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Virgin Mary Kidnapped - Ransom Demanded

Just weeks before Christmas, a shocking discovery by Ken Matthews. The Virgin Mary figurine has been kidnapped from his Nativity scene. In his letterbox he found this ominous note:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We have "Mary"!

We demand that you give in exchange for Mary, one chocolate éclair, and one bee sting.

Deliver these to the Lions Club Bookshop and Mary will be returned.

Be warned - If you do not comply, she will go to the "Unwed Mothers' Boarding House."

The letter was unsigned, however, the evidence points to someone from the Lions Club being the perpetrator.

Ken was obviously distraught when he came to report this at *The Welcome Record*, but is quite willing to pay the ransom. It's a small price to pay," he said. "I'd even throw in a coffee scroll - with butter. Mary needs to be returned to the Nativity scene."

At the time of writing, the culprit had still not be identified, and Mary had not been returned, despite complying with demands. Further investigation is continuing.

By Scoop McCoop, The Hotshot Reporter



Christmas letterbox extravaganza



The Dunolly Lions Club is excited to bring to the community their First Annual Christmas Letterbox Extravaganza! Beginning on Thursday 1 December, The Lions Club is encouraging the local community to celebrate Christmas with a new flair.

Decorate your letterbox with a Christmas theme, brighten up the town and go in the running to win one of our fantastic prizes!

How do you register to be a part of this fantastic event? Entry forms are available at the Dunolly Lions Club Bookshop (88 Broadway) and other local businesses. Drop your completed form into the shop (or under the door) by Tuesday 20 December to be in the running. Entry is FREE to all Dunolly residents!

Letterboxes will be judged by a team from the club on Thursday 22 December and winners will be notified before Christmas. Show the community you care by supporting this merry event!

Luke Williams



REMINDER

Dunolly Community Market
Sunday 11 December - Broadway Dunolly

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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

I have noticed some decorated letterboxes around the town. I really like the mini Nativity figures sheltering in the top of Ken's decorated box on Broadway. There is also a letterbox masquerading as Santa in Hardy Street - cute! I saw our police have been issued with even more gear to carry on their body. Beats me how they manage to move as quickly as they have to at times with all that equipment dangling off them.

Those wonderful river tours in Europe on enormous luxury boats look marvellous - never likely to go on one though. It interests me that it appears to be only madly glamorous 'beautiful people' that travel on them. Where do they keep the plainer, older passengers - locked up down below deck?

There was a competition on radio the other day. The announcer wanted listeners to give her four words that meant summer to them. She got the usual stuff about glorious sunshine, hazy distances and lazy days, swimming etc. Unfortunately I couldn't get on with mine - HOT, SWEATY, BAD -TEMPERED!

I wonder what genius decided it would be a good idea to put thick, sticky stuff in those plastic squeeze bottles? Have you ever been able to get honey or golden syrup out of the bottom of one? What a stupid idea!! Fair enough to use them for tomato sauce or mayo - but sticky stuff?

My dear old scrabble opponent from Deniliquin has died. We will really miss her. I played the game with my sister a few days later and cleaned her up twice - a fairly rare event. I reckon Margaret was at my side as I kept finding sneaky words the way she did - including two seven-letter words.

I'm afraid the Christmas spirit has eluded me so far. Maybe if I decorate my old tree it might come to me.

Really silly riddles:

Q: What goes up when the rain comes down?
A: An umbrella

Q: What kind of animal can jump higher than a house?

A: All kinds of animals. Houses cannot jump.

DOG DAYS

Dogs remember faces, cats remember places.



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LETTERS

Thank You

So many thankyou's this week. Well it is the season when our thoughts are of others and we appreciate the good things that happen to us. Counting our blessings.

We wish to advise that we only have one more edition for 2016 on 14 December. Please ensure you have any final articles in by then. We return on 18 January 2017.

A big thankyou from us as well to all our readers and contributors.
TWR

Thankyou

I wish to thank everyone who looked after me when I was thought to be having a heart attack.

Thankfully this was not so and I'm doing really well.

Special thanks to Dr Rauf, Quinn, Julie and the Ambos.

Thankyou all.
Mike Hiley



Thankyou

A sincere thankyou to one of our local citizens who has helped out by providing some parts to get our clock back on time. The Post Office clock has been ticking away since its repair for Remembrance Day on the 11th of the 11th. Your help was most appreciated.

Michael Rayson,
Dunolly Post Office

Thankyou

Dunolly Nuggets & Treasures would like to thank the people of Dunolly and District for their patronage throughout the year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Graham & Linda

Thankyou

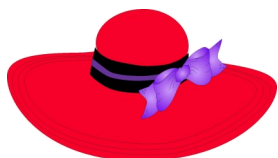
The "Gorgeous Goldfields Gals" (GGGs) Red Hat Society say thankyou to the township of Dunolly.

A big thankyou to our Social Princesses Suzy Anderson and Sue Clausen who organised the great "Dunolly Day Out" held recently.

23 Gals descended on Dunolly in their Red Hats and Purple Regalia and thoroughly enjoyed the delicious morning tea at the Op Shop, a great tour of the Court House, jail and stables, a drive around Dunolly looking at the magnificent buildings, and then we visited Deb's shop (Thrifting on Broadway) which was full of bling and beautiful vintage clothing.

The Gals had a wonderful time and also enjoyed the hospitality of The Railway Hotel. A visit to Alvah Art Gallery topped off the day before the weary-headed, but very happy Gals set sail back to their homes.

With our sincere best wishes and may there be peace for all throughout the Festive Season.



Noelle Mason
Queen Bee Gracious
Gorgeous Goldfields Gals
Red Hat Society

Well Done!

A great read of *The Welcome Record* last week, so hope you don't mind if I make a comment or two.

It was International Volunteers Day and nice to read of two volunteers mentioned who quietly do this good work...Alan Gale and Nola Watts. It's a great lesson for the kids at the Primary School to visit the Hospital and give some pleasure to the patients. Dunolly has always been lucky to have many volunteers who are happy to help. I called in to visit The Record office a few weeks ago and was pleased to see how many contribute voluntarily to it each week. Well done! Rosie's Ramble always puts a smile on my face and I am enjoying her English lessons...and those midgee things..... I think Rosie sent them up to me!

Cr. Bob ... congrats on your re-election to Council and I'm sure many of us shared your feelings in your message.

Good on you, Ro Wells, re the Pioneer Cemetery. Many probably didn't know where it was.

When I see Cynthia Lindsay's and Caroline Butler's names at the bottom of an article I certainly enjoy the read.

Even though I was a 5th generation Dunollyite I learn new info from Marion's and Vicky's items. Many lovely pictures of local nature and areas too.

I love reading all the articles about the Pre School and Primary School. It surprises me how many new names I read in there. How good for them to get weekly prizes.

On one of our last visits to Dunolly we had the pleasure of staying at the Golden Triangle Motel and certainly enjoyed it.

Now, at the back of *The Welcome Record*, I can get the Sudoku out now but never seem to finish the Crossword.

Reading the sports teams and results, how devastating that Dunolly now doesn't have even one tennis team. There used to be at least one team in every grade from A to C, and often two. We all used to go to practice every week or you didn't get chosen for a team. There was also a Ladies Day in the middle of the week. The courts were always immaculate and many names pop up in my head - Mick and Beryl Raselli, Gary, Richard and Michael Raselli, Myra Davidson, Tubby Hunt, Rene Fox, Joyce Willmott, Lorna McLeish, Ron Deledio, Clara Hall, Dos Polinelli and many more.

Well, keep up the good work, all you volunteers at The Record and anywhere else in Dunolly. Things wouldn't happen if it wasn't for you.

Robyn Anderson
Murrabit

Shop Small Business

Dear Editor,

As one of your local MPs, I am constantly in contact with small business people from across Western Victoria.

As we approach Christmas, I cannot stress how important it is to support your local businesses. Small business is the backbone of the towns covered by your newspaper and it's important we show our support.

More and more people are buying items on the internet, but this does nothing to keep local businesses financially viable and staff employed. Every dollar spent on line is a dollar that can't be used to employ a local person or improve shopping opportunities in our local communities. Almost five million Australians are employed in small business.

Towns across our region, from Donald to Dunkeld, Charlton to Creswick, Beaufort to Bridgewater and many others offer great gift shops, butchers, bakers, grocers, restaurants, cafes, pubs and an array of other shopping opportunities.

If we want to keep them in our communities, we need to support them! By shopping with local small business, our actions ensure those businesses continue to survive and employ local people.

Shopping locally is good for small business and it's good for your community.

Jaala Pulford MP, Member for Western Victoria.



MOVED BACK HOME Maternal & Child Health

Council's Maternal and Child Health service has relocated back home – the corner of Tuaggra and Napier Streets, Maryborough. For inquiries please call 5461 5047.

Australia Day Awards 2017

Who makes you proud?

The Local Australia Day Awards recognise the contributions of outstanding Central Goldfields Shire residents, community events and community groups that, through hard work and determination, have significantly contributed to the community. You can nominate a resident, community event or community group for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year or Community Award of the Year. Fill in the nomination form for someone that makes you proud within the community. Nomination forms are available from the Council's office or online.

Grass slashing

Managing roadside vegetation in the shire

Managing annual roadside vegetation is complex and no two years are alike. Council undertakes two major stages per year to manage rural grass on Council owned land and road reserves.

Stage 1: Pre-growth roadside spraying

This commences in August and generally runs until early October. Roadside spraying must be done in a controlled manner, and weather conditions have a major impact on the success of the program.

If successful, spraying helps reduce the amount of seasonal slashing required. If weather is unsettled during the spraying period and wind and rain are frequent, the success of spraying is reduced. This presents a much bigger slashing program.

Wet weather also impacts the program as it increases spring growth. In 2016, wind and rain were notably higher than average throughout spring so the slashing requirements have been larger.

Stage 2: Slashing

The slashing program runs from early October to early December. Growth patterns between the northern and southern parts of the shire vary vastly.

Slashing generally begins in the south, where early growth is far more prevalent. From there, slashing commences in the north and works back south. A wet spring can also contribute to a second round of cutting if late curing of grass occurs.

This year, extra resources have been deployed to combat the exceptional growth experienced. Council is currently continuing the program and is in the final stages of district coverage. It is expected that second growth cutting will be required in various parts of the shire.

In cases where grass obscures sight distances on rural roads, drivers are urged to use caution and drive according to the condition presented. Council can be contacted to report any road hazards.

POP-UP Exhibition

Central Goldfields Art Gallery

The Central Goldfields Art Gallery is excited to announce the inaugural POP-UP exhibition, featuring artists Nick Dridan and Harley Manifold.

Both artists presented their highly successful joint exhibition at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery earlier this year. In the months since, they have been painting the local central Victorian landscape in plain air. The small oil paintings depict recognisable buildings and landmarks of Maryborough and district.

This exhibition will last for one week only: 8 to 11 December 2016. All artworks are for sale and would make a unique Christmas gift. Any unsold works will continue to be exhibited from Thursday, 19 January 2017, when the gallery reopens after the Christmas break.

The program of POP-UP exhibitions will continue into 2017 with exciting and diverse content that will be announced shortly before each exhibition is opened. Stay tuned to the gallery website and emails for further announcements. The Central Goldfields Art Gallery is located in the Old Fire Station, Neill Street, Maryborough and is open from Thursday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Entry is free.



Fire restrictions announced for 2016/17 season

The Fire Danger Period will begin at 1am on Monday, 12 December 2016 for the following municipalities in CFA's North West Region:

- Central Goldfields Shire Council
- Mount Alexander Shire Council

CFA District 2 Acting Operations Manager Trent McKinnon said forecasts show potential for an above average fire season, despite the recent heavy rain and flooding in many parts of the state.

"The rainfall experienced in spring has produced a lot of growth, which could very easily become a high fuel load throughout the summer season if not properly managed," he said. "Reducing fuel loads will ensure that if a fire does break out, it has less chance of taking hold or spreading.

While CFA does everything it can, we look to the community to use common sense and take responsibility for preventing fires."

Mr McKinnon said there was still a short window of opportunity to clean up your property if you haven't already done so.

"Out of control burn-offs and unregistered burn-offs have been a major headache for brigades," he said. "You should avoid burning off when high winds are forecast – not only on the day of your burn but for the days afterwards. "For information about burn-off restrictions specific to your area consult your local council."

Mr McKinnon said this fire season CFA would be taking a zero tolerance approach to any fires resulting from negligent behaviour.

"Expect any fire you start to be fully investigated by police," he said. "Even if you have a permit to use fire over the Fire Danger Period, make sure you read the conditions carefully. Failing to follow just one of those conditions may leave you open to prosecution."

During the Fire Danger Period (FDP) fires cannot be lit in the open air without a written permit from CFA or a Municipal Fire Prevention Officer. FDPs are based on local conditions and take into account fuel moisture, fuel loads, grassland curing, weather and rainfall.

Victorians can find out "*Can I or Can't I?*" information at cfa.vic.gov.au/can or by calling VicEmergency Hotline on **1800 226 226**. All burn-offs should be registered with the VicFire Burn-off notification line on **1800 668 511**.

Fire Danger Period information:

A written permit is required to burn off grass, undergrowth, weeds or other vegetation during the FDP. This permit may be issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or the CFA District Office. Please check with your municipality in the first instance.

Lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can bring a penalty of over \$21,600 and/or 12 months imprisonment. Barbeques and fires for cooking and warmth do not require a permit, but **must** be lit in properly constructed fireplaces (to view complete conditions visit cfa.vic.gov.au/can)

The use of an incinerator, chainsaw/lawn mower, welding/grinding equipment and vehicles that come in contact with vegetation and machinery with an internal combustion/heat engine are permitted provided **conditions are followed**.

Farmers can find legal guidelines and practical advice at cfa.vic.gov.au/farming – this information is important especially for new farmers, bush block owners or hobby farmers.

A **Total Fire Ban declaration** means no fires can be lit for the declared district for that day unless there is a specific exemption or special permit issued. This applies irrespective of the Fire Restriction status for a given municipality. Further details at cfa.vic.gov.au/can



Dunolly Lions Terrarium Workshop



What a fantastic way to spend a Sunday. We all gathered at Thompson St to be part of a terrarium workshop hosted by Luke Williams and Susan Marney who are part of the Lions Club here in Dunolly. Luke and Susan brought all the supplies we would need to make the terrariums. There were glass bowls and large bottles, even sweet little hanging glass bulbs, soil, charcoal, pebbles and sphagnum moss. Lions members supplied the trays of different succulents which they had potted up. Luke did a show and tell of the principles of growing plants in terrariums and how they grow in a layered mixture of river rocks, sphagnum moss and charcoal topped with bonsai mix. He then helped us all along the way as we all got stuck into making the terrariums. It was a fascinating workshop which was a great deal of fun and, before we knew it, we had made 40 terrariums which will be for sale on the Lions Market stall right outside their shop on Broadway at the next Dunolly Market on 11 December. Lunch was supplied with the workshop and what a delicious spread it was, thanks to Susan's sister Kerrie Marney; there was even a Pavlova which was a very popular dish with everyone. The terrariums will be a great low maintenance gift for any age and will all be available for sale at the market on Sunday. From the smiles on the faces I think everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves learning a new skill and when asked for a word to describe the workshop said "Therapeutic, Absorbing, Industrious, Social Day, Hospitable, Lovely" and I would add 'What a Success'.

Lynda Vater



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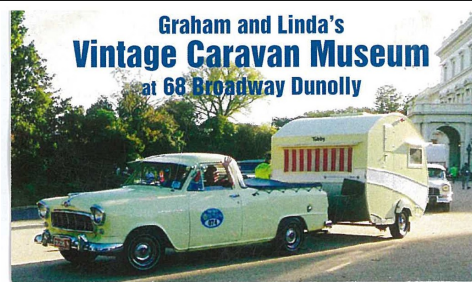
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ACCC warns of Centrelink phone scam

The ACCC is warning Australians to be aware of phone calls from scammers pretending to be from the Department of Human Services or Centrelink.

There have been over 2,200 reports of this scam since January 2016 and over \$27,000 reported lost to DHS and Centrelink scams.

"If you receive a phone call out of the blue from someone claiming to be from the Department of Human Services or Centrelink claiming that you are eligible for an increase in your pension or benefit - hang up," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"The scammer will claim that you've been sent a letter about an increase in your benefits and not responded to it. They will then claim that your file has been sent to Canberra and that you can either go to Canberra to fill out the required form or you can pay a fee and have the forms sent to you."

"The Department of Human Services will never ask you to deposit money in order to receive a payment. If in doubt, don't use any contact details provided by the caller. Look up the government department or organisation yourself in the phone book or online, and phone or email them."

If you receive a phone call from someone at Centrelink offering you an increase in benefits, hang up.

For more information, visit the Scams page on the Department of Human Services' website.

From Your Life Choices Website

This scam is most convincing. The scammers seem to have recorded actual Centrelink messages. Centrelink informed me that they do not make unsolicited calls. As I'd been having difficulties in contacting Centrelink I rang the number given (02) 8607 5068 and after waiting a short while in a queue was connected then disconnected. I was told to ring between 10am and 6pm and as it was close to 6pm I was keen to get through. I was disconnected about 5 times and assumed it was because of a poor connection which echoed and they could not hear me. Eventually I got through just after 6pm and was told to ring back tomorrow. I explained I had rung 5 times and the "nice" man (Jason) took my details and said he would ring me back the next day. I missed two calls from (02) 8607 8601 and whenever I rang this number I got an engaged signal. I rang (02) 8607 5068 and was "lucky" to get the "nice" man (Jake or Jason) who I'd spoken to the previous day. As is usual for Centrelink calls I gave my CRN number and address. Jason explained I'd been underpaid on my age pension and Centrelink had written me several letters which were returned unanswered. My file had been transferred to Canberra. He was very nice so I asked to speak to his superior to thank him for going out of his way to help me and working beyond closing time. I assumed all the other "Centrelink" staff deliberately hung up as I'd rung so close to closing time. It took some time to speak with his supervisor who informed me that Centrelink owed me \$2900 in underpaid pension. I was surprised when he said a local Centrelink staff member would visit me with a cheque and some documents to sign. He then added that it would cost \$300 to transfer my file back to my local Centrelink and would I be happy to pay this. At this stage I guessed I was being scammed and said no but take it out of the \$2900. He informed me that the \$300 would be refunded (bull). I have rung (02) 8607 5068 which must switch to overseas (India?) several times. By placing the phone in front of a radio I manage to waste much of their time. These people are thieves and have no moral sense. Jason is very clever and convincing. His "supervisor" is not. I've had Centrelink add a password to all my calls to them and informed Scamwatch.

Comment from person who experienced the scam

WARNING - Scam callers claiming to represent ACORN

People should be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls claiming to be from the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN). The ACORN is a national policing initiative that allows you to securely report cybercrime incidents which may be in breach of Australian law.

A number of people have reported being contacted by scammers who say they are from ACORN and are making a number of fake claims. These include that the person may be eligible for a payout, or that their computer has been infected and the caller can help to fix it. The caller then asks the person to undertake a risky action, such as provide personal banking information, make payments to third parties, download software onto their computer or allow someone to remotely access their device.

In some cases, people have been directed to seemingly legitimate websites with phone numbers that direct them back to the scammer to convince them of the caller's authenticity.

ACORN has confirmed it will not make contact with individuals after a report has been submitted. Any contact regarding ACORN reports will only come from the police authority that has responsibility for reviewing the matter. Police contacting you about an ACORN matter will not ask you to make payments over the internet, download software or provide remote access to your computer. If you have concerns about a caller who claims to represent the government or police, you should contact the organisation directly using information that you find through trusted channels. This might include visiting their official website, or calling the official switchboard. Be wary of directions to specific websites or phone numbers that the caller provides you.

Stay Smart Online recommends that you never provide financial or personal details in response to unsolicited calls, emails or other contacts.

ACCC Website

Prepare your pets for bushfires

With the bushfire season ahead of us, the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) is warning of the serious impacts of bushfires on Australian wildlife and pets.

AVA President, Dr Robert Johnson said it's critical to include pets in your disaster plan.

"With so many Australians living in bushfire zones it's vital that they're prepared for an emergency, and that includes pets if you're lucky enough to be a pet owner. Don't wait until it's too late. Start today by making a plan and preparing a disaster kit. Planning is the key and can, not only help save human lives, but also save pets' lives. The decision to evacuate or stay at home is always a critical one. Try to confine your pets to the safest enclosed room of the house, such as the bathroom, where they can be quickly collected if you need to leave urgently".

Fires don't just threaten people, their homes, pets and livestock, but also wildlife who make their homes in the bush. While it's tragic when wildlife is injured or destroyed, it is important not to put your own life at risk when trying to rescue an animal.

AVA brochures on protecting horses, livestock and pets are available at: <http://www.ava.com.au/public/animals-and-natural-disasters>

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St John's Dunolly Anglican Parish Service

Thursday 8 December Morning Prayer Trina Kay 10am

Thursday 15 December Eucharist Father Malcolm 10am

St David's Bealiba Anglican Services

1st and 3rd Sundays monthly at 8am

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 Saturday 17 December 11am

Uniting Church Services:

Bealiba Uniting Church

2nd and 4th Sundays at 11am

Dunolly Uniting Church

Musical Celebration service Heiner Bauch 9.30am

Laanecoorie Uniting Church

No service

Catholic Church St Mary's Muse

New rosters for ministries of the mass and altar servers rosters are in the churches.

Parish Council Christmas breakup is at 7.30pm on Thursday 8 December at the Presbytery. A plate of supper please.

St Augustine's School graduation Mass - 6.30pm Wednesday 14 December.

Finance committee meeting - 12.30pm Friday 16 December.

Australian Catholic Religious Against Gender Based Violence has developed an awareness campaign.

Mass is at St Mary's Dunolly on Sunday 11 December at 8.30am.

R Mcreddy

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths"*

Luke 3:4

St John's Church News

There will be a Fellowship meeting after church this Thursday 8 December.

Sunday 11 December Bishop Andrew will be visiting St Michael's Talbot for the Re-Hallowing of their Pipe Organ. The organ has been fully restored and the Talbot congregation have worked very hard to achieve this.

Father Andrew will be with us on Thursday 22 December at 10am to celebrate our Christmas Service.

Trina Kay

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Mark 1:15

Uniting Church News

The Church members had a delicious Christmas dinner at The Railway Hotel last Sunday. It is a happy time for fellowship.

We will soon be welcoming our new minister who will be starting in January.

We are still rehearsing for our Christmas Concert on Sunday at 1pm for the adults and Thursday afternoon at 4pm for the Children.

The Christmas Concert is on Friday 23 December at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Our Op Shop will be closing for Christmas on Friday 16 December, so come in and browse for your Christmas clothes and decorations.

Jean Richardson

Bealiba CWA Update

Hard to believe another year is drawing to a close and that we will soon be in recess until 16 February 2017.

Our final hurrah for the year was our Community Christmas Concert on Friday, 2 December. So a big thankyou to the D Sharps, David Price, Erin & Anne and Allan Weir for giving so generously of their time. And I can't forget Chris Cook (The Streak) for "showing off his manly physique"! We are so fortunate to have so many talented entertainers in the district. Finally, a special thankyou to the Bealiba Primary students for their wonderful items, and also to the "The Welcome Record" team for giving our concert a plug. Much appreciated.

Traditionally, in November members bring an item of food which we make into a hamper for one of the local charities. Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year and it is good to see that the spirit of giving is still alive and well.

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday, 15 December 2016

Meeting at 10.30am followed by Lunch at 12.30pm.

- Thursday 17 February 2017

First meeting for the year.

Competition Winners for November

Single Bloom

First Alice Pike Second Geraldine Delgado

Multiple Bloom

First Shirley Coburn Second Geraldine Delgado

Finally, I'd like to wish all our members, along with those who follow our updates, a Christmas that brings both peace and joy.

Heather Davis

FUNNY FILLERS

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus walks on the water.'

'The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.



Dunolly Australia Day Nomination Form

Criteria

Dunolly Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year recipients are people who have demonstrated through their hard work and dedication that they:

- Provide a significant contribution to the Dunolly community in the current year or over a number of years;
- Demonstrate outstanding skills and/or are a role model for other community members or organisations; and
- Excel in one of the areas of community services, arts and culture, sport and recreation, education or the environment.

Please indicate the award category you are making the nomination for:

Citizen of the Year Junior Citizen of the Year (Under 18 yrs)

Name of Nominee _____

Areas of Excellence – in what area(s) has the nominee excelled?

For example: Service Clubs, Welfare, Community, Sports, Academic or other specific achievement

Briefly tell us about your nominee

How are they a positive role model? How have they demonstrated excellence in their field and contributed to the community? Explain their outstanding achievements and involvement within the Dunolly community.

Nominated by: _____

Nomination form must be received by 4.30pm on Friday, 6 January 2017 at the RTC.

The Australia Day Ceremony and awards are organised by Dunolly and District Inc. and sponsored by Central Goldfields Shire. A special committee will judge the awards. The decision in relation to the awards is final and no correspondence will be entered into in respect of the awards.

Pearl Harbour

Remembering 75 years ago on 7 December 1941; it was the day Pearl Harbour suddenly became one of the most recognisable battlefields. This was an unprecedented attack on the United States without declaring a State of War. More than 2400 men were killed. Damage was done to 25 ships and 200 planes.

On 8 December, American President Roosevelt declared war on Japan and as Japan was part of an alliance with Germany and Italy, that now meant the USA was at war with Germany and Italy.

Over the weeks to follow, the might of the Japanese Army was felt. The same day they bombed Pearl Harbour, Japanese troops landed in Malaya. Our Australian Hudson bombers attacked, but against great odds they didn't have a hope.

On 10 December, Britain's two battleships, the Prince of Wales and the Repulse, were sunk. From then on the Japanese continued their southward rampage.

In the New Year I will relate their movements and how Australia was affected and attacked.

Joyce Chivers

New campaign to put local women in sports leadership roles

The Andrews Government is taking action to help more women and girls in Western Victoria earn sports leadership roles.

The Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, said the new *Change our Game* campaign is all about encouraging sporting organisations to challenge gender stereotypes and encourage more women and girls to reach their full potential.

The reforms follow the Women and Girls in Sport and Recreation Inquiry – chaired by Richmond President Peggy O'Neal – which made a number of recommendations to help women get the opportunities they deserve in what can be male-dominated environments.

"The Labor Government has invested \$1 million to implement and fast track the recommendations, because increasing opportunities for women and girls changes people's lives for the better," Ms Pulford said. "We've also established a \$10 million fund for women's change rooms at grassroots clubs all over Victoria."

Ms Pulford said on the field, participation rates are soaring, but women are still under represented on boards, in administration roles and other leadership positions.

"We'll work with the state sporting associations to meet the target of 40 per cent of women in board positions in three years' time. Many sporting boardrooms lack a balance of skills and ideas and that's because they lack diversity," Ms Pulford said.

The Government has also appointed key state sporting association chief executives as Ambassadors of Change.

"Those ambassadors will use their positions and experience to empower more women and girls to secure the sports leadership roles they deserve," Ms Pulford said.

"We know that outcomes for women begin with attitudes towards women. We've got great female leaders in Western Victoria, and we want to give others every chance to succeed," she said.

The campaign features a new toolkit for sports organisations and clubs in Western Victoria, complete with recruitment guidelines to help attract more women and girls to sports leadership roles.

For more information, visit:

www.changeourgame.vic.gov.au

Jaala Pulford MP



Artist impression of the bombing of Pearl Harbour

Quotable Quotes

- In the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years.
- Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.
- The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.

Abraham Lincoln

Dunolly Community Market

Sunday December 11th

8am-1pm

Santa photo booth

Lots of great stalls for all ages

Stall enquiries: Lucinda
0448 681 147

Giving back to the community
11am at Town Hall

MERRY CHRISTMAS

COMPUTER AND TECH TALK

How often have you gone to click on your favourite browser only to have it open in a window? Internet Explorer is the default browser in all versions of Windows except for Windows 10 and is a very stable and user friendly browser despite what most people think. Microsoft Internet Explorer is made by Microsoft for Microsoft Windows and you get security updates for it on a regular basis. The default browser for Windows 10 is Edge and is also a very good browser. If you are used to Internet Explorer and would still like to use it never fear, it is still there just not readily visible. Go to 'settings' in Windows 10 >search and Apps then scroll down the list to choose the default browser as Internet Explorer. Internet Explorer will open in the same sized window as the last window you used, so to make it full screen simply move your cursor to an edge of the window and hold your left mouse button down then drag the window out to the sides of your monitor. Alternately you can press F11 and your screen will immediately go to full size. Now when you close Internet Explorer and reopen it, it will fill the screen. There is an update that causes Windows 8 to display a message that your copy of Windows is about to expire. Although if you check under System>activation it says Windows is activated. This is simple to fix. Just click on 'Change product key' and type in the original key that came with your PC or the copy of Windows that you bought. Well Obama went ahead and gave the Internet away, but unless you are an American this is probably a good thing. Why should one individual country control the internet?

This from the Washington Times -

In 1992, when Bill Clinton was running for president, if you asked the average American, "What is the Internet? What is the World Wide Web? And, what is Email?" most Americans would not have known.

It is hard to believe in less than a quarter century, the internet has transformed the world. It has created wealth for many. It has changed the way America does business. It has given birth to political movement and killed political careers. The Internet is without a doubt the greatest tool for advancing freedom since the invention of the printing press.

It is no great shock that President Obama does not like American control of the internet. The internet was an American invention and America shared it with the world. American values of freedom and liberty created the Internet and allowed it to flourish. Now, in one of his last acts, Obama wants to destroy the Internet.

No, this is not one of those crazy internet conspiracy theories.

Despite the explicit wishes of Congress, Mr. Obama wants to allow an international body to take control of the Internet.

The United States still controls something called the International Assigned Numbers Authority. IANA is responsible for the allocation of unique names and numbers that are used around the world in Internet protocols.

In short, it controls the allocation of domain names from Facebook.com to your church's website. And Mr. Obama wants to give control of this to an International Organization.

What could possibly go wrong?

Since the internet became a worldwide phenomenon, repressive regimes have looked for ways to censor the internet. China has what is known as the "Great Firewall of China" to keep out materials the government does not like. When there is unrest in countries, one of the first things dictators do is to shut down the Internet.

Without America and American values controlling the internet, who will control it and what will they do?

Imagine the internet controlled by regimes like Saudi Arabia, Iran, Afghanistan, China and North Korea. Imagine these nations telling Americans what they can and cannot put on the Internet. This is the ultimate end game. This will be the destruction of the Internet as a tool of liberty and commerce, instead making it nothing more than a massive propaganda tool.

The mechanism Mr. Obama will use to allow International control of the Internet is to simply allow the existing contract between IANA and the United States Department of Commerce to expire.

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Rep. Sean Duffy of Wisconsin have introduced legislation that will prohibit the Commerce Department from allowing those contracts to expire.

In 1976, Ronald Reagan ran for president and he opposed the planned

give away of the Panama Canal. He said then, "We bought it, we paid for it, we built it, and we intend to keep it." President Jimmy Carter, a man who hates America almost as much as Mr. Obama does, gave the Panama Canal away.

What result did we see?

Today, China controls the most strategic water passage in the Western Hemisphere. President Reagan and other Republicans warned us then what would happen if the Democrats gave away a national asset like the Panama Canal. Today, the national asset the Democrats want to give away is the internet.

The Internet is and will be the engine of both commerce and liberty in the 21st Century. That is, if the Party of Treason does not give it away to international control.

Every American should be calling and emailing their senators and members of Congress to tell them no. If Congress does not act by Sept. 30, it will be too late.

And if we allow the internet to be given away to foreign powers that view it as a threat, then to paraphrase President Reagan, we will one day tell our children and grandchildren what it was like when there was a free internet.

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In the Vegie Patch

November is almost a repeat of October.

If an early crop is a failure, then another start can be made. It is wise to sow again in a different place, as there could be some setback in the soil, that the plants will not thrive on, most likely pests or soil conditions. All tender plants or seeds can be sown or planted out this month. Dwarf beans are high on the list, from now until the end of February. To have a supply of beans over summer months, a small sowing each month will give a regular picking supply. Beans do need lime and some fertiliser; mix with soil before sowing seeds. The seeds must not come in direct contact with fertiliser or lime. They are likely to burn and not germinate. Butter beans will grow and produce much better later in the season. These beans, sown early in the season usually form small curly pods, and are not much use. Beetroot is a very popular vegie to have growing in the home garden. This vegie does mix well on the dinner plate with lettuce and tomato. Beetroot will grow well in most soils, and keep in the soil for a long period of time. If sown too early in the season they are likely to bolt to seed, when the good growing weather sets in. To have a successful crop of sweet corn, the soil needs to be well fertilised at planting time, and during their growing period. Fowl manure is particularly valuable for this plant, if not available, blood and bone will give good results. It is too early yet to plant or sow seeds of the brassica family (cabbage, caulis etc.); carrots can be sown most of the year round; parsnip seeds should be sown this month, no later or else they will not grow to good size by next winter. Root vegies need deep watering once they grow to the thinning out stage, so the roots will follow the moisture down. Shallow watering will keep the roots near the surface, and therefore they will only last for a few days before signs of stress.

For fruit trees

By now we will know what fruit harvest to expect; now is the time to give them a deep soaking if needed and a heavy mulch. It will be a help to them over the summer time. Without good moisture the fruit will be very small. Aphids can be very active on stone fruit tree leaves now. They can do a lot of damage before they are detected. Their favourite tree is the cherry.

Happy Gardening

PFA NEWS



Christmas Raffle

Raffle books have been sent home
There are 29 prizes to be won.

Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Books due Monday December 12th
(All books either sold or unsold must
be returned please).

Raffle drawn at the
Community Carols

on Thursday December 15th

Money raised is going towards
new outdoor seating

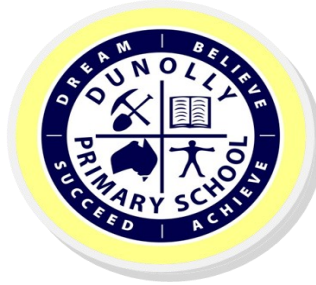


Around school this week :

Tomorrow will be the last canteen day for this year. I'd like to sincerely thank Sarah Soulsby, who along with her very small band of helpers, has coordinated and prepared the delicious food in the canteen this year. Each week she has provided students with a 'home-cooked' meal along with several healthy options. Thank you to regular helpers Julie Hunt, Sarah Carless and Tinka Hilder. You've made a fabulous contribution to our school community. Our Community Carols evening is the grand finale to our year and will be held on Thursday 15th December from 5.30pm. The SES will once again be selling sausages on the night or BYO picnic tea (strictly no alcohol). This year there will be an improved sound system and a lot more shade with our sails going up tomorrow and shade tents available. Please invite your whole family for a lovely evening of carols.

We have had many cases of head lice this week, so PLEASE check and treat your child's hair.

Thanks
Katie



This week's value in focus is :
Resilience - Determination
Not giving up after the first go



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

As an end of year celebration the students will be involved in preparing a two-course Christmas lunch complete with proper table settings, lessons around etiquette and meal preparation. Cost is \$5 which can be sent along any time before that week.

JOSH FINISHES 55th IN THE STATE

Year 6 student Josh Hunt competed in the State Final of the Victorian Primary Schools Golf Championship at Koorngal Golf Club yesterday. Josh progressed to the final after qualifying at the regional competition. Josh finished the round with 98 on the day and has made a great achievement to beat over a thousand students who initially entered the competition.

Congratulations Josh. We are all very proud of you !



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IMPORTANT DATES

Bealiba CWA

Meetings 1pm Bealiba Hall, 3rd Thursday of month

Bealiba Playgroup meets every Friday from 10am to 11am in the Primary School during school terms

Bealiba Progress Association meeting, 2nd Monday 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 Art Group Tuesdays at 10am at the Art Hub

Dunolly Community Garden at Pre-school:

Wednesdays 2pm 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 10am Hospital Day Room

Dunolly Community Market

2nd Sunday each month 8am to 1pm- Broadway

Dunolly Field and Game meeting

1st Wednesday each month 7.30pm at 147 Broadway

Dunolly Fire Brigade meeting

3rd Monday each month 7.30pm Fire Station

Dunolly Karate Club -Pee Wee/Junior/Senior (7+ years)

Mondays 5.30-6.30pm and 6.30-7.30pm Dunolly RSL hall

Dunolly Ninjas Program - (4 to 6 years old)

Mondays from 5pm Dunolly RSL hall

Dunolly & District Lions Club meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month 6.30pm

Dunolly Neighbourhood Watch meeting

3rd Wednesday each month 10.30am Bakery

Dunolly Supported Playgroup meets Wednesday

9.30am to 11.30am Dunolly Preschool

Dunolly & District Probus Club meeting

3 Thursday each month 10am Senior Citizens Hall

Dunolly Museum meeting

3rd Monday each month 2pm 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 Monday each month 1pm 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 6pm

Golden Triangle Archers

4th Sunday each month 10am behind Deledio Reserve

Ladies Only General Exercise Class Thursdays

5.15pm Dunolly RSL hall.

Ladies only Self Defence Class Thursday 6pm

Dunolly RSL hall.

Maryborough Lions Club Tourist Market

1st Sunday of every month - 8.am - 2pm

At the Maryborough Harness Racing Complex.

Mobile Library every Thursday 2pm to 5pm

outside Dunolly 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 7pm RSL Hall Dunolly

2nd Tuesday each month - 7pm

Senior Citizens meeting

1st Monday each month 10am

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls each Monday 1.30pm

Senior Citizens Luncheon

3rd Wednesday/month 12.30pm

Senior Citizens Card Playing

Each Tuesday at 1.30pm

Talbot Farmers Market

3rd Sunday /month 9am to 1pm

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

Tarnagulla Action Group - Community Centre

3rd Monday each month 7.30pm - (*note new time*)

Tarnagulla Senior Citizens - Victoria Hall

1st and 3rd Monday of the month - 11.30am-3.30pm

Welcome Record Committee

2nd Monday each month - 2pm in the office

December

- Friday 9** Preschool Blue Light Disco
Dunolly Town Hall 6pm
- Saturday 10** CFA Talent Show
Tarnagulla Hall 7pm
- Sunday 11** Neighbourhood House
Christmas Party 6pm
- Sunday 11** Dunolly Community Market
- Thursday 15** Christmas Carols at Dunolly
Primary School 6pm
- Friday 16** Santa Show Wrap Party
Dunolly Town Hall 6pm
- Saturday 17** SANTA SHOW Dunolly Town Hall 12pm
- Saturday 17** Eddington Carols By Candlelight 6pm
- Tuesday 20** Dunolly Community Market AGM
SES building 7pm

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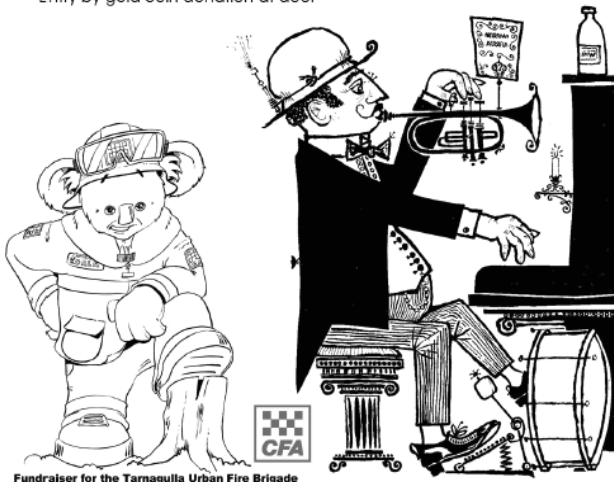
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Our Christmas party is on Sunday 11 December at 6pm at the Centre. All our members and friends are invited to attend.

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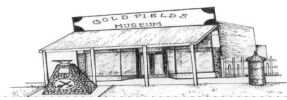


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Tailings

Extracts from the newsletter of the Goldfields Historical

IS THIS REAL HISTORY OR JUST A CREATED MYTH?

The Wurdi Youang Aboriginal ceremonial stone arrangement is near the You Yangs at Little River. There are over 100 stones laid out in an egg or teardrop shape 50 metres across. It is on an east-west alignment on a gentle slope. In 1993 archaeologist John Morieson published a paper that concluded that parts of the arrangement could also be aligned to within a few degrees of the summer and winter solstices. For this he received considerable acclaim and follow-up funding for other projects. This site is often referred to as the Australian Stonehenge. I'm sure that if it were not for the fact that there is no public access to the site it would have become the site for a modern sun worship based festival each solstice.

Now just step back and look at the facts. To be aligned to within a few degrees is not accurate. It is more likely a case of trying to make a theory fit. From a gap between two large rocks you can look over a small rock several metres away and view the sun setting at winter solstice. Six months later another small rock lines up roughly with the summer solstice. Surely if the Aborigines had wanted to mark these points with any degree of accuracy they would have placed larger rocks further away. As it stands the setting sun can be viewed over the small rocks for about three weeks each side of the solstices. It cannot therefore be used as a calendar.

The site consists of dark basalt rocks strewn over dark soil. Aborigines are basically sensible people. To walk around this site of a night time is inviting twisted ankles. It was therefore a daytime only ceremony.

There are gaps in the rocks in the stone arrangement thus destroying what would have been a perfect regular shape. It has been suggested that these stones have been disturbed by stock, but they are not lying nearby. No-one has yet come up with the theory that the gaps are supposed to be there.

To me the site appears to be a male initiation ground. It has similarities with the stone arrangement at Carisbrook in that both are beside creeks that form boundaries between clans. Also like the arrangements at Kingower and others in NSW, it has a gap in an enclosed area. Aboriginal tradition says that boys being initiated entered the stone arrangement through the gap then stepped over the rocks at the other end. Evil spirits following them could not get over the rocks and were trapped.

Since the death of John Morieson a number of others have jumped on the bandwagon. The modern problem is that any archaeologist that questions the solar alignment theory risks getting their funding cut.

TRACING ANCESTORS ON THE GOLDFIELDS - part 5

Parish registers

When tracing a person who was on the Victorian goldfields in the 1850s some records direct you to their origins. Through marriage certificates, death certificates, hospital records, shipping lists or other sources you might locate their birthplace. For this scenario lets say they came from the United Kingdom.

The best records there are the 1841 and 1851 census. There are also birth, death and marriage certificates after they became compulsory in 1837.

Prior to this the main resources are parish registers.

Local churches recorded christenings, marriages and burials. The information recorded varied from church to church. When the information is not there a certain amount of assumption is required. This is where people make mistakes. I would go so far as to say that most people who rely solely on parish registers make mistakes in their family trees. Once they put a wrong name in their family tree every ancestor from that point back is wrong. Common problems are: -

- ◆ Relying on indexes – possibly 3% of indexes have transcription errors. These are usually the date or spelling of the name. It is always important to check with the original.
- ◆ Assuming a baptism is of a baby – this is the usual case but some baptisms are children or adults. Some registers include the birth date, others do not.
- ◆ Assuming when someone is “of this parish” when they marry that they were born there – it only means they were living there when they married.
- ◆ Assuming someone is about 20-25 when they married – many people were older or younger.
- ◆ Assuming they were a spinster or bachelor – not all registers record if they were a widow or widower.
- ◆ Assuming someone in the same parish with the same name is therefore the same person – even in small towns it was common for cousins to be named after the same grandparent.

It is crucial to view images of the original registers to confirm the index entry and see if there are other notes. A burial index might just include the name and date. Whereas the register might also record that they were an infant, son or daughter of ____, wife of ____ or from a particular place (either within or outside the parish). Other notes such as ‘Mr’ or ‘elder’ confirm they are an adult. Some burial registers also gave their occupation. There are a number of internet sites that provide various records for the genealogists. It should be noted that many of these companies are somewhat unscrupulous with the way they make their money. A common practice is automatic subscription renewal. Unless you physically uncheck a box the subscription keeps going. Another way is by free trials. You must give a credit card number to take part and unless you specifically tell them it transfers into a subscription. If this happens against your wishes then contact them, cancel and ask for a refund. Under Australian law you have a 14 day cooling off period in which to do so.



ALPHA COTTAGE

Alpha Cottage once stood at 56 Market St, Dunolly. It was one of the earliest brick houses built in Dunolly. It was a good location next to the

Congregational (Independent) church. The cottage contained five rooms. The Dunolly businessman Peter McBride purchased the land in 1859 for £13. He had the house built soon after. If McBride lived in the house it was only for a short time when it was first built. For most of the time he owned it he rented it out.

Some of the early tenants were: -

1861 William Haugh

1863 William R Stevenson, insurance agent and clerk

1864-1868 Rev Henry H Finlay, Presbyterian minister

1869-1871 John McNulty, surveyor

The house was demolished around the 1960s.

John Tully

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**QUICK
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140**

Across

- 1. Directly descendent from ancestor
- 6. Reparation
- 11. Not strong
- 12. Trench around castle
- 13. Group of five
- 15. Twice Pakistani P.M., Benazir _____
- 17. Person who keeps persevering
- 18. Fellow actress and daughter of Maureen O'Sullivan, _____ Furrow
- 19. Northern Ireland religious and political leader, _____ Paisley
- 20. Persian poet, _____ Khayyám
- 21. High-quality brandy
- 23. Personal Identification Number (acronym)
- 24. Clear (of sky)
- 26. Graph in circular form, _____ chart
- 27. Hostile feeling, _____ will
- 28. Violate the holy nature of
- 31. Food soaked in liquid before eating

- 33. Steep and rugged (of rock, eg.)
- 34. Undulation of ocean
- 35. Zodiac sign
- 37. Impart colour to (cloth, eg.)
- 38. Length units
- 39. Former Opposition leader during John Howard's tenure as P.M., Mark _____
- 41. Standardised unit (as part of furniture arrangement, eg.)
- 42. Continent, home to Malaysia
- 43. A worn lucky charm
- 44. Motive
- 45. Switzerland's second-most populous city

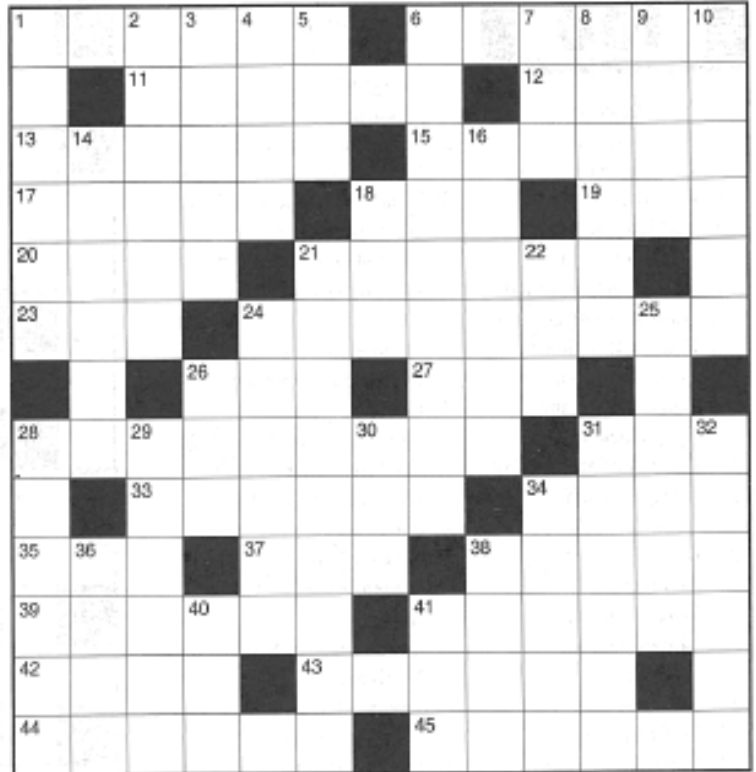
Down

- 1. Personal computer often powered by battery
- 2. Former Aust. governor-general, Sir _____ Stephen
- 3. Other name for computer's 'return' key
- 4. A very long way
- 5. Movable top on container
- 6. Antonym of 'clarity'
- 7. Large bird
- 8. Catch sight of
- 9. Figures used for analysis
- 10. British rock group, the Rolling _____
- 14. Weasel with white winter coat
- 16. Become suddenly angry, fly off the _____
- 18. Bovine's cry

- 21. Christian minister
- 22. Word in title of this magazine
- 24. Insect with shrill drone
- 25. Digging implement
- 26. For every
- 28. '\$', _____ sign

- 29. Province of Canada, Nova _____
- 30. To mature (of wine)
- 31. Military gesture of recognition
- 32. Former monetary unit worth 100 centimos

- 34. Make less narrow
- 36. Become less severe
- 38. Small mammal which eats earthworms and insects
- 40. Possesses
- 41. Vessel for drinking



SUDOKU 34

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Solutions: Crossword 139 & Sudoku 33

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7	1	6	4	5	3	9	8	2
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1	6	2	3	4	7	8	5	9
5	3	9	8	2	1	6	4	7



Patience will pay dividends for road network

I understand some residents may be feeling frustrated at what feels like band-aid repair measures following the September and October flooding events.

"Why can't Council fix the damage properly in the first instance?" could be a question you ask yourself as you travel over temporary safety measure work and wind your way around another road safety warning sign.

But a small delay in having the job properly repaired may be just the thing which leads to us having better roads in the long run.

Council has completed the vast majority of work required to make your journey safe, but now has to wait for an anticipated \$10 million in flood restoration funding to flow through.

If our crews move beyond the scope of emergency response measures, they could potentially jeopardise an additional source of funding Council should qualify for under the flood restoration program – all the while eating into the annual road maintenance budget.

Council's Director of Operations anticipates the additional pool of flood recovery money will be delivered ready for full repair work to begin within the first quarter of 2017.

Please continue to exercise patience, especially over the Christmas / New Year period.

In the meantime, Council crews will continue to assess road damage which has directly or indirectly been caused by the flooding events, ahead of delivery of the multi-million dollar flood restoration package which will reward our community for its patience.

New system frees up time for proactive work

Outdoor road network maintenance crews are completing scheduled repair work earlier than anticipated, freeing up time for proactive preventive work to keep our road network in good condition, thanks to a new system of recording and distributing jobs.

The new Reflect Maintenance System frees up labour time by utilising tablets and the internet to record and distribute jobs.

Figures compiled through the system show that the average repair time over the last 5 years from lodgement to completion was 61 days, compared to just 25 days since the introduction of a new road inspection and maintenance management system at the start of the year.

That roughly equates to a 40 per cent improvement in turnaround response times which has allowed extra time for unscheduled preventative work.

The figures also highlight the large amount of unscheduled work being carried out.

A report tendered to Council's November meeting showed that between the start of July and the end of September, 460 unscheduled road maintenance jobs were carried out across the municipality, exceeding the 403 scheduled works that were completed.

During the same period, work crews also inspected and graded as required 618 kilometres of the Shire's 2,500 kilometre gravel road network, that equates to having treated almost a quarter of the gravel road network within the space of three months.

This time-efficient system reduces paper handling and delivers better value to the ratepayer, as more time is available for work crews to tend to road maintenance issues before they become a problem.

Clearly, Council's road maintenance crews are getting more work done with the same resources and that's good news all around.

Taking a stand against family violence

If you popped into our Wedderburn or Serpentine offices sometime on Tuesday 6 December you were likely to have been greeted by someone wearing a splash of orange.

Council is participating in the second Victoria Against Violence #16 days of Activism Campaign, with staff set to wear something orange for the day and coming together for a shared "orange" morning tea.

There's no place for family violence in our community and throughout the 16 day campaign, which runs through to Friday 9 December. Staff and community members are encouraged to show their support for the cause by wearing an orange ribbon.

Your chance to strike it lucky in Loddon

Loddon Shire's popular gold nugget draw is back in a bid to find out more about where the tourists who visit us travel from. The annual competition offers a chance for visitors to strike it lucky in the gold stakes, while providing an opportunity for our tourism team to gather valuable information to guide future marketing campaigns.

To be in the running to win a genuine gold nugget all you have to do is visit the Shire, complete an entry form and pop it into a draw box.

Entry forms will be available from early December until the end of January, with the winner to be announced on 15 February at the Loddon Visitor Information Centre.

Competition boxes and entry forms can be found at tourist information stands located in Boort, Bridgewater, Dingee, Inglewood, Mitiamo, Newbridge, Pyramid Hill, Serpentine, Tarnagulla and Wedderburn.

Whether you have friends and family visiting for a day or more during the competition period, don't let them leave before popping their entry in the draw!

Maryborough to represent Victoria in Australia Made Foundation Cup

Local Maryborough resident, Ruby Rothman, will represent Victoria in the national Australian Made Foundation Cup in January, after winning her place on the state team in a series of trials.

Forming a part of the Australian Made Summer of Tennis, the Australian Made Foundation Cup gives children 13 and under from rural and regional Australia the opportunity to compete nationally – something they may not be able to do often due to cost and travel constraints.

The Australian Made Summer of Tennis celebrates home grown athletes and local industry, highlighting the importance of supporting both to ensure a better future for all Australians.

"We are proud to support rural and regional Australia through this tournament," Australian Made Campaign Chief Executive, Ian Harrison, said.

"The Australian Made Foundation Cup reminds us all about the importance of nurturing local talent – whether that be the next generation of athletes, farmers or manufacturers."

Other Australian Made Summer of Tennis highlights include 'Breakfast with the Stars' events in Melbourne during the Australian Open.

Ruby is one of eight finalists on the state team to compete in the Australian Made Foundation Cup in January, which will be held at the West Lakes Tennis Club in South Australia.

"What a wonderful opportunity this event offers the four boys and four girls, not only in representing Victoria but in gaining experience to travel, train and play as a team. The squad was selected after Tennis Victoria hosted successful Regional Team Events in Horsham and Yarrowonga. We wish the players and coaches all the best as they represent Victoria against all other states and territories in January 2017 in Adelaide," stated Tournaments and Events Manager Andy Reynolds.

The best and fairest male and female players will each receive a \$1000 cheque, presented by the Australian Made Campaign and the Fed Cup Foundation, to help with their tennis development.

"Rural Australia has produced tennis legends like Rod Laver, Margaret Court and Pat Rafter. It's important that we create opportunities like the Australian Made Foundation Cup for the kids so they can develop their talents," Fed Cup Foundation President, Judy Dalton said.

To find out more visit www.australianmade.com.au.

Jo Macarthur Australian Made Campaign Ltd

Classifieds and Public Notices

Garage Sale

93 Commercial Rd, Tarnagulla
Saturday 10 December 8am to 3pm

Lots of interesting bric-a-brac and collectables, household and shed stuff, spinning wheel parts and spindles, baby's rocking cradle, some restorable furniture, Lego Bionicles, miniature Fairy Gardens, saddle, horse rugs (varying condition), lots more.

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Santa Show Wrap Party

Dunolly Town Hall - Friday 16 December 6pm.

No Carboot Sale

Please be aware that there is no Uniting Church Carboot Sale in December or January. The next Carboot sale will be on Saturday 12 February 2017 and hosted by the Dunolly Golf Club.

The Uniting Church Op Shop will close for the Christmas break on Friday 16 December 2016.

Craft Shop Raffle Winner

The winner of the Golden Triangle Craft Shop promotional raffle is Sandra Caldecoat. Congratulations Sandra, and thankyou also to all those shoppers who supported us.

Vicky Frizzell



Sybil Freemantle

Congratulations and Best Wishes on reaching your 99th Birthday on 11 December 2016.

We all hope you have a wonderful day and look forward

to celebrating this special milestone with you on Sunday at Havilah Hostel.

All our love Shirley (John dec) Margaret & Dennis,
6 Grandchildren and 13 Great Grandchildren.

Wedding Congratulations

Millie and Craig were married on Saturday 3 December 2016 at Rosalind Park Bendigo.

Congratulations and love from Nan and Ann, Denise and Terry.



New Dunolly Pharmacy Opening

Sam and Phoebe have been working hard on the new premises for the Dunolly Pharmacy. It is almost ready. They expect to open this weekend hopefully.

The premises are bigger and will be more convenient to customers. Its just across the road from the old building so you won't have to go far.

Dunolly Hairdressing

Please book early for your Christmas hair dressing needs. Opening hours for the Christmas week will be Monday to Saturday from 9am.

The salon will be closed from Christmas Day 2016 to 3 January 2017.

Thank you to everyone for your support in my first year of business in Dunolly.

Stephanie Hubble

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DFNC Mini Lotto

Drawn : 2 December 2016

Numbers: 2, 3, 4, 7, 9

No winner: Jackpot - \$1,450

Five numbers out of 15. \$1 per entry.

Entries from local shops.

Have a go. Good Christmas prize

Grants open to emergency service volunteers

Local emergency service groups and volunteers are being encouraged to apply for funding through a newly launched Emergency Services Volunteer Sustainability program.

The new grants program will support, enhance and improve vital services provided by volunteers within our regional communities," Member for Lowan, Emma Kealey said.

"Grants can be used to help those with the cost of new equipment, updating facilities and education and training needs.

"Emergency service organisations and their many volunteers do an amazing job in protecting our people and property every day.

"I encourage all our local volunteer organisations to consider applying for funding through this program," she said.

The program is open to brigades, units, clubs, and volunteers from the Country Fire Authority, State Emergency Service and other organisations identified in the Emergency Management Manual Victoria.

Emergency Management Victoria is offering a grant pool of \$15 million with the funding available for a range of programs and equipment including:

- Operational equipment
- Facility improvements and maintenance
- Community engagement and education
- Training and development (which includes program fees, travel and facility hire)

And other requirements that volunteers believe will develop their brigade, unit or club's services to the community and enhance their sustainability.

For more information and to apply, visit the Emergency Management Victoria website:

<https://www.emv.vic.gov.au/>

Courtesy North Central News

Emergency services take trauma teddies on board

Local emergency services have recently received a special delivery from the Maryborough Lions Club, comforting teddy bears.

As part of Operation Teddy Bear, the local Lions Club have distributed trauma bears to the Maryborough Ambulance Auxiliary, Maryborough SES and Maryborough Fire Brigade to help comfort a child who is involved in a traumatic situation such as crime, accident, fire or flood.

"It's nice to have something on board to help distract kids, sometimes it's better than medicine," paramedic Joe McCallum said. "We're always so grateful for any support we receive from community groups".

Maryborough Lions Club member Jenny Jenkin said the program has been running locally for more than 15 years.

"The bears are kept on board the vehicles and used in times of stress and trauma, giving the officers something to comfort the children and distract them from the situation," Ms Jenkins said. "From all reports the bears are a great success and doing their job extremely well."

Ambulance auxiliary member Dianne Mullins said the bears are happily on board with local paramedics.

"When the bears were handed over, the paramedics had the biggest smiles on their faces, they went straight into the ambulances to be used to comfort children," Ms Mullins said.

Andrews cuts Ripon loose

The latest youth unemployment figures prove that the Andrews Labor Government has completely abandoned Ripon.

There are now an additional 588 young people that don't have full-time work in the Ballarat region since Daniel Andrews took office.

Young people are the future of the Victorian workforce, but under Daniel Andrews it is getting harder and harder for them to find a job.

Victoria is growing by 100,000 people every year and more than 90 per cent of that growth is in Melbourne.

That is why the Liberal Nationals are developing a comprehensive plan to manage Victoria's population growth and make sure regional Victoria is a beneficiary of the opportunities population growth provides not a loser from it.

After two years of the Andrews Labor Government, it is clear that if you are a young person and you live in a rural area, Daniel Andrews has no interest in helping you find a job and staying close to friends and family.

Whether be is taking an axe to the Country Fire Authority, thousands of cancelled V/Line services or stealing funding from regional roads and funnelling it into Daniel Andrews' own city electorate, regional Victorians have been the biggest losers after two years of Labor.

Daniel Andrews is a city-centric Premier who has no interest in anything that lies beyond Melbourne's tram tracks.

Comments attributable to Member for Ripon Louise Staley

Daniel Andrews is failing regional Victoria. Country towns cannot afford to lose more young people to the bigger cities.

It is vital that we keep young people in our community, the only way to do this is to have jobs available for them.

Steph Ryan MP

"The bears will be a wonderful support, I didn't even want to give them away." she said. "It's such a wonderful program. Any child in an emergency situation, in an ambulance and in unknown territory will gain so much comfort from cuddling one of these bears.

The Lions Club has donated over 2500 bears in the last 12 months.

By Angela Tucker

Courtesy The Maryborough Advertiser



Maryborough Ambulance paramedics Ross Barkla, Jason Scott, Alana Valkenburg and Joe McCallum are happy to have some new helpers on board.



Pennant Results for Saturday 3 December 2016

Dunolly Blue 64 lost to Avoca Red 76

G. Dobbin 19 lost J. Svilicic 32,
T. Galofaro 31 d N. Parratt 17,
B. Cann 14 lost G. Brown 27.

Dunolly Gold 76 d Maldon 60

T. Long 15 lost C. Wallace 21,
R. Pickering 31 d E. Cook 17,
A. Weir 30 d G. Brown 27.

Dunolly Green 77 d Dunolly Red 59

K. McKenzie 23 d P. Chase 22,
M. Davies 36 d S. Chaplin 15,
R. Henderson 18 lost D. Price 22.

Reminder of venue changes next week. Dunolly Gold playing at Talbot and Dunolly Green playing at Avoca.

Dunolly Bowling Club would like to thank the team at "The Welcome Record" for their support in publishing our teams and results every week.

Merry Christmas to all.

A. Larpent DBC

Mid-Week Pennant Teams For Tuesday 13 December 2016

Dunolly Blue plays Avoca at home

L Parker	H Freemantle	M Davies
F Nielsen	P Shay	H Weir
B Cann	A Raven	T Galofaro
K McKenzie	J Smith	N Stevens

Manager: Heather Freemantle

Cars: Marg Davies, Alice Raven

Dunolly Gold plays Golf at Golf

E Murphy	S Chaplin	L Whiley
M Mortlock	H Cooper	N Pike
A Larpent	J Morse	J Haig
M Shay	W Stephens	D Spiteri

Manager: Lesley Whiley

Emergency: Peter Freemantle and Frank Dunieville

Christmas breakup is on Monday 12 December at 12 noon at The Railway Hotel. Cost \$25 - \$30.

\$25 to be paid to Jill when putting name down. Names to be put on list in kitchen.

Any bowlers wishing to attend a lesson using the defibrillator on Thursday 15 December at 10am, please let Loretta Parker know.



DUNOLLY SOCIAL CYCLISTS

Sunday 4 December saw a small group of cyclists brave the impending heat and head off on what turned out to be a pleasant ride south of Dunolly. The roads were traffic free, only one car, and he slowed down and pulled off to the side. Thankyou for your courtesy if you happen to be reading this.

We all enjoyed the ride, especially me, as:

- I got out of the house
- all the injuries from the dog incident of last January are now cured.

We will have a break for the silly season as we are all involved in other activities. I'm sure some of us will be riding in January, so use the phone to check.

There will be a note in the first edition of *The Welcome Record* for 2017 in January about up and coming events.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Neville Roberts
5468 7295

Pennant Teams for Saturday 10 December 2016

Dunolly Blue at Dunolly v Golf Blue

G Dobbin	T Galofaro	B Cann
C Williams	W Curson	L Parker
G Davies	B Lafranchie	R Chandler
J Smith	S Rogers	K Elliot

Manager: Chris Williams

Dunolly Gold at Talbot Brown Cars leave 12.30pm

A Weir	R Pickering	T Long
A Britten	J McHugh	P Freemantle
I Flett	S Whitehead	J Haig
A Larpent	S Howard	S Taylor

Manager: Roy Pickering

Dunolly Green at Avoca Gold Cars leave 12.30pm

K McKenzie	M Davies	B Henderson
H Freemantle	K Neilsen	A Deason
G Cain	N Stevens	W Stephens
K Stephens	P Waters	F Dunieville

Manager: Bob Henderson

Dunolly Red at MHS Black Cars leave 12.30pm

D Price	S Chaplin	P Chase
D Coe	E Murphy	P Shay
F Watts	N Pyke	H Cooper
D Spiteri	J Lacey	D Conlin

Manager: Paul Chase

Emergency: Alice Raven



DNFC NEWS

There are several good things happening at the Club.

A Christmas raffle is being held, the prize being a Christmas hamper. Tickets are available at Dunolly Quality Butchers and will be drawn on 23 December at The Railway Hotel. Buy a ticket and support your Club.

The Club is looking to field an under 17.5 team in the 2017 season. If you love your football and would like to be part of this team or know of young adults who would be interested in being involved, please contact Mat Goodwin on phone 0412 311 842. The under 17.5 team forms the basis of the DFNC Reserve and Senior teams in the future.

Memberships are available for 2017. Social memberships are \$50 with family memberships being \$100. Each membership includes eight complimentary games. They will be available at the Dunolly Community Market on Sunday 11 December or by contacting Marion Da Costa by email: mdacosta@iinet.net.au or phone: 0438 168 634.

Sponsorships are also available. Contact Melissa Freemantle for more information on 0490 350 192.

The Club is running a sheep shearing fundraiser. If you are a small sheep holder and want your sheep shorn for a great result, contact Mark Lovel phone 0428 179 870. All money raised goes to DFNC.

Marion Da Costa
Secretary



SANTA IS COMING TO DUNOLLY TOWN HALL



Saturday 17th December 2016

All children welcome

At Dunolly Town Hall

Activities from 12.00 p.m.

Clown/puppeteer, activities table,
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Balloons, Lollies, Gifts,
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accompany children.

Santa Show Starts at 1.00

Donations most welcome.

More information contact Rick Young 0407 117 036