

The Welcome Record

SPECIAL EDITION - THE YELLOW BOOK

Wednesday 29th August 2018

To commemorate just over 40 years of production of *The Welcome Record*, we have published a special edition called ***The Yellow Book***, as it was called back then due to the paper colour used.

The paper was started by Jock Sellers in 1979, as a two-page leaflet, reporting on the football season. Unfortunately we only have very few items from that era that are legible due to time-faded and weather-affected pages. Some of the samples are quite blurred, but they are of interest as they depict well-known people of that time and pertinent advertisements. That incarnation of *The Welcome Record* ran for approximately seven years before folding in 1986.

Subsequently the residents of Dunolly realised the importance of having a local paper, so a committee was formed and the paper was re-established. The first edition of the new Welcome Record was on 4th June 1987. The Shire of Bet Bet provided financial backing of \$1,500 to launch the project. The editor was Mick Drew and some members of the committee who are still prominent in the community today were Jean Richardson, Esme Flett, Vicky Frizzell and Jan Ford. Mike Stroud provided new machinery and Father Tom Banfield helped with the changeover to offset the printing. The size was A5 over 12 - 16 pages. It was printed in black and white with very few pictures. The staff (all volunteers then, as now) had to type each article and then physically cut with a guillotine and paste with glue onto a board before photocopying onto the final sheets. The sheets were then hand-folded. A very time-consuming effort.

The paper has run consistently since then, albeit with many changes of staff. The current staff have devoted extra time to put this edition together. As the period of 40 years is too expansive for one paper, and after sifting through hundreds of editions, the team has selected highlights that feature interesting articles and advertisements only from **1980s & 1990s**. We have tried to keep articles in chronological order. The advertisements are from many different dates. Perhaps in the future and with more time, we may run another special edition from other periods. We are pleased to present to you the ***The Yellow Book***, and trust you enjoy a trip down memory lane.

NB: *The items have been scanned directly from the papers, not retyped, so you can see the progression of production. The font size may appear different, even within the same article, as we had to cut and paste from different pages and it was difficult to get the exact font for each piece to fit our format, ergo some of the crooked articles too. What a difference modern technology makes!*

The Welcome Record Team



February 1990

**Community
newspaper**

Starting from scratch and with a period of trial and error, volunteers have recreated a true community newspaper in the Shire of Bet Bet. The Tuesday editorial department pictured above was working towards its next edition when we caught up with them early this week. From left to right are Anne Doran (committee secretary), Carolyn Butler (computer operator) Jannette Richardson (public relations), Liz Steinke (Co-ordinator) and Lyn Fry (editor).

Editorial from longest-serving Editor

The Welcome Record has asked me to write a short piece on what our community paper meant to me during all the years I assisted with its preparation.

The paper came into my life at a time when I needed something to do that I could enjoy and The Welcome Record was calling for volunteers. Lord knows I was unprepared and not well-educated, but the paper was already in my heart. Vicky Frizzell and I started at about the same time and one of the first things we were asked to do was set up a new and simple accounting system. A lot of money was owed for advertisements and believe it or not, the paper had no way of dealing with this problem. Our first achievement was to set up a card system which everyone could understand and this was applied with great success. Vicky's young son Peter also acted as our cartoonist for a short time. Vicky became a dear friend and we worked together for the paper over many years with never a cross word. We are still close today. I think we both decided during those early times that it was in our interests to go back to school, and with a lot of study Vicky achieved her aims, while I was so proud to gain my high school certificate by attending night classes in Bendigo. Working for the paper had given me friendship and a newfound confidence also a wonderful feeling of doing something really worthwhile. Mind you, I will always believe working for The Welcome Record gave me much more than I gave it, even though it was an unpaid job!

My association with The Welcome Record began almost 30 years ago. My children had grown up, my parents had recently passed away and my husband a short time to live. Our home was at Eddington, but it did not take long for me to make so many new friends in Dunolly where two or three days a week could be spent putting the paper together. Vicky and I wrote stories on whatever news we could find and so many others contributed by writing, typing, proofreading, printing, folding and distributing the publication. Then the day came where a new editor was needed and I was appointed. No one else wanted the position and with good reason. The paper could not afford insurance and we faced some testing times. For instance, the Kennett government had just earmarked Dunolly's hospital for closure and had already shut down many other hospitals throughout the state. Even the editor of a local commercial newspaper that backed the government's plans harshly warned our volunteers that they stood to 'lose their homes' if The Welcome Record was successfully challenged in any court action relating to the many anti-closure reports that appeared in our



APPRECIATION

Thank you to the local and district business people who patronise our "Dunolly Welcome Record". Your support is appreciated. Many thanks to the Bet Bet Shire Council for their continued support.

To the people of the Bet Bet Shire for their donations to the "Welcome Record", we are very grateful for your help. Grateful thanks to everyone who assists in any way to get the "Dunolly Welcome Record" out to you each week. The very valuable and practical help given by these volunteers is much appreciated.

Editor

paper. We were fortunate to have people in this district who were not intimidated by this and among them I include Mike Lester, a reporter from Melbourne who regularly wrote for us after choosing to build a house on the outskirts of Dunolly. I have got to know Mike well as I had the pleasure of looking after his dear dog Dossie while he travelled the world with his work.

Dunolly and district is so fortunate to have a community newspaper; a voice that lets you know what is going on where you live and I feel very lucky and privileged to be part of the paper's history, even though these days as I walk in town all anyone sees is an elderly lady still enjoying life. There was a time when nearly everyone knew me, but inevitably things change and perhaps it is for the better as new people arrive bringing new blood and new ideas. In my day, first generation computers had just begun to replace our typewriters, but now the paper is completely computerised which no doubt makes the job easier and the result more professional. I am glad to add that the paper also has insurance for the editor and other volunteers. It is so good to know that the paper still thrives and also that no one person owns it. The district owns it. It is yours and I do urge you to use it. And who knows, perhaps one day you might even care to contribute?

Jean Richardson



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NOTICE

Views expressed in all letters contributed to and published in the Welcome Record are not necessarily the views of the Editor and Committee of the Dunolly Welcome Record.

We feel everyone has the right to have the opportunity of having their say on controversial matters and that you, the public, expect that right. However, the views expressed are not necessarily those of this Committee and our aim is to present them for you without bias.

Editor,
DUNOLLY WELCOME RECORD.

Closing time for all articles to be published in the Dunolly Welcome Record is 12 noon every Thursday.

1986

DUNOLLY HOSPITAL WILL NOT CLOSE

This was the assurance given by the Minister for Health, Mr David White at the meeting held with Hospital Committed representatives at Maryborough Hospital on Tuesday 17 November. Mr White said that he saw the health service requirements of the Dunolly District as:-

- A number of Acute Beds
- A number of Nursing Home Beds
- Extension of Day Care Programs
- Provision of Community Health Services

Mr White invited representatives from the Committee to take part in a Joint Party to determine the mix of the services and it was pointed out by Mr J. O'Neill, Regional Director that the exercise was not about saving money, but the provision of more appropriate and comprehensive health care services within the current financial allocations. The Committee of Management of the Hospital is very pleased with the outcome of the meeting and will endeavour, through the negotiation process, to obtain the best possible health services for the community. The Committee also appreciates the offers of assistance made by the many residents of the area in an effort to retain our Hospital services.

C. Smith - Publicity Officer

LETTER TO THE EDITOR - MUSIC HALL

Dear Sir,
 Congratulations to Colin Smith and his cast for a wonderful evening's entertainment. It was top class. The Show was delightful, fast moving and cheerful. To see all those happy faces on the stage was heart warming. And Colin, where did you unearth those lovely young ladies in the cast of performers. To see such talent from youngsters, is certainly an asset to Dunolly. The more familiar faces performed as seasoned troopers, and "Reggie" looked more like Nero while Rome burnt than the ugly stepsister. Good on you Reg, you made an unforgettable debut. The Musicians, all of whom made their debut with flying colours. Graham's performance accompanying Vona and Kerrie was superb. John, Bev and Company played magic with lights and overload power points. Backstage, the unsung hero Steve and dual performer Reg, made sure the curtain went up when it should and down when it should and other odd things. The solos and duets were simply delightful to listen to. Congratulations, Jan Rawlings for a thankless, frustrating, but most essential job of selling tickets. The stage School President, with the special overarm throw up to the Balcony with the posie of flowers. A brilliant shot Loretta. Last but not least, the women and even some fellas slaved in the kitchen like shearer's cooks and brickies apprentices to dish up a wonderful meal. Also top jobs carried out by the waitresses and waiters, who slipped the plates of food in and out in the twinkling of an eye. Congratulations to each and every one of you for a tremendous effort. Looking forward to next year's Music Hall Colin. So, off you go now and have a bludge!
 Anne Doran - Participant.

DUNOLLY TOWN HALL NEWS

The Committee of Management have finally ordered 150 new chairs for the Town Hall, at the cost of \$15.25 per chair. At this stage we feel that the public should be given the opportunity to buy a chair, if they so desire. A record of names will be written up on a suitable board, displayed in the Hall. The cost per chair is \$15.25. If you are interested in this proposal, please contact the Secretary of this committee, or Ass. Secretary, Mrs. Peg Kopacka, 3 Raglan Street or phone 681232.

For our next project, we hope to purchase new tables in the near future.

The old blue chairs in the Hall have all been successfully separated, only 16 remain to be done.

Donations of Chairs - Mr. & Mrs. Alf Freemantle.

If we get enough response for donations of chairs, we will be able to buy our new tables all that much sooner.

Anne Doran - Secretary
 R.M.B. 1630, Dunolly. 3472.
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Example of Classifieds

BIRTH - Saul (Andrews)

Martin and Meira are very happy, proud and relieved to announce the safe arrival of a son "Bradley Norman" on January 13, 1986 at Ballarat Base Hospital. Brother for Mareille, Sheree, Amanda. Special thanks to Dunolly Doctor and Hospital Staff.

NOTICE

Would the shooter responsible for the dead kangaroos on my property, give me his name and address, so I can deliver them to his doorstep free of charge.

Ivan J. Bowman

GOLDEN WEDDING

Williams (Heraud) Win and Les, married 15.4.1936.

Congratulations Mum and Dad, best wishes and love from - Norma and Barry, Heather and Athol, Peter and Chris.

Congratulations to a Great Nanna and Poppa - From Grandchildren, Geoffrey, Karen, Craig, Kristen, Mathew, Brooke, Melissa and Jason.

Special congratulations for this Golden Wedding which produced a wonderful family - From Barry, Athol and Chris.

NOTICE

It has come to the notice of the Council and Councillors that there are people digging for worms in the Bull Street drain near Maude Street, blocking the drain for storm water and sullage. People responsible please refrain from these acts as the Council has recently spent a great deal of money cleaning the Bull Street drain, thus jeopardizing this work.

Chris Williams,
 DUNOLLY RIDING COUNCILLOR



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WARNING TO THE PEOPLE

It's good to know that the employees of the Shire are so anxious to be helpful to you in setting up a home in the area.

This week a request was made by our family to the Shire Engineer, for a small task to be carried out, which was a council responsibility.

Not only was this request greatly heckled over, but we were told, that, if present situations were not suitable to us, we could pack up and leave the area.

What right has an employee of Council got, to speak to rate-paying citizens in this manner.

One would have imagined, it would be desirable, to see the area progress, but with this attitude, "What hope?"

Council employees should be clearly told, where there limits are, in their approach to the residents of the Shire.

For eight years we have paid rates in the area, and have had, practically nothing in return.

I am disgusted.

Mrs. Mavis Lawson
BETLEY

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Looking forward to the General Community Meeting, hope it's well advertised! and well attended.

Good on you!

Lyn Curry

ITEM OF INTEREST

In one Welcome Record John Tully wrote about the first Dunolly Racecourse. Could John take anyone to that particular area? It reminded me of a notice in W.R. from the Pony Club some time back which stated the venue as being the Old Dunolly Racecourse. My sister asked what place was referred to, as she could not visualise the Pony Club holding their meeting in the area we knew as the Old Dunolly Racecourse. I was able to tell her, the venue, was what we knew as The Dunolly Racecourse off the Avoca road where we attended the Hospital Charity Races which were held on Australia Day for many years all proceeds going to our Hospital.

D. Shay

**DUNOLLY SHORTLISTED IN
1991 PREMIER SMALLER
TOWN CONTEST**

The Develop Victoria Council has shortlisted the historic goldmining town of Dunolly as an entrant in the 1991 Premier Smaller Town Contest.

Speaking on Dunolly's entry the Shire President, Cr Alf Freemantle, said that an inspection team from the Develop Victoria Council will be visiting the town on Monday, 5th August at 2.30 pm.

Dunolly's development was greatly influenced by goldrushes in the 1850s and 60s and today still maintains much of the character and charm of the past.

The local community and the Bet Bet Shire Council have been working in close co-operation re-developing the town environs spending \$1.4 million over the last four years.

"Council is hopeful that the judging panel will recognise the efforts made by the local community to continually enhance Dunolly as a genuine premier town of Victoria", said Cr Freemantle.

The judging panel to visit Dunolly will be headed by the Hon. Jim Ramsay, Chairman of the Develop Victoria Council and Gary Percy from the State Bank.

MEDIA RELEASE - KEN WRIGHT MLC, NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE

DUNOLLY STORAGES

Member for North Western Province, Mr. Ken Wright, M.L.C., has been informed by the Minister for Transport Hon. Tom Roper MP, that the role of the Dunolly grain storage as a Sub-terminal has now changed to that of a Central Receiving Point, and that it is not the intention of the Grain Elevators Board and V/Line to persist with rail movement of grain into Dunolly as in the past, and inward rail movement will be progressively eliminated over the course of the next two years.

This follows representations by Mr. Wright (National Party) seeking information concerning the demolition of the wartime temporary storage, and urging an equal volume be constructed in its place.

Following his attendance at the recent Annual meeting of the Dunolly branch of the National Party, Mr. Wright told the Minister he was concerned that the storage being demolished was not being replaced. Mr. Wright was further informed by the Minister that the G.E.B. intends to commence demolition of the storage as soon as the stocks of wheat currently held in it are removed, and in the short term, intends to replace part of the current storage capacity by providing a concrete walled bunker.

Mr. Wright is seeking the views of the local National Party branch and the Shire of Bet Bet before taking any action.

For further information contact :- 20 Bath Lane, Bendigo.

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**WELCOME RECORD 4/7/1987
MESSAGE FROM THE DUNOLLY
HOSPITAL PRESIDENT**

In view of the numerous calls regarding the future of the hospital, I wish to inform the public that the Hospital Board of Management are greatly concerned at the Government's lack of concern with our hospital regarding funds.

They should get their priorities right in channelling funds where money is needed. It is no good spending money on housing developments if there are no services such as a full-time Doctor and well-equipped hospital.

The Committee is meeting with the Council in the near future and hope very soon to have up-to-date information for the public.

In conclusion we, the Hospital Committee, are doing our best to maintain services to the best of our ability for Dunolly and District and will fight to see they are maintained in the future.

Harry Evans

PUBLIC APPRECIATION

Goodbye to the wonderful people of Dunolly. We leave you all with much appreciation for your custom over the past four years and certainly with much fondness for the friendship gained and experiences shared from the community as a whole. Our children's lives have been enhanced from their stay with you all and many thanks to all those people who have helped in any way to make our time here so memorable. We will miss Dunolly and we shall return in the not too distant future.

We welcome the new owners of our Convenience Store, Cynthia and Mike Lindsay and we wish them every success and happiness as they continue with the services that our store has so eagerly brought to Dunolly and District.

Good health and happiness to one and all and may this community grow from strength to strength.

Goodbye, good luck and God Bless.

Kevin, Mary, Andrew, Rebecca, Olivia, Damien, Sarah and Luke Newell.

1987

HOSPITAL WORK ON SCHEDULE

(as printed in "Bendigo Advertiser")

The first stage of a \$1.4 million refurbishment of Dunolly District Hospital should be finished by May.

The three-stage project is due for completion by the end of the year.

Administrator Peter Turner said the work involved refurbishing the bathrooms, providing oxygen to all patient rooms, building a new day room for the hospital's day care centre and providing new administrative areas for nursing staff.

Mr. Turner said the work would modernise the hospital, which has six acute and five nursing care beds, a day care and district nursing centre and an office of the Central Victorian Community Health Centre.

The work is being done by building firm H.F. Yuncken, which recently announced it was restructuring and ceasing its Bendigo operations.

H.F. Yuncken will continue to tender for work in the Bendigo area but will do so from its Melbourne or Wodonga offices. One office employee has been retained in Bendigo part-time.

H.F. Yuncken has been part of the building history of Bendigo and one of its first major jobs was the building of Bethlehem Home.

In the past few years the firm has completed major contracts, building Girton College, the Jewel Food Barn on Mollison Street, a classroom block at the Catholic College, stages two and three of Strathhaven, Eaglehawk North Primary School and Maldon's Derby Hill complex. The firm also redeveloped Hume and Iser, the Cenotaph and the Kangaroo Flat and Arnold St. ambulance stations.

Earlier projects included building the Strathfieldsaye Shire offices, the Bendigo City offices and the conversion of the old Plaza Cinema.

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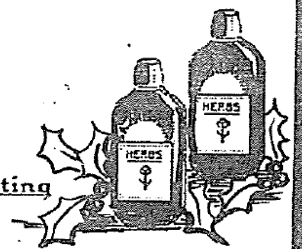
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HOSPITAL GETS FUNDS

The State Member for Bendigo West, Mr David Kennedy, M.L.A., said today that funds had been allocated in last weeks State Budget for the redevelopment of the Dunolly Hospital.

"A total of \$645,000 has been provided in the Budget for the project for this financial year", Mr Kennedy said.

"The overall final cost is expected to be around \$1.8 million".

"The Budget allocation means that the hospital can go ahead with the changes that are needed for the hospital's accommodation for it to fill its multi-purpose role. This role embraces acute care, day care, nursing type care and community health services".

"This is really good news for the Dunolly district. Back in July representatives of the management committee came to see me to get my help to ensure the project went ahead. At that time it had been put on hold while the Government assessed the impact of the Premiers' Conference and Loan Council on capital and other funds for Victoria".

"I assured the Committee that I would do everything possible to see the project went ahead. I have taken a strong personal interest in the project from the start and have recruited the support of Health Minister, Ms Hogg, for the redevelopment".

Mr. Kennedy said the district of his seat, Bendigo West, had done well from a number of positive developments in the Budget.

"Before the Budget I was pressing the Government for financial support for four

major schools and health works. These were the redevelopment of the Dunolly Hospital, construction of a new gymnasium and assembly hall at Eaglehawk Secondary College and the building of art, teaching, new administration and staff amenities works at Castlemaine Technical College", Mr. Kennedy said.

"At this stage I have scored three out of four projects. So it is three down and one to go".

"Approval has been given for the Eaglehawk and Castlemaine projects. I am still working on getting support for the next project - redevelopment of Bendigo Senior Secondary College".

Mr. Kennedy said one hospital building project of regional importance that was funded in the Budget was the new \$5.7 million kitchen that is being developed at the Bendigo Base Hospital project of regional significance had been completed last financial year - the construction of a new kitchen at the Anne Caudle Centre at Bendigo.

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INVENTOR - DIANNE

On Monday night's Channel 6 news, inventive Dunolly woman, Dianne King, was featured with her revolutionary new pillow for breast feeding mums. It looks like a great idea, helping to save a lot of aching shoulders and arms.

Congratulations Dianne and good luck with the invention.

Welcome Record

DUNDO, THE DOG

By Ben Seamons



"DON'T FORGET WHICH PILE OF SAND FATHER'S UNDER, HE'S GOT THE CAR KEYS."

THE REAL AUSTRALIA:

How fortunate I am to be old enough to remember the real Australia
 When most citizens knew the difference between right and wrong
 When most citizens had respect for law and order
 When violent demonstrations were unthinkable
 When politicians thought of the next generation and not the next election
 When one took pride in his job, was thankful for it as a means of livelihood and gave a day's work for a day's pay
 When taxes were only an acceptable nuisance
 When the poor were too proud to accept charity
 When able-bodied citizens found ways to support themselves and did not expect other citizens to support them
 When music was a delight to the ear instead of an offence to the eardrum
 When a girl looked like a girl and a boy looked like a boy
 When we left our windows open and our doors unlocked
 When you could confidently expect to get from one place to another in safety
 When the Australian flag was a revered symbol and defending our country was an honour
 When words like 'loyalty', 'patriotism', 'discipline' had real significance, others like 'queen' and 'gay' had not been bastardised and the vast majority of people barely understood words in common use today such as 'homosexual' and 'lesbian'
 When children did as their parents directed and love and respect had meaning in family relationships
 When our wages were reasonable, our money had enough value to enable us to supply our domestic markets and compete in world markets.
 Those were the days.

Unfortunately we don't know who wrote this as the name has been cut off the original page. SA

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Dear Editor,

**WELCOME STRANGER
 DISCOVERY WALK**

I had a visitor on Sunday from N.S.W. and I would like to say how much we enjoyed our visit to the Welcome Stranger Monument. We spent a leisurely half an hour on the Walking Track and found the historic sites quite inter-esting, because with the help of the information pamphlet supplied at the site, we could visualise in our minds, the sort of lives the gold miners must have led. We thought it must have been a very hard life. We thank those concerned with the project for a wonderful afternoon.

Heather Sinclair
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1995

LINE DANCING TAKES DUNOLLY BY STORM

Frieze, it's a hold-up! No, it's not, it's Boot Scooting! better known as Country Line Dancing, The Frieze, Elvira, Cowboy Hustle, Sixteen Steps and Boot Scooting' Boogie - that's what Dunolly's Line Dancers learned at the Town Hall on a great fun Saturday evening with the Tumbleweed Boot Scooters from Kangaroo Flat.

The Town Hall Committee decided to sponsor a FREE introduction to Line Dancing evening to test community interest. We expected maybe 20 to turn up, but surprise, surprise!! no less than 65 keen, would-be line dancers arrived crowding the dance floor. What a spectacle: good to watch and great music.

Such was the enthusiasm that at the end of the evening around 11.30pm those present enthusiastically supported a proposal for another social night to be held on Sunday, 4th Jun, 1995 at 8.0pm with an entry fee of \$5 for adults (children free) and a small plate of eats towards supper.

Have we got rhythm? or have we got rhythm? (and some tangled feet too). What a fantastic group we made, and what a teacher we have in Smokey (Bill Govett). We got caught up in the kitchen over supper and missed one instruction session. When we returned you guys looked fantastic; but, we couldn't follow you, such energy - shows the importance of instruction.

Thanks for coming along and making such a wonderful evening. Keep practising until Sunday, June 4! See you there, folks.

Maurice Butler
Dunolly Town Hall Committee

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Lyn Curry

TV CREW IN TOWN

A star was born on Broadway in Dunolly just the other day. Seated at a table in the Welcome Stranger Cafe, local identity Lesley Edwards addressed a television camera on the matter of care for injured native animals. It was an impressive and polished performance by the former RSPCA Auxiliary President and honorary life member of the Humane Society. Lesley is also one of a group of caring local people who shelter injured native animals at their own expense. Her comments were being recorded by Mike Lester for the Talk to the Animals television programme.

After the filming, editor of the Welcome Record, Jean Richardson contacted Mike who lives at Dunolly, and mentioned that her readers might be interested to know what a film crew from Talk to the Animals was actually doing in town on Thursday 1st June. Now it gets complicated. You see, I'm the bloke who was talking to Lesley on camera, and the same bloke that Jean rang, which means I'm Mike and here's the report that Jean wanted.

Very simply, we were putting together two brief stories concerning the actions people might take should they have a close encounter of the animal kind in the bush. What to do if you see livestock on the road, and what to do if you hit a kangaroo.

Given that Talk to the Animals is broadcast nationally and in prime viewing time, it seemed to be a good opportunity to promote this district, and stay home at the same time.

The show also goes to New Zealand and Fiji, and soon to Canada, Korea, South America, Germany and several other countries.

Extract from article by Mike Lester

FRIENDSHIP CAKE

- 1 heaping cupful of Love
- 1 handful of Forgiveness
- 1 teaspoon of good Humor
- A dash of Hope

A full pound of Unselfishness.

1. Set your heart at warm temperature. Mix ingredients smoothly with complete faith in God.
2. Scrape the bowl thoroughly because great Joy of Life is to be found at the bottom.
3. Spread with Tenderness and sprinkle with Sympathy and Kindness.
4. Cut in generous slices. More Goodness is to be found underneath than is shown on the surface.
5. Serve with a Smile and Hospitality in a large dish of Compassion. Offer it to your neighbor.

Yield: Enough for Everyone.

RAIN WONDERFUL RAIN

What a difference rain makes, if I may be excused for stating the obvious.

In a break somewhat reminiscent of that in 1983 (although perhaps not quite as dramatic), rain over the past two months has transformed the face of the countryside from its worst appearance in more than a decade to one of great promise at this stage of the season.

Conditions for sowing crop and pasture have been ideal for most of May. Some growers have called it the best break for a long time, others have said it's the best the crop has gone in for years. Some early-sown crops are well up and away already.

Ironically, as I drove across the district late last week I noticed water in the furrows in low-lying areas of some paddocks, so there may be odd delays now with sowing the remaining crop because things are too wet in some areas. Better, I suppose, to have delays through having too much moisture than not enough.

A return to favourable seasonal conditions can rapidly remove most of the physical signs of drought. Unfortunately, things like the effect on budgets and farm finances take much longer to erase.

An interest rate subsidy is available from the Victorian Government to help drought-affected farmers. For more information contact the Office of Rural Affairs on 008 800 941 or your nearest office of the Rural Finance Corporation. The RFC now also has an office in Huntly, phone 48 8770.

NICE SUN-NICE RAIN

A perfect autumn day saw a large crowd of Saturday morning shoppers enjoying the music from the band playing in front of the Post Office. From there people sauntered down Broadway to the Town Hall market.

Locals brought their Easter visitors along to browse and many other holiday makers in the area were delighted to stay out in the sunshine a while longer and soak up the country market atmosphere. There were still a number of people wandering around the street when the last stallholders finally packed up around 3.00pm.

Stalls offered a wide variety of goods from a trailer full of pumpkins to a gyro ride for those wanting to experience life on the edge, as well as the more traditional crafts, clothes and pre-loved goods. The Dunolly Town Hall Committee was responsible for organising the very successful market. It would be great to see it all happen again next Easter.

The PMAV-organised Saturday night dance was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

The *Gunda Guys* music got all the toes tapping. Leslie Whyllie had a lucky night winning both the lucky door prize of a gold nugget and the raffle prize which was a big Easter egg.

Unfortunately the timing of the best rain the district has had in a very long time was excruciatingly bad as far as the PMAV *Field Day at Harvest Home* on Sunday was concerned. A few hardy souls braved the rain and went out to the dam site to see the mining machinery working, but at 10.30am the PMAV members made the decision to cancel the rest of the day. The giant basket of Easter eggs raffle was drawn before everyone left and Diane Derecki was the winner.

PMAV members had put a lot of organisation into the day and had attracted a lot of visitors to Dunolly, so it was a shame it had to be cancelled.... Still it's certain local people preferred the rain.

Vicky Frizzell

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HISTORIC RECORDS

It is reported that Mr. L. J. Ellerton has purchased the machinery of the Queen's Birthday mine, at Goldsborough, and that it is his intention to work the mine. It is hoped that the operations will prove successful.

from Dunolly Express 1911

DUNOLLY POOL

Many people present at Thursday night's public meeting were fearful that this meeting heralded the end to Dunolly's pool. Commissioner John Gault calming these fears, stated "You have my categorical assurance that the township of Dunolly will have a pool remain open until 22nd March 1997." After this date an elected council will take over and Commissioner Gault will step aside.

Representatives from Tarnagulla, Bealiba and Dunolly primary schools were present and stated that they as well as the other schools in the cluster would be unable to run their swimming program at the Maryborough pool because that pool is fully occupied by Maryborough schools. When the question was raised as to whether Dunolly people would travel to Maryborough to swim the answer was a resounding no!

Everyone present at the meeting was asked for their views on the strengths and weaknesses of the Dunolly pool and also for a wish list of things they'd like to see happen here.

The majority said the pool is in a great location

in the Gordon Gardens, is accessible to local people and a focal point for children's social activities. Weaknesses included poor hours of operation, chlorine levels too high, too small changing facilities and dirty toilets and children suffering cut fingers and toes from cracks and crystalline growths in the pool.

The wish lists were longer with a solar blanket to heat the pool topping the list. Longer operating hours, more shade and a diving board were popular requests. Other things people wanted to see were special times available to serious lap swimmers, aerobics classes and disabled people, e.g., arthritis sufferers, so they could enjoy the pool free of children for a short time. Pool access for the disabled would need to be built.

More pool parties for teens could be run and a reciprocal arrangement for Dunolly season ticket holders could be worked out with Maryborough and Talbot pools. Saunas and spas and the formation of a swimming club were suggested. Another idea was that some inmates of Loddon goal might be able (under close supervision) to give the pool some much needed repair and maintenance before the next swimming season.

Similar meetings are being held in Talbot and Maryborough, then the company doing the survey for Central Goldfields Shire, Martin King, will collate all their information and present the report to council at the end of June. Council will then draw up a five year plan for the aquatic facilities within it's boundaries.

Vicky Frizzell

BUILDING CLOSURE

SHIRE OFFICE

On Friday, 28th April, the Dunolly Shire Offices are to be closed - are you happy with that?

Over the past few weeks a number of people and organisations have expressed an interest in keeping these offices as a community asset. In the past week, seven organisations have shown interest.

The building has the potential to be a community resource with computing, fax and photocopy facilities as well as providing a venue for the tourist information centre, visiting services and community meetings.

Educationally there is the possibility of providing a reference library, homework support, adult and/or further education programmes and youth services.

If this proposal interests you and you would like to find out more about these ideas, you are invited to a public meeting on Thursday, 27th April, at 8.00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Obviously not everyone can make this meeting, so if you want more information or if you wish to register an apology, please contact Margaret Henley at the Court House or Kevin Bannan on 68 7376.

Kevin Bannan, Sec., Dunolly and Dist. Development and Tourism C'ttee

FIGHT FOR COMMUNITY ASSETS.

EXCELLENT SURVEY RESULTS.

The results of the survey conducted by the Dunolly and District Development and Tourist Committee on May 15th. showed a strong determination to maintain community assets, the results indicate that about 200 people would gather to maintain any of them; Shire Offices, Swimming Pool, Court House and/or Town Hall. A further 50 or so indicated they would support action to keep the assets even though they would not attend public meetings.

The survey conducted on Sunday the 15th May asked for straight forward commitment to or rejection of the proposal to attend public meetings to retain any of the listed public assets, (the offices, pool, courthouse and town hall) or any others. A long list of assets worth retaining was compiled from the responses.

The survey elicited 227 returns and those returns represented 374 adults and 207 children across both sexes and all age groups. The actual breakdown of those surveyed was; Male - 48.9%, Female - 51.1%
Aged 20-30, 8.5%: 30-40, 22.5%: 40-50, 26%: 50-60, 17%: over 60, 26%:

On the question of support for attending a public meeting to retain the Shire Offices or Court House at least 182 people would attend, or over 80%, while for the Swimming Pool or Town Hall at least 193 people would attend, 85+%.

Given that these figures are based on the responses given by only one member of any

household, it can be reasonably expected that a number of other household members would also attend as well as many residents not actually surveyed.

Based on the results of this survey at the next public meeting we will indeed be needing the large meeting room of the Town Hall and what a show of support that will give to any doubter about the resolve of the residents of Our District for our Assets.

The committee thanks all the residents who took part in this survey, and the many helpers who conducted the interviews. Finally, thanks for the support for Our assets.

Claire Parker
President

Dunolly and District Development and
Tourism Committee.

EDDINGTON DANCE

THIS SATURDAY

22ND APRIL, 1995

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HELPLINE

Dear Maud,

I've fallen in love with a man who sports a very full beard and moustache. Every time we kiss, my nostrils get swept out, which tickles. The left-over bits of pie and vanilla slice are a treat-much better than the day before's fish and chips. He refuses to trim up. What shall I do.?

No-sign-O-Pause-O-Men

Dear NSOPOM,

Yes, I see you do have a problem. I must say I prefer a clean shaven man myself. Why men want to grow this fungus on their face I don't know. As for the pie and vanilla slice, Ugh, this could cause a problem in itself for the partner if that partner is dieting!

I suggest when the bearded one is sleeping you cover his fungus with Veet! If this fails, I can only suggest you set fire to it, but make sure you have a bucket of water handy or the number of the Fire Brigade. If any repercussions, you can always get out of it by saying you were dreaming you were making him a crepe suzette, you had just set fire to it and you woke up.

Good Luck.

Maud

And finally, the biggest news to hit Dunolly (the most entertaining at least). 1998

GINNY the Circus Elephant Escapes

'GO GINNY'

Ginny the circus elephant made a break for it last Wednesday night. At forty odd she was probably suffering from a mid life crisis, and decided to go while she was still young enough to enjoy the experience.

Circus staff say a passing train frightened Ginny and caused her to break free. But who can say it wasn't the desire to live on the edge, (you know, skinny dipping in local dams, breaking through a few boundaries, leaving her marks on the world, that sort of thing) which made Ginny reach out for her freedom.

We all know the feeling when the tedium of daily living wears us down, and the urge to break out and seek excitement becomes too strong to resist. That's when we can be seen doing daring things, eating in McDonald's with no kids, or sidling up to the classical racks in the music store. Obviously Ginny too, found life a bit ho hum and decided to live on the wild side for a time.

Poor Ginny wasn't allowed to have her mid-life crisis in peace. Police, CFA and SES units were out in force scouring the bush. Broken fences showed she passed through Jan Ford's property and barking dogs indicated she went up Hospital Street about 10.30am on Wednesday night. She was almost recaptured near the school when the ABC helicopter startled her and she made another break.

When she was finally caught she came quietly. Apparently the wild side had lost its appeal. Taking no chances, her handlers guided her back to the circus, leading her by the ear. Once at home, Ginny quickly got down to the serious business of eating. Businesses in Dunolly fielded a steady stream of telephone enquiries from radio and newspapers. Caravan park proprietors, the Moylans, were woken at 6.05am on Thursday with a call from 3BO. >

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Dunolly was almost drowning in a sea of elephant jokes....

"Ginny was last seen walking down Broadway. She made a trunk call at the post office, then tried to make a deposit at the bank. Unfortunately the bank was closed so she kept her deposit."

"Did you hear about the elephant with diahorrea? It's all over town."

"Why did Ginny paint her toenails red? To hide in the strawberry patch."

"Ginny had a name change; now she's called Houdini and last seen in a phone booth."

"What time is it when an elephant sits on your fence? Time to get a new fence."

"Where do elephants hide? In an apple tree."

"How did Tarzan die from? Eating the apple."

"Ginny would be well camouflaged in the bush. She'd hide behind a tree"

"I found her in my fridge. I knew she was there because of the footprints in the butter."

"Did you hear about Dumbo the elephant. He got lost flying over Dunolly."

"She was only getting paid peanuts by the circus."

"A man was relieving himself out in the bush when Ginny walked up and said, 'I'll bet yours can't eat peanuts.'"

Apart from all the jokes, there were signs around the town as well as outside Goodfellows: "White Elephant Sale"; "Special Elephant Soup"; "Free Trunk Calls".

Sign on the butcher's window:

"Elephant steaks fresh and cheap - today only."

At the information centre the telephone was answered:

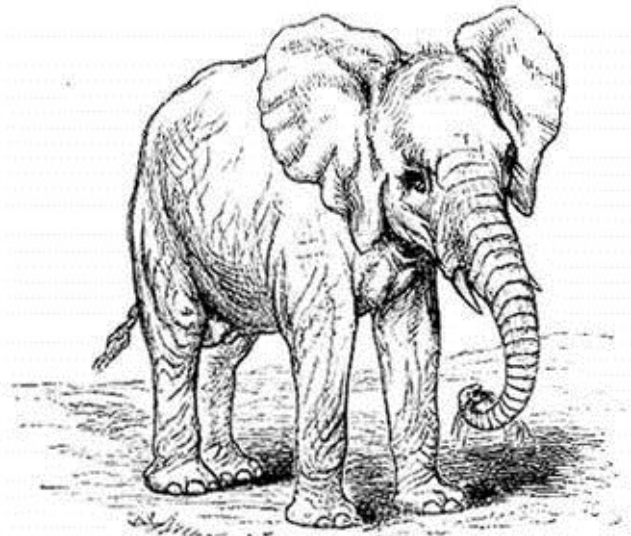
"Good morning, Dunolly Elephant Information Centre."

Elephant pies were ordered at the Bakery.

Everyone enjoyed the jokes. It was the biggest number of faces seen in Dunolly in many years. When the elephant was found, everyone was delighted to hear she was safe and well.

Thanks Ginny for a most entertaining day.

Vicky Frizzell



ELEPHANT STEW

(always a big success)

1 Elephant (medium size)

Salt and Pepper

2 Rabbits (optional)

Cut elephant into small pieces, bite size. This should take about two months. Add enough brown gravy to cover.

Cook over kerosene fire for about four weeks at 465°. This should serve about 3,800 people. If more are expected, two rabbits may be added, but do this only if necessary as most people do not like to find hare in their stew.

BON APPETIT !!
