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Lucinda and company at a stall at our regular market, which will be repeated at the Twilight Market

Dunolly Twilight Market

The Dunolly Community Market will once again be holding a Twilight Market on Saturday 28 January from 2pm—8pm on Broadway.

A wide range of stalls will include homeopathies, woodwork, plants, garden ornaments, jewellery, arts and crafts, DVDs, sunnies and lots of bric-a-brac.

Food will be available from the BBQ hosted by the Santa Show and also from a wood fire pizza, as well as the bakery and the fish and chip shop. The Dunolly Pre-School will be selling icy poles and drinks and the Primary School will be holding a raffle.

There will be an Auskick session in Rene Fox Gardens run by the Dunolly Football Netball Club from 4pm—5pm, and they will also be selling memberships at the market.

Kokoro Kai Karate club will be holding a training session at 6pm-7pm, also in the Rene Fox Gardens. It will be a great opportunity to get involved with the local clubs. There will also be a jumping castle and face painting for the children, so why not bring the family down and support this wonderful event.

After the market there will be live entertainment at the Railway Hotel starting at 8pm.

For any enquiries, please call Lucinda on 0448 681 147.

Lucinda Martin
Dunolly Market Committee

Reminder

Australia Day Celebrations from 10.30am at Rene Fox Gardens. BYO chairs.

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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*.



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Rosie's Ramble

Well, the Donald is President and it looks like the journos will have to watch out.

Mr. Ramble and I were polishing off a Choc Wedge each the other night when he remarked that people who make the ice-cream sticks were on a good thing, as there would be a lot of them made from trees. This led to a discussion as to what species of tree would be used. Gum or cypress pine would hardly be suitable – too much flavour in the wood. Maybe a manufactured wood is used.

Country Hour host informed us that farmers were buying electronic ear tags for their sheep in *apprehension* of the scheme starting. I think he meant in *anticipation* – but maybe he was right.

Was reading one of those home decorating books when I saw a great storage idea for a child's room – stack things on chairs! What an original suggestion. I thought that was why we have chairs in bedrooms.

Heard a child described as 'always a lively three-year-old'. Surely she was a lively two-year-old and one-year old first.

I see we are supposed to use one teaspoon of sunscreen on our face and one on each limb as well as using it all over. I measured out a teaspoon and it is a lot of sunscreen. If I had put the lot on my face I reckon I'd look like one of those Goths with their white make-up.

Did you know that the last Wednesday of January is Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day? That's the 25th of this month.

Rosie

Thanks for telling me Rosie. I'm a mad bubble wrap popper. They have a special day for me. Woohoo!!

SA



There is always a lot to be thankful for, if you take the time to look. For example, I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

(Unknown)

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More Scams to watch out for

It can be a dangerous world out there (lions and tigers and bears, oh my!) but today's increasingly digital lifestyle can bring some unexpected risks. You shouldn't have to worry too much about who may be emailing, calling, and visiting your door – you just need to be aware.

We've looked into the most recent online and internet service scams out there to help you keep one eye open and stay a step ahead of the cheats. Have a pen handy because they are sneakier than you think!

NBN™ Impostors

As the NBN™ rolls out, you'll receive plenty of legitimate notices from nbn co ltd. and telco providers letting you know when it reaches your door.

However, there are some crafty scammers out there claiming to be from nbn co ltd. and using it as an excuse to gain access to homes, apartments and small businesses around Australia. SCAMwatch has warned Aussies about NBN™ related scams seeking to get your personal details or encouraging you to buy equipment you don't actually need to get the NBN™.

You should be suspicious if a caller or door-knocker asks for your bank or credit card details. It's unlikely that nbn co ltd. would ask consumers for payment or personal details and your telco provider would have taken these details securely when you signed up for your plan. You should only give out your personal details if you know who you are talking to and understand the reason for providing them.

Numerous calls, appointments to sign contracts and asking for access to your home without someone present are some key signs that something is not right! As an added measure, keep on top of the rollout because if you're being told you need an installation when your address isn't even ready to receive an NBN™ service yet, that will be your first red flag.

If you're unsure about what you need to do to switch to services over the NBN™ or come across anything odd, contact your telco using the number on their official website or in the telephone directory.

Booking a getaway

You may be familiar with popular accommodation booking sites such as Airbnb but watch out for shady listings!

Last month, SCAMwatch had over 150 scams reported via these platforms for falsely advertised properties and stolen deposits. With over \$80,000 reported lost, complaints have risen to three times those in 2015.

So how do you know if you are being scammed? Scammers on these sites will direct you away from the site and have you pay via money orders or wire transfer. To be safe, make sure you are paying via a secure payment system as most legit sites will use these. Scammers may even send confirmation emails that appear to be the real deal so have a close look, double check addresses using Google Maps and always read the reviews left on the listing.

Dating online

Dating sites and social media romances are now so common that it's easy for scammers to 'romance' their connections into 'sharing' their money. The MTV show Catfish may even ring a bell?

After creating trust using fake profiles, the scammer will move the convo off the dating site and onto a less traceable platform to continue the conversation. Patience is the key with these scammers as they will spend months gaining trust and later requesting financial help for an emergency or even flights to go see their 'lover'.

Trust your gut – ask lots of questions and keep your financial details confidential when dating online.

Speeding fines

Last year, Police caught on to suspicious traffic infringements being sent out via email. The emails appear authentic and even include the official WA Police logo. These 'infringement emails' include an infringement number, date of issue, fine and due date – there is even a link to a video as evidence. Keep your eye out because this scam has recently popped up in WA and it may only be a matter of time before it comes to other states and territories.

You should keep in mind that the Police currently only issue speeding fines by handing them to you on the spot or posting a traffic infringement via snail mail, so it's safe to say all email infringements aren't from them.

Centrelink

Scams linked to Centrelink are nothing new, in fact the reports are increasing. The ACCC advises to keep aware of phone calls from people posing as employees from the Department of Human Services at Centrelink.

Last year SCAMwatch received over 2,000 reports of these scams with over \$27,000 reported lost. Scammers will ask for money via wire transfers and will scare you into paying by saying that your benefits will be cut off if you don't pay up.

The Department of Human Services will NEVER ask you to deposit money in order to receive payments. If in doubt, hang up on any out of the blue calls and call back using the correct contact details online or those in the old fashioned phone book.

Now that you know what's going on out there, you should sleep soundly tonight. To stay one step ahead of scammers, follow [@SCAMwatch_gov](https://twitter.com/SCAMwatch_gov) on Twitter. If you come across something that doesn't seem quite right, report it! You can report anything that seems a little fishy on the SCAMwatch report a scam page or by calling 1300 795 995.

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Better preparing schools for bushfires

Thousands of Victorian students will be safer this summer with the State Government making sure schools in the state's highest fire danger areas are better prepared for bushfires.

Dunolly Primary School has been named as one of the schools that will benefit from the bushfire initiative. Fire shelter areas at 200 government schools in high-risk areas around the state will be upgraded under the program, including vegetation removal, gutter cleaning, and the installation of gutter guards, door and window fire shutters, water tanks and sprinklers. Bushfire preparation audits have already been completed at 51 high-priority schools and work is underway to make sure they are bushfire ready for the first day of term one, 2017. Forty more schools will have their shelter areas audited next month, with the final 109 school audits completed by June. School shelters are being audited and upgraded based on risk, with work completed first at higher-risk schools. These bushfire safety upgrades – combined with the newly funded school emergency SMS service and existing school emergency plans like closing on Code Red days and off-site evacuation protocols – mean students in Victoria's high bushfire risk areas are safer at school. To find out more visit the Victorian School Building Authority website at www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au. The 200 schools receiving bushfire safety upgrades are at <http://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Bushfire-Risk-and-Readiness.aspx>

Courtesy, The Carisbrook Mercury

Arts Hub News

Over the coming months we have some exciting and varied "Taster Workshops" to inspire your creative flair: Printmaking, Oil Painting, Techniques with Acrylics, Roman Style Mosaic. Over the winter months we will be having taster workshops in Textile Arts and later in the year a workshop in Papercraft. The *Taster Workshops* are a course of four workshops run over a month to give you a taste of what that medium is all about. It's your choice then if you want to take it further. Also it keeps what's on at the Arts Hub fresh and current.

This February is Lino Cut Printmaking taught by artist Nyrel Saunders. The workshops will be on Thursdays from 10am - 2pm. All materials to learn how to make a linocut print will be supplied. The cost to the student will be tuition fees of \$60 for the month's lessons, and the cost of your final print paper. Printmaking courses can tend to be quite expensive due to the costs of the materials used and we have tried to keep the fees to the student to a minimum. The class is filling fast and there are only a couple of spots left. Nyrel is keeping the class to six students, so each person gets her attention. See Sharon at the NHC and pay your fees to secure your place at this exciting workshop.

For those unfamiliar with Lino Cut Printmaking here is a brief description of the technique.

- The design is drawn onto the lino.
- Areas to remain white on the print are carved from the block first.
- Ink is rolled onto the raised areas.
- The lino block is placed into a registration board.
- Paper is placed on top of the lino into a fixed position.
- Pressure is applied to transfer ink from block to paper.
- Paper is removed, with the image appearing in reverse.

Lynda Vater



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Dunolly Gilbert & Sullivan

The Dunolly Gilbert & Sullivan Society will start rehearsals in early February for our production of the fairy operetta ***Iolanthe***. This will be a concert version held over the Queen's Birthday weekend in June, with glorious costumes for the Peers and fairies. Many of you will remember that ***Iolanthe*** was performed by the Savoy Opera company at the inaugural G & S Festival held outdoors in the Savoy Gardens at my property. The photo below shows the Savoy cast of Fairy Queen, Strephon and Phyllis. Our performances have now moved to the comfort of the Dunolly Town Hall.

Our small local group would love to welcome new members of all ages, and we encourage those who have never performed on stage. We are very

relaxed and friendly at rehearsals and don't expect you to be able to read music or have experience. Enthusiasm is all we need. If you don't want to be a singer, then you could help with the monthly sewing bees, or even just come and have a cup of tea and socialize with us. We'd love to see you.

The show ***Iolanthe*** will be narrated by Queen Victoria, who will also be magically transformed into the overbearing and bossy Fairy Queen. The dancing will be by the wonderful Belle Etude dancing school from Bendigo. Rehearsals will be fortnightly on Sunday afternoons in my front lounge.

More information Rachel call 5468 1858 or email rachelbuckley@bigpond.com

Rachel Buckley



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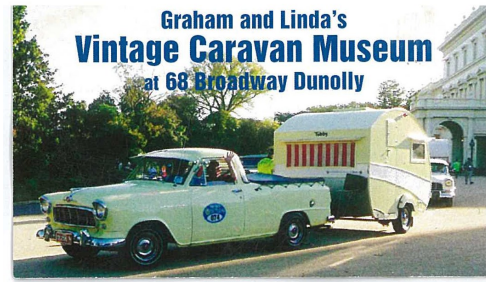
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What's Going On In 2017 @

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Lino Cut Printing

- with Nyrel Saunders.

This is a four week course starting on Thursday 2 February at the Art Hub Thomson St. 10am till 2pm.

Cost is \$60 for the course, all the basic things you need are supplied.

Learn how to carve, ink and print

a beautiful art work.

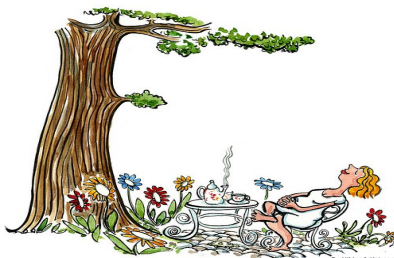
There are limited spaces and it's filling fast. So get in quick!

Garden Club

Garden lovers are getting together to plan their year at Barbara Flood's lovely garden on Monday 30 January.

Meet at the Centre at 11.30am.

If you love to wander around local gardens picking up ideas and cuttings (just quietly), you are most welcome to join the Neighbourhood Centre Garden Club. Bring a plate to share for lunch and ideas on what you would like to see, where you would like to go and what you would like do for this year.



Dunolly Sewing Circle

- with Kimberley Barnham

This Sew & Chat Group starts on Sunday 26 February at the Art Hub, Thompson St. and will be ongoing on the 4th Sunday of every month from 10am till 2pm.

Bring your own project to work on which could be cushions, toys, clothes or costumes and your own equipment such as sewing machine, needles and threads. Beginners and intermediate sewers are welcome. Bringing lunch would be a good idea too. The cost is just \$3 per session.

Want more information on the above? Ring 5468 1511 and leave a message or call in to the Centre. We are the building to the right of the hospital.

Or simply email admin@dunnhc.com.au.

Sharon Hiley
Coordinator



February

Lino Cut Printing with Nyrel Saunders

@ The Art Hub

Sewing Circle with Kimberley Barnham

@ The Art Hub

Starts 26th 10am-2pm. On going

March

Oils with Nyrel Saunders @ the Art Hub

April

Acrylics with Nyrel Saunders @ The Art Hub

May

Mosaics. Roman Style with Jo Osbourne

@ The Art Hub

June

Spinning with Faye Arnold

@ The Art Hub.

Creative Writing with Vicky Frizzell

July

Oils with Jo Osbourne @ the Art Hub

Creative Journey Of Self

Mid-winter Op-Shop Tour Ballarat

August

Golden Triangle Archers

2 day Archery shoot. @ The Range

@ The Centre.

September

Weaving with Faye Arnold @ The Art Hub

Dunolly Town Wide Garage Sale.

October

Decoupage with Gayle Haigh @ The Art Hub

Dunolly Art Show @ The Art Hub

November

Decorate Dunolly For Christmas workshops

December

Christmas Party

Note: These programs and activities are happening throughout the year!

- Walking Group—Every Monday 9.30am @ Centre
- Garden Club - Last Monday of the month various venues
- Scrabble Group—Every Monday, 1pm @ Centre
- Archery - 4th Sunday of the month @ the Range
- Acapella Singing - Every Monday 3.45pm @ Centre
- Golden Tringle Treasures Craft Shop - Broadway-open most days
- Old Time Dance - Every Monday 7.30pm.
@ St Johns Hall
- Woodwork- Tuesday 9am in the shed @ Centre
- Art Group-Every Tuesday 10am @ The Hub
- Craft Group - Every Wednesday 9.30am @ Centre

The perfect gadget



The moisture meter in action (leaving it in the pot is not recommended)

Gadgets can be a pain. The different ones I've bought over the years have promised much and delivered little. There are too many bits to manipulate, they are either too noisy if electric, or if battery operated, not strong enough for the purpose. However, this is not the case with my latest purchase.

I was tired of trying to estimate the amount of water needed in pot plants with my finger, either breaking my nail or getting dirt in it. So while shopping before Christmas, in the large hardware barn we all know, I asked the salesperson if they had some sort of gadget to indicate whether the pot needed watering or not. Well of course they did, and after some searching she produced the moisture meter.

I took it home thinking to myself I'd probably wasted my money, all of \$12, and it probably won't work; plenty of negative talk like that. But to my delight it told me that some of my pot plants were very dry, and some were wet and others were somewhere in between.

The long probe, which is placed in the pot, is made up of two different metals and the dial registers the moisture content of the soil. Even better than the fact that this gadget works, is the joy in knowing that it doesn't need batteries. What could be better than that?

Coral Christensen



Dunolly & District Lions Club News

Well what a busy year we had in 2016! Our first year as a club, and quite a successful one at that! Our fantastic bookshop opened up on Broadway, with lots of hard work from our dedicated members in getting it up and running. We run solely on donations of books from community members, and the shop opens with our members and volunteers kindly donating their time. We ran a few really successful events throughout the year including the Biggest Morning Tea, a presentation evening where we were able to make donations to some very worthy community groups, our Terrarium making day, and who could forget the Letterbox Decorating Extravaganza at Christmas! It has been great to see so much community support for our club, and we are hoping to make 2017 an even more successful year. We would like to thank the Welcome Record for their continued support of the Lions Club, and for all the lovely articles they write about the club. I would also personally like to thank all of our members and volunteers for their contributions to the club.

Hopefully 2017 can be an even bigger and better year for the Lions Club, and that community members will consider joining or volunteering their time to help us in our efforts to support the Dunolly and surrounding communities.

Susan Marney, President



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The ongoing story of Maurice Butler and his love of flying

In 1974 after two delightful weeks driving around the North Island of New Zealand with both our lovely mothers and Maurice's sister looking up the Butler ancestry and having a wonderful time, we left them to stay with relatives and we headed off overseas for seven months on a working holiday.

Our first stop was Tahiti – heaven on earth – a special favourite of ours. On Bora Bora we met a friendly guy on the morning lagoon cruise. Later in the day he introduced us to his parents. It turned out that he was a Catholic priest from Los Angeles and was holding the Sunday masses on the island during the stay with his folks. We kept contact with this family for many years with our visiting them and their visiting us. Sadly Kay and Ed have passed on.

In June 1979, only a month after our delightful trip to Fraser Island with our family, Kay and Ed visited us with a plan that we fly them to Central Australia. In our Beechcraft Debonair we flew via Swan Hill to Mildura for an overnight. After a delightful dinner at the Grand Hotel we walked along the river and chatted with so much to catch up when Kay asked "Are we safe in this semi darkness, dear?" She had mace in her handbag just in case. How different our countries? She relaxed and we laughed. After a delicious breakfast, Kay could not believe we had our same serviettes from last evening in the serviette rings, ha!

We refuelled in Leigh Creek and the flatness of the terrain after the Sierras of LA had them fascinated. Oodnadatta from the air looks so small and Maurice related the Jack Davy quiz prize of "first prize – one night in Oodnadatta; second prize – two nights in Oodnadatta!" They understood why.

On to Alice Springs which they really enjoyed with a good look around then next day we flew over the Olgas to Ayers Rock. The spectacular sunset and sunrise and a tour around the rock really impressed them. It was fairly primitive in those days at the Red Sands Hotel and on our many visits. Next day we flew to Coober Pedy and on to our favourite Andamooka with the Dukes. This was a highlight for them and they bought opals and relished the tales told. From Andamooka we refuelled in Mildura then flew home to Moorabbin. A brief, but memorable, trip which we relived with them on various visits.

Carolyn Butler

STORYTELLER



The two women were comfortably ensconced in their cosy lounge room late one night. Kerry had draped herself across the couch. Katie, as the storyteller, was centre-stage, sprawled over the bean-bag on the floor.

Katie commenced her tale, "You remember that scene from the Wizard of Oz where the old lady pedals her old-fashioned bicycle?"

"Of course," Kerry nodded.

"Well, she was like that."

"In black and white you mean?"

"No, no. She wore a red riding cape that billowed out behind her. Same riding style though - keep a straight back, bear down firmly on the pedals and stare directly ahead at your objective."

"Sounds like a metaphor for life," Kerry said.

"I guess it does. A bit like if you get knocked down, come back for more ... I don't think I got that quite right - not inspirational, sounded more fatalistic." Katie frowned and flicked away an annoying lock of auburn hair.

"Anyway, you were saying?" Kerry asked

"Oh, yes. Josephine (of the red cape) cycled intently just like that witch, although she wasn't a witch at that time in the movie, if you get my drift. She was anticipating a rendezvous with her beau, a certain Captain Jardine."

Kerry leaned forward, her eyes sparkling with mischief. "No wonder she was riding intensely."

"Yes, the dashing young Captain was a catch alright. Wait a minute. Do you know this story?"

"I must confess I know the outcome but I do so enjoy the way you tell it with your mixed up similes and juxtapositions."

"Juxtapositions is it? Well I never! You make it sound as if I gallop the story along like flogging a dead horse in a china shop."

"There! See what I mean?" Kerry said triumphantly.

"Oh! Sure, easy for you to criticize. Where's your story then?" Katie asked.

"It's not about me. You are the storyteller so get on with it!"

"Right, right. Hardly seems to be any point now ... I could call her Red Riding Hood but that's a Brothers Grimm fairy tale and you would know the ending of that one too."

"Okay, so no grandmother and no wolf but you've already mentioned a witch."

"And I could say Josephine and Jardine were star-crossed lovers. But that would be plagiarizing Shakespeare. And, again you would know the finish of Romeo and Juliet."

"They were finished alright! You know, if you wanted to encapsulate the essence of a story you could take the Hollywood approach," Kerry advised.

"Didn't I do that already with the Wizard of Oz?"

"No, the formula I mean."

"Oh! I know what you are driving at. Shall I give it a go?"

Kerry encouraged her, "By all means, please do."

"Righto ... harrumph," Katie cleared her throat in what she hoped was a grand gesture. "Here goes ... BOY MEETS GIRL. BOY LOSES GIRL. BOY GETS GIRL BACK AGAIN. THE END. How's that?"

Kerry clapped her hands delightedly. "Bravo! You nailed it girl!"

Martyn Barnett



Dunolly Community Twilight Market



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Church News

Dunolly Christian Churches

Invite you to worship God and welcome you to their services: **Sunday 29 January**

Anglican Church Services:

St John's Dunolly Anglican Parish Service

Thursday 26 January, **NO** service

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 NO Mass this Sunday as it is the fifth Sunday of the month.

Bealiba St. Patrick's 5th Sunday, Mass at 8.30am

Tarnagulla St. Francis Xavier's

Saturday 18 February 11am

Uniting Church Services:

Dunolly Uniting Church

Church Service at 9.30am, led by Jan Watts.

Bealiba Uniting Church

2nd and 4th Sundays at 11am

Laanecoorie Uniting Church

NO Service

Catholic Church St Mary's Muse

Fr John said Mass for us on Sunday—after his stroll out from Maryborough. There is one Vinnies unit available for rent by an aged pensioner. Contact 0427 612 352.

There is no Mass in Dunolly this Sunday as it is the fifth Sunday of the month. Mass is at St. Patrick's, Bealiba at 8.30am on Sunday 29 January.

Mass will be at St. Francis Xavier's, Tarnagulla at 11am on Saturday 18 February

R. Mecredy

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Psalm 26 :1. 4.13-14

St John's Church News

On Sunday 29 January there will be one service in the Parish to be held at St Michael's Talbot at 10.30am. Lunch will follow at the Talbot Hotel. This will be a farewell to Father Andre.

Trina Kay



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and sickness among the people.

Matthew 4:23

Uniting Church News

Joan Hall, our newly commissioned pastor, led worship for the second time on Sunday.

Joan will work part-time in the Parish and resides permanently in the manse during her time in Dunolly.

Our prayers are with Jean, Mavis, Tom, Ron and Bruce who are, or have spent time, in hospital over the past few weeks. Jan will lead worship next Sunday.

Jim McKenzie

Op Shop Reopening

Dunolly Uniting Church Op Shop is open for business in 2017. Don't miss out on viewing the new stock which has been donated over the Christmas break.

There is a sale on for two weeks—\$5.00 a bag or 1/2 price per item.

Car Boot Sale

The next car boot sale will be on 11 February and hosted by the Dunolly Golf Club.

Clearing "Grandpa's shed"

Recently my brother, who lives in East Gippsland, phoned me. He happened to be in the garage of a new friend who had recently cleaned out a relatives' shed. The contents of said shed were on the floor. Amongst the mess of rubbish was a battered, dirty, but nicely made wooden box. Brother idly asked what was in it? To be told 'oh, a lot of old photographic equipment'.

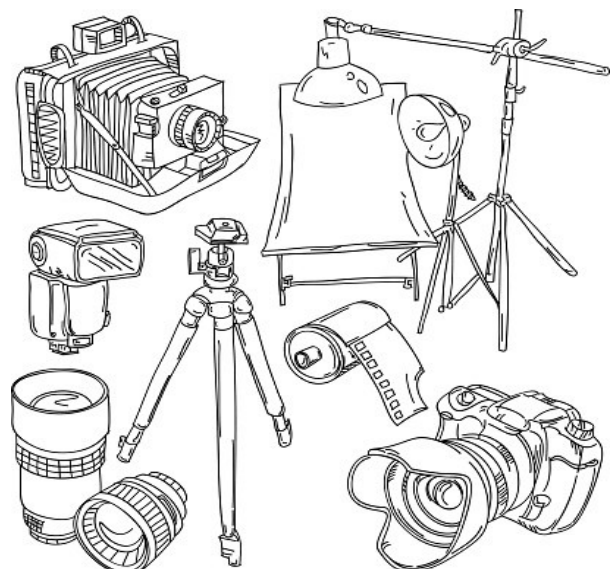
My brother, knowing of my lifelong interest in such equipment, asked what was going to be done with it, and was told, "sling it down the tip".

Some rapid negotiations resulted over the phone between the three of us, which saw me getting the complete box and contents, and friend happy with a slab of beer, as he said you can't drink junk!

I now have it in my possession, cleaned and sorted, comprising of three good cameras, six lenses and many other miscellaneous accessories, including the box. It seems it was assembled by a wildlife enthusiast, as it allows for both long distance photos as well as close ups.

The moral of the story is: if you come across items not understood, **DO NOT** pitch them until someone *does* recognise them.

Nev Roberts





Loddon Shire Council is taking steps to ensure the region's smaller towns and districts aren't forgotten when it comes to its future tourism marketing.

A planned series of workshops aims to closely examine the current and potential attractions of different sectors of the Shire with a view to increasing

visitor numbers and getting the most from the time and dollars invested. These workshops are open to the general public, for people who have an interest in tourism and marketing their community.

The move – one of many actions spelt out in the recently approved Loddon Shire Tourism Strategy 2016-2019 – sets out to align smaller villages with their nearest larger neighbour.

Six workshops will be held across the municipality in February, led by marketing and communications expert Sharon Wells.

Ms Wells, a director of Melbourne consultancy Pan & Bacchanalia, has more than 30 years' experience in the tourism and cultural sectors, both in Australia and overseas. She has developed and executed major campaigns with organisations including the National Gallery of Victoria, Bendigo Art Gallery, Oxfam Australia, the Edinburgh Festival and major international food and wine brands.

For the past 12 months, she has been working successfully with the Loddon Shire and Bendigo Regional Tourism on major media campaigns.

| Marketing Workshop | Date | Time | Venue |
|--|-------------|--------|--|
| Pyramid Hill, aligned with Mitiamo and Dingee | 13 February | 7.30pm | Pyramid Hill Senior Citizens Club Rooms, McKay St, Pyramid Hill |
| Boort aligned with Durham Ox | 14 February | 7.30pm | Senior Citizens Club Rooms, Godfrey St, Boort |
| Tarnagulla, aligned with Newbridge, Laanecoorie, Eddington, Logan and Arnold | 15 February | 7.30pm | Tarnagulla Hall, Commercial St, Tarnagulla |
| Inglewood, aligned with Kingower and Rheola | 16 February | 4.00pm | Senior Citizens Club Rooms, 75 Grant St, Inglewood |
| Bridgewater On Loddon aligned with Serpentine | 16 February | 7.30pm | Bridgewater On Loddon Community Hall, 37 Eidon St, Bridgewater On Loddon |
| Wedderburn, aligned with Korong Vale and Wychitella | 17 February | 6.00pm | Senior Citizens Club Rooms, Peters St, Wedderburn |



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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 Defense 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.

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

January

Thursday 26 Australia Day celebrations
Rene Fox Gardens 10am

Saturday 28 Twilight Market
Broadway 2pm – 8pm

Saturday 28 Live Music by Jan Stephenson
Railway Hotel 8pm

February

Saturday 11 Uniting Church Car Boot Sale

Wednesday 17 Neighbourhood Watch AGM
at Bowls Club 10.30am

The Arts Hub in February

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The latest addition to the list is "Parklands Retreat", at Bridgewater, a 1950s-style double-brick home on a working farm.

With three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a large living/dining area and games room, the house is set among native trees with an abundance of birdlife.

Bridgewater also has Graylee Cottage, a short walk from both the main street and the Loddon River, and Learmonth Place, a renovated farmhouse 7km south of the town.

Boort boasts Banyandah Retreat, on the western shore of Little Lake Boort, Pink Olive House in the main street and Nellie's Retro Farm Stay, in nearby Yando.

At Wedderburn, Kurracaburn Heights offers private accommodation in the town's former hospital, while Rostrata Farm Stay at Tarnagulla provides the atmosphere of a farm first selected in 1865.

Family activities abound around the area, with the Loddon River, the northern wetlands, nature reserves,

walking trails, gold detecting and intriguing small towns all potential holiday highlights.

Bridgewater's happy location on the river and nearby Cairn Curran and Laanecoorie reservoirs means plentiful opportunities for water skiing, fishing, canoeing, swimming and cycling.

Inglewood is the base for exploring Kooyoora State Park, Melville Caves and 1200ha Inglewood Nature Conservation Reserve, as well as browsing its famed cluster of antiques and collectables stores and Blue Eucy Museum.

Amateur gold fossickers are drawn to Tarnagulla and Wedderburn to test their luck, while Boort's bountiful wetlands offer riches of a different kind, with their striking indigenous history and wildlife.

Further accommodation options for visitors include caravan parks, hotels, motels, bush campsites and RV-Friendly Destinations for motorhomes.

For more details, contact the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on (03) 5494 3489 or go to www.loddon.vic.gov.au.

Our councillor at work



Bob Henderson was helping move a huge branch off the road with assistance from passing motorists. Good on you Bob.

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QUICK CROSSWORD 143

Across

- 1. Slightly convex shape (of surface of road, eg.)
- 4. French mathematician, Blaise _____
- 7. French flag
- 9. Medicine
- 10. Tom Hanks character, Forrest _____
- 11. Bone in lower leg
- 13. Amount filling metal container
- 14. A forge
- 15. Of limes and lemons, eg.

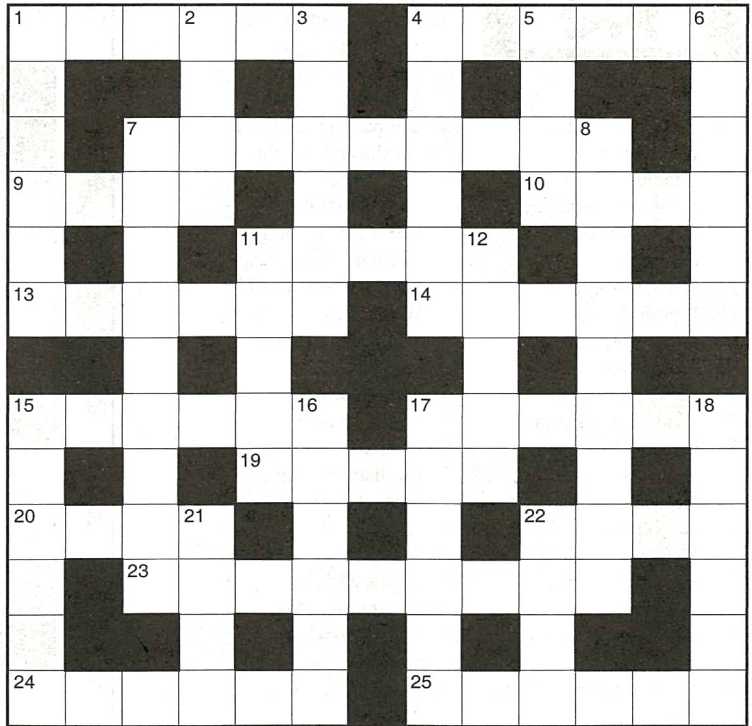
Down

- 17. Schedule of things to be done
- 19. Animated canine created by Disney
- 20. Young elephant
- 22. Catch a glimpse of
- 23. In direction of rising sun
- 24. Move jerkily
- 25. With enthusiasm
- 1. Commendation for an action
- 2. Swedish tennis great, Bjorn _____
- 3. Backward jolt of gun when fired
- 4. Part of skeleton near base of spine
- 5. Small though comfortable
- 6. In flaccid manner
- 7. Mechanical gate allowing entry of one at a time
- 8. Degree of oxidisation (of metal)

- 11. Showy-flowered plant of lily family
- 12. Cohort

- 15. Official seal on document
- 16. Group of eggs laid by bird

- 17. An assault
- 18. Regardless
- 21. That which is true
- 22. A border



SUDOKU NO 37

Solutions: Crossword 142 and Sudoku 36

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Classifieds and Public Notices



Neighbourhood Watch.

The Annual General Meeting of Neighbourhood Watch will be held on Wednesday 17 February 2017 at 10.30am at the Bowls Club. Everyone is welcome to attend.

R Mecredy, Secretary

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DFNC Mini Lotto

Drawn: 20 January 2017

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Five numbers out of 15. \$1 per entry. Be in it to win it!

Chris Williams



SHOP NEWS

Remember that once the temperature reaches 33 degrees the Craft Shop will be closed. Thanks to Pam for all her cleaning efforts; we are now shining. Thanks also to Ken for our Australia Day display. It looks good. Some more wool has come in and has been popular.

The Golden Triangle Treasures Craft Shop is a not-for-profit initiative of the Dunolly and District Neighbourhood Centre. Anyone living locally who is interested in making craft is welcome to become a member and therefore be able to sell your craft. If you are interested call into the craft shop to discuss the details or call Vicky any evening on 5468 1365.

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MAYORAL COLUMN

Celebrate Australia Day in Loddon Shire

While most of us look forward to a public holiday on Australia Day, I'd encourage you to consider the opportunity it presents to thank those of all ages and backgrounds who have contributed to making our communities, our Shire and our country all it is today.

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

Each year I look forward to seeing some of the municipality's most valued residents recognised for all they do at the annual Australia Day presentations which are made across a range of categories at each of our community celebrations.

Wherever you are on Australia Day there is also an opportunity to listen to an Australia Day ambassador share their experiences of what it means to be Australian. While the guest speakers at our community events come from a variety of backgrounds, in some instances their experiences should prove particularly interesting to the community they're visiting.

A good example of this is having businessman Huss Mustafa OAM (Victoria) scheduled to speak at Pyramid Hill. Huss has a Turkish Cypriot heritage with very humble beginnings, having migrated to Australia with his family at the age of 10. He is currently a senior executive at Commonwealth Bank of Australia and has a passion for supporting and celebrating multiculturalism in Australia that recognizes the contribution and benefits of cultural diversity. Hopefully the story Huss shares on Australia Day will provide encouragement to many within Pyramid Hill's growing Filipino community.

Join in celebrating all that makes us proud to be Australian at Arnold Hall at 6.30pm, Nolan Park in Boort at 9.15am, Sloan Park in Bridgewater at 8am, the Eddington Community Centre at 8am, Inglewood Swimming Pool at 11am, Newbridge Hall at 11.30am, Pyramid Hill Hall at 6pm, Rudkin's Reserve at Serpentine at 8.30am and Jacka Park in Wedderburn at 5pm.

Creative Australia Day entries on display

Loddon Shire's annual Australia Day festivities will include the presentation of prizes for a literature, colouring and photography competition organised in partnership with primary and secondary schools across the municipality.

It's wonderful to see creativity is alive and well in Loddon Shire, with a wonderful variety of entries being produced in response to the themes which centre around A Great Australian in the literary section and Local Flora and Fauna in the photography and colouring competition sections.

This year we've also had a good response to the open photography competition and it's pleasing to see people of all ages sharing their passion. In fact over the last couple of months some 600 creative Australia Day competition entries have flowed into the office.

A selection of entries received are currently on display at the Inglewood and Pyramid Hill IGA supermarkets, The Boort Resource and Information Centre, Tarnagulla Community Centre and the window of the old milk bar in Wedderburn's High Street.

Residents enjoying Australia Day at the Bridgewater, Serpentine and Newbridge community celebration will also be able to view a variety of entries displayed there on the day.

Winning and highly commended entries will feature at The Coach House Gallery in Wedderburn throughout February.

Share your bumper crop photos

Loddon's farmers boast some bumper crops this season.

With high yields coming in, now is the time to sign up to a new two-way system alerting growers to early and actionable pest, disease and weed warnings, as well as national bio-security alerts.

Grow Notes Alert is an Agriculture Victoria co-funded program to which grain growers and advisors across the country have been sending photos of suspected pest, disease and weed issues, as well as highlighting their healthy crops.

I encourage farmers across the municipality to consider signing up and sharing their crop photos, to help feed vital data into the system designed to develop a better picture of our grain growing areas, especially over the harvest period.

With many growers storing grain on-farm this year, it's important they are on the lookout for grain pests and infestations to better anticipate any quarantine or other matters that may impact grain marketability. By connecting with Grow Notes Alert during the pilot period you will also be placed in a draw which may win you a drone.

For further information about Grow Notes Alert visit www.grdc.com.au/grownotesalert or email grownotesalert@ecodev.vic.gov.au

Blue-green algae warning (BIG Lake Boort)

Parks Victoria announced that a blue-green algae (BGA) bloom is currently affecting the Lake Boort Wildlife Reserve. The public is warned not to swim in and to avoid any direct contact with blue-green algae affected water. For any health issues experienced after contact with BGA affected water please seek medical advice immediately.

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Mid-Week Pennant Teams Tuesday 31 January 2017

Dunolly Blue plays Highland Tartan away

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| L Parker | H Freemantle | H Davies |
| F Nielsen | P Shay | H Weir |
| B Cann | K McKenzie | T Galofaro |
| G Dobbin | J Smith | N Stevens |

Manager: Heather Freemantle

Cars: Loretta Parker and Barry Cann

Dunolly Gold plays Carisbrook home

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

Manager: Lesley Whiley

Set-up: Lesley Whiley

Emergencies: Frank D'Unieville, Don Coe

O'Halloran pairs to be played on Thursday 16

February. Names required for 100up.

Please put your names on the board.

Dunolly Bowling Club Pennant Teams Saturday 28 January 2017 Round 11

Dunolly Blue plays MHS Tartan at Dunolly

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

Manager: Chris Williams

Dunolly Gold plays Avoca Red at Dunolly

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

Manager: Chris Williams

Dunolly Green plays Avoca Gold at Dunolly

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| K McKenzie | B Mortlock | B Henderson |
| H Freemantle | K Nielsen | A Deason |
| G Cain | D Mortlock | M Davies |
| S Shay | J Lacey | E Weir |

Dunolly Red plays Talbot White

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| D Price | S Chaplin | P Shay |
| D Coe | E Murphy | H Weir |
| K Stephens | R Cain | R Weir |
| F D'Unieville | D Conlan | W Stephens |

Manager: Sandra Chaplin

Emergency: Norma Stevens, Doris Spiteri,

Heather Cooper, N Pike

Cars leave at 12.30 Cars lead

Pennant results for Saturday 21st January

Dunolly Blue; Bye.

Dunolly Gold 64 lost to MHS Red 71.

B. Cann 15 lost L. S Wallis 24.

B. Lanfranchi 19 lost T. Lacey 24.

R. Pickering 28 d J. Turner 25.

Dunolly Green 78 d Dunolly Red 58.

K. McKenzie 25 drew S. Chaplin 25.

B. Mortlock 36 d D. Price 8.

B. Henderson 17 lost A. Weir 25.

Congratulations to Chris Williams, Goldfields Bowls

Division Men's "CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS" for

2016/17 season.

A Larpent



Maryborough Soccer Club have plans for a big season in 2017 starting the year with a new committee, new branding and the introduction of a senior side.

The Club, formally known as Maryborough City Soccer Club, dropped the word 'City'

to freshen the name as the club launch a new logo and branding. Club President, Jackson Barby, said the new look is all part of the plan to build the club and increase the profile of the sport in the region.

The committee intend to launch the clubs new brand and logo at an open invitation training/fun day on Saturday, February 4 at the soccer pitch (old Hockey oval), and calling for expressions of interest from players aged 16 and over to make up the MSC representative side for 2017.

Club secretary, Belinda Pritchard, said the Club are inviting families from across the Central Goldfields region to come along to get some information and meet the committee. "We are also taking expressions of interest for U7s, U9's, U13's and U16's and we are particularly interested in hearing from players aged 16 and over who would like to join a senior representative side for the MSC.

"Maryborough Soccer Club has a long history and we want to really build on that and attract more families to the sport. This town has a lot of talent and we are seeing more and more interest from local kids wanting to play the world game," Belinda said.

Club Treasurer, Tim McDonnell continued, "Over the years we have had many of our players go on to be selected for academy sides in Melbourne as well as who have played in the National Premier League with the Ballarat Red Devils. We also have a very good referee program at the club which has seen young referee extraordinaire Liam Palling launch into his official career over the last two years. Providing pathways and opportunities for all of our members across all aspects of the sport is something our club is really proud of."

The Club president has his eye firmly on the goal of building a senior side and offering more opportunities and pathways for the younger players.

"We are still looking at where our best opportunities lie with either the Ballarat or Bendigo leagues BASL OR BDSA and we will have more information within the next few weeks" Jackson said.

MSC have already made moves to attract club sponsorship and are currently looking at securing a long term home ground for the club.

MSC Vice President, James Prime, said, "It has been a battle for many years to operate without a ground we can call home. The old Hockey fields on Park road suit our junior competition for the time being but we need to find a base for our senior side. There are a few options we are considering and we hope to be able to make an announcement on that in the coming weeks."

"We intend on making some big things happen this year and our committee are quite excited. We are really looking forward to our 2017 season launch and hope the community will embrace the club and get involved It's going to be fun." James concluded.

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Find Maryborough Soccer Club on Facebook and Team App.

Natalie Woods

VICKY'S VIEW



Waiting for the Train



Bealiba Railway Station with Kurrajong Tree in background —Photo by Marion Edwards

A small piece of wrought iron fringing from the Bealiba railway station was discovered in Broadford not so long ago. It was an exciting discovery for the current tenants of Bealiba station, Heather and Robert Cooper. The original fringing was taken down many years ago, so it was necessary for the Coopers to get permission from the railways to get new fringing copied from the original at Billmans Foundry in Castlemaine. Now it is all in place and beautifully complements all the other restoration work undertaken by the Coopers since taking over in 1999.

The Bealiba station was built in 1878 and cost £574. It is unusual because the station master's residence forms part of the station. Robert said this was because a night passenger train from Mildura used to stop at Bealiba in the middle of the night and someone had to be on hand to see to passenger safety and comfort.

When the Bealiba station opened there was a lot of industry in and around the town. Five timber mills, an expanding grain industry and growing population were the catalysts for the arrival of the railway. Wineries, pubs, banks, butcheries and bakeries all provided employment along with timber and agriculture. Apparently about 5,000 people lived in the district then.

Heather and Robert took over the lease on the station in 1999. The building had been vandalised and they had to do all the repairs such as replacing windows, repainting and making the residence habitable. They also had to get the water and power reconnected. Despite all their hard work Robert said that he and Heather regarded themselves as caretakers as well as tenants.

An old photograph from 1900 shows a grapevine growing around the eaves. Recently a new one was planted and is doing well. In fact the Coopers have planted extensive

gardens in the station precinct. Olive trees have grown very well as has the rose border along the platform. An old kurrajong tree at the other end of the platform has been there for many years. Bealiba identity Betty Lovel remembers it from her childhood. A new mudbrick shed has been erected on the site of an old storage shed which was demolished years ago. Old railway sleepers have been used to rebuild a fence which was also pulled down long ago.

Last year the railways' property management company arrived in Bealiba for their first property inspection since the Coopers took over the lease in 1999. The station has become quite a tourist attraction in that time, and it is now listed in the Central Goldfields Shire brochures and websites. Robert was speaking to an octogenarian who was sitting on the platform recently. It turned out that he used to work there back in the 1950s and his name was Quick.

Tourists can go and view the platform area any day. The visitor's book at the station fills rapidly. All along the platform are photos and plaques explaining its working life. The photos were provided by Alan Henderson and the plaques by the Central Goldfields Shire. Thankyou Heather and Robert for inviting us to come and have a look at the station. It was well worth the trip to Bealiba.

It was quite warm on Sunday afternoon but as we sat on the platform waiting for the last train out of Bealiba there was a very pleasant breeze. It reminded me that every other platform I have ever stood on waiting for a train has been breezy in summer and downright cold and blustery in winter. Railway engineers were great at getting that wind chill factor perfect.

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