# The Welcome Record

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## **Spoon River Anthology - The Unquiet Graves** By Edgar Lee Masters

Above: Maurice Nestor, Shelley Di Biase and Rachel Buckley Below: Enjoying Shelley's music - even the dogs! Photos from Words in Winter Facebook page with permission by Monika Roff

Last Sunday, 12th August, I had an unexpected surprise.

I had gone to Rachel's house thinking I was there for The Follies rehearsals. However, I got my dates wrong and found that the event taking place in the Melba Room was in fact a poetry reading by Maurice Nestor an expert on American literature. Maurice is a retired lecturer from Latrobe University, Bendigo Campus and lived in America for many years. He an in-depth understanding of Americana, particularly the middle northeastern states.

Before Maurice began reading the poetry he gave a vivid description of the geography and towns in the Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota and Missouri area. This was necessary so we could understand the life-style of the people of these small towns, particularly the Spoon River area - a richly fertile crop growing region. In the early 20th century the inhabitants of this area were mostly farmers or small business owners with a puritan and holier-than-thou attitude on the outside, while underneath all manner of sin lurked and seethed.

In life, no-one would dare speak the truth; however, the dead fear no reprisals, therefore they could speak plainly.

This is the premise of the poetry of Edgar Lee Masters, a poet that is not well-known outside of America. Masters captures some very deep emotions in his Spoon River Anthology where he brings forth the thoughts of individuals now in the graveyard. It made for some very interesting, thought-provoking and sometimes confronting discussion amongst the audience.

Shelley Di Biase provided the complementary music i.e. music of the early 1900s - with a spiritual feel, to round out the afternoon. We enjoyed her renditions on the piano, of songs by Scott Joplin amongst others. We also enjoyed a sherry, champagne and lovely afternoon tea. Thanks again Rachel Buckley for your hospitality of this Words in Winter event.



Susan Anderson

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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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As I have been complaining about the telemarketers still ringing even though we are on the "do not call", I decided to actually talk to the next one instead of hanging up. I told her we were on the list, but she said because she was not selling anything, it was alright. However, when she asked and I told her that we had solar panels, she hung up. Am I right to be suspicious? I could hardly believe my ears when that ex-footballer was let off by a magistrate after he was jailed for hitting his partner three times! The magistrate said it was not deliberate, but a loss of control while drunk - three times?! That could be used by anyone charged with family violence. I thought the new legislation was there to protect victims. I swear I saw a tiny smirk as he came out of court.

I bought a set of toothbrushes recently, and after a couple of uses I noticed the bristle end had an alarming lean and wobbled. Would it fall off and could it be swallowed, I wondered? I checked the package and discovered that it is a flexi-head, designed to bend around one's teeth. What a relief!

Got a lovely surprise on Saturday - a phone call to tell me I had won the Children's' Hospital raffle - a very nice load of wood. I also won a load last year. Beats buying it! Rosie

#### **HOW NOT TO RELAX**

Gardening - that yard is full of thorns and poisonous thingies! Get a noisy weed-whacker and lay into it. With a bit of luck, it may lead to another fight with the neighbours.



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## National Karate Championship -An adventure in Queensland

On Thursday 2nd August, I flew up to Sunshine Coast for the AKF (Australian Karate Federation) Karate National Championship. Sunshine Coast airport was very small with a very short run-way. ten minutes before landing, my ear started to hurt and it popped upon landing and both my ears were blocked for the next 24 hours. It wasn't a good start and my event was on the next morning. Luckily my ears cleared up the next day and I was able to compete.

We stayed in Novotel Twin Waters Resort. The resort was massive; I had to walk ten minutes from the lobby to my room and got lost a few times. During the few days stay, I got lost every single time. All the rooms look the same and there are so many entrances. It was like a maze. However the food was delicious, especially the buffet breakfast.

Friday 3rd August was the first day of the competition. I won the 1st round but lost on the 2nd round in Veteran Kata (form) division. Overall I was very happy with the results as I did better than last year. I was bombed out on round 1 last year.

On Saturday, my left ear started to hurt again, so had to go to the doctor and he said there was fluid and a bubble in my ear and if I was to fly back on Monday, I could risk perforated ear drum. I had exactly the same problem 20 years ago, again also in Queensland and had to take a train home.

After doing some research, I found that I had to take either a bus or train from Brisbane to Sydney first, then wait in Sydney till that evening to hop on another train to come back to Melbourne. It would take 2 to 3 days to get back plus I had to carry all the luggage with my sore hip...... I wasn't looking forward to all that.

Then I thought of Jake from Fresh On Broadway. I know he's also an interstate truck driver and I was wondering if I could catch a ride home with him if he happened to be in Queensland over the next few days. So I contacted Keira and she said Jake would be in Brisbane on Sunday night and leaving Sunshine Coast on Monday

morning. I couldn't believe it, my hotel was ten minutes away from his job. Coincidence? Faith? Later I found out Jake got a call from his boss to do an urgent delivery to Sunshine Coast on his day off. He could have said no but he accepted the job, therefore I believed he was meant to be there to pick me up.

So my adventure began on Monday morning catching a truck home with Jake. By law, a truck driver is not allowed to pick up a female hitch hiker, but I wasn't hitch hiking, I made prior arrangement with him to take me back.

It was a fun journey home. I got to stop at places that I normally wouldn't have stopped as I don't go on road trips much. We stopped at The Big Prawn in Ballina for lunch as I needed to get more clothes; didn't bring enough. Then we went past The Big Banana in Coffs Harbour and finally stopped overnight in Sydney. Thanks to Keira and Jake for finding accommodation for me in Sydney at the last minute, as we had a bit of trouble finding a hotel due to the check-in-time.



Next day we stopped at The Big Merino in Goulburn for brunch before heading straight back to Melbourne.

Overall, it was a great experience and looking forward to next year's National Launceston. At least it will be closer and I could take the Spirit of instead Tasmania of flying.

Susie Oh

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# Dunolly's Festival of Fun and Creativity

# Arts workshops for the community culminating in a celebratory festival

Our project is a flexible program of workshops across a wide variety of visual performing arts disciplines; catering for all ages and abilities.

Workshops will be delivered through the year as tasters half-day, one-day and two-day masterclasses by experienced professional artists.

These will be organised by renowned sculptor and artist Deborah Halpern and the Dunolly Ministry of Fun.

Cost for most would be free, to allow the widest possible uptake. The finale would be a festival celebration, showcasing work created through the workshop program, mini workshops, a market and video projection of the experiences.

This project has been entered with the Government-run Pick My Project initiative. This, if successful, will supply a grant to the Ministry of Fun to further the project.

We are seeking the help of the community to vote for our project. To be eligible to vote you must be over 16 years of age and live within a 50km radius of Dunolly. Voting begins from 9am on Monday 13th August and closes at 5pm on Monday 17th September 2018. To vote go to the below website and register and follow the prompts.

conntact@pickmyproject.vic.gov.au

Judy Meldrum

## Newstead hosts The Follies

The talented singers of the Gilbert & Sullivan group are performing an encore of *The Follies* at Newstead. This review is in the fine old tradition of musicals in the Goldfields. Performed as part of the Newstead Words in Winter festival, the show will be in the Community Centre – 9 Lyons Street, Newstead at 2pm on Sunday 26th August, 2018. Narrated by Queen Victoria and accompanied by our very own talented Esmé Flett. Tickets at the door- \$20. For details call Rachel Buckley on 5468 1858

Rachel Buckley



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### Shortage of rural doctors to worsen

Regional and rural Victoria is facing a grave shortage of doctors, and the Australian Government and Medical Board of Australia (MBA) have just deepened the crisis by insisting international doctors are deregistered if they do not pass advanced examinations. The federal budget acknowledging that these same doctors have received little or no support compared to their Australian-trained colleagues.

In 2013 all international doctors were told they had three years to pass the clinical exam or face deregistration. International doctors who have worked in regional areas for many years are being deemed incompetent and deregistered amid a Medical Board of Australia (MBA) crackdown.

Dr Julian Fidge, has worked with, mentored and supervised overseas doctors for over 10 years. He currently supervises or mentors five overseas trained doctors in Wangaratta. Dr Fidge said: "Prior to commencing practice in Australia, overseas trained doctors have their qualifications assessed as being equal to a minimum amount of Australian experience, sit the Australian Medical Council exam, and arrange to be closely supervised by a senior doctor before they can sit the positionspecific (PESCI) exam and start work. The Australian Government and MBA are happy to dump and isolate overseas trained doctors in government-gazetted Areas of Need and Districts of Workforce Shortage, where they are immediately overwhelmed with work and have little or no time or opportunity to access advanced training for examinations. Not only do they have to settle themselves and their family into a new country and culture, they also have to get their heads around the complexities of Medicare, PBS, AHPRA, Australian laws and regulations, while being overworked in rural communities. These are advanced examinations they have to prepare for; exams that many currently working doctors have not passed and would require extensive special preparation to pass. It is a wonder any overseas-trained doctors in rural communities have ever passed advanced examinations!"

"The same people who are calling for their de-registration run a fabulous, well supported training scheme for Australian graduates that is solely aimed at getting Australian doctors through their advanced exams, while they provide little or no support for overseas trained doctors."

"The general public and media should be made aware that some members of the Australian Medical Board and senior doctors who are insisting that overseas trained doctors should pass advanced examinations may have never passed an advanced exam themselves, and may actually be less well qualified than the doctors for whom they are calling be deregistered."

Australian Country Party Candidate for Western Victoria, Mr Costa Di Biase, added

"There is a great shortage of doctors in Central Western Victoria. We are fortunate in Dunolly not to be impacted by this decision but communities like Rupanyup for example, have a nursing home but no GP. Donald is going to lose their GP soon and many places, including Maryborough, desperately need more. Overseas trained doctors play a vital role for communities in rural Victoria, where we find it difficult attracting Australian-born doctors. Many of these doctors are very qualified, and we need to provide them with more support. In addition to their medical profession, many have become valuable and active members of the local community, and will be dearly missed if they have to move away to find other work."

Mr Di Biase also noted that the crackdown on overseas doctors was just another example of how the city-centric regulators make decisions with little regard to how they impact rural communities.

Costa Di Biase Candidate for Western Victoria **Australian Country Party** http://countryparty.org.au/



#### **AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING**

An Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 28 August at 6pm in the Community Hub, 48 Burns Street, Maryborough. The public is welcome to attend and the agenda is available the Friday before the meeting at:

www.centralgoldfields.com.au A public question time will be held prior to the meeting from 5.30 to 6pm. Residents are invited to submit written questions prior to or at the meeting. 'public question time form' can be accessed at www.centralgoldfields.com.au or in person from Council's Customer Service Office, 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough.

ONLINE AUCTION - SURPLUS PLANT AND EQUIPMENT Council will be selling surplus Plant and Equipment via the Grays Online Monthly Surplus Auction from 16 August to 22 August. Those wishing to bid will need to register with Grays Online. Please note the catalogue of items will not be available online until 5pm on Thursday 16th August via the following link https://bit.ly/20Svhnm

#### MAJORCA ROAD PLANTINGS

35 Autumn Blaze Maples have been planted along Majorca Road. The trees link up with more plantings near the Gillies Street and Majorca Road intersection. Irrigation works were also undertaken and median strips will be re-turfed in spring. **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES** 

#### **Sports Infrastructure Loan Scheme**

The State Government has launched a \$100 million Community Sports Infrastructure Loan Scheme to support the delivery of community sport and recreation infrastructure in Victoria. The scheme will support the delivery of community sport and recreation infrastructure by providing organisations access to low-interest government-guaranteed loans between \$500,000 and \$10 million.

Projects that may be supported under the scheme include:

- new or redeveloped indoor or outdoor aquatic leisure facilities
- new or redeveloped indoor sports stadiums
- pavilions including change room developments
- synthetic sports surfaces (including replacements)
- active recreation infrastructure, for example trails, play spaces, skate parks and BMX tracks
- new or upgraded community sport precincts including sports fields and lighting.

Applications are open now and close on Friday 31 August. Successful applicants will be announced early October. To find out more and to access guidelines and support documents visit www.sport.vic.gov.au/loans

#### Veteran Grants

There are a number of Victorian Government Veteran Grants programs now open. The grants program aims to provide ex-service organisations, educational institutions and not for profit organisations with grants for projects that: provide welfare services or assistance to the ex-service community honour and commemorate the service and sacrifice of our veterans

- educate the wider Victorian community about the service and sacrifice of our veterans
- provide education assistance for veterans' dependants
- preserve our veteran heritage for the benefit of future generations.
- restore local community war memorials, honour rolls and avenues of honour
- commemorate the Anzac Centenary

Applications close on 27 August 2018:

For more information visit https://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/ index.php/veterans/veterans-grants



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#### **Anglican Church Services:**

St John's Dunolly

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 10am - Eucharist Canon Heather

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8am, 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

**Catholic Church Services:** 

Dunolly, St. Mary's

Assembly Sunday 19th August at 8.30am

Bealiba, St. Patrick's

8.30am Mass, 5th Sunday of the month

**Uniting Church Services:** 

**Dunolly** 

9.30am Sunday service led by Jim McKenzie

### Catholic Church St. Mary's Muse

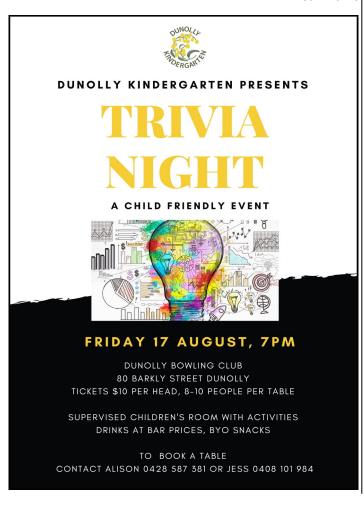
Ballarat Diocese lay pastoral ministry program is open for registration for the September cycle. Contact Amanda at <a href="mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au">amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au</a>

St Joseph's College 1968-72 reunion 4th-5th May 2019. Contact Highview College at <a href="mailto:cegan@highview.vic.edu.au">cegan@highview.vic.edu.au</a>. Assembly at St Mary's Church, Dunolly at 8.30am on Sunday 19th August.

R Mecredy

"Oh my people, trust Him all the time. Pour out your longings before Him, for He can help."

Psalm 62:8



#### **Uniting Church News**

Jim McKenzie will be leading us in our service this week at 9.30am in our Dunolly Church. Hope to see you all there.



Winter is nearly over and the thought of spring just around the corner is very uplifting. Our Op-Shop has bargains as always in all categories. We would love you to come and see for yourself. We are

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Jean Richardson

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Jim McKenzie

#### St John's Church News

Thank you to all those who supported our cake stall on Sunday. Mavis Park was the winner of the raffle.

Thankyou to Di Mullins for donating the lovely Maidenhair Fern.

Trina Kay

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us."

Ephesians 5: 1-2

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## Public dental in Maryborough a toothache for Daniel Andrews

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New data released under Freedom of information shows Victoria's public dental system is plaqued with excessive wait times and a failure to keep up with demand.

At the end of May 2018 there were over 152,000 Victorians waiting for treatment and sometimes those patients are waiting for years.

Ripon MP Louise Staley said, "The figures revealed are startling; under Daniel Andrews people in Maryborough are waiting too long for vital dental services."

Maryborough District Health Service which provides dental services to Maryborough and surrounds had 1,880 people on their waiting list at the end of May. Over the 12 months prior, the average wait time was;

- 38.9 months for denture care, 21.8 months longer than the state average; and
- 26.3 months for general dental care, 5.8 months longer than the state average.

"Victorians are waiting in pain, and dental conditions are one of the top causes of avoidable hospital admissions."

In May this year Jill Hennessy announced some additional dental funding to 'blitz' waiting lists before the end of the financial year saying "waiting lists have ballooned out to more than 19 months for general care and 17 months for denture care". However, the opposite has occurred with wait times increasing further to 19.5 months for general dental care and 17.9 months for denture care at the end of June. This is in contrast to four years ago when Victorians waited an average of 11 months for general dental, and, compared to mid-2015 when data was first published for dentures, denture wait times were 10 months.

Further, the Labor Government has failed to publish detailed waiting list data, instead requiring it to be ordered under Fol and has also failed to deliver the Oral Health Action Plan promised by December 2017.

"As we start Dental Health Week, Daniel Andrews needs to stop blaming everyone else and instead step up and take responsibility for the dental health of Victorians,

"The first step would be to increase transparency and publish waiting list numbers and times by clinic so the full extent of the dental challenges are available for all to assess." Ms Staley

Office of Louise Staley, Media Release

## 'Our Town' Post office sign

Over the next few months Dunolly and District Inc (DDI) will be planning and designing a new sign to replace the out of date Civic sign at the post office. The sign will provide a district map along with a town map and a list of facilities in the town.

There will be a panel for advertisers which will be removable so that the information can be kept up-to-date. Advertisers need to remember that the sign is aimed at providing information to visitors and weekenders, so tradies are welcome to advertise.

The advertisement size is 100mm x 125mm

Adverts to consist of:

- Business name
- Contact details plus licence no. if required
- 20 word description
- There can be a photo if required

Business can have more than one space and the fee for each new business advert is \$100. The adverts will be reviewed yearly. A yearly fee of \$25 is required from business to continue to advertise on the sign. Community groups can advertise for \$50

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Marion Da Costa





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Well everything is a little quiet around the Hub at the moment, before we kick off again for the run up to Christmas. I have to go to South Australia to pick up my replacement ute so will be away in September. Sharon at the Neighbourhood Centre will be taking bookings and handing out the Garage Sale kits. We have plans in place for the rummage sale at the Hub as part of the Town Wide Garage Sale and a new addition to the TWGS; a boot sale in the grounds of the Hub for all the folk who don't want to have one at their home, and hopefully a few folk from further afield who come and join in the fun. The CFA will be in attendance with a sausage sizzle to keep everybody fed and watered, businesses in the street will be notified closer to the day of the sale so they can prepare for the influx of people.

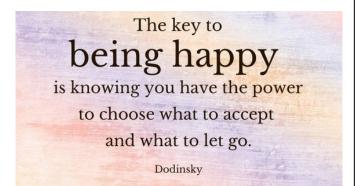
The 2018 Annual Art Show this year is on the first weekend in November. There will be a few new categories added in to encompass some of the cross medium art and photography that is emerging in our local arts. Entry will be \$5 per item and all items can be sold if you choose that option. Please get started on your entries, I have a few projects that need to be started to be ready in time for the event.

**Decorate Dunolly,** will kick off in mid-November this year also. We made over 200 metres of bunting last year, but we need more so that every shop has decorations. We will have some workshops in November. There is stacks of fabric stored at the Hub leftover from the Recycle Runway and we have sewing notions and machines.

Just putting it out there, does anyone have a container they don't need. We are desperate for storage space at the Hub. You could lend it to us or gift it. We would be eternally grateful.

Lynda Vater









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#### **GOLDEN TRIANGLE ARCHERS**



Wow! There were 58 Archers registered for the clubs 2-day Annual Trad Shoot last weekend. The weather was kind; it rained a little bit but nothing to get upset about they said. Sunday morning, after a night of sitting and yarning round the fire, dawned cold and frosty and the competitors were glad to get into the warm room for a revivifying hot coffee and bacon and eggs breakfast, cooked on the BBQ very early in the morning by Rob Clarke and Towball. Thanks guys

There are a lot of people to thank for putting on this great weekend. To our cooks: Pam Brodie, Faye Nicholson, Janine Paley, Sue Clausen, Loretta Parker, Julie Dell, Jeanna Guelen and Marlene Whittle, your cakes, casseroles, sausage rolls and soups were absolutely delicious. They come for the food every year, they say. Thank you so much. (We actually ran out of food and we apologise for that, but All Day On Broadway came to the rescue and some enjoyed fish and chips for dinner, me included!) Special thanks to Janine, Pam and Faye who took charge of the kitchen and are there from dawn till dusk.

Andy works hard setting up the field, Jeanna collates all the scores and Glenn, Danial and Mike make all our fabulous trophies. Without you all, the Golden Triangle Archers would not be the success it is, so thank you all! The next monthly shoot is on Sunday 26th August. By that time I should have recuperated!

If you would like more information on any of the above or have an idea or a skill you would like to pass on please ring or simply email.

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Sharon Hiley, Coordinator





This week's value in focus is:

Respect

Being fair in everything I do

#### Last week's Students of the week



Swap your desk for Victoria's great outdoors

Central and northern Victorians encouraged to become Seasonal Park Rangers.

Applications are now open for a record 100 Seasonal Park Rangers' jobs, following a \$2.8 million state government investment.

The investment will triple the number of seasonal rangers previously employed over the summer period, providing a boost for local employment and economies, regional tourism and park management.

The new jobs will be based right across Victoria, including 18 positions at Barmah National Park, Lake Eildon National Park, Kinglake National Park, and the Murray River parks at Mildura and Echuca.

Park Rangers perform a critical role in protecting 4.1 million hectares of land and around 70% of the state's coastline. Seasonal rangers will provide support during the busiest months of the year on tasks including visitor services and conservation programs.

People from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply, with the key requirements being a passion for people and a love of the outdoors.

The new roles will be a mix of weekday and weekend positions, running for either three months between December 2018 and February 2019, or six months between November 2018 and April 2019.

Applications can be made until 26 August 2018

at: <a href="https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/campaign/become-a-ranger">https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/campaign/become-a-ranger</a>





## Travels with Cynthia

Most extended travelling results in a few minor disasters and I have mentioned some, one of which was missing our plane in Rome. Now I am going back to the time when Liz and I were leaving San Francisco heading for New York.

Outside the airport there were picket lines protesting against Pan Pacific Airline, the one we were booked on. The protesters were handing out pamphlets, but we didn't have time to read them on the spot. Once we were in the air I started to read mine and as I read I was thankful that Liz had lost hers because I decided not to tell her what was in this flyer. Liz was travelling overseas for the first time on this trip and I don't think she is nearly as reckless as me. Even so the text of this pamphlet made me uneasy. It turned out that the protesters were off duty pilots and they were petitioning for safer workloads. It outlined the number of excessive straight hours pilots were expected to work and detailed the number of pilots on overseas flights who were not fully qualified. It also mentioned some near misses in landing and in the air. By the end of it, I wished I hadn't read it and of course was now anxiously counting the time left before arrival. I made something up to tell Liz or we would have finished up clutching each other in fear. However, here we are and nothing went wrong, but how unfair to thrust that paper into the hands of waiting

The next picket line we encountered was outside the famous store, Macys in New York. A large group of banner-waving protesters were threatening would-be enter the store, due to their customers to grievances ,possibly over pay or hours. Liz and I decided to return another day, only to be almost locked in. We went to the Ladies Retiring Room, as it was called, and were so impressed with the gilt-framed plush couches, the chandelier and huge floor-length mirrors that we decided to luxuriate in there for a while, not realising that it was almost closing time. When we left, we found ourselves in an empty store. Horror of horrors! But of course there were still a few staff left in the building to let us out. Silly us; but we laughed all the way down the street.

Cynthia Lindsay



#### Police to crackdown on unsafe vehicles



Motorists driving unroadworthy vehicles will be put on notice this month as local police plan a two-day operation targeting unsafe vehicles.

Taking place over August 21st to 22nd, the operation will see an increase in police presence across local roads, with Maryborough Police Senior Constable Luke Jones saying the aim of the operation is to detect and educate motorists on driving safe vehicles to reduce the road toll and road related trauma.

"During the Winter and colder months, roads become wet and daylight is shorter which contributes to more vehicle accidents," Sen Con Jones said.

"The condition and safety of a driver's vehicle becomes critical during these times."

Sen Con Jones said the operation will be targeting the main safety concerns such as lights, tyres and windscreens. Late model cars have camber wear tyres, which means the tyres wear on the inside, so from the outside of the tyre they can look fine but on the inside, wire and canvas can be coming out which can cause skidding, particularly during wet weather," he said. "This is really an awareness campaign, we want motorists to be doing regular checks of their vehicles. If a motorist does get pulled over, it's not necessarily because they are doing something wrong."

Sen Con Jones said the two-day operation will roam across the region and will include random intercepts.

"We will be doing checks across the whole vehicle, including to see whether seatbelts are frayed, whether the battery is secured and checking child restraints," he said.

Senior Constable Crystal Clark said the operation is focusing on educating motorists.

"We're happy to answer questions about when tyres are balding or if drivers are unsure of when something needs replacing she said.

> Story by Angela Tucker, Courtesy The Maryborough Advertiser

I want to be like a caterpillar.
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### GOLDFIELDS SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

This month's Goldfields Sustainability Group event is a *gardening special*. For the last 15 months a small team of Maryborough community gardeners have been filling apple crates with soil, building corrugated iron raised garden beds, and converting foam vegie boxes into wicking garden beds. Fruit trees have been planted in the apple crates and also in some 44 gallon drums. There has been much seeding, planting and weeding followed by



harvesting of carrots, tomatoes, chillies, spinach, eggplants, onions and broccoli. This provides fresh food for the gardeners, but the harvested vegies also have been placed on the food trolley at the Maryborough Information Centre or find their way to the Maryborough Street Harvest's monthly stall.

You are invited to visit and wander through the Maryborough Community Garden 2-4pm on Saturday 18th August. The location is at the rear of GELC (88-90 Burke St). Enter from Burns St. Look for the sign opposite the railway station entrance in Burns St.

Bring your gardening gloves to help with weeding, pottering around and leave with some vegies (if ready for harvesting).

It is intended to finalise installation of a watering system and fill some large crates with soil as well as do weeding on the day so you can help accomplish this.

There is no cost for this event but you are encouraged to consider joining the Maryborough Community Garden. Bring afternoon tea to share as it won't all be work.

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Assn Inc 7<sup>th</sup> of August at Despite the weather there were 16

who attended and four apologies. The first meeting was organised, on time and all participated well.

The Meeting commenced with the President explaining the purpose and how this Ratepayers & Residents Group can assist the community and the administration achieve a more united and stronger outcome.

At this Meeting the committee voted on two items.

The Annual General Meeting to be held Feb 5th 2019

All committee positions will be vacated, nominations sought

The next three meetings will be at:

Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall, Urguhart Street Carisbrook Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6pm

Talbot ANA Hall, Talbot Oct 2nd 2018 at 6pm

Dunolly - details to be advised Nov 2018

A verbal financial report was given by the Treasurer and no vote was taken. The Treasurer advises our first financial report would be presented in September.

Communities engagement session.

This was a session where all attendees, regardless of being members or not can ask questions, share concerns and support others. In these sessions we will not only answer

Ratepayers & Residents first public meeting was held at the Maryborough Hub Burns Street Maryborough on 6pm. inclement questions, but also discuss concerns in order for all to understand the issue brought forward.

Main issues raised were as follows.

- Asphalt plant: re noise, relation to residential areas and governance - no response from council to questions submitted
- Planning direction micro subdivisions with small houses. Is this what we are to expect or has the council a plan for our future growth?
- Mention of Flagstaff having been rezoned to Industrial.
- Water problems in Carisbrook. Drains in Brown Street don't flow and dam up. Water then runs under a resident's house. They have not heard anything in response to questions submitted.
- · Quality of drinking water in our shire.

These were just a few of the issues raised.

Hopefully relaying on these concerns to the council some of these concerns can be answered. Meeting closed at 6.40pm Following the meeting, we also discussed the positive direction of the new Administration and staff with those who decided to stay and we vacated the premises by 7pm. From this meeting we gained several membership applications and the growth of CGR&RAI is now among the highest percentage per population in the state. Well done to all involved and all who participated.

Looking forward to meeting more Ratepayers at Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall, Urquhart Street, on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All welcome

> Wayne McKail President CGR&RAI



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**Dunolly and District Probus Club Dunolly Community Garden** 

**Dunolly Community Market Dunolly CWA Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary** 

**Dunolly Field and Game Dunolly Fire Brigade Dunolly Historic Precinct** 

Committee

**Dunolly Karate Club -**

**Dunolly Museum** 

**Dunolly Neighbourhood Watch** 

**Dunolly Ninjas Program Dunolly Planned Activities Group** 

**Dunolly RSL Dunolly Senior Citizens Meeting** 

DSC Card Playing
DSC Carpet Bowls DSC Luncheon

**Dunolly Social Cyclists Dunolly St George Lodge Dunolly Supported Playgroup** 

**Dunolly Unit Vic SES** 

Golden Triangle Archers Maryborough Lions Club

**Tourist Market** 

**Mother Goose Program Newbridge CWA** 

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#### **Round 15 Football**

#### U11.5

Well another week down with just one week left to go in the season. Hang in there kids you have all come so far in the year and are young with a lot of development to come. Let's fly on into Royal Park this weekend coming.

#### U14.5

With almost our full side in we challenged Maldon a lot more than they expected, causing tensions to run high from both sides. Luke was copping a lot of heat but continued to keep his head up and pushed through. Jax was a great addition to our team kicking a great fourth quarter goal. Unfortunately, we didn't take the win, but it was an inspiring game to watch. Great effort everyone.

Grant and Haydo

#### Reserves

The Reserves were undermanned coming into the game against Maldon. We had a few Senior players fill in which ensured we fielded the minimum required players. Maldon were far too strong all over the ground and we couldn't stop their scoring power. Credit to the boys, they fought hard all day. Shane Lench was again our best player and was also handed the role of acting captain just before the bounce and made the most of the opportunity. Collin Hocking-Turnbull was our only goal scorer.

#### Netball

#### Under 11s

The under 11s finished their last game of the home and away season for a win. What an awesome effort for these young ouns.

This means finals time for our netballers. They play in the semifinals against MECC at the Maryborough netball complex this Saturday, 18th August.

In other news, big congratulations to Isaac Scott who received the joint most disciplined player for the C grade division for the Under 11s. A fantastic effort and you have certainly made the DFNC proud.

#### Under 13s

Final score Dunolly 9 to Maldon 29. Ella received the incentive for another fantastic game, showing her versatility across the court.

#### Under 15s

Final score Dunolly 9 to Maldon 41. This week the incentive went to Holly for a strong game in defence against a tough opposition.

#### Under 17s

Final score Dunolly 31 to Maldon 20. Briella received the incentive this week after returning to the court to play a steady focused game after an early shoulder injury.

#### C Grade

Final score Dunolly 47 to Maldon 21. With a great game in defence, and for listening to all the things Sarah asked of her Alex received the incentive this week.

#### **B** Grade

Final score Dunolly 37 to Maldon 25. Brookie D certainly set the scene this week with a ripper of a game, which flowed on to the rest of the team producing a committed effort. A special mention to Steph G who was dynamite in defensive - really working on her footwork to get the advantage over the opposition.

#### A Grade

Final score Dunolly 43 to Maldon 17. With a fantastic game in defence, taking intercepts left, right and centre Ash L earnt the incentive this week. Overall the girls had a solid performance with lots of defensive pressure.

#### **Finals Outlook**

With only one round to go A grade and the Under 17s have secured their spot in finals. B Grade and the Under 13s will also have a chance to make it in to the final 8 if they bring home strong wins this weekend. While C grade and the Under 15s just missed out, they should be proud of their efforts and the overall improvement from the start of the season until now. Make sure you get along to cheer on our netballers for our last home game against Bushy.

Shelby Gloury



First round of championships were played on Saturday.

**Men:** Josh Hunt 85/23/62 leading from Jamie Polinelli 74/8/66 and Darren Hunt 83/17/66. Followed by and within reach are: Rob Scholes 70/8/71, Rod Stuart 87/15/72, Greg Dobbin 89/14/75 and Ian Hargraves 101/26/75.

**Women:** Jenny Lovel 94/17/77 leading from Shenae Hunt 124/44/80

A smaller field following a dismal weather forecast but turned out to be very good golf conditions except for a light shower. Championships continue next week.

All welcome to come and play as daily event run in conjunction with championships.

Jenny Lovel, Dunolly Golf Club Inc



Joe Battisson, Betty Lovel, Heather Cooper and Ian Proctor had three wins this week. Betty Lovel was bowling extremely well, as was Sam Whitehead. We had a great turnout with four full teams. Next week is supper night.

Pam Brightwell

#### TARNAGULLA & DISTRICT GOLF CLUB LUCKY 5 REPORT:

Once again, on a glorious sunny Winter's day, members, friends and supporters arrived to take part in the "LUCKY 5" EVENT, whether as golfers, walkers, friends or newcomers.

The golf was well-played, with the fairways were in perfect form with thick green grass fairways and the sands putting true. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon, and of course, we didn't know until afternoon tea, which holes would be randomly selected and their scores counted. At afternoon tea, there was a lot of squeals and laughter as various members and friends selected the Lucky 5 holes that would be counted. For some - lucky; for others - unlucky. It was all done in a good atmosphere and laughter.

The bottles of water we carried for golf came in handy while we played as we all worked up a thirst with our concentrated and concerted efforts. Good shots were cheered or clapped and all the golfers were in fine form. As each golfer finished the ninth hole and then hit off on the first hole, there was an audience sitting and watching the fun from the sunny area next to the Club House. We all tried to impress our gallery of spectators!

After the golf, the afternoon tea was delicious and we thank Daryl and Beryl from the Newbridge General Store who donated 60 of Daryl's special sausage rolls. We also sampled an array of sponges and buns whilst we told the tales of our golfing exploits and remembered good or funny shots and chatted to old and new friends.

Pixie McNamee ran the Raffle and did a marvellous job, raising more money for the Club. Thankyou Pixie.

Anne Smith was the Host for the Afternoon Tea and ensured we all had plenty to eat and always a hot drink to sup. The Clubhouse was alive with talk and laughter.

Dave Shay and his helpers had prepared the course beautifully and it looked and played a treat.

The new garden in front of the Clubhouse looked lovely and with weed matting and mulch, the plants looked as if they have settled into their new vista.

WINNER: James McNamee
RUNNER-UP: Dave Shay
LONGEST DRIVE: James McNamee
NEAREST THE PIN: John 'Robbo' Robinson

Our next event is the "THREE CLUB MONTY" on Sunday 14th October 2018 at 12.30pm. Come along and just bring THREE clubs only to play. (If you want to give golf a try, we have clubs we can lend you on the day).

Members play for free and all other players are \$15.

IT WILL BE A HOOT!

We will also run a "Nearest the Pin / Novelty event" at "Tarnagulla Re-Visited", Tarnagulla Reserve, Saturday 21 October and Sunday 22 October 2018.

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#### Game of Hols

"What have you got there?" Bronte asked.

Ashton had just arrived home from shopping on a wet and cold Saturday morning. He triumphantly waved the tattered and dusty cardboard box in the air. "I got it at the op-shop for fifty cents," he said gleefully. "Let's Take A Vacation! it's called. It's a board-game."

"Ugh," Bronte said disdainfully. "It's American then."

"Yes but it says in the fine print that this is the Australian version."

"I bet its got pieces missing," Bronte stated.
"We'll give it a go anyway," Ashton said and began unpacking the box on the lounge room floor. He invited Bronte to make herself comfortable on the carpet. "So ... it says here that you start by picking a token." Ashton held one up and squinted at it. "Huh, it's an R.V. That's a campervan to you and me."

"I'll have the white one," Bronte said. "You can have the silver." "Right ... so now we pick a Scenario card and the storyline applies to all players. Okay, it says that we have friends in New Zealand who want to leave their farm in the middle of winter and hire a campervan to travel from Sydney to Adelaide. It says here that we have not had a holiday in ten years and our goal is to drive our own campervan north from Central Victoria in order to accompany them. So ... we begin by selecting a Happenstance card. You can go first; I'll read the card, you answer and vice versa." Ashton cleared his throat in a theatrical gesture. "Your campervan is on the Hume highway north of Albury when the speedometer fails and you have no clue as to how fast you are driving in this era of terminal law-enforcement. What do you do?"

Bronte thought for a moment and then brightened. "I would download a G.P.S. speedometer app on to my phone and on

"Good answer, move forward three places."

Bronte selected a card and read it out. "You have reached Yass and rendezvoused with your friends. On the way to Canberra, which is their next stop, you lose fifth gear altogether."

"Uh, I'd find a caravan park and ring around for repairs," Ashton answered.



"Wait, I haven't finished," Bronte said. "The card also says that you are travelling with a disobedient elderly dog. Oh, and the animal leaks from both ends."

"Is that what it says? Well, a dog-friendly van park then, which kind of cuts down the choices."

"Move backwards three places," Bronte instructed firmly.

"But I haven't started yet!" Ashton protested. Bronte didn't need to feign indifference.

Ashton picked a card. "Your campervan's gear-box requires a complete re-build and won't be repaired inside of two weeks, leaving you stranded in Canberra. Solution?"

"Hire another one and continue on," Bronte said promptly.

"You get all the luck," Ashton muttered. "Move forward another three.

Bronte read out the next card. "You follow your friends around the countryside in their frenzied dash to reach Adelaide in the limited time that they have available. You cannot look at the sights or visit national parks or even enjoy a meal in a pub because the dog is entirely dependent upon you and does not like to be left alone. The animal is nearly blind, deaf and cannot be trusted not to have an accident. How do you cope?"

"Not very well, obviously. Um ... why have I got this dog? It's a wonder I don't catch something."

"Well ... also according to the card you contract an infection and have to seek medical attention in an unfamiliar town from an unacquainted doctor."

"That'd be right," Ashton said darkly and moved his token backwards. He was beginning to wonder whether playing the game had been a good idea. "Alright then ... your friends have made it to the Grampians and your dog gets sick. What do you do?"

"That's an easy one. They are not far from Adelaide. I'd say my farewells, head home for a few days and visit the vet."

"I don't believe this!" Ashton blustered.

Bronte ignored him and read aloud, "The dog survives and you return to Canberra only to be advised that the business owner/ mechanic has suffered not one, but two heart-attacks. The part required to finish the job has not arrived. The apprentice left in charge is overwhelmed and has no idea but thinks it could take another week."

"I'd extend the campervan hire and continue to drive around aimlessly in ever-diminishing loops. Not doing anything; not seeing anything and being cooped up with a stinky dog in a freezing New South Wales winter." Ashton was, by now, resigned to moving permanently backwards. He picked a card. "You return to Canberra only to be informed that your campervan is still not ready. Maybe another three days, maybe not. You have had quite enough of this and in desperation choose to return the rental campervan and hire a sedan just to get back home until your own vehicle is ready. However, all the MPs have arrived in town for the next sitting of Parliament and you cannot obtain a hire-car for love nor money. What do you

"You made that up!" Bronte accused.

Ashton wafted the card through the air. "See for yourself. Finally, you've suffered some bad luck. Move back three places.

"Just so you know, I've extended the campervan hire yet again," Bronte said somewhat sniffily. "Anyhow, you drive around and around in circles, criss-crossing the same roads. Never straying too far from Canberra in case your van suddenly becomes available. Then, one happy day, your van is repaired at last. What do you do?"

"I'd drive like a bat out of hell all night long, ignoring the 'roos, just to get away from there! Is that the right answer?"

"I don't know," Bronte replied. "That was the last card."

"But we haven't done a circuit of the board yet."

"I warned you there might be bits missing."

"Yeah, well it's kind of depressing."

"Yes it is," Bronte said. "And it leaves a sour taste in your mouth. I don't know about you but I don't feel like a holiday at all after that. Maybe that's the deeper purpose of the game - to make you appreciate

what you already have.

"Amen to that," Ashton agreed.

Martyn Barnett

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#### Across

- 1. To examine for accuracy
- Food-cubing implement
- 10. The 'G' of 'GMT'
- 11. Impressive display
- 13. Star in The Hunt for Red October, Sam\_
- 15. Composition in metrical form
- 16. Lay crop seed
- 18. Mutually beneficial transaction
- 19. One rarely sober
- 20. Footrest
- 22. Cook in boiling fat
- 23. Name shared by a mixing device and a troublemaker
- 25. Thin surface layer (of wood, eg.)
- Complain in a sniffling, self-pitying way 17. To honour as a deity

- 27. Military vessel
- 29. Plead
- 31. Aust. weightlifting great, Dean
- 32. Rim (of cup, eg.)
- 34. An associate
- 36. Semiliquid food
- 37. Container for storage
- 38. Solidly built
- 40. Semolina dish
- 41. Innocent
- 42. Gleaming brightness

#### 43. Which human's Down

- 1. Game, anagram of 'scrap'
- 2. Wader with long feathers
- 3. Overfill
- 4. Button to operate computer or typewriter
- 5. On the inside of house, eg.
- 6. Noisy clamour
- 7. Frosted (of cake or biscuit, eg.)
- 8. Most important
- 9. Improve after decline
- 12. Former president of U.S., Franklin D
- 14. Plunderer
- 16. Loop for jockey's foot

- 21. Head of Soviet Union's first government
- 23. Fasten with thread
- 24. Strong sea current
- 28. One using special footwear to move over
- 29. Underlying principle
- 30. Sphere as model of
- 32. Rope with noose
- 33. Quietness
- 35. Season of Christmas
- 37. Currency
- 39. Yellowy brown colour
- 40. Church seat

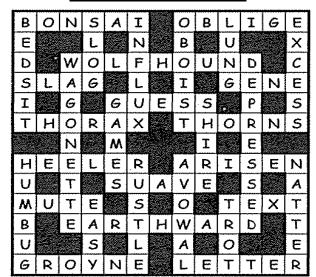
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#### Questions for: 15th August 2018

- Which reptile, according to the song, should you never 1.
- 2. Alfred, an ancient King of Wessex, is famous for burning what?
- 3. In nautical terms, what is the opposite of port?
- 4. How many bones are there on a Skull & Crossbones
- What was Marilyn Monroe's natural hair colour?
- Name Fred Astaire's famous red-haired dancing partner.

Answers on page 19

Shane and Bob Henderson would like to thank everyone for their best wishes and prayers and visits during my recent illness.

I would also like to thank my wife, and the best nurse in the world, Shane, for everything she has done for me.

**Bob Henderson** 

# Thank

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- Cakes 2.
- Starboard.
- **Three**
- Ginger 5.
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# In the Vegie Patch



August is near to full planting out time, with the Winter months getting left behind us. The main garden jobs for now is to prepare for Spring planting. Before planting again this season, try to remember where plants were last season. The most effective way to keep the soil fertile and prevent the build-up of pests and diseases is to rotate the crops. If a diary has not been kept, it is at times hard to remember where last season's plants had grown. Any gardeners who prefer to sow their own tomato seeds, this is the best month to start. Tomato seeds need good warm conditions to germinate. Once they surface, then it is time to gradually harden them off. If young plants are left too long in warm conditions, they will grow tall and fall over. Tomato plants do not like fresh lime. Soil that has been limed 2 or 3 years before would be suitable; also too much nitrogen can cause loss of fruit, more so if the weather remains cool in the early summer.

Long-keeping onion plants, not seeds, can be planted out now until the end of September. It is not wise to plant out the full crop yet, as some of the early-planted ones could bolt to seed if there is good growing weather conditions during late Spring months. Plants that have been in containers for long periods of time are the most likely to bolt to seed.

Peas can be sown this month. The dwarf early varieties like Melbourne Market also known as William Massey are the best for early sowing. Climbing peas like Sugar Snap and Snow Peas will need a trellis to climb on. Add some lime and complete fertilizer to soil; sow seeds in damp soil and don't water again for a few days as overwatering can rot the seeds.



Other seeds to sow now are carrots, parsnips, beetroot, lettuce, radish, swedes, turnips, silverbeet and spring onions. Before sowing fine seed, spray the rows with cabbage dust or boiling water; it is wise to do both to get a good strike of young seedlings.

#### **Fruit Trees**

Grafting can be done this month, as the buds will be starting to show by now. Grafting must be done before the buds show any sign of swelling or else the new growth has nothing to feed on once they open.

On stone fruit trees, aphids are very active from now until the hot weather sets in. These pests breed at the base of the tree, and can do much damage to the foliage before being noticed. The waste water from the sink, poured around the base of the tree, is a help to keep them from breeding up in numbers.

Lemon trees can be cut back near the end of this month. Any half dead wood or over crowded spurs can be removed. Pruning too early encourages early growth that could be burnt off with late frosts.

#### **Winter Garden Tips**

- It's your very last chance to put bare-rooted trees in! Go to the nursery now, if you want to plant fruit trees, including apples, pears, plums, peaches, and nectarines. Deciduous exotic trees can be planted in now also.
- Prune roses be bold, leaving only an open framework of three or four main stems. clean up old leaves and mulch to fight pests and diseases.
- Other plants to prune when bare include hydrangeas, wisteria and grapes, Early August is the best time to give gardenias their main pruning.
- Cut ornamental grasses almost to ground level to rejuvenate

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