kindergarten for families experiencing financial hardship due to the drought.

Parenting committees and families in rural communities do a great job fundraising and supporting local early learning services in often tough conditions and deserve the support of Government.

Jenny Mikakos, Minister for Families and Children

St Johns Dunolly

A meeting was held at St John's church hall Dunolly last Sunday, to discuss the future role of this Church in our community.

Due to the declining congregation, there have been many rumours around our town that the Church is to close its doors.

We were reliably informed by Father Andrew that this is not the case and suggestions were put forward as to how the buildings could be further utilized to support the Church and be of service to the community.

Jan Brock

The Republic of Nauru

The tiny 21 km island of Nauru, was once known as Pleasant Island. The 10,000 residents were among the worlds richest when the island supplied phosphate fertilizer to Australia for nearly a century. By 2005, with the closure of the phosphate mine, Nauru was a nearly failed state with an uncertain future, dependent on injections of cash from other countries to keep afloat. It was said that Nauru was "entirely propped up by foreign aid". It's a far cry from the heady phosphate-rich days of the 1970s and '80s, and many local people have become reticent in their dealings with visitors. Access is subject to the whims of transport, weather and the immigration department.

Associated hospitality services such as hotels, restaurants and hire cars - where they exist at all - are minimal. Most visitors are politicians, diplomats or development workers. The Detention centre, and its related contractors, is the main employment for the islanders. Health care is basic at best with two hospitals adequate only for routine health, the serious cases need to be flown out. Nauru's economy lacks diversity and could suffer a major downturn if the Australian government stops housing asylum seekers there. This is a harsh environment for sick and vulnerable refugees. The **Rural Australians for Refugees** supporters held a Candle Light vigil outside the Maryborough Post Office on Monday night to show support for the 267 refugee children, babies and their families who are to be sent back to the detention centre in Nauru. Many large vigils were held all around Australia under the slogan "**Let Them Stay**" to protest against the inhumane treatment being shown to vulnerable people. A letter from The Premier of Victoria, the Hon. Daniel Andrews to the Prime Minister, the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull was read at the vigil. The Andrews' government has protested against sending the asylum seekers back to Nauru, saying it will welcome these refugees to Victoria. Now four state premiers and one Territory Chief Minister are standing by the 267. It was said that Australia has not seen such decent moral principled leadership for a long time.

Rachel Buckley

The Golden Grain

I read with sadness in last week's edition of "The Welcome Record", the letter from Karen and Anthony announcing the closure of "The Golden Grain Café". I would like the opportunity to thank Karen and Anthony for their welcomes and hospitality shown to my colleagues from Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Victoria when they visited to perform in Dunolly and for other celebrations. It was always much appreciated, as it was also in your days at the Royal Hotel. Likewise, on a personal level, whenever I visited Dunolly and dined at the Golden Grain and the Royal Hotel, I was always made most welcome, and made to feel 'one of the family' as I sat down to enjoy their delicious 'home-style' meals. They will be missed.

John Larcombe , President
Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Vic Inc

Dunolly Girls Set-up New Business

Two local girls, Georgie Hall and Nicole Liddicoat, have formed a partnership to run a new health/fitness service in Maryborough.

The company is called RetroFlex and involves six motorised tables that support the body while moving muscles in a repetitive motion. There is no strain or fatigue; only minimal effort is required to work to tone and firm muscles. Georgie first experienced the machines in Ballarat and found they were of great benefit to her personally, but found the travel time was difficult. She wished there was a salon closer to hand. Georgie was considering returning to work at that time and wondered what she could do. There was a 'light-bulb' moment and the idea was born. Georgie approached her Dunolly netball team-mate and good friend Nicole Liddicoat, who is a personal trainer and well versed in fitness. The two girls went through all the pros and cons and decided they would open their own RetroFlex salon.

Georgie sourced the supplier who imports the machines from America and then the girls went about looking for a suitable site for the shop. They were fortunate to find their location at 82 High Street, Maryborough (in the newish complex near Maffescioni). It's the perfect size for the machines, as well as a reception area, change cubicles and rest room. Parking is usually easily available at the front. They have been open for five weeks and have had a great deal of interest from both men and women; varying in ages from 20s to 70s.

The machines are suitable for all ages as there is no impact or high intensity workout. The 'Effortless Motion' tables support body weight and do all the work for you. The six machines work in sequence in 10 minute periods per machine for maximum efficiency, beginning with the vibrating table which wakes the muscles and improves circulation and assists in flushing out toxins. The next table manoeuvres the legs to equate to a three kilometre walk. Table three raises and lowers the legs equivalent to 90 leg-lifts and is a reverse sit-up, working the lower stomach. By bending the knees, the lower back is stretched. The fourth table lifts and lowers each leg alternately equivalent to 900 step-ups. This is the most intensive of the machines. Table five works the upper body, massages the shoulders, opens the ribcage and improves posture. The final table is the cool-down. The table simply vibrates massaging the muscles.

I took advantage of the 30 minute trial session and sampled all the tables. At only half time I found I worked up a bit of a sweat, particularly on the stepper table. You do, in fact, get a decent workout. Adding weights or changing position intensifies certain exercises.

While I was interviewing Georgie a customer was doing a work-out and she gave her opinion. Kim Duncan started at RetroFlex the day after it opened and attends three times per week. Kim suffers from arthritis and has found since using the machines her mobility has improved, particularly in her legs. She used to suffer pain just putting her shoes on, now she finds she can lift her legs more easily and her knees feel better. She feels more motivated to do other things now. "This got me out of my can't be bothered rut", Kim said. "I feel like I can now do other exercises too. I feel better and it's not hard to do. I'm over 50 and I can manage the work-out without any problem."

Georgie and Nicole, together with Kylie Bartlett, who also works at the salon, are passionate about helping people feel better. Georgie said these machines can help a person to achieve better mobility and flexibility, improve circulation, tone muscles, rid the body of toxins and, with a calorie controlled diet, can lose centimetres.

The RetroFlex salon is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 7.00pm, and on Saturday from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

There is a 30 minute free trial session available so you can see if this is for you. There is no obligation. If you would like to try it out, call 5461 1333. And remember to wear loose clothing, socks (no shoes) and bring a towel.

Susan Anderson



Dunalley Revisited

Having spent three weeks holidaying over Christmas in Tasmania, enjoying the mild weather and beautiful scenery, there was one area that I wanted to revisit before we returned home to Dunolly.

It was the small township of Dunalley where we had spent some time at Christmas 2012/13; we had left Dunalley to travel on to Strahan on the 26th of December and a week later were safely home in Dunolly.

Dunalley as you may remember was devastated by the most horrific wild fires which reached the town about the 4/5th Jan. Dunalley along with many other small towns, was hard hit, losing many homes and important infrastructure like the police station, the school, bakery, and the local community hall. In fact not much was spared.

It was really terrific to see so much rebuilding had been done all around the small township. But 3 years on the scars are still there. Soon after the fires a temporary school was opened so the children could get back to school after the Christmas holidays. Now there is a brand new Primary School and a fantastic Community Hall which had recently been completed, beautifully landscaped to include monuments to the victims of the fire; a real community effort.

The new hall was a real interest to us as our town had held a fundraiser in March 2013, where the townspeople of Dunolly had raised \$2500 by having market stalls selling cakes, produce, plants & local honey, a great effort very much appreciated by the town of Dunalley, Tasmania. This money was put towards the rebuilding of the community hall hence the special interest and the visit this year for us.

Joyce Vatar

Everyone's Responsibility

Being part of Neighbourhood Watch is every ones responsibility. Neighbourhood Watch meets at the Dunolly Bakery every third Wednesday at 10.30am. 'Neighbours looking out for one another' is the foundation stone of building a safer community, keep up to date with trends in crime and preventative measures.

Our group strives to maintain the aims of Neighbourhood Watch which are:

- Minimise the incidence of preventable crime in Neighbourhood Watch areas.
- Increase the incidence and quality of reporting crime and suspicious activity in our area.
- Improve the degree of personal and household security in the district through education and 'Operation Identification'.
- Reduce the fear of crime.
- Deter criminal activity by increasing the probability of apprehension.
- Ensure effective maintenance of the programme by planning, monitoring and evaluation.

Police simply cannot be at every crime scene , every time which means prevention is everyone's responsibility.

We would be pleased to have some input from you, the residents of Dunolly, and hear your ideas on how to reduce crime in our area. The meetings will not take more than an hour of your time and your attendance would demonstrate your appreciation of the work of Neighbourhood Watch in our little corner of the world.

Dunolly Neighbourhood Watch.



Going for a Walk

Walking has long been the mainstay of my exercise/keeping active program. Some years ago a young doctor convinced me that walking a little each day would gradually help with the lethargy I was feeling after an operation. He said that an added bonus would be losing weight if I increased the length and speed of the walk. Walking did help so I continued and although I don't walk every day I manage three or four times a week.

To vary this plan I also attend a group fitness class at the gym and occasionally swim. I tried jogging for a while but found it too hard on my knees and I got out of breath far too easily. I thought about bike riding but as the roads around our way are unmade I was too worried about falling on the gravel. However, I still managed to trip over once when walking too fast and skinned both knees and my hands. My grandchildren thought it was a great joke when told that their Nan had "come home bleeding and crying like a five-year-old!" These days I am more careful and remember to lift my feet.

In the summer months I leave the house fairly early before it gets too hot and the flies are less likely to accompany me, making the walk unpleasant. In the winter months it is more likely to be a bit later but I still prefer to walk in the morning.

I include the trip to the mailbox that is situated down on the main road in my walk and try to time it after a mail delivery. But these days with less mail being delivered and a "no junk mail" sticker on the box, it is hard to know whether the mail person has been or not.

The made road near the mailbox is quite narrow so I move well off the road when I hear a car approaching and most cars then stay on the bitumen. However, some cars still drive over to the other side of the road and leave me in a cloud of dust as they pass.

Sometimes I walk the three or four kilometres and see no one at all; other times I am passed by cars or bike riders and given a friendly wave or a neighbour stops for a chat, which all adds to the length and pleasure of the walk.

When friends or one of my sisters stay overnight we go for a walk together and it is amazing how much quicker the walk seems while chatting. However I enjoy my solitary walks - just walking, thinking about this and that, or nothing in particular.

Coral Christensen

On This Day in Dunolly February 10 1917

This evening members of the local Recruiting Committee were at the Dunolly Railway Station to meet Mr Mackinnon on his way to Mildura but he did not make an appearance at the station although it was stated he was on the train.

The committee consider they were slighted!

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Bale Blaze

Farmers in the Maryborough area are being forced to watch hundreds of thousands of dollars go up in smoke as a mystery arsonist targets rural properties.

Haystacks have been set ablaze in suspicious circumstances around Bealiba, Natte Yallock, Dunolly, Logan and Emu in the past month, while other fires have been lit at properties near Lexton, Beaufort and Learmonth.

All the blazes have been lit late at night, left smouldering to begin with before becoming fully-fledged fires by the time CFA brigades arrive to extinguish them.

Bush land around the Bealiba Reservoir catchment was also recently set alight, just a day before up to 60 bales of hay were destroyed in another suspicious inferno at an Archdale farm, which threatened a nearby hay shed, as well as coming within less than 30 metres of a nearby home.

Detectives from the Maryborough Criminal Investigation Unit confirmed that the fires are currently the subject of an ongoing investigation.

"Maryborough CIU is investigating a series of fires and those investigations are ongoing," Detective Sergeant Roland Kurzke said.

"Police are appealing to any member of the public who may have information to contact us or Crime Stoppers." Some of the fires have destroyed up to \$120,000 worth of hay, while others have been estimated to have caused

damage between values of \$10,000 and \$60,000 according to current hay prices.

Farmers are also losing valuable stock feed, used during summer months when feed on the ground is scarce, as a result.

Natte Yallock fire brigade captain, Tony Mortlock, said the hay bale fires can be particularly tough to extinguish, often smouldering over several days, necessitating return visits by CFA volunteers.

"We can't dump water on them to put them out," he said. "We actually have to pull them apart in order to extinguish them. They can take hours to put out."

Captain Mortlock said it did not appear the haystack fires were caused by self-combustion, which can be a danger during warmer months.

Several other suspicious fires have also been lit on roadsides between Beaufort and Avoca, again under cover of darkness.

Courtesy of The Maryborough Advertiser

Quotes By Abraham Lincoln

No man has a good enough memory
to be a successful liar.

My great concern is not whether you have failed, but
whether you are content with your failure.

Dunolly Community Market

Valentines Day

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A clear choice for Wannon schools

Labor candidate for Wannon, Michael Barling, has expressed his concern at the massive cuts to education proposed by the Turnbull Government.

Mr Barling said it appears the government has all but given up on education and appears willing to leave the states to fight it out for scraps which will remain after the Government's cuts take place. He said every child in every state and territory will be left behind by Malcolm Turnbull's \$30 billion cuts to education.

"Under the Liberals and Nationals, the deep uncertainty about the future of school funding is already limiting the ability of school systems and principals to start programs and plan to improve education. In contrast, Labor has a clear vision for the education of our kids to ensure they receive skills to last a lifetime," Mr Barling said.

"The feedback I received in 2013 in the northern part of the Wannon electorate around Ararat and Maryborough also confirmed the importance these communities place on education and I am determined to make it an issue in Wannon leading up to the election," he said.

"The contrast between the Liberals' funding chaos and Labor's positive plan for schools couldn't be clearer. We will invest in the education system that our children in Wannon needs for the future while Mr Turnbull's government will cut it," he said.

Labor's education plan will see an additional investment in our education system of \$4.5 billion over school years 2018 and 2019 and a total provision of \$37.3 billion for the package over the decade. Labor's plan will drive innovation and opportunity by improving education outcomes for all Australian students. Inquiries: Michael Barling 5561-2278 or 0419-962-903

ALP Media Release

Healthy Weight Week in Loddon

The diabetes in Loddon action group is set to boost healthy eating habits in the Loddon shire, as part of Australia's healthy weight week on 15 to 21 February.

Northern District Community Health Service, Dietitian, Leesa van Ruiswyk said Healthy Weight Week was an initiative of the dietitians association of Australia, which aimed to raise awareness of the importance of achieving and maintaining a healthy weight and lifestyle.

"Gaining a few kilos during the year may not seem like a big deal but these kilos can add up over time and increase the risk of health problems such as diabetes and heart disease," said Ms van Ruiswyk.

"Research shows that extra weight can be a problem, particularly if your waist circumference is greater than 88cm for women and 102cm for men. Losing five to 10 per cent of your total body weight can help to reduce your waist line and reduce the above risk factors as well as help you to feel your best."

In the Loddon Shire, 69 per cent of men and 45 per cent of women are considered obese, compared to the Victorian average of 58 per cent of males and 42 per cent of females. Data also reveals more than 90 percent of

Loddon residents are not eating the recommended daily servings of vegetables.

Inglewood & districts health service, diabetes educator Jenny Boromeo said by reducing your portion sizes to meet the Australian guidelines, and aiming to move more and sit less everyday can have a lasting impact on your health and wellbeing.

"People who prepare food at home are also more likely to eat smaller portions and consume fewer kilojoules and less saturated fat, salt and sugar. With a combination of diet and some regular exercise a healthier weight often follows," Ms Boromeo said.

"Healthy food packed with vegies doesn't need to be expensive, bland or hard to cook. With the right information, anyone can cook a healthy and delicious meal at home on any budget."

"We know it can be hard to achieve your weight loss goal by yourself; that's why local services have qualified dietitians on hand to give advice, teach new skills and kick-start a healthier you."

Services to assist you achieve a healthy weight are available throughout the Loddon region.

For more information about Australia's Healthy Weight Week visit www.healthyweightweek.com.au

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Maggie Tales

Stunned Maggie

This magpie caused quite a commotion last week when he thought he was some sort of super charged missile and launched himself at our closed kitchen window. He stood on the back veranda gathering his wits for several minutes until the camera flashes finally woke him up and he flew off.



Photo by Kevin Trevan

Maggie Facts

The Australian magpie is a medium-sized black and white passerine bird native to Australia and southern New Guinea.

Although once considered to be three separate species, it is now considered to be one, with nine recognised subspecies.

A member of the Artamidae, the Australian magpie is classified in the butcherbird genus *Cracticus* and is most closely related to the black butcherbird. It is not, however, related to the European magpie, which is a corvid.

The adult Australian magpie is a fairly robust bird ranging from 37 to 43 cm in length, with distinctive black and white plumage, gold brown eyes and a solid wedge-shaped bluish-white and black bill. The male and female are similar in appearance, and can be distinguished by differences in back markings. With its long legs, the Australian magpie walks rather than waddles or hops and spends much time on the ground.



On a hot day this year a magpie came to our bird bath for a drink and to cool off. Love our wildlife. Margaret Rainbow



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Call Susan on 0421582067 or the centre and you can search face book "Dunolly Dogs"

GARDEN CLUB

Sorry I made a mistake last week you will be meeting at the centre on 29 February at 11.30 am. (not 1pm.)

And having lunch at Barbara's.

Please bring a salad or a sweet to share.

The first meeting of the year for all of 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.

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 54681511

Or simply email: admin@dunnhc.com.au

Sharon Hiley
 Coordinator

GILMOUR NOT GILMORE

If you were wondering why you couldn't google Mal Gilmour our artist, it's because I spelt his name wrong last week.

My sincere apologies Mal, I don't know how I came to do that. So sorry

Sharon Hiley

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

Sunday 14 February 2016 - First Sunday of Lent

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

Musical Celebration, Heiner Bauch 9.30am

Laanecoorie Uniting Church

No service

Uniting Church News

We started our rehearsals for 'Alive' last Sunday. Every Sunday till Easter we will be meeting at 1.00pm and we hope to see people who would like to join us. You are most welcome.

The Op Shop painting of the walls is coming along. But the Op Shop is still open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with all our summer clothes and lots more. Heiner will lead us in our Musical Celebration this week.

Rev Ken Rookes will come for his first service with us on 21 February. This will be Holy Communion.

Jean Richardson

Catholic Church St Mary's Muse

The muse was not at Assembly this week, so will do the best she can with this.

Wednesday this week is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. Pancakes on Tuesday - then what?

Don't forget stamps for the Missions and spare tip vouchers for St Vinnie's.

Mass is at St Mary's, Dunolly on Sunday, 14 February at 8.30am.

R Mcreddy

'Today if your cross seems heavy, reflect on Jesus, His suffering and crucifixion.'

St John's Fellowship News

Father Andrew will celebrate the Eucharist this Sunday 14 February.

Thirteen people attended the meeting that was held in the hall after church last Sunday. Father Andrew chaired the meeting and he stated that there was no intention of closing the Church. He said that there was a future for the Anglican church of St John in Dunolly.

Father Andrew asked for ideas and suggestions as to the way ahead. There was much discussion and many ideas were put forward. These ideas were noted and we will inform the community of any decisions that are made. The ongoing support of the Dunolly community is greatly appreciated.

Please get in touch with Father Andrew if you have any questions.

Parish Office: 03 5460 5694

Mobile: 0405 348 400

A couple of dates for the diary:

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:

For God so loved that world that he gave only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John:3 16

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Dave steered his multi-tracked solar-powered crawler into a convenient vacant space. Two dozen other similar vehicles were parked at various angles near the southern sand-lock.

Parking bays were redundant as the shifting sands would quickly render such organization useless. Dave preferred the southern end of the dome; the northern sand-lock was beset by dunes piled high by the ceaseless northerly wind.

The dome covered the entire business district of the historic township of Dunolly. It was actually an enlarged habitation module, not dome-shaped at all. The elongated and tinted module stretched sausage-like from one end of Broadway to the other and several buildings back from the main street. Dave palmed open the outer door of the large sand-lock and stepped inside onto a grate. The outer door whisked shut. A blower efficiently cleaned his environment suit and a strong vacuum purged the grains of sand from beneath the grate. The inner door opened and he entered the cloak-room annexe. Other residents of the area were either hanging up their suits or donning them in preparation for an excursion outside. Some Dave knew, others he did not, but he said hello to everyone anyway.

Chilled air generated by the air-conditioning was a welcome respite from the oppressive and relentless heat outdoors. He removed his glare-goggles, the light inside the dome manageable for unprotected eyes. The old buildings exuded a welcomeness, partly due to the fact that no deterioration occurred in this closed-loop environment. He had come to town to purchase parts from Daly's Plumbing, Produce and Hardware - still trading after all this time. As he strode in that direction he recognized a familiar face and crossed the street.

"Sandeep, how are you going?"

"Davo! Good to see you." Sandeep shook his hand vigorously.

"Got time for a coffee?"

"Absolutely."

"They ordered coffee and sat at a table in the middle of Broadway, there being no need to worry about traffic other than those on foot.

"So, how goes the cropping business?" Sandeep asked.

"Second accelerated crop this week," Dave replied with pride.

"Bio-engineered, right?"

"Nah, I've just got the knack. And that's despite the filters becoming clogged on a regular basis."

"Liar!" Sandeep said good-naturedly. "It's not rocket science," Dave explained. "If you import a finite amount of moisture and nutrient into a climate-controlled closed-loop, with no variables, then you know exactly how much you will extract from it."

"How do you think the old-timers would have viewed all

this?" Sandeep asked.

"What do you mean?"

"They had to contend with the vagaries of the weather, seasons, pests, not to mention bushfires."

"No chance of that now - sand doesn't burn so well."

They mused on that for a while in companionable silence.

"Say!" Sandeep perked up. "Did you hear about Sang?"

"What about her?"

"She owns a resort now.

"No!"

"Yeah, you might have seen it on Position. When Antarctica melted she figured people would appreciate a holiday in a cool climate. Somewhere you could walk around outside, in the open air, without an enviro-suit. I've seen it! Sun-block and a hat, that's all they need."

"What a visionary," Dave said.

"I know, she got on the ground floor with that one."

"I'll tell you what though," Dave said, "the old-timers weren't right about everything."

"How's that?"

"Well, we didn't need to go all the way to Mars after all, to live like this!"

Martyn Barnett



Is this the future daywear for Dunolly?

On This Day in Dunolly

February 10 1862 -

During the previous night a chap named Davenport fell down a 30 feet deep hole, while intoxicated, located on the Old Lead behind the Carriers Arms Hotel, Broadway, Dunolly. (This was located next to Footers Mansion) He was stuck there all night and when his cries were heard the following morning he was taken to the Dunolly hospital where he was found to be only shaken.

Not to mention a terrific hangover, no doubt!!



DNHC Art Group

Every month Mal Gilmour journeys down from Inglewood with his lovely wife Wendy to teach oil painting techniques to the DNHC Art Group. We have had two lessons so far and everyone is loving the new medium.



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DUNOLLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Stars of the Week

This week's awards go to the following students –

Prep 1 – Kayley McArdle
 Grade 1/2 – Isaac Scott
 Grade 3/4 – Wyatt Jeanes
 Grade 5/6 – Ebony Shuard
 Principal's – Imogen Dukker
 Auslan – Emilee Irra Moiga

Awards are given to students at assembly each week.

Sunsmart - Hats

A reminder that we are a "Sunsmart" school and it is school policy that suitable hats are worn when outside during Terms 1 and 4.



Cluster Senior Aquatic Day

- Friday, February 26th
- Students in Grades 3 – 6
- Maryborough Outdoor Pool.

A permission form and notice will be sent home soon.

We require some parent helpers for the afternoon (you **will not** be required to get in the pool). If you are able to help out for the afternoon with groups of students please call the school's office and let Tracey know that you are available.



Grade 6 Derby Hill Transition Day

The Dunolly Cluster Schools have organized a Transition Day Excursion for all Grade 6 students in our cluster.

- Monday 15 February.
- Maldon Blue Light Camp ground located close to the centre of Maldon.
- There is no cost to parents for this excursion.
- The students will participate in rock wall, archery and interactive games during the day.

The aim of this excursion is to bring together the Grade 6 students from the 6 different cluster schools and help them to develop teamwork and co-operation.

A separate notice and permission form will be sent home tomorrow.

Swimming Program

- Our seven day swimming program started on **Monday, 8 February**
- The school is covering the costs of the tutors and school staff. Parents are only required to pay for the entry fee for their child.
\$20.00 per child.
- season pass holders are not required to pay the \$20.00 entry fee but must let Tracey know their child's pool pass number.
- **Grade 1/2** swim 12.30pm – 1.15pm
- **Grade 3/4** swim 1.15pm – 2.00pm
- **Grades 5/6 and Prep/1** swim 2.00pm – 2.45pm
- Parents of Prep children may bring their child to the pool for their lesson on Wednesday

Students need:

- T Shirt/Rashie Top
- Bathers
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- All in a sturdy bag (plastic bags break)

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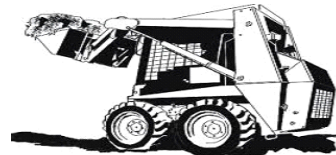
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Seeking a fresh Shire snapshot

Every five years The Australian Bureau of Statistics gathers information which provides a picture of how Loddon Shire's population is developing and changing.

Census year has rolled around again and planning is underway to gather information about the age and stage of life those living within our Shire.

The collated information detailing employment rates and fields, interests and other designated facts are subsequently used by Council to accurately pre-empt future community needs and explore options for economic development and strengths promotion.

The ABS is looking for tech savvy, community minded area supervisors to recruit, train, lead and supervise field officers who will assist residents to complete this year's Census from their homes.

Data collected from the 2016 Census will support funding decisions for services and infrastructure including housing, transport, education, industry, hospitals and the environment.

Applications for area supervisor positions must be lodged by 21 February, for details visit abs.gov.au/careers.

Loddon Shire Mayoral Column

Cookery Corner

SALMON AND NOODLE CAKES

Serves 4. Preparation 15 minutes, plus chilling time.
Cooking 10 minutes

Ingredients

150g fresh Singapore noodles, roughly chopped
425g can pink salmon, drained and flaked
½ red capsicum, seeded, chopped
¼ cup plain flour
2 eggs, lightly beaten
2 tablespoons chopped coriander
2 green onions, chopped
1 small red chilli, seeded and chopped
1 teaspoon fish sauce
¼ cup vegetables oil, for frying
Sweet chilli sauce, to serve.

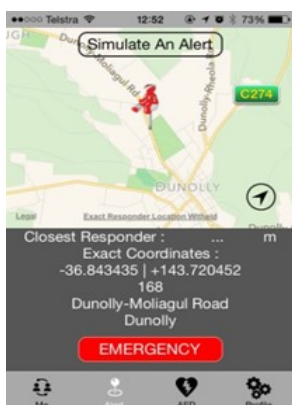
Method

1. In a large bowl, combine noodles, salmon, capsicum, flour, eggs, coriander, onion, chilli and fish sauce. Season to taste and mix well.
2. Divide mixture into 12 portions, flattening slightly. Arrange on tray. Chill for 30 minutes.
3. Heat oil in large frying pan on medium. Cook cakes, in two batches, 3-4 minutes, turning once, until golden brown. Drain well on paper towel. Serve hot with sweet chilli sauce. If liked, use minced fresh fish or prawns instead of salmon.

Recipe from Woman's Day, everyday food magazine



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The Maldon & District Community Bank[®] sponsorship review.

This is the first major strategy review in the company's 17 years. The review will look at how to maximise the bank's investment in our communities of Dunolly, Maldon and Newstead and surrounds for the greatest impact.

Demand for funds/support is growing— in 2013/14 the bank received 33 requests for \$155,000 and in 2014/15 it received 48 requests for \$249,847. At the same time, interest rates are low. This reduces our profit margins and the total pool of funds we have to give.

So, we want to ask our communities to help us decide how we should invest our funds in our communities. We're starting by asking them – that's you - to help identify the most important social issue or need in our communities.

The campaign is called The Big One: Your Community, Your Say.

Your input will help guide where our dollars can deliver the greatest community benefit.

The major social issue could be boosting mental health, caring for our seniors, creating the healthiest/fittest communities in the nation, boosting support for our

primary schools, supporting families, helping young people, reducing domestic violence, creating a fossil-free future, addressing isolation in ageing, being emergency ready or any number of others not mentioned here.

"We'd love people to submit the social issues they'd like to see addressed and they can do this online at www.oursay.org/mdcb/thebigone or at public forums at the **Dunolly Town Hall on Thursday 3 March** either at the morning session (**9.30 – 11.30 am**) or at the evening session (**6.30 – 8.30 pm**). Forums will also be held in Maldon, Newstead Castlemaine from Feb 29 to March 4 (see www.thebigoneMDCB.com for more details on these forums).

Then we'll ask the community to vote for the key issues out of all those people have nominated and present the top five at a conference for all to hear about on April 27. The Maldon & District **Community Bank[®]** Branch will offer support to address the top issue selected by our communities for the next two to five years.

While we are doing this review, from January to June this year, we will not give out new sponsorships. Grants and sponsorships would still be available from July 2016.

All members of the public, not just customers are invited to submit issues, attend forums, vote on the top issues and get involved.

They can start by completing a survey about the Community Bank and the work it does in our communities. It's available at the bank (at the Dunolly RTC) and online. All are welcome to contribute. You don't have to be a customer.

"We are our communities' community bank and we really want to engage people in what we do and why we do it. Much of the success of this campaign will depend on the community and people submitting issues. It's important that community groups, clubs and organisations and those who have received the bank's support in the past get involved," said Bank Chairman Genevieve Barlow.

More information is online at www.thebigoneMDCB.com and information postcards can be picked up at our Maldon branch and Dunolly and Newstead agencies, or contact the Executive Officer Karly Smith 0478 435 110 for further details.

In the meantime, call and see our friendly staff at the bank's agency at the Dunolly Rural Transaction Centre or at the Branch at 81 High Street Maldon for help with insurance, financial planning, superannuation, loans and term deposits.

- **Genevieve Barlow, Chairwoman, Maldon & District Community Bank. 0427 762633**



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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 Probos 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

Sunday 14 Community Market Broadway

Sunday 14 Dunolly Field & Game AGM 2.00pm

Wednesday 17 Neighbourhood Watch AGM
at Dunolly Bakery 10.30am

Sunday 21 Vietnam Veterans Vigil 12.00pm.

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

March

Thursday 3 Community Bank public forums at the Dunolly Town Hall - 9.30am and 6.30pm

Friday 4 Woman's World Day of Prayer - St John's at 7.00pm

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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

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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Vintage Caravans

A group of vintage caravans will be visiting Dunolly on Sunday 21 February. They will arrive at the corner of Broadway and Thompson Street approximately 11.00am to visit the caravan museum.

For more information: Graham Southey on 5468 1380



DFNC MINI LOTTO

Drawn 5.2.16 1, 5, 10, 11, 12

No winner. Jackpot \$1,200. \$1.00 per entry - five numbers out of 15. Handy jackpot! T Long



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

You may get a call

Central Goldfields and Loddon Shire Councils will be participating in the 2016 Local Government Services Survey (Customer Satisfaction Survey). Local Government Victoria coordinates this survey on behalf of all councils, with State wide interviewing to commence in early February and continue into early March.

It is expected that each municipality will take two to three weeks to complete interviewing and the research company anticipates commencing interviewing in Central Goldfields in the week commencing 8 February.

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Across

- 1. Come into sight
- 6. Charming
- 11. Move about without purpose
- 12. Average of 1, 12 and 20
- 13. Composer who wrote *Annie Get Your Gun*, _____ Berlin
- 14. British admiral, victor over Napoleon, Horatio _____
- 16. Proofreader's word meaning 'let it stand'
- 17. Charged molecule
- 19. Fairy in Persian folklore
- 20. To sin
- 21. Message sent from one computer to another
- 23. Fasten with rope
- 24. Supervise (workers, eg.)
- 26. Woody tropical vine
- 27. Fertile place in desert
- 28. Leftover item
- 31. On the contrary

Down

- 1. Get up from seated position
- 2. Art of creating likenesses of people
- 3. Brick which forms part of path
- 4. Give out (heat, eg.)
- 5. A government in power
- 6. Lleyton Hewitt's specialty
- 7. Welcoming cry
- 8. Brown seaweed
- 9. To place (diagram or map, eg.) within
- 10. Mythological servant to one's wishes
- 15. A coming into existence
- 18. Sculler
- 21. Dodge (the law, eg.)

- 22. African country, Sierra _____
- 24. Wife of John Lennon, Yoko _____
- 25. Dine
- 29. Bank, eg., whose name appears on cheque
- 30. One's property (law)
- 31. Fundamental principle
- 32. Comb projections
- 34. Instrument played with bow
- 35. Celebrated
- 37. Surname of tennis star who won last Wimbledon title before Bjorn Borg won five consecutively
- 39. Catch by trickery
- 41. Primate's upper limb

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Solutions: Crossword 96 and Sudoku 98

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Maryborough Road closures

The Central Goldfields Reverse Triathlon will be held on the morning of Sunday 14th 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 and Napier Sts)	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 and Chaplins Rds)	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.

Recent Council Resolutions

Regional councils have the ability to make public holiday arrangements for their local communities in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day. To provide early clarity on the matter, Council determined at its January 2016 Ordinary Meeting to confirm that Central Goldfields Shire would continue to observe the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday for 2016.

Therefore Tuesday 1 November, 2016 will be a public holiday throughout the municipality.

Rate Cap 2016/17

At its Ordinary Meeting of 27 January, 2016 Council resolved that with respect to the 2016/17 Budget, Council would work within the rate cap as set by the Minister for Local Government. The Minister has set a 2.5% rate increase for 2016/17 based on Melbourne CPI. A variation application option to seek a higher rate increase is available, however Council will not be applying for a variation to the rate cap.

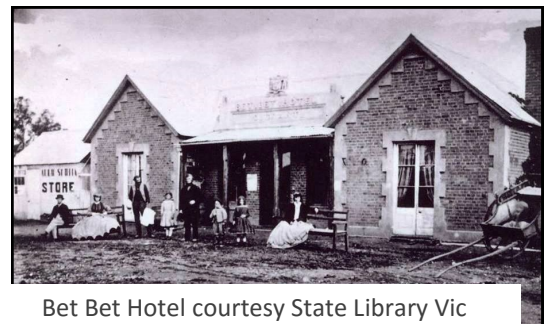
New exhibition

I am a memory of everything I am, is the new exhibition from Buninyong artist Andrea Evers, which opened last weekend at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery. Andrea's recent abstract paintings explore her memories of travelling through the landscape.

"I paint the landscape from memory. Colour and music are used to evoke the memories and this informs the paintings".

The official opening took place last Saturday, 6 February. The gallery is located in Neill Street, Maryborough and open hours are Thursday to Sunday, 10.00am to 4.00pm. The exhibition runs until 6 March.

The 2016 exhibition program is now available. There are some exciting exhibitions coming up, including the biennial *Bloomin' Art* in June. If you would like a copy of the program via email, please contact the gallery on cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or drop in during opening hours.



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Pennant Team Results

A warm day for Saturday 6 February pennant matches, with two teams at home with a Dunolly Green win 81-69 against Talbot White 81-69 and a Red win 71-50 against Highland White. Our Blue team won 77-67 against Tartan and our Gold team won 78-57 against Golf Gold, both at Maryborough - Yes, a good day with four wins to Dunolly.

Saturday Pennant Teams 13.2.16

Dunolly Blue versus Highland Red at Maryborough

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:** Leads - leave 12.30pm

Dunolly Gold versus Avoca Red at Dunolly

L Parker	B Lanfranchi	L Thomas
P Mortlock	M Davies	A Britten
J Haigh	B Mortlock	S Rogers
K Neilsen	I Flett	K Howard

Manager: L Parker.

Dunolly Green versus Talbot White at Talbot

D Mortlock	K McKenzie	B Henderson
A Weir	M Webb	A Deason
S Taylor	P Mullins	W Stephens
R Cain	A Larpent	D Conlin

Manager: B Henderson. **Cars:** Skips - leave 12.30pm

Dunolly Red versus Highland White at Dunolly

H Weir	S Chaplin	P Chase
S Deason	S Shay	C Lawson
G Cain	J Morse	D Coe
R Weir	D Price	F

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Manager: P Chase.

Pennant Team Results Tuesday

A pleasant sunny day in GBD area, and Dunolly's Tuesday pennant teams won six rinks, Blue by 75-38 and Gold by 81-63 - well done.

Pennant Teams Tuesday 16.2.16

Dunolly Blue versus Carisbrook at Dunolly

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

Manager: M Webb, **Emergency:** G Dobbin

Dunolly Gold versus Highland Tartan at Dunolly

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

Manager: J Morse. **Emergency:** A Larpent

Cars: Barry Cann & Nancy Pike

Good News on Burglary

The Police have returned the open safe with a mangled door, which was taken last week but, more importantly our Club minutes were returned, and we are most grateful for that.



Dunolly Football Netball Club

A happy new year to everyone from the Dunolly Football Netball Club.

After last year's bleeding of a number of young players the club has been on a strong recruitment drive and have a number of new players coming into the club for the 2016 season. A number of players are returning from last year's side and with a new coaching panel the outlook is exciting.

On the junior side we will have two teams playing this year our under 11/5 boys and the under 14/5 side will be up and running as well. We are looking for boys and girls (for our under 11/5 side) to join us this year. With our juniors it not just about playing footy or netball - it's about fun and being part of a club. There are a number of social events for our juniors as well, for instance, going to an AFL match at the MCG or Etihad, pie nights plus plenty of other activities.

We are also looking for volunteers to fill a number of roles around the club. With most jobs we are asking for a couple of hours each week throughout the season. One area where we do need help is with Thursday night dinner. We know it is not always easy to do but even if you can help out now and then, it makes it easier for the club as a whole. We are always on the lookout for new people to join our club, so if you can come along and have a look and a chat you will be surprised at the way the club is moving forward.

Also the club will be holding a clearance and consignment sale on the 26 March, so if you have goods you would like to sell please contact John Mortimer on 0401 885 707 and let him know. John Mortimer

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The Welcome Stranger

February fifth marked an important anniversary in the history of our area. The finding of The Welcome Stranger was an event that put the Central Goldfields on the world map. The nugget was unearthed near Moliagul by two long time prospectors, John Deason and Richard Oates. Deason and Oates were originally from Cornwall and arrived in Victoria in 1854. They spent the next fifteen years prospecting around Bendigo and then Moliagul. Their efforts were finally rewarded, way beyond their wildest dreams on 5 February 1869 when they unearthed the largest alluvial nugget in the world. The saying 'be careful what you wish for' proved very true in the case of the Welcome Stranger. The nugget was so big and so valuable that the two men had to hide it behind the fireplace from potential thieves. The problem of how to secretly transport it posed a real dilemma. Finally they borrowed a cart, loaded it aboard and with some close friends as escorts, made it as far as

Dunolly where it caused quite a stir. It was promptly offloaded at the London Chartered Bank that stood on Broadway. At 2 foot long by 1 foot wide it was too large to fit on the bank's scales so it was broken up at the local blacksmith's on the anvil that now stands in Broadway in front of the town hall.

The Welcome Stranger weighed in at 2520ozs gross weight and Deason and Oates received £9553 from its sale.

It seems John Deason had an incurable case of Gold Fever and he remained in the area mining. Richard Oates shouted himself a trip back to England but he later returned to Victoria and settled on land near Bendigo.

For those who would like to know more about the Welcome Stranger story there is an excellent book written by Denise Deason, John Deason's granddaughter, available at the library called 'Welcome, Stranger'.

Faye Arnold



Photo of the reenactment of the unearthing of The Welcome Stranger from the State Library photographic collection

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Forgotten Moliagul Camp

The Civil Alien Corps work camps came into being during World War Two to assist with Australian manpower shortages. The Forests Commission of Victoria Australia's 24th annual report for the year 1942/43 says: "The use of alien labour in firewood production..... has been extended, and this year alien wood production amounted to 148,844 tons measure". This was 39% of the total Commission production, and 694 men were working in this area.

Alien work camps were set up in twelve different locations across the state including Dunolly and St Arnaud. The camps were only small, holding about twenty to thirty men. Eighty-four-year-old Les Snow from Moliagul can remember riding his bike out to "have a sticky" at the camp which had been established just south of Queen's Dam at Moliagul. He says there were a cluster of small tents and one big one which he took to be the mess tent. The camp probably housed twenty workers and perhaps one overseer who may or may not have been there all the time. Les also thought that the senior forestry ranger from Dunolly would have directed their work. Les' mother was not happy to hear he had been out to the camp, so the visit did not happen again. The workers were Italian and they often came into Moliagul to the shops and the Post Office. Local people did have concerns about them at first, but they settled down after a while when the Italians proved to be

law abiding. However the Italians did not mix with the locals really, and everyone just got on with their lives. The Civil Alien Corps was financed by Britain and administered by the Australian Army. Any male refugee alien or enemy alien between the ages of 18 and 60 could be directed to serve in the Civil Alien Corps. Eventually about 1,670 men were in the Civil Alien Corps and they had to go wherever they were sent, usually remote places. Victoria was the most lenient state on interning Italians. This was partly because Victoria had the least to fear from an invasion and partly because Archbishop Mannix intervened on behalf of many Italians who were good Catholics. Queen's Dam is dry at the moment and surrounded by old diggings. In wet years it would be a nice body of water. A little to the south is a flattish area which would make a good campsite for twenty or so men. There are a few piles of tumbledown stones which might indicate old fire places. Closer to the dam wall is a large sunken tank which Les thought was for cyanide works. Now it is half full of debris and one deadly nightshade plant. On a summer morning it was difficult to imagine such a quiet spot being home to twenty Italians working hard in the heat. Thanks to Marion, Stella, Arthur and Les for being so generous with their time and memories for this story.

Vicky Frizzell



A very dry Queens Dam



One of the buried tanks near the dam.
Photos taken by Marion Edwards