

The Welcome Record

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FINAL EDITION FOR THE YEAR

How the time has flown! I can't believe that it is already the last edition of *The Welcome Record* for 2016.

So much has happened over the year and we hope that, as a local paper, we have captured what was important in the community.

As was stated in a recent issue, we believe our role is to provide a community service in a positive way.

We steer clear of anything controversial, leaving that to the commercial papers. As a small town community paper we focus on community events, of which there have been many.

We've had sporting events, dramatic plays, musical extravaganzas, art shows, the Railway Hotel re-opening, Lions Club bookshop established, the primary school Click Project, floods and storms and everything

in between. Whoever said nothing ever happens in a small town doesn't know Dunolly.

We have done our best to provide reports on these events. However, we do ask for your cooperation next year in supplying us with information about your events so we can publicise them effectively, and then a write-up and photos so we can show how great our community is. We will resume operation on Wednesday 18 January 2017.

Until then the whole team at *The Welcome Record* wishes all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Susan Anderson
on behalf of *The Welcome Record* Team



Merry Christmas!

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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

Well, we seem to have rambled through *The Welcome Record* year together again.

There is another giraffe on Broadway – this one lives in Sam's new shop and has eyelashes to die for. Apparently giraffes are listed as endangered, so we had better look after ours.

Have you noticed the agave growing on each side of the gate into the old church/hall at Bet Bet? They look like enormous sticks of asparagus at the moment – but they will grow who knows how tall before they bloom. They will be something special to see.

I spent ages last week sweeping up and tidying the back veranda, shifting pot plants and winking out all sorts of leaves etc. Looked very smart when finished- THEN there came one of those big winds which tore the flowers and leaves off the potato vine and jasmine, and blew dust from half the shire in. As the Bible says, the second state was worse than the first.

There are some very snazzy mail boxes around the town at the moment – a lot of thought and work has gone into them. There is one in Tweeddale St. that is very grand – if the mailbox is that well decorated; I wonder what the real Christmas tree is like? I thought I might enter the competition, but no way could I measure up.

Went looking for custard powder in Coles the other day – wasn't in desserts where it lives in other shops. Found it at last in toppings – why didn't I think of that? I suppose it is quite logical in a supermarket sort of way.

Could it be that one of Australia's richest people is also one of the greediest?

Everyone have a Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year.

Really silly riddles –

Q – What do giraffes have that no other animal have?

A – Baby giraffes.

Q – What makes more noise that a cat stuck up a tree?

A – Two cats stuck up a tree.

DOG DAYS

Happiness is a playful puppy.

Rosie would like to thank the editors for the illustrations of Dog Days – some of them had her laughing out loud.

Rosie



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LETTERS

Another Scam

It might seem as though I receive more than my fair share of bogus phone calls and scams. However, I have yet to meet anyone who has not at some stage received one of these unwanted calls. The latest scam for which I was targeted happened when, using my computer to Google something, a large square appeared, informing me that my computer had been blocked and then a voice informed me that my computer had developed a dangerous virus which could compromise all my private material. I was instructed not to turn off or cancel this site but to ring the number that appeared on the screen, otherwise my computer would be disabled and I would lose all data. I promptly cancelled this message and sure enough everything went back to normal. I again received this same scam message the following day and again removed it. It would be understandable for the unwary to ring the number and possibly supply personal details which would almost certainly be misused. Our world seems to be fraught with unseen dangers now, which tends to make people over-suspicious, which is a great shame.

Cynthia Lindsay

Dunolly Branch CWA

We held our last meeting for 2016 on Wednesday 7 December. Most members were able to attend. The agenda for 2017 was discussed, items selected and it was all put together, printed and distributed by Jan Watts. Grateful thanks from the President. Next year looks like being fun.

International Day was discussed again and it was decided to announce the jobs for the other branches at the conference, The first conference of the year will be held on 2 March 2017 at Newstead.

Knitters are reminded that the skull caps for soldiers will be collected at our March meeting. This is also our birthday and the plan at the moment is to go to the Rainbow Café at Moonambel. The prizes for the competitions for 2016 went to Heather Weir for the flower from the garden, and Rosemary Mecredy for the "items". Our condolences go to Jan and her family. See you all next year.

R. Mecredy (Publicity)

Maryborough club wins grant for social sports

Golden Triangle Futsal has won a \$2,954 grant to help more people play the sport they love.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today announced the club was the recipient of a grant from VicHealth's Active Club Grants program.

Ms Pulford said the program is about boosting access to grassroots sport and recreation so even more people can enjoy the benefits of a healthier and happier lifestyle.

She said some 145 clubs across the state have shared in \$400,000 to buy vital sports equipment, uniforms and safety gear that will encourage more people to participate in sport and recreation.

"I'm really pleased to announce Golden Triangle Futsal will receive \$2,954 to buy a new set of goals, goal nets, new uniforms and balls," she said.

"Congratulations to Golden Triangle Futsal who have won this grant to get more people moving and involved in new, fun and social ways of playing sport," Ms Pulford said.

Jaala Pulford MP

NOTES FROM OUR COUNCILLOR



On Friday 23 December, it will be the last time that the Library Bus visits our area. It would be good if as many people as possible come to say goodbye to the staff, with whom we have all become friends over the years.

There has been no update on the temporary or permanent Library location, but hopefully I will hear something in the next few weeks.

The Dunolly Community Market is a small organisation of local people who run the Market on the second Sunday of each month and all money raised is returned to the local community at the end of the year.

Last Sunday, at the market, cheques were presented to RSL Dunolly, Kokoro Kai Karate, Dunolly Theatre Company, Dunolly Community Garden, Bealiba Historical Society, Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre, Dunolly Primary School, Dunolly Preschool, Dunolly VICSES, Dunolly Santa Show and Dunolly CFA. A great effort from a small group of workers. They would like more members to help, so if you can, please assist.

The Shire's roadside grass cutting team has nearly caught up with all the grass, as well as the Shire parks. When they do catch up, it will be time to start all over again.

May I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

Bob Henderson

Masonic Scholarship winners

The Central Goldfields Masonic Group scholarship has been awarded to three applicants this year.

These three applicants excelled in all areas of the selection criteria exceeding the expectations of the selection panel.

The successful candidates are:

- Bridgette Bates from Highview College
- Tayla Maffescioni from MEC
- Coby Polinelli from MEC

Each will receive \$300 per year for two years of VCE studies.

The committee would like to acknowledge the generosity of the following local Masonic groups: Avoca No 21; Carisbrook No 405; Maryborough No 22; St George, Dunolly No 18; Talbot, No 42 and other orders; Birdwood HRA Chapter, Central Goldfields Rose Croix, Gladstone Ark Mariners, Maryborough Mark Lodge, Major Mitchell Council 30th Degree.

Funds raised by these Lodges were matched by the Freemasons Foundation, which also provides a range of scholarships and bursaries to the value of \$300,000 each year across many levels of education. This website provides more information:

www.freemasonsvic.net.au/community/benevolence/scholarships/

The Masonic group looks forward to more applications next year as they firmly believe: Anything is Possible with Education.



Terry Allan
Secretary
0417 569 691



Congratulations Jefferson Long-time volunteer recognised

On Sunday 4 December, Jefferson Hooper received a service award in the 2016 Premier's Volunteer Champions Awards, presented at Government House. Jefferson has contributed his time to numerous activities within our community, including the RACV Energy Breakthrough. Congratulations Jefferson. You are a worthy recipient of the award and on behalf of our community Council thanks you for your ongoing dedication and generosity.



Jefferson (centre) pictured at Government House with his award alongside Council staff members and Energy Breakthrough coordinators Alisha Chadwick and Martin Mark

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.

Current employment opportunity Manager Early Years Services

This employment opportunity is currently being advertised on Council's career website. Visit centralgoldfieldscareers.com.au for all the details.



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.

The Dunolly Community Market Round Up for 2016

Well what a year it has been; the weather has been up and down, but still the market went on.

We wish to thank all our stall holders who braved all the weather conditions to still have a stall at our market.

We had a fantastic final market for 2016 with over 40 stall holders who all did well in their takings.

The weather was fantastic and we even had Santa and Mrs Claus turn up for the kids.

Thank you to the Dunolly CFA for hosting the BBQ and we hope you did well.

Again the Market Committee gave out the following grants to those who applied for financial help for their clubs.

CFA

RSL

SES

Bealiba Historical Society

Dunolly Community Garden

Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre

Dunolly Preschool

Dunolly Primary School

Dunolly Santa Show

Dunolly Theatre Company

Kokoro Kai Karate

The market committee handed out over \$1,000 to our local community. We would like to thank Bob Henderson for handing out the cheques to all the community groups.

The Market Committee will be meeting at the Dunolly SES on 19 December 2016 for our AGM and all are invited to attend if they wish to.

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to Lucinda and Melissa for being at every market, even on those wet days and very cold winter days as well.

Thank you to all our other committee members for all their help over this past year. Well done!

We look forward to a great year ahead in 2017. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all.

Regards and Thanks

Leanne, Secretary

Dunolly Community Market Inc.

Dunolly & Bealiba RSL Sub Branch News

On Friday night after a beautiful Christmas Dinner provided by the ladies, the raffle was drawn for our Christmas hamper.

1st Prize – Christmas Hamper - Rick Gale

2nd Prize – Cocktail Maker – Les Fleming

3rd Prize – Egg Cooker – Christina Nichols

Thankyou to everyone who donated to the hamper, Sandra and Marlene for the 2nd and 3rd prizes, and to everyone who bought and sold tickets in the raffle. A wonderful amount of money was raised and will go towards renovations to our old hall which is in desperate need of work. An extra special thankyou to the Dunolly businesses that also supported us;

Dunolly Pharmacy

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Dunolly Post Office

NH Hall

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year and once again, thankyou for your support.

D Vernon

Welfare Officer

New Beginnings

Walking into Dunolly's new pharmacy is like a breath of fresh air. Although only moving across the road, the change has been enormous. How hard Sam and Phoebe must have been working behind the scenes over recent months - with quite a bit of help one would hope.

The new shop is spacious, colourful and very up-market. New stock everywhere you look and set out to perfection. There is even an interesting glassed in space for us to view some very old pharmacy record books, as well as old pharmaceutical supplies. How lucky we are here in this small town to have such a modern pharmacy.

Top marks to Sam, Phoebe and staff.

By Maz

Photos by Marion Edwards



Above: The exterior painted in bold colours.
Below: Marilyn and Phoebe indoors. Note the Consulting Room for privacy.



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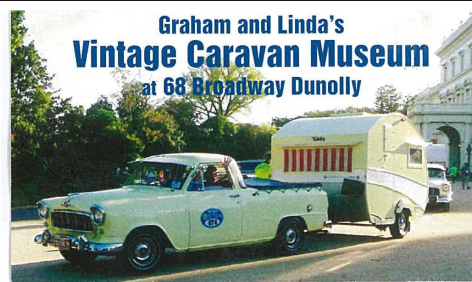
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Tarnagulla CFA Fundraiser



Last Saturday night the Tarnagulla Town Hall rocked along to the Talent Show & Music Night. The CFA Fire Captain, George Fileu, organised a great evening's entertainment. The town hall was packed and over \$1000 was raised for the fire brigade from donations and raffles. MP Louise Staley made an award to Wendy Sutton for years of service to the community and, in particular, to the brigade. Amongst the different acts were song, dance and poetry. Among those performing were Frances and Trevor McDougall, Michael Firth, Janene Godden, Jeff Monk and George Fileu. Rob King and a group of talented musicians kept the music lively. The highlight of the evening was Geoffrey Deppeler who had his beard removed and raised over \$600.

A fun night for the town of Tarnagulla and the CFA. It will become an annual event.

Jeff Monk



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Dunolly displayed over 70 works of local art

Plenty of local talent went on show recently as the DDNHC held its third annual arts and crafts show in the newly renovated Dunolly Arts Hub.

The show had 71 entries across nine categories and with the help of local sponsors, cash prizes were awarded to the winners of each category as well as awards for best in show and people's choice. "The arts and crafts were of a high calibre, with plenty of different mediums," Dunolly Art Group's Lynda Vater said. "Thank you to all the generous sponsors, all the volunteers who assisted over the weekend, the ladies who did all the baking for the show and the talented artists and craftspeople who entered the annual show. Special thanks must also go to all the folks who came and visited the art show over the weekend."

The results of the art show were as followed;

Best in show – J. Osbourne, *Metamorphosis*;

People's choice – Rebecca Frizzell, *Vicky & Grumpy*

Photography – J. Russell, *A seat for both of us*

Sculpture – R. Frizzell, *Vicky and Grumpy*

Textiles – Faye Arnold, *Woven Screen*

Miniatures – J. Scott, *Fairy Garden*

Mosaic – Sue Clausen, *Round Mirror*

Craft – J. Gray, *Vintage Beauty*

Oil – J. Osbourne, *Metamorphosis*

Arcrylic – J. Stewart, *Four girls collecting bush food*

Drawing – D. Barnham, *Tom Wait*

Highly Commended: Mixed media

D. Sealey, *Circles*

Woven Screen – F. Arnold

Quilted bed topper – B. Coupland

Celtic Angel – R. Mecredy

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Cookery Corner

Mars Bars Christmas Crackles

(Makes 24)

Ingredients:

200g Mars Bars - chopped
2 tbsp pouring cream
2 tsp cocoa
3 cups Rice Bubbles
Canola oil spray
100g white chocolate
24 Smarties

Method:

1. Spray 2 x 12 mini muffin pans with Canola oil
2. Melt Mars Bars, cream and cocoa. Stir until smooth over hot water (or in microwave).
3. Pour over Rice Bubbles. Stir until well-mixed.
4. Spoon into muffin trays, press down gently.
5. Refrigerate for 2 hours.
6. Put on tray to decorate.
7. Melt the white chocolate in microwave and pour into a disposable piping bag while still warm and snip top off.
9. Turn crackles upside down, pipe on the white chocolate and finish with a red Smartie button on top of each one.



FUNNY FILLERS

Quotes from the late great Phyllis Diller

- *Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?*
- *Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shovelling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.*
- *Best way to get rid of kitchen odours: eat out.*
- *The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I accidentally got gin in the steam iron.*
- *I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'*

Lamb Tagine

A tagine is actually the dish in which slowly-simmered North African stews are cooked. However over time the word tagine has come to mean this style of dish.

Ingredients:

1 kilo of lean lamb, preferably cut from the shoulder and cubed into 2-3 cm pieces
3 tablespoons oil
1 large onion, roughly chopped
6 cloves (2 teaspoons), garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon fresh tarragon chopped or 1 teaspoon dried
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 ½ cups water or chicken stock
1 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
15 pitted prunes (Sunsweet orange flavoured prunes are particularly good with the citrus flavours of this dish)
2 tablespoons clear liquid honey
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
¼ cup almonds, blanched
¼ cup sesame seeds
¼ cup raisins

Method:

Heat oil in a large frypan. Add lamb, onion and garlic, stir over medium heat for 3-4 minutes then add the spices and herbs, water, orange juice and grated rind. Now stir to mix well and pour into a large covered casserole. Bake for 1½ hours at 160°C. Stir every now and then and add more water if the mixture is getting too dry. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper, add liquid honey and prunes. Cook 10 more minutes to soften prunes. In a small frypan, with just a tiny splash of oil, fry the almonds and sesame seeds until golden brown. Add the raisins, swirl the pan around to warm them and then sprinkle them over the meat mixture. Serve with rice or couscous.

Serves 6-8

Jo Seagar



VicEmergency replaces FireReady as emergency app

With hot weather expected across the state this summer, now is the time to download the new VicEmergency app and get ready for the summer season. The VicEmergency app replaces the FireReady app and is now available to download from the App Store or Google Play. FireReady was switched off and made no longer available on Friday 18 November. The new VicEmergency app provides Victorians with access to warnings and incidents for fires, floods, storms, earthquake, tsunamis and water safety and will work alongside the new VicEmergency hotline and upgraded VicEmergency website this summer. Emergency Management Commissioner Craig Lapsley said with warm weather on the way and storms and floods a regular feature in Victoria, now was the time to upgrade to the new VicEmergency app. Users are being encouraged to download the VicEmergency app now, so they know how it works well before they need to use it. The app allows the user to create a profile and set-up watch zones so they can access tailored information across multiple devices including mobile phones, tablets and the VicEmergency website. The VicEmergency app provides an improved user experience with a range of new features, capabilities and design improvements including.

- Incident and warning notifications for all emergencies.
- User profile that enables simultaneous access to watch zones and emergency notifications across multiple devices.
- Creation of up to 20 watch zones tailored to individual locations and needs.
- Ability to edit watch zones and turn notifications on and off.
- Screen view rotation to view the incident map horizontally.
- Responsive design for iPads and tablet devices.
- The VicEmergency website: emergency.vic.gov.au has also been upgraded to create and edit watch zones and send email notifications.

Mr Lapsley said a new VicEmergency hotline would also be used this summer to make it easier for the community to access emergency information through one number.

The VicEmergency hotline 1800 226 226 brings together all emergency numbers including the Victorian Bushfire Information Line, the Victorian Emergency Relief Information Line and the VICSES Flood and Storm Information Line.

"The VicEmergency website, app and hotline will provide a joined-up approach for Victorians to access timely information for a number of emergencies across multiple channels," Mr Lapsley said. "Through having access to better information, we can make better decisions that result in better outcomes and a safer community." The VicEmergency website, app and hotline brings together information and warnings from agencies including Country Fire Authority (CFA), Department of Economic Development and Transport and Resources (DEDJTR), Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Life Saving Victoria, Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB), and Victoria State Emergency Service (SES).

Victorians are reminded to know how to stay informed and to never rely on one source for emergency information. Victorians can get emergency information

from a number of sources including the VicEmergency app, www.emergency.vic.gov.au, tuning in to ABC radio or other emergency broadcasters including commercial and community radio stations or Sky TV or by phoning the **VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226** and following VicEmergency on Facebook and Twitter.

For more information visit: <https://www.emv.vic.gov.au/news/new-vicemergency-app-launched>

Courtesy Maryborough Advertiser

Dunolly Cemetery News Update

At the last report, the trust had acquired the services of "G Force" a supervised work for the dole scheme, where participants worked so many hours per week.

They were so inspiring with the work they were doing, improving the surrounds, in adverse weather conditions, and amongst mozzies and flies, that they inspired some local people to go up to the cemetery and give them a hand. A few decisions were made and it was decided to take the hat around (so to speak). As a result of this, a monetary collection was raised to provide them with good soil, strategically placed around the tracks for them to use to fill up sunken graves, holes etc. Thank you so much to the people who donated the money towards the soil, and to those who supplied and carted it.

Unfortunately things went downhill after this; it was very disappointing!

The supervisor was turning up, but alas no participants and so not so much happened. It was great meeting and working with you all. The rosemary bush got pruned, and the box bush got butchered, but it will grow back. One participant has gained full time work, so "well done", one has decided the computer course is better suited, and the expectant mum, who was increasing (in size) was great on the ride on mower. Some had to get doctors' certificates for various reasons and one is still working as part of the scheme on seating, and we look forward to the results of that. Now they are back on track; instead of making their own way to the worksite, they have to be picked up by bus by the supervisor and returned to their destinations. As participants do their hours and move on to other things, new participants join the force and hopefully they can help out with their own expertise.

Marg J Davies



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

Thank you Dunolly Community Market

A special thank you to the Committees of the Dunolly Community Market for their generous donation. The money will go to what's needed to be replaced and replenished.

The Committee of Management would like to wish everyone in our district and beyond a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

We have lots of programs and activities planned for 2017, so watch this space.

The Centre will be closed from 21 December 2016 to 16 January 2017.

Want more information on the above?

Ring 5468 1511 and leave a message or call into the Centre. We are the building to the right of the hospital, or simply email admin@dunnc.com.au.

Sharon Hiley
Coordinator





Church News

Dunolly Christian Churches

Invite you to worship God and welcome you to their services: **Sunday 18 December**

Anglican Church Services:

St John's Dunolly Anglican Parish Service

Thursday 15 December Eucharist

Father Malcolm 10am

Thursday 22 December Father Andrew

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:

Dunolly Uniting Church

Holy Communion will be lead by Julie Ramsay and Joy Turner 9.30am service

Bealiba Uniting Church

2nd and 4th Sundays at 11am

Laanecoorie Uniting Church

No Service

St John's Church News

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

Father Andrew will celebrate the Eucharist and Esme Flett will be playing the organ. We will be having lunch in the hall after the service.

If you would like to join please phone Trina on 5468 1709 for catering purposes.

Dos, Garry and Trina went to Talbot last Sunday to celebrate with the Talbot congregation the Re-Hallowing of the Pipe Organ. The pipe organ was the first one built in Victoria and was originally installed in Warrnambool in 1868.

Services over the Christmas/January period are:

Thursday 29 December Father Andrew 10am

Thursday 12 January 10am

Thursday 26 January 10am

On behalf of the congregation of St John's we thank everyone for their support throughout 2016. Our best wishes for a happy and joyous Christmas and the very best for 2017.

Trina Kay

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

*'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory'*

Isaiah 6: 3



Catholic Church St Mary's Muse

Finance committee on Friday 16 December at 12.30pm. Non-perishable goods can be left behind the tree in St. Augustine's for the Vinnie's Christmas appeal.

The Social Justice Commission asks parishioners if there is room at our Christmas table for a lonely relative or neighbour.

Mass is at St. Francis Xavier's church in Tarnagulla on Saturday 17 December at 11.00am.

Assembly at St. Mary's, Dunolly at 8.30am on Christmas Day.

Everyone have a happy and holy Christmas.

R. Mecredy

*The heavens declare the glory to God;
the skies proclaim the work of His hands.*

Psalm 19: 1

Uniting Church News

This is our last week of the Op Shop being open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until after Christmas, so please come in for your last browse before the big event. We will be opening again on 10 January 2017.

Our Christmas Concert is Friday 23 December 7.30pm. Come sit back and enjoy the Christmas Story with the children of the district and the Church Choir under the guidance of Esme Flett and Bradley Saul.

Julie Ramsay and Joy Turner will take the last communion before Christmas this week. It is a special time of the year to celebrate the coming of Christ and we would love you all to come together for the last communion of this year. Jan Watts will be taking the service on Christmas Day.

We send up all our prayers to the very sick people of our Church family and our town. It is hard on all the caring families too to remain in the Christmas spirit. May God Bless you all.

May all of my readers have a Safe and Happy time over the Christmas and New Year. God willing we will be back together again next year.

Jean Richardson



Dunolly Uniting Church
7.30 pm Friday,
December 23, 2016

Central Goldfields Shire Garden Competition 2016 Results

BEST SMALL COMMERCIAL – INDUSTRIAL GARDEN sponsored by Maryborough Advertiser

Winner – Wattle Grove Motel, Bev Walker

Runner up – Highlander Haven Motel, Judy Wilke

BEST VEGETABLE OR FRUIT & VEGETABLE GARDEN IN MARYBOROUGH

sponsored by Dellavedova's Fertilizer's

Winner – Tom Passalick

Runner up – Reg & Alison Smith

BEST GARDEN ON RENTAL PROPERTY

sponsored by Maryborough Garden Club

Winner - Clare Jackson

Runner up – Pat Smith

BEST UNIT/TOWNHOUSE GARDEN sponsored by Carramar Nursery

Winner – Pat Smith

Runner up – Pat Pretty

BEST COTTAGE STYLE GARDEN sponsored by ASQ Garden & Landscape

Winner – Karina Gaffney-Costello

Runner up – Lorraine Humphrey

BEST RE-DESIGNED GARDEN UNDER 5 YEARS sponsored by Darryl & Maree Concrete Products, Talbot

Winner – Laurie & Yvonne Hehir

Runner up – Pat Smith

BEST LARGE BACKYARD GARDEN sponsored by The Professionals Real Estate

Winner – Ray & Noela Matthews

Equal Runners-up -

Phillipa & Brent Freeman and Shirley Champion

BEST SMALL BACKYARD sponsored by Goldfields FM 99.1

Winner – Lorraine Humphrey

Runner up – Tom Passalick

BEST COURTYARD GARDEN sponsored by Maryborough Lions Club

Winner – Pat Smith

Runner up – Reg & Alison Smith

BEST NEW GARDEN UNDER 3 YEARS Dawn Cole Perpetual Trophy

sponsored by Graham & Dawn Cole

Winner – Pat Pretty

Runner up – Reg & Alison Smith

GARDEN VIEWED FROM STREET MARYBOROUGH & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB INC. MEMORIAL TROPHY

Judges Encouragement Award - Graeme Robertson,
Clare Jackson

Winner – Mary Young

Runner up – Ray Mathews

BEST VEGETABLE GARDEN WITHIN SHIRE (Maryborough excluded) sponsored by Maryborough District Garden Club Inc.

Winner - Jenny & Charlie Church, Betley

Runner up – Debbie & Peter McClelland, Dunolly

BEST FARM GARDEN

sponsored by Maryborough District Garden Club

Winner – Allan & Rachelle Steed at Bung Bong

BEST COUNTRY GARDEN NOT USING TOWN WATER Albins Perpetual Trophy

Winner – Jenny & Charlie Church, Betley

Runner up – Allen & Rachel Steed, Bung Bong

BEST SUSTAINABLE GARDEN WITHIN THE SHIRE, not using Town Water

sponsored by Maryborough District Garden Club

Winner – Brian & Val Park

BEST COUNTRY GARDEN UNDER 5 YEARS sponsored by Maryborough Garden Club

Winner – Megan & Andrew Fletcher

BEST COUNTRY GARDEN

sponsored by Central Goldfields Shire

Judges Encouragement Award – Kevin & Rosemary Spikes

Winner - Allen & Rachel Steed, Bung Bong

Runner up - Jenny & Charlie Church

BEST OVERALL GARDEN – BEALIBA sponsored by Central Goldfields Shire

Judges Encouragement Award – Joan Cook

Winner – Jennifer Lovel

Runner up - Geraldine Delgado

BEST OVERALL GARDEN – CARISBROOK sponsored by Central Goldfields Shire

Winner – John Haywood

BEST OVERALL GARDEN - DUNOLLY sponsored by Central Goldfields Shire

Winner – Debbie & Peter McClelland

Runner up – Dunolly Community Garden

BEST OVERALL GARDEN - TALBOT sponsored by Central Goldfields Shire

Winner – London House Community Garden

BEST OVERALL GARDEN - MARYBOROUGH Bob Osbourne Perpetual Trophy

sponsored by Central Goldfields Shire

Winner - Ray & Noela Matthews

Runner up – Shirley Champion

BEST GARDEN WITHIN SHIRE

sponsored by E Cramer & Sons

Winner - Allen & Rachel Steed, Bung Bong

Equal Runner's Up – Jenny & Charlie Church, Betley,
Debbie & Peter McClelland, Dunolly

BEST KEPT STREETS

all presented by Cr Geoff Lovett

Bealiba – Winner - Cochrans St, from Main Rd

Carisbrook – Winner- Urquhart St from Victoria St

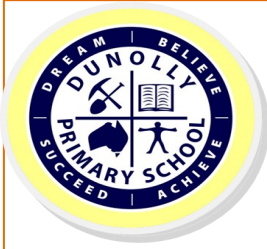
Dunolly – Winner – Tweeddale St from Broadway

Maryborough – Winner – Elliot St,

Runner up – Bryant St

Talbot – Winner – Miller Rd





Around school this week :

How fantastic do our shade sails look?! The installation of them has generated great excitement amongst the students

and it is particularly pleasing to see them collaborating together in the road play area and wheeling the new skipping rope/hoop cart out to play cooperatively outside the senior building.

It was extremely heart warming to see the amazing support given to our junior students by their families on Grandparents' day last Friday. Our little people are very lucky to have such supportive networks around them. I loved seeing the students whose families couldn't come on the day being included with other families so they didn't feel like they were missing out. What a great school community we have !!

Speaking of community - Our Community Carols evening is next Thursday from 5.30pm. This year we will have a much improved sound system and A LOT more shade including the new sails and three shade tents. Please come along for a great night. The PFA raffle will be drawn, icy poles will be given out and DPS students in attendance will go into the draw for one of 10 pool passes.

Monday evening will no doubt be one of mixed emotions as we officially farewell our year 6s at their graduation ceremony. I am extremely proud of the fine young citizens they are becoming and look forward to a great night.

Don't forget to send back your raffle tickets - sold or unsold - and \$5 per child for Christmas lunches by next week please.

This week's value in focus is :

Respect - Fairness

Being fair in everything I do

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 – Lincoln Hopf

Year 1/2 – Kobey Skilling

Year 3/4 – Levi Markham

Year 5/6 – Samuel Hall

Principal's Award – Cooper Tomek

SCHOOL COMMUNITY HELPER'S AFTERNOON TEA

To say thank you and acknowledge the wonderful helpers in our school we are hosting a School Community Helper's Afternoon Tea.

Monday 19th December from 3pm

Multipurpose room

Invites are being sent home soon

LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



LIBRARY



Library is now closed for borrowing as we prepare for stocktake

Please return all library books ASAP

Shearer disqualified for animal cruelty offences

A 60 year-old Lucindale man has pleaded guilty to four animal cruelty offences relating to shearing sheep in a Neuarpurr shearing shed in 2013.

The accused, from South Australia, pleaded guilty to abusing sheep by twisting the limbs of sheep and lambs while standing on them, stomping on them and kneeling a lamb with force.

He was sentenced without conviction in the Horsham Magistrates' Court recently and given an undertaking to be of good behaviour for 12 months and ordered to pay a \$500 donation to the RSPCA, with costs of \$289.12 awarded against him. He was also disqualified from being the person in charge of a farm animal for a two year period.

Agriculture Victoria Senior Veterinary Officer Dr Robert Suter said the charges resulted from investigations conducted by Agriculture Victoria Inspectors after receiving a complaint.

In the spring of 2013 two individuals obtained work with shearing contractors as roustabouts in different shearing sheds across NSW, South Australia and Victoria. The individuals, fitted with cameras in sheds, documented what they described as cruel shearing practices to Australian sheep.

On 9 July 2014, simultaneous complaints were lodged with the relevant authorities in South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria, including an edited video package that was posted to YouTube.

Agriculture Victoria launched a full scale and detailed investigation. The investigation concluded in August 2016 resulting in seven shearers being referred for prosecution, as well as warnings to several persons identified with shearing techniques below industry standards.

The Court was told that shearing sheep is an inherently difficult and physically demanding task, however all persons have a responsibility to treat the animals under their control in a humane manner and certainly not in a cruel manner.

In sentencing, Magistrate Robinson said to the accused, "I take into account that you have no criminal history, are remorseful and are now educating other people in the industry about the proper treatment of sheep. I note that the payment of \$500 is commensurate with what I would have sentenced a first time accused charged with assaulting a person".

Dr Suter said the department and the community take animal welfare seriously and this was a reminder to everyone that if offences contrary to the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986* are detected, they will be investigated and may result in prosecution.

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Getting the balance right

The future of northern Victorian communities depends on our getting the water balance right in the Murray Darling Basin Plan. To achieve this, the Plan's impact must be fully understood, according to the Murray River Group of Councils.

The Murray River Group of Councils comprises six councils in northern Victoria, Mildura and Swan Hill Rural City Councils and Loddon, Gannawarra, Campaspe and Moira Shires.

Balance is a key word in the water debate. Balance between the social, economic and environmental impacts of the Basin Plan. The Murray River Group of Councils wants northern Victorian communities to be listened to and represented in the debate. The Group insists that the impact of the Basin Plan on communities must be properly understood by decision makers as they consider the future of the Plan.

The Group had a productive meeting yesterday with key figures from the water sector including Goulburn Murray Water and the Murray Darling Basin Authority. Discussions focused on how to measure the impact of the Basin plan on our communities as well as on irrigation modernisation and the future of irrigated agriculture in our region.

"Water is fundamental to our prosperity here in northern Victoria. That is why it is the number one priority for the Murray River Group of Councils" said Chair, Cr Gary Cleveland.

"Irrigated agriculture drives our economy. Our farms and factories produce food for local and export markets. Right now we're at a critical point in northern Victoria for irrigation and for our natural environment. It is all about getting the balance right. The communities we represent are among those most affected by the water reforms of recent years. As a group of Councils, we are standing up to make sure that our communities' voices are heard. We are very concerned at the prospects facing the northern Victorian irrigation districts. Recent studies show the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District might not be viable through another extended drought if more productive water is taken out of the system. That would mean goodbye to the dairy industry and lots of horticulture which would be a real tragedy for our region." Cr Cleveland said.

The Murray River Group of Councils has written to Barnaby Joyce, the Federal Minister for Water Resources, and the Victorian Water Minister, Lisa Neville, about the social and economic impact of the Basin Plan on northern Victoria.

With the release of the Northern Basin socio-economic impact assessment, together with recent studies undertaken in Victoria examining the impact of the Basin plan, the Group has growing concerns about the prospects for the region's communities under a declining water scenario.

Cr Cleveland said, "We have seen it in our Shires, the impact on the ground with farms drying off and the knock on effect on people and businesses. But we are also really aware that the health of the environment is critical. This is something we just have to get right. The future of our whole region depends on it".

The Murray River Group of Councils is urging decision makers to ensure that future water savings are achieved through investment in irrigation and environmental infrastructure to avoid the loss of more productive water from the system.

"Our key message is that we need to work together so we can safeguard our region's food production and maintain the environment. The future of our communities

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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

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

Friday 23 Christmas Concert Uniting Church 7.30pm

Sunday 25 Christmas Day
Merry Christmas everyone



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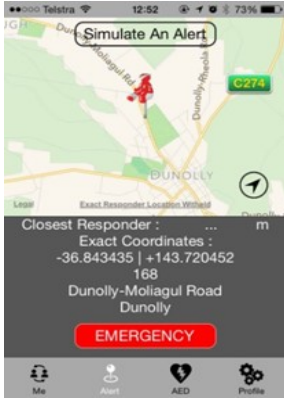
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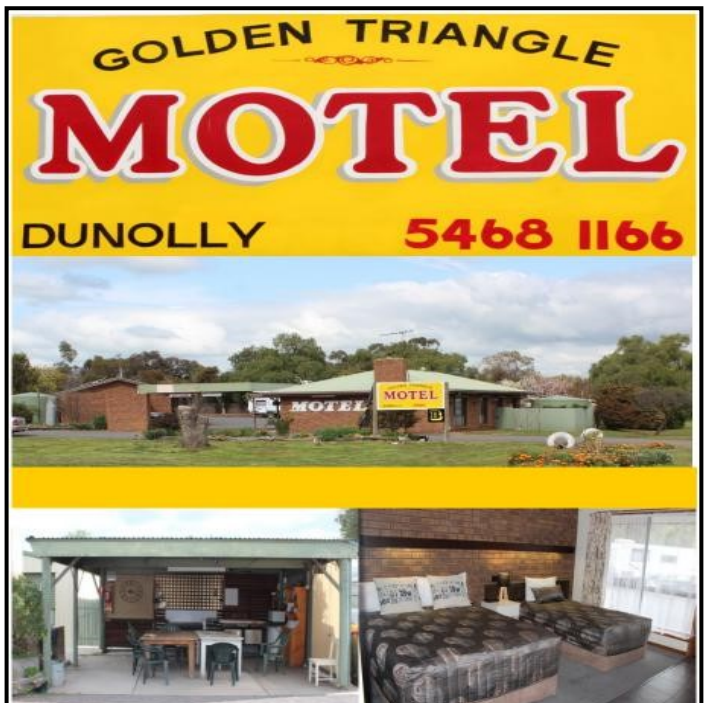
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Paramount Theatre sold to Colac Cinemas

The silver screen is set to return to Maryborough following the successful auction of the Paramount Theatre on Friday which saw the iconic building sell for \$210,000.

One bid was all it took for new owners Helen and Gerard White from Colac Cinemas to secure the theatre, which they now hope to restore to its former glory.

"We've had our eye on the building for a couple of years and we are excited to take on the challenge and restore the two theatre cinemas. The cinema will show all the latest movies," Ms White said.

"We wanted to bring a cinema back into town because we think Maryborough needs a good cinema," she said.

Ms White said the cinema will hire up to 15 people and will also be a great spot for charity and community groups to hold fundraisers or show old films.

"I think having an operational cinema in Maryborough will be fantastic for the town and will generate good economy," Ms White said.

Built in 1926, the theatre wasn't officially opened until 1929. First operated by the Wills family for many years,

the original theatre could seat 1123 patrons.

In 1996 the theatre was re-opened as a single screen cinema and later an additional cinema was opened in 1999.

Ms White said that, although renovations will be extensive, the couple would like to keep the Art Deco exterior.

"We love the art deco exterior, the verandah and the doors; we would love to keep that look.

"We take over in a month's time and we will get the architects in and liaise with local council as soon as possible. First we have to restore the power."

Professionals Real Estate auctioneer David Bucknall said that although the price was under what was expected, it's exciting to see what will happen to the iconic building.

"It was exciting to see a piece of history go under the hammer and it's even better that it sold," Mr Bucknall said.

"The owners seem like great people and they will be great for the town. It will be interesting to see what they do with it."

Story by Angela Tucker,
Courtesy The Maryborough Advertiser



Regional Victoria falls further behind Melbourne as GDP Growth plummets under Daniel Andrews

Member for Ripon Louise Staley says a new report shows that Daniel Andrews' Melbourne-centric policies are dividing the State of Victoria.

The latest figures released by SGS Economics and Planning have shown that GDP in regional Victoria shrank for the past two years, the only regional economy in Australia to go backwards.

Regional Victoria's GDP per capita production dropped by 1 percent, in stark contrast to Melbourne which continued to grow at a rapid pace, shooting up by 4.4 Percent.

Ripon MP, Louise Staley MP said Regional Victoria was being left behind.

"Daniel Andrews obsession with Melbourne is now causing stark economic pain for regional Victoria," Ms Staley said.

"Regional Victoria continues to bleed jobs and our production has dropped right off. In the meantime Melbourne gets all of the attention from the Andrews' Government and continues to grow at a fast rate."

"Victoria's two speed economy is not sustainable; we need to attract more people out of Melbourne and into

the country. The Liberals have a sound plan that will rebalance our state's population, leading to more sustained jobs growth in regional Victoria, and less pressure and congestion on our state's capital."

"We need a Government armed with a strong plan that is committed to reversing this economic abuse in regional Victoria. Combined with recent job losses and rising crime rates, life seems to be getting harder and harder in Regional Victoria under Daniel Andrews."

Louise Staley MP

FUNNY FILLERS

"Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that love using words in rather unique ways, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless."

- When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- The batteries were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- A will is a dead giveaway.

Supplied courtesy : The Puzzle Wizard

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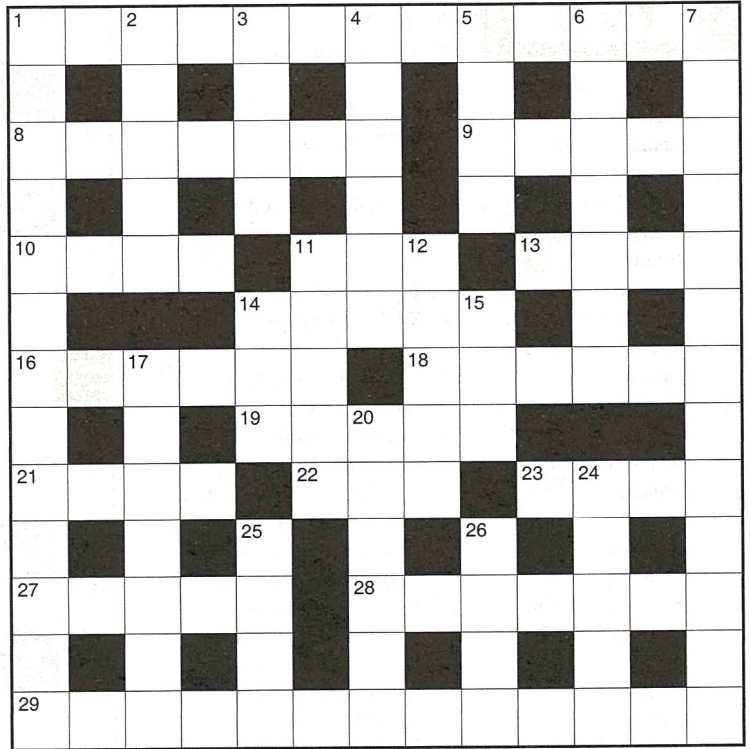
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- 1. English-born Australian soldier court-martialled and sentenced to death in 1902 ('7'.6)
- 8. Conceals (person or thing) from danger
- 9. Variety of poplar
- 10. Late Aust. actor of stage and screen, _____ Ferrier
- 11. Fruit native to SW Asia
- 13. Gambling cubes
- 14. Payment over and above salary
- 16. Mark Twain character, Tom _____
- 18. Rough drawing

Down

- 19. Abounding in almonds, eg.
- 21. Low dam
- 22. Month of year
- 23. Maori war dance
- 27. Tall cereal grass
- 28. One travelling to different places for pleasure
- 29. The district where one lives
- 1. Female executive
- 2. Expel officially from country
- 3. Large variety of seaweed
- 4. 19th century English social reformer and critic, John _____
- 5. Ellipse
- 6. Select (person) for office
- 7. Compassionate
- 11. Assembly for discussion
- 12. Windy

- 14. America's Cup yacht designer, _____ Lexcen
- 15. Celestial regions as viewed from earth
- 17. Hawaiian tourist destination, _____ Beach
- 20. Skin design
- 24. Friend
- 25. A network
- 26. Rough edge left on metal after cutting



Solutions: Crossword 140 and Sudoku 34

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Saturday 17 December from 8am
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The Garden Wizards

- For all your specialist garden requirements
 - Gift vouchers available
- Ph: 0456 734 740

Santa Show Wrap Party

Dunolly Town Hall - Friday 16 December 6pm.

Thankyou

Dunolly Nuggets and 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.

Thankyou

I would like to thank neighbours and friends, Dunolly Bowling Club ladies and men for their flowers and phone calls while I was ill. All better now.

Thanks everyone, Stan Shay

Thankyou

On behalf of the Dunolly Primary School PFA, I would like to extend our gratitude to the Market Committee for their generous cheque presented to us at the recent market.

Kath Ryan

A Christmas Gift from the RTC!

A new electronic step has now been fitted to the Community bus. This will make access so much easier. Merry Christmas

Dunolly Post Office Christmas operating dates

The Dunolly Post Office will be closed on these dates over the Christmas and New Year Season.

- Christmas Day - 25/12/16
- Boxing Day - 26/12/16
- Tuesday - 27/12/16
- Australia Post Authorised Holiday
- Wednesday - 28/12/16
- Saturday - 31/12/16
- New Year's Day- 1/1/17
- Monday - 2/1/17

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Dunolly Post Office.



Thank You

HARRIS - KATE (Beasy)

Reg, Norma, Todd and Lena sincerely thank everyone for their support, flowers, visits, cards and phone calls on the passing our adorable daughter and sister, Kate. Please accept our heartfelt thanks.

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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**Maryborough Highland Club
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The Branch meets the 3rd Wednesday
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Contact Bill Schulz 0419 008 548



DFNC Mini Lotto

Drawn : 9 December 2016

Numbers: 3, 7, 8, 12, 15

No winner: Jackpot - \$1, 475

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

Help the local club.

Have a go. Good Christmas prize



A taste of Loddon reaches Government House

Images depicting Loddon Shire's strong agribusiness future and rich gold mining history feature on a hand-crafted decoration hanging from the Victorian Community Christmas Tree unveiled earlier this month at Government House.

Olive plantations and production, sheep and wool production, wheat and grain crops, as well as Loddon's rich gold mining history and Council logo adorn the faces of the decorative cube. Loddon Shire's participation in the event follows the Governor asking each Victorian regional city and shire to submit a decorative ornament representing their municipality.

Past and present Young Citizen of the Year recipients Crystal Shaw-Beck of Dingee, Thomas Jackson of Wedderburn and Emma Leech of Mitiamo accompanied Loddon Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Phil Pinyon to Government House for the special event.

By all accounts these young people carried themselves, and in turn, their communities, in a manner we can all proud of and on behalf of Council I congratulate each of you on your participation.

Connection the key to healthy, happy communities

If you're reading this and you live in Loddon Shire, chances are you consider yourself belonging to a tight knit community with helpful neighbours, but on the down side there's a fair chance you haven't exercised this week. If you're wondering where those thoughts come from, you may be interested to learn they essentially come from you, or your neighbours, who were among some 23,000 Victorian adults who participated in The VicHealth Indicators Survey conducted every four years.

Recently released survey data revealed an impressive 90.1 percent of Loddon Shire residents believe people in their neighbourhood are willing to help each other out, compared to 74.1 percent of Victorians living in other areas.

The survey also discovered that four in every five, or 80.5 percent of residents felt that they lived in a close-knit neighbourhood, compared to the Victorian average estimate of 61 per cent.

In turn, almost eight out of 10 or 77.8 percent of us feel safe walking alone in our locality after dark, which is significantly more than the Victorian estimate of 55.1 percent. On the down side, compared to other Victorians, a significantly larger proportion of Loddon residents failed to engage in physical activity during the week. According to the data 30.1 percent of surveyed Loddon Shire residents engaged in no physical activity during the week, compared to 18.9 percent of other Victorians surveyed. Council will use this valuable community survey information to help prioritise and guide future service delivery and funding applications.

In the meantime, make sure you continue to keep an eye out for your neighbours as the holiday season approaches and consider visiting your local pool or throwing on your sneakers to take a step towards ever better health and wellbeing.

Grants for business savvy NBN users

Loddon Shire residents using high speed NBN internet services to maximise business opportunities, are encouraged to find out more about the Grown with NBN Grants Program 2017.

Grants available through the program are awarded to recognise outstanding use of NBN connectivity to optimise communication, growth or learning outcomes.

With statistics showing 70 percent of those with NBN access live in regional and non-metropolitan Australia, Loddon Shire is sure to have a few possible candidates.

Three major grants of \$25,000 and six minor grants of \$10,000 are on offer, with one of the minor grants recipients in line to receive an additional \$15,000 through the NBN staff vote.

For more information, or to submit an application visit:

www.growwithnbn.com.au and <https://nbn.awardsplatform.com>.



*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Safe, Happy and Prosperous New Year
from Microblast Computers*

This month we want to highlight how you can protect your personal information

- Never respond to requests for personal information in an unexpected email, even if it is supposedly from an organisation you know or trust. If in doubt, contact the organisation using independently verified contact details.
- Do not open suspicious or unsolicited emails (spam)—delete them.
- If you want to access an online account, use a bookmarked link or type the address in yourself—NEVER follow links or open attachments in unsolicited emails as they may contain viruses or other malware.
- NEVER give personal or financial details to anyone you do not know and trust, or enter them into a website unless you are certain it is genuine. Check the website address carefully as scammers often set up fake websites with very similar addresses.
- If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

Mobile phone Scam

A Private Number will ring your mobile phone and say that your mobile phone has been using their iTunes Card so you will need to buy them an iTunes card to replace what you have used. They will ring you back and ask for the code(s) on the back of the iTunes card.

DO NOT give them your iTunes account details or buy an iTunes card for them. **THIS IS A SCAM**

Computer Support Scam

You ring your telecommunications company (ISP) with a fault query and the Call Centre person says they will get one of their technicians to call you back. You then receive a call from "their technician" offering to help you with a cost of 50c per day for a minimum of 1 year, payable by credit card/paypal etc. There are support offerings from ISPs, but this isn't one of them. It appears there are some telephone support people with less than honourable intentions and who are passing on personal information to third parties. (There was also a recent news article about this; there is a link below, but very little information). In general, we find all the ISP support people pretty good to deal with, within the limits of what they are allowed to do. Help with computer issues isn't one of the things they are allowed or supposed to do. In essence, just be a little wary of signing up for 'support packages' and all the ISPs offer to bill on your existing bill, not a separate bill.

We will be closed from 12noon on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24 December and re-open at 10am on Monday 9 January 2017.

Please ring us on 5460 4006 or send an email to sales@microblastcomputers.com if you have any queries regarding the content of this email.

Kind regards
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Pennant Results for Saturday 10 December 2016

Dunolly Blue 71 d Golf Blue 65

G. Dobbin 16 lost D Pearce 21

T. Galofaro 25 lost G Smith 27

B. Cann d N Crossley 17

Dunolly Gold 66 lost Talbot Brown 75

T. Long 27 d D. McLeary 24

R. Pickering 20 lost G Crossley 25

A. Weir 19 lost P Radstock 26

Dunolly Green 66 d Avoca Gold 61

K. McKenzie 32 d B Barnes 12

M. Davies 18 lost J Farnsworth 22,

R. Henderson 16 lost G Orr 27

Dunolly Red lost MHS Black 72

D Price 20 lost S Huggett 33

S Chaplin 29 d K Rogers 17

P Chase 16 lost C McArdle 22

Saturday pennant will now have a break until 21

January 2017.

Merry Christmas to all

A. Larpent DBC

Mid-Week Pennant Teams Tuesday 13 December 2016

25 - 19 + 6

21 - 20 + 1

~~22 - 25 - 2~~

68 - 64

Dunolly Blue defeated Avoca by 4 shots

Maryborough Golf defeated Dunolly Gold 67 - 60

Happy Birthday to Marg Davies.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.



Fake Parcel Delivery Scam

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is warning online shoppers to watch out for fake parcel delivery scams arriving in email inboxes this Christmas.

The ACCC's Scamwatch has received over 4,300 complaints about this scam in 2016, more than triple the number received in 2015.

The ACCC says 350 people reported providing their personal information to scammers, including bank account details.

"Unfortunately this scam is particularly effective during the holiday season with so many Australians going online to buy Christmas presents. There is nothing festive about this scam - scammers will use it to steal your personal information and lighten your wallet," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"Scammers typically send emails pretending to be from Australia Post or FedEx, to try and trick you into believing you have an 'undeliverable package'. In some cases, these emails may include your name and address and include legitimate-looking company information, complete with fake logos."

"The email may threaten to charge you a fee for holding your 'undelivered item', and will ask you to open an

attachment, click a link or download a file to retrieve your parcel. If you follow these instructions, you will likely download a ransomware virus that locks your computer." "To unlock your computer, scammers demand payment in the form of bitcoins (a form of online currency) or wire transfer. Even if you pay the fee, there is no guarantee that you will be able to access your computer again.

"Australia Post will never call you out of the blue to request payment or send you an email asking you to click on an attachment. If you receive an email about an undeliverable package, don't open any attachments or download files – delete it straight away," Ms Rickard said.

Protect yourself

Australia Post will put a notice in your **letterbox** if a package was undeliverable.

- Delete any email claiming to be from Australia Post about an undelivered package.

- Do not click on links or download files in emails you receive out of the blue - especially if they are executable (.exe) files or zip (.zip) files. These files are likely to contain malware or ransomware viruses.

- If you are suspicious about a 'missed' parcel delivery email, call the company directly to verify that the correspondence is genuine. Independently source the contact details through an internet search or phone book – do not rely on numbers provided in the suspicious email.

- Regularly back up your computer's data on a separate hard drive. If your computer is infected by malware or ransomware you can restore the factory settings and easily re-install all of your software and data. Buy yourself (or your business) a standalone hard drive for Christmas. These have become relatively inexpensive and can save you a lot if your computer is infected by malware or ransomware.

From: Australia Post [info@aust-post.biz]
Sent: Mondav, 17 February 2014 10:21 AM
To:
Subject: 3447372148 information about your parcel

Incorrect email address

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Information about your parcel

A courier did not deliver the parcel to your address 14 February 2014, because nobody was at home. Please [view information](#) about your parcel, print it and go to the post office to receive your package.

Scam email

DOWNLOAD INFORMATION

Attention

If the parcel isn't received within 30 working days Australia Post will have the right to claim compensation from you for it's keeping in the amount of 3.11 for each day of keeping. You can find the information about the procedure and conditions of parcel keeping in the nearest office.

Incorrect grammar

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Example of email you may receive

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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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More information contact Rick Young 0407 117 036