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(Photo of Anna and Deborah preparing artwork for travel - Anna LHS, Deborah RHS)

Deborah comes to Dunolly

Melbourne sculptor Deborah Halpern's month long exhibition opens in our Historic Courthouse this weekend. It will be open Easter Saturday and Monday. There's an opportunity for a community preview on Thursday 29th March at 1pm to 2pm and a chance to meet Deborah.

On Monday we brought a large art piece called "Continuum" to town with the help of Mike Stroud and Murray Hall and installed it outside the courthouse with the assistance of Judy Meldrum.

This introduction to Deborah is all part of our major community sculpture, working with Deborah for 6 months from May.

Philip, Anna and Judy - The Ministry of Fun



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ROSIE'S RAMBLE

Oh dear! Oh dear! Send them home at once in irons! Re-open Port Arthur to house them as they are obviously master criminals. I refer to that disgraceful "leadership group" of cricketers who have manipulated a young player into cheating with about 100 cameras on him. Why not fine them their total fees for the test and give it to the Bushfire fund?

I spied something I've not seen before in the Ministry of Fun's garden. It is a buxom Venus de Milo type figure – a naked lady with no arms. Please explain?

Why are we suddenly having these silly greetings on radio and TV – Happy Monday, happy Friday etc.? Happy Christmas or birthday or Easter is OK, but these others are really idiotic.

Nature Study—I saw a couple of new birds (ones I haven't seen here before) near the railway crossing last week. One was so intent on picking up something edible from the road that I had to stop the car to avoid skittling it. They are about crow size and dark grey with white touches. The nearest I could find in my bird book (and on Mrs. Google) was a grey Currawong. Any other ideas?

How do those flying ants that appeared as soon as the rain started on Saturday know it was going to rain, and hatch?

Sister Ramble has a much loved miniature poodle which has the art of manipulating his mistress down to a T. He won't eat his breakfast until he has a chicken neck first. This is why I found myself digging a frozen chook out of the freezer and carving off its neck with my old but trusty Feathertouch knife. After the neck and half a wing were defrosted and eaten, he deigned to eat the rest of his meal. No Comment.

Gift Ideas (from English Living)

Keep rare breed cattle -20 pounds a year helps care for these animals. You get a certificate for your cow, twice yearly updates and you can visit your cow during the summer at the reserves.

Rent-a-tree—for thirty pounds you can choose your favourite apple in Kent, and at harvest time you can spend two week-ends picking them.

Dani

HOW NOT TO RELAX—Space is beautiful. Stare at the velvety expanse of stars and wonder which one might be an enormous meteor on a collision course with earth.



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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor

Travels in Time

That is mental travelling of course; dredged from memories of times past and brought to the surface by Cynthia's columns. Not that I've travelled as much or as widely as Cynthia, but very few of us have. Her contact with the London artistic scene, including the early introduction of traditional Indian dance by Ram Gopal, as well as her travels in mainland Europe, are subjects of wonder

My memories of Europe are limited to such happenings as asking a soldier in schoolboy French to close the window in a train. He laughed, but did close it. I also remember being terrified in a ski lift as the boy who sat next to me thought it was amusing to encourage it to swing hundreds of feet above the snow.

Mostly, in my late teens, I hitchhiked around Britain and Ireland with a friend and a one-man tent. My friend Dave was very tall and, if it rained, had to have his feet covered with a plastic bag as they stuck out of the small tent.

We had the usual mishaps – it is almost mandatory when camping to have a cow try to join you in the tent in the small hours, to say nothing of the massive capacity of the bovine intestines waiting to be trodden in by bare feet.

One wet night, Dave suggested pitching the tent next to a high wall inside some open gates. Next morning a Rolls Royce swept in through the gates and the driver gave us a wave. We assumed it was a wave of greeting but left quickly just in case it wasn't. It turned out to be some Abbey or other, a stately home. Beaulieu I think.

We preferred to be well out of towns before pitching the tent, but on one occasion the houses seemed to go on forever and it was pitch black before we reached some empty ground. It really is amazing what you don't see or imagine in the dark! Next morning we were woken by a factory siren and, sticking our heads out, found we were surrounded by waste metal odds and ends and in a triangle between the road, a railway line and a factory. We did wave back to the girls in the bus taking them to work at the factory.

Ireland was memorable in that we only put the tent up once, which was just as well as it never seemed to stop raining – well, hardly ever. We even slept in the jockeys' room at a racecourse (by invitation) as well as a variety of sheds and dilapidated barns. The highlight was when we were given a lift in an Armstrong Siddelely Sapphire, smooth running and smelling of high quality leather. The owner said we could spend the night in their garden shed. It was solid brick and filled with old rolled up carpet and surprisingly comfortable. Next morning he carried down a silver tray loaded with bone china teapot, cups and plates, together with toast, butter and marmalade! Ireland to me is green, wet and the most hospitable country in the world.

Thanks for awakening the memories Cynthia.

James B Burbidge





Dear Editor,

April is almost here and I'd like to take the opportunity to urge people in the Central Goldfields Shire to get active through the Premier's Active April challenge.

Everyone should enjoy the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle and the Premier's Active April is a great place to start.

More than 50 per cent of Victorian adults fail to meet the recommended levels of physical activity, while 80 per cent of children don't exercise enough.

The Premier's Active April initiative encourages Victorians to get active. It's as easy as taking the stairs, walking the kids to school or getting out in the garden. This year's campaign is encouraging Victorians of all ages and abilities to register and call on their pets as a fun and easy way to increase levels of physical activity.

A new personalised "My Local" feature on the website will also help people in the Central Goldfields Shire find local activities, events and offers within the community.

Active April is also a great way for workplaces to boost morale around the office, and workplace teams are encouraged to apply. In 2017, 160 people from the Central Goldfields Shire participated and we are aiming to beat that number in 2018.

With so many great opportunities across the Shire to get moving and meet new people, signing up to Active April will be a healthy change you won't regret.

To register, visit www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

Jaala Pulford Member for Western Victoria

Travels with Cynthia

Combining two different eras of my travels: first in my young days with my two girlfriends, the second with Liz, my sister-in-law, one of the many places I revisited, with over a thirty year time difference, was Andorra. Nestled high up in the Pyrenees, between France and Spain, Andorra is a beautiful little principality with magnificent views to everywhere. The first time, we girls had hired a car and with the fearlessness of youth, manoeuvred the narrow, steep mountain road without turning a hair. It was quite a different story all those years later when Liz and I were driving the borrowed car which I temporarily lost in Florence, climbing that hilly, winding road. At times I was petrified, fearing that we would slip on the gravelly edges and plunge down the mountain. To add to the tension, there were cars mounting up behind us and, since it was impossible to pass, it gave me that uneasy feeling as though someone was breathing down my neck.

On the first occasion, we were delighted with the quaint shops and houses, outdoor market and views in all directions. On my return with Liz, it wasn't the way I remembered it, although everything had its charm and there were plenty of places to explore. The reason for this became clear on our last day when we decided to drive further up the mountain to see what lay above. To our amazement we discovered the real Andorra. Where we had been staying was on the edge of the town, like an

outer suburb guide, I fool. Howeve finally found Andorra and I left to enjoy it.

outer suburb. Being the guide, I felt such a fool. However, we at least finally found the heart of Andorra and had a little time left to enjoy it. Silly me!

Cynthia Lindsay

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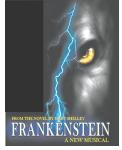
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Greg Butler

AT BETTER THAN REASONABLE RATES

Theatre Review

Frankenstein



Shane Harman and his crew have delivered yet another powerful performance in the enactment of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein.

It is an often-told story in many versions and with much poetic licence, but Shane has kept faithful to the original story, beginning with the narration by explorer Captain Robert Walton who has found Victor Frankenstein half-dead, suffering

hypothermia and mental anguish. There begins Frankenstein's retrospective narrative of how he came to be alone in the frozen ice-field of the North Pole.

The recounting of his family life allows for the lighter moments of the production with the ensemble singing and dancing in wonderfully crafted period costumes. The chorus regularly appears throughout the show in specific scenes, or to emphasise certain phases of Frankenstein's anguish: the ice scene being particularly significant.

The story becomes darker once Frankenstein attends university. Here he begins his life-long ambition of bringing life to non-living matter. He takes the corpse of a hanged criminal and proceeds to experiment on how to reanimate it. *Crispin Smythe* acts out the role of Frankenstein very believably with intense expression and emphatic singing.

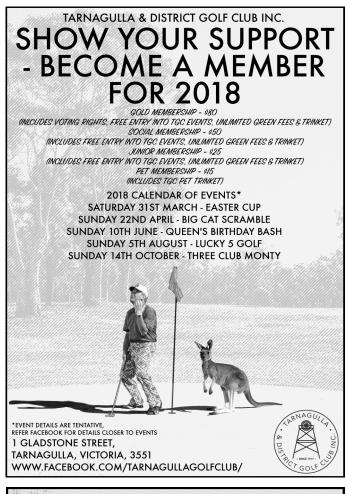
And then — "It's Alive!" With spectacular lightning effects, the creature arises. Shane Harman plays the creature with passion and intensity. He makes you believe that he really is this monstrous creation that is nevertheless human with feelings of love, hate and revenge. His powerful voice and clear diction draws you into his pain and suffering. The stunning makeup shows a hideous façade, yet inside is a human heart crying with sorrow and loneliness. All people can see is the horrific outer shell and run away in fear without taking the chance of learning what is inside. There is a moral here indicative of real life. So often people just see the outer appearance. "Don't judge a book by its cover'.

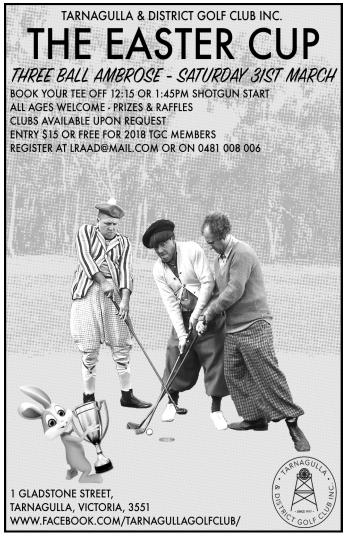
Frankenstein is horrified as well. He cannot bear the thought that he created this monstrosity and rejects him completely and begins his fall into madness.

The creature escapes and wanders aimlessly, shunned and feared by all he approaches, until he comes across a blind man in a cottage in the woods and finds kindness and friendship. But that is short lived when he accidentally kills the blind man by crushing him in a hug, not knowing his own strength. The creature is distraught and there begins his hatred of Frankenstein who made him this way; learning how he came to be from Frankenstein's journal. The creature plots his revenge by attacking Frankenstein's family.

He kills Frankenstein's younger brother, William, and incriminates the nanny, Justine, by dropping the locket and chain he used to strangle the boy into her pocket. She protests her innocence and tells that it was a hideous monster who did the deed, but no-one believes her and she is hanged.

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School holiday fun for all ages

The Central Goldfields Shire Engage! Program, the Central Goldfields Art Gallery and the Maryborough and Dunolly libraries will host a series of free events to keep our youngest residents entertained during the April school holidays.

Maryborough and Dunolly Library

The Maryborough and Dunolly Library will host the following events:

- Tuesday 3rd April, 2.30pm to 3.15pm Craft session (bookings not necessary)
- Tuesday 10th April Musical puppet show Dunolly Library - 10.30am
 Maryborough Library - 12.30pm or 2.30pm

To book a place for the Musical Puppet Show visit the Dunolly or Maryborough Library or call 5461 1950.

Engage! Program

Aimed at ages 11 to 18 years of age the Engage! Program of events are centred around the opening of the new youth space:

- Tuesday 3rd April, 11am to 4pm
 New Engage! Youth Space Working Bee
- Wednesday 4th April, 11am to 4pm Making Art for our new space
- Thursday 5 April, 11am to 4pm Putting together our new space
- Tuesday 10 April, 11am to 4pm
 Planning Engage!Youth Space Lunch Party
- Wednesday 11 April, 12 to 1pm New Engage! Youth Space Launch Party
- Thursday 12 April, 11am to 4pm
 Open of the Victoria Youth Week –
 Celebrating Youth

All events will be held at the Nolan Street Gym – just next to the Community Hub. Bookings essential. Contact Central Goldfields Shire on 5461 0610.

For more information and interviews contact Central Goldfields Shire Communications Officer Kate Bucknall on 5461 0623.



Getting Western Victoria's kindergartens ready for the future

The Andrews Government is helping Western Victoria's kindergartens expand and refurbish their centres and improve access to the latest technology.

Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today encouraged local kindergartens that need minor infrastructure improvements or a boost to their IT capabilities to apply for available funding.

Applications for the 2018-19 Children's Facilities Capital Program Minor Grants round are now open with funding available through three grants categories.

Applicants – such as local government and not-for-profit service providers – are encouraged to apply for minor infrastructure expansion grants of up to \$25,000 that will increase the usable space of a licenced service. Minor infrastructure refurbishment grants of up to \$10,000 can be used to improve any indoor or outdoor spaces used by children, particularly where they are designed to improve access for children of all abilities.

Information technology grants of up to \$1,500 are also available to purchase desktops, laptops, tablets and televisions that are used as part of learning programs or for administration use. Ms Pulford urged the operators of local kindergartens to apply.

"I encourage local council and early childhood services across Western Victoria to take advantage of these grants to help improve our kindergartens and set them up for the future," Ms Pulford said.

Last year, kindergartens in Beaufort, Goroke, Willaura, North Hamilton, Wedderburn, Stawell, Maryborough and Talbot successfully applied for funding under the program.

The Labor Government is delivering a record \$76.4 million to build, expand and improve early years infrastructure across Victoria to ensure local families can continue to access great local kindergartens, including \$10 million targeting growth areas.

Families in Western Victoria are set to benefit from the Government's \$202.1 million Education State Early Childhood Reform Plan, which provides strong support in early childhood so kids are ready for kinder and ready for school.

Applications close on 31 May 2018 and must be submitted online. For more information, visit:

www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/CFCP-Minor-Grants.aspx

Jaala Pulford MP

Australian Veteran Cycling Championships - Road Closure

Central Goldfields Shire will host the 2018 Australian Veteran Cycling Championships in Maryborough over Easter - Saturday 31st March to Monday 2nd April.

The following road closures will be in place -

parts of Napier, Christian and Burns Streets (Energy Breakthrough Track) on Sunday 1st April from 8.30am to 4pm for the Criterium Event.

Although road closures will not be in place for the Time Trial Event (Saturday 31st March) and Road Race (Monday 2nd April) all road users should also be aware that local roads will be utilised and to take care. Advance warning signs will be in place for the duration of each event.

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Around school this week

Last Friday we all made a pledge to say NO! to bullying and violence and I felt very privileged to be a part of such a positive day not only in our school, but our whole community. The photo below shows the commitment we all have in Dunolly to stamping out bullying and violence with members of our school, students and staff, Judy from the Nursing home, police, local employees, PFA members, parents and school captains. The main message we wanted our students to take away from the day is they have a voice and the right to speak up. We don't condone bullying or violence and being a bystander isn't acceptable either.

It is important we carry this message forward and continually encourage students to be empowered. If your child comes home with an issue from school, ask them — "Which adult did you tell?" This encourages and empowers your child to speak up and seek help when they need it.







Shenae Hunt and Joe Lovel went to the State trials for the State Schools Cricket Team last week. They both enjoyed the opportunity and performed to their best.

Congratulations to Shenae who has made it to phase 2 of the State Squad selection.

This week's value in focus is: Fairness

Being fair in everything I do

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 - Mason Hopf

Year 1/2 - Corey Parker

Year 3 - Hamish Riley

Year 4/5 - Ashlee Moyses

Year 5/6 – Shenae Hunt

Principal's Award – Jaylan Oates, Aisling Eddy & Hunter Scholes

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



"Wacky Wire Critterbug" workshop

Coming up in Dunolly, at the Ministry of Fun on Friday 13th April,10am to 3pm, in partnership with the Tiny Towns Arts Trail.

I know it's quite a bit in the future, but we are giving the local youth first chance to fill these heavily subsidised places. General advertising will happen in two weeks, so if you are keen, book now.

David Archer is a recognised contemporary automata maker with over 25

years of experience, who hails from South

Australia.

snacks.

"Wacky Wire Critterbugh" workshops are a fun day where participants design and make their very own "Critterbug" using colourful wire, beads, aluminium shim, jewels, and small found objects to enhance their creation; the wackier the better!

5 hour workshop suits 11-14 years age group 10 participants max. All materials and tools are supplied with this workshop. BYO lunch and

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Dunolly Christian Churches

Invites you to worship God and welcome you to their services:

Anglican Church Services:

St John's Dunolly Service

Thursday 29th March 10am Eucharist Canon Heather **Emu Service**

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 11.30am

St David's Bealiba

Easter Sunday Service at 8am

Catholic Church Services:

Dunolly, St. Mary's

Mass 8.30am, 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month Assembly 8.30am, 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

Bealiba St. Patrick's

Mass at 8.30am, 5th Sunday of the month

Tarnagulla St. Francis Xavier's

Mass 11am, 3rd Sunday of the month

Uniting Church Services:

Thursday 29th March, Tenebrae Service 7.30pm Good Friday, Ecumenical Service 10am Sunday, Communion 10am 'Alive" to follow

Catholic Church St Mary's Muse PLEASE NOTE

The Ecumenical Service at the Uniting Church on Good Friday will now be held at 10am.

Collection for the support of Holy Places will be taken up on Good Friday. Father Kevin Maloney has been appointed as the Vicar General for our Parish. It is the final week of Project Compassion for this year.

Mass will be at St. Mary's Church, Dunolly at 8.30am on Easter Sunday, April 1st.

Don't forget daylight saving ends on Sunday morning at 2am April 1st.

R. Mecredy

He who was born to be crucified arose from the grave to be glorified and the birds in the trees and the flowers that spring all join in proclaiming this heavenly King.

Helen Steiner Rice

Uniting Church News

This is our busy week being Easter starting on Thursday with our Tenebrae Service at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come to this very moving service. Good Friday our service is an Ecumenical service at 10am and our Church is the host Church this year and all are welcome.

On Sunday 1st April (which remember is daylight saving time) we will be having Communion at 10am which everyone can partake in if they wish with our 'ALIVE' cantata to follow. This Cantata is greatly loved.

Everyone is very welcome.

On Thursday 5th April UCAF will be starting at an earlier time of 10.30am in the Church. Devotion:- Jan Watts word;- Friendship, Activity:- After the meeting we will have our lunch, so please bring your own. We will then travel to Carisbrook, car pooling, to visit lan Mortlock's Tomato Grove.

Anyone is welcome to come with us. It will be very interesting to see how big an industry is in our own district.



Our Op-Shop will be open on Tuesday 3rd April at 10am to 2pm. Thursday and Friday at 10am to 4pm. We welcome you to come in and see just what a variety of things we have.

Jean Richardson

St John's Church News

This week we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday at our weekly service.

We wish everyone a Happy and Safe Easter.

Dates for your diary:

The Parish will be holding an Op-Shop at Christ the King Hall on 10th, 11th, and 12th May.

Our Christmas in June this year will be held on Wednesday 27th June. Trina Kay

SCRIPTURE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.'

John 13:12

Dunolly Independent Living Units Project: it's survey time!

The Feasibility Study for the Dunolly Independent Living Units Project is rocketing along. Last week, the Auxiliary and senior managers from MDHS met with the Chief Finance Officer from Wintringham, a housing organisation that builds and operates ILUs for low income people with significant housing problems. Wintringham manages the Miller Trust properties in Maryborough, Castlemaine and St Arnaud, among its many programs, so is keen to further develop its services in Central Victoria.

Our consultant, Christine Nunn, has completed our Community Survey and it is now online. We encourage *Welcome Record* readers to go online and complete the survey. If this approach doesn't suit you, surveys will be distributed after Easter from our three district Post Offices. It is wonderful how the post offices in Dunolly, Tarnagulla and Bealiba have volunteered to help in this way. We also appreciate how MDHS has offered to print the surveys for distribution. To complete the survey online, go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3NTKT2J

and you should link straight to it. It is totally confidential, though you may opt to talk further with our consultant if you wish. If you read the *Welcome Record* online, you can link straight from the screen.

Finally, remember that the Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary is hosting two community consultations about the Independent Living Units Feasibility Study on Wednesday, 18th April, at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Please come along to one of these sessions and discuss the proposal further with our consultant, Christine Nunn. Both sessions will be held at the Dunolly Town Hall.

Fiona Lindsay President Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary

PS: The Rheola Carnival is on again on Easter Monday. It's a great day out and a great way to support the Dunolly District Hospital.



What's on at the Arts Hub

Thankyou

Last weekend's Workshop with Kat Pengelly was a great success and a big thankyou to all who attended.

Workshop this weekend Saturday 31st April at the Arts Hub 1.00pm

Bianca Flint from the Wardrobe Green in Ballarat is coming to teach us sustainable ways of extending our wardrobes. She will be helping to inspire us to revive and modernise garments using simple yet effective techniques. Guests are asked to bring along one or two garments from their own wardrobes to refashion into new and stylish pieces. No sewing or crafting experience necessary. Free Workshop.

Mystery Bag Challenge

If you want to be involved in the Mystery Bag Challenge you still have time to come and get your bag from the Arts Hub or at the Neighbourhood Centre for the entrance price of \$5. The bag contains six randomly chosen items of clothing. You can make one outfit out of the six items or use small pieces of the fabrics to embellish just one piece, adding to the clothing in the bag, just as long as it is second-hand. You can decorate a hand-bag or shoes to go with the outfit. There aren't very many rules as we would like you to join in, before the event on the evening of Friday 20th April. I will get in touch with you to talk to you about, what time to come to the hub and what you will need to do on the night.

If you don't have a model for the event you can always take the mystery bag challenge and put your outfit on a mannequin or dressmaker's dummy for the exhibition.

Runway Show

The best advantage apart from being involved in a fun community event is that anybody who goes in the Mystery Bag Challenge, or puts a recycled artwork in the exhibition, gets to come to the Runway Show for the discounted cost of \$10 and, if you are a model in the parade, you get in for free.

We will be having some lovely nibbles supplied by Madame Chi Chi's Charcuterie for sale and the wine & champagne and non-alcoholic fruit cocktails are complimentary. There will be a door prize & all entrants get a Participation Certificate.

Remember we still have Tai Chi on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings with Jason.

Kids Hub Club will return in May

Lynda Vater







BREAST-SCREEN



If you are over 40 and due for a mammogram this year we will be going to the Bendigo Breast-Screen clinic on Wednesday 9th of May, leaving the centre at 9.30am.

The screening itself is free and your bus fare is \$10. You will also get the chance to do a little shopping. Bookings are essential!

ACRYLIC WORKSHOP



Dawn Lim, Artist, conduct an acrylic workshop at the Arts Hub on Saturday 5th of May from 10.30am till 2pm. \$50 all inclusive.

These workshops can be ongoing with your own stuff at a lower cost.

ARTS TRAIL

Remember the Tiny Towns Arts Trail, of which the Neighbourhood Centre is a part of the Arts Hub from Wednesday 25th April.

The Neighbourhood Centre is about community, inclusion, health and wellbeing so be a part of it! Want to know more about the Neighbourhood Centre? Ring 54681511 or Email: admin@dunnhc.com.au Or call in, the kettle is always on the boil.

We are the building on the right of Dunolly Hospital, top end of Bull St.

Sharon Hiley Coordinator



Congratulations to Local Dunolly Karate Students —

Noah, Susie, Stacey, Jaycob, Isaac, Rory and Hunter, Rob and Andrew who participated in a Karate grading over the weekend, and successfully passed.

They were all presented with certificates and belts on

Monday 26th March 2018, at the Dunolly Dojo.

It is absolutely fantastic seeing all of our students reaching milestones in their own individual Karate journey! Well done, keep up the great training everyone! Just a reminder - there is no Karate training in Dunolly

over the school holidays!



We will see you all back at the Dunolly Dojo (RSL Hall) on Monday 16th April.

5.30pm for beginners, white, red, orange and yellow belts 6.30pm for green belt and above.

Have a safe and happy Easter everyone!

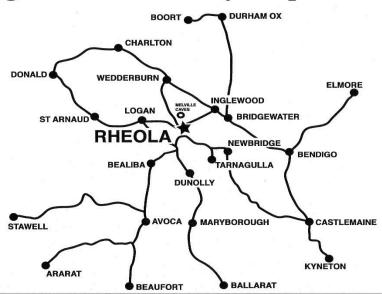
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News

As all members who have picked up their February envelopes from the Craft Shop will know, the Craft Shop will definitely close at the end of June this year. While declining sales have been an issue, it was the sad passing of our landlord Ray Seidel which finally made the decision for us. Some members have marked down their stock by up to 50% so there are some closing-down bargains to be found. It is eleven years since the Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre first opened the Craft Shop. In that time nobody has become a millionaire but it has provided an outlet for people's creativity and given our members another small source of income. Many visitors to Dunolly have enjoyed browsing and buying unique handmade items. Many of these things have ended up overseas.

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Mary Ann and Graeme's Place

Pretty roses twining their way around an attractive veranda greeted the Garden Club visitors to Mary Ann and Graeme's Maryborough garden last Monday. Grey clouds threatened rain at times as we wandered through the garden, but the wind had dropped after blowing all the flowers off Mary Ann's hibiscus, and it was very pleasant. When the Mitchells moved in about a year ago all the garden beds were covered in gravel. Since then Graeme has been painstakingly picking it all up and they have finally been able to feed and dig some of the beds to very good effect.

Salvias and lavenders have done well in some difficult spots and euphorbias are popping up happily in the front yard. Native hop bushes are looking good and some lovely crocuses have flowered. The smoke-bush tree out the front looks lovely with the smokey coloured flower heads in full bloom. One spot has been turned into a delightful sitting area surrounded by pots. "It was just too hard to dig, so this was easier," Mary Ann explained.

At the end of our garden exploration Mary Ann and Graeme invited us into their enormous closed-in veranda for a cuppa. We all envied them the great space. Thank you Mary Ann and Graeme for an interesting afternoon.

Our next garden club will be Monday April 30th when we will be going to St Arnaud to visit a plant nursery. Watch the Welcome Record for details.

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plant at Bridgewater and wondered what's inside?

Now it's possible to find out, thanks to a new arrangement between the owner of the site, Ceramet Solar, and the Loddon Shire, which has introduced weekly hour-long visits into its popular Loddon Discovery Tours schedules.

Ceramet Solar is part of Ballarat-based Ceramet Pty Ltd, established to support that company's transition from being strictly an automotive and electrical componentry manufacturer into becoming a diverse manufacturing enterprise for both automotive and the renewable energy industry.

Ceramet Solar recently acquired the 35ha Bridgewater site along with a sister facility in Mildura, spread over 100 hectares. Both are equipped with grid connection for solar power generation.

Bridgewater incorporates testing and research facilities, a fully furnished function room for training and conference purposes, fire pit/barbecue area.

Ceramet general manager Michael Doolan said the move to join Loddon Discovery Tours had been a natural progression for the company.

"We've enjoyed a fairly close relationship with Loddon Shire since we purchased the Bridgewater site, but over the past month we've been discussing the idea of participating in the Discovery Tours," Mr Doolan said.

"We have had a number of interest groups visit over the past 12 months and one open day, so the idea has grown from there.

"When tour groups do arrive, we'll give them a short safety brief, a brief presentation on the company and a walk around the site to explain the different technologies.

"Ideally, there'd be 15 people at a time or fewer, but we can handle up to 20."



"The site is already producing electricity for the grid. It has a connection of 500kW, but we're extending that to 1.3mW.

"Our future development plans forecast an increase in manufacturing staff at the site of two to three times within the next 12 months."

Bookings for these tours can be made through the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on (03) 5494 3489.



DUNOLLY CWA UPDATE

Our March meeting was held on Wednesday 7th March. We received a report on the group AGM held at Castlemaine on 1st March which was attended by four members.

The new office bearers for the Group are:

Group President - Pat Pearson,

Group Secretary-Danielle Kent,

Group Treasurer-Leeanne Mullan.

Congratulations to them all. Leeanne Mullan and Jan Watts will represent us at the State Conference in Melbourne in May. Heather Weir won the craft competition at the group AGM for her piece of macramé.

We then discussed hosting the Car Boot sale on March 10th. Members were asked to turn up about 8.00am. Some members are to sell tickets for the meat voucher raffle in the street on Thursday.

Ever driven past that solar power We have been asked to collect goods to send to our troops overseas. These will be forwarded as they accumulate.

> NOTE-We will not be holding the "Women Walk the World" event on the April meeting day, but possibly in May, closer to the proper time.

We will be having our branch International day lunch at our April meeting, starting at 11am to set up, then lunch, followed by the monthly meeting. Members are asked to bring food, and a UFO to work on.

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Bealiba CWA

Meetings 1pm Bealiba Hall, 3rd Thursday of month

Bealiba Playgroup meets every Friday from 10am to 11am

in the Primary School during school terms

Bealiba Progress Association meeting,

2nd Monday each month 7.30pm Bealiba Hall

Bealiba Bingo 1.30pm in the Bealiba Hall

2nd Monday each month

Community Bus - Friday to Maryborough return.

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Dunolly Community Garden at Pre-school:

Mondays 5pm-7pm daylight saving. Mondays 3pm-5pm Autumn/Winter

Dunolly CWA meetings 1.30pm SES rooms

1st Wednesday each month **Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary**

1st Monday each month at 10am in PGA Room

Dunolly Community Market

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

Dunolly Field and Game meeting

1st Wednesday each month 7.30pm at SES shed

Dunolly Fire Brigade meeting

3rd Monday each month 7.30pm Fire Station

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

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

Dunolly Planned Activities Group Tuesday and Thursdays

10.30am to 2.30pm Phone 5468 2907

Dunolly Ninjas Program - (4 to 6 years old)

Mondays from 5pm Dunolly RSL hall

Dunolly & District Lions Club

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Or Luke Williams 0415 104 044

Dunolly Neighbourhood Watch meeting

3rd Wednesday each month 10am—Bowls Club

Dunolly Supported Playgroup meets Wednesday 9.30am to 11.30am

Dunolly Preschool

Dunolly & District Probus Club meeting

3 Thursday each month 10am Senior Citizens Hall

Dunolly Museum meeting

3rd Monday each month 2pm 75 Broadway **Dunolly St George Lodge** 4th Saturday each month

Dunolly Social Cyclists

Thursday 29th

Friday 30th

Meet fortnightly. Call Neville for info: 5468 7295

Dunolly Historic Precinct Committee

4th Monday each month 1pm Town Hall

Dunolly Unit Vic SES meeting 6.30pm 3rd Tuesday each month. Training every other Tuesday

Golden Triangle Archers

4th Sunday each month 10am behind Deledio Reserve

Maryborough Lions Club Tourist Market

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

Alma & Nolan Sts - Maryborough

Mother Goose Program - every Friday during

school term at Dunolly Primary School - 9.30-10.30am

Newbridge CWA meeting Newbridge Hall

3rd Tuesday each month 1.30pm

Old Time Dancing 7.30pm Mondays

Anglican Hall Barkly Street Dunolly

PMAV - 3rd Tuesday of the month,

Maryborough Highland Club 7.30pm

Red Hat Society - Gorgeous Goldfields Gals

2nd Thursday Ripples On The Res 11.30am

RSL meeting 7pm RSL Hall Dunolly

2nd Tuesday each month - 7pm

Senior Citizens meeting

1st Monday each month 10am

Senior Citizens Carpet Bowls each Monday 1.30pm

Senior Citizens Luncheon

3rd Wednesday/month 12.30pm

Senior Citizens Card Playing

Each Tuesday at 1.30pm

Tai Chi - Tuesdays at 10am, Thursdays at 9am and

Fridays at 6pm. Dunolly Arts Hub.

Talbot Farmers Market

3rd Sunday of the month 9am to 1pm

Tarnagulía Playgroup

Thursday 10.30am-12 noon – behind the hall Tarnagulla Action Group - Community Centre

3rd Monday each month 7.30pm

Tarnagulla Senior Citizens - Victoria Hall

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

Welcome Record Committee

2nd Monday every second month - 1pm in the office

March

Thursday 29th Deborah Halpern's exhibition preview Court House 1pm to 2pm

Also open over Easter Saturday and Easter Monday.

Maundy Thursday Uniting Church Tenebrae Service 7.30pm

Good Friday Ecumenical Service Uniting Church 9.30am

April

Easter Sunday - Uniting Church - Cantata Alive! 10am Sunday 1st

ILU Community Consultation, Dunolly Town Hall 2pm and again 6pm Wednesday 18th

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DFNC Season 2018 Launch

30 players senior and junior and supporters attended the DFNC season launch at the Railway Hotel in Dunolly on Saturday, 24 March 2018. Phil Hawkes, President welcomed players, their partners, and families to the night. After an enjoyable meal the formalities commenced.

Prior to the presentation of jumpers, Phil informed everyone that the Club had joined with the Laanecoorie Dunolly Cricket Club, the Recreation Reserve Committee and other community groups to work towards obtaining new club rooms.

Russell Robertson will be playing with the Eagles in round eight. He is a former professional Australian Rules Footballer, who played for the Melbourne Football Club finishing in 2009 with 228 games and 428 goals. He is one of the Melbourne's great goal kickers. The evening will see his band play in the Dunolly Town Hall.

The Annual Ball will be held on Saturday 4th August again in the Dunolly Town hall, a black-tie event.

Jumpers were presented to the players with each player providing a snippet of information about their playing history. The Senior captain is Craig O'Neill.

The U11.5 captain, Ben Raczynski, was also introduced. The Junior Jumper presentation will be held at the clubrooms on Thursday 12th April at 6pm.

Practice match against Smythesdale was on Saturday 25th March. An awesome day. The U11.5's played well and have improved from last year.

The girls in the team also did well. Thanks to Jarrod Loader and Jayden McDonald for being umpires and Mitch Kerney for being runner.

As for the seniors and reserves - its been a while since there were 10 players on the bench. The players did really well and held their own. The Eagles are on the rise. Thanks to the trainers, Darren Freemantle and Raven Newman. Well done.

Please note: No training this week due to Easter holidays.

Marion Da Costa





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#### At the Bealiba Hall

David Price and Gordon Smith played exceptionally well this week with three wins. Heather Cooper, Leanne Proctor and Pam Brightwell had two wins. Although the team of Joe Battisson, Keith Brightwell and Jenny Lovel only had one win Keith played magnificently.

Pam Brightwell





Recently Dunolly Bowling Club played off for the regional Pennant Championships in both Saturday and Midweek Pennant.

On Saturday 24th March Dunolly hosted the Central Victorian Region Saturday Pennant Championship competition in very trying weather conditions. Dunolly's Div.1 Goldfields Bowls Division premiership winners (Dunolly Blue) contested the Round Robin event against Gisborne, (Central Highland Bowls Division) and Bunninyong (Ballarat District Bowls Division). Unfortunately Dunolly was unsuccessful on the day with Bunninyong winning the Day.

On Sunday 25th March the Dunolly Midweek team, travelled to Learmonth Bowling Club to represent the Goldfields Bowls Division against Central Wendouree (BDBD) and Kyneton (CHBD). Dunolly was successful in both of their games and will now go on to represent the Central Victorian Bowls Region at Moama in May. Congratulations to all of the Dunolly players that contributed to a very successful 2017/18 Pennant season.

Alan Larpent.

#### Congratulations to the Bowling club

Congratulations to our Bowling club for winning the Premiership in both the men's and lady's events.

Congratulations also to the Cricket club for although they were beaten in the finals, they had a successful year as they only lost one match for the year.

It was an epic year for the town's clubs. Another epic year for the town's clubs occurred back in the 50s and 60s.

The town's rifle club was very strong back then. They won the Skeme shield two years running in 1956 and 1957 and again in the early 60s. This competition is still going and is open to all clubs in most of Western Victoria. They also won the Triumph-Herald Shield in 1961. This was a Ballarat based competition.

Also the local football club won their first Premiership competition since 1932. They went on to win quite a few more in the 1960s.

Another local team which was "booming" in that era was the Tennis club. Not sure if any Premierships were won, but I feel there were some.

I hope we don't have to wait another 50 years for the next lot of wins.

Tom Daly

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#### Across

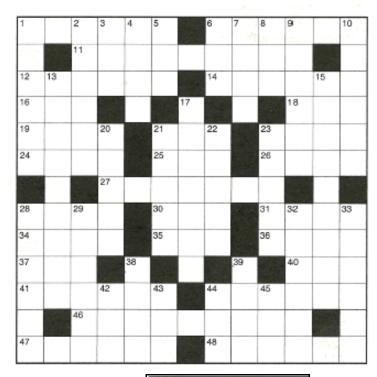
- 1. Establish or live in tents, eg., as temporary accommodation
- Placed upper limit on (expenditure, eg.)
- 11. First
- 12. Legendary monster of Aust. inland
- Public procession
- 16. Numero uno, number
- 18. Household energy source
- 19. Indefinite quantity
- 21. A charge for a service
- 23. A remedy
- 24. To box with light punches
- 25. Not taut
- 26. Sway as though drunk
- Pear-shaped fruit
- Barking \_\_\_\_ seldom
- 30. Legendary bird

- window during business 21. Plants collectively hours
- Small land mass
- Feign
- Intoxicating Polynesian drink
- 37. Garland of flowers
- 40. A raised edge
- 41. One who devotes a lot of time to a particular
- 44. Hanging spike of ice 46. Pill with pleasure
- 47. Wage recipient
- 48. Stinking

#### Down

- To carve in relief
- Place to watch movies
- Irrespective of circumstances, in case
- 4. Postal system
- Dog's young
- Unit of capacity in cooking
- 7. Small lively breed of horse
- 8. Accepted level
- 9. Disease which spreads widely and rapidly
- 10. Oil-fuelled locomotive
- 13. Unchallenged by rival
- Recklessly bold person
- 17. Bird with large fanshaped tail

- Rub out (written matter) 29.
  - 32. Package
- 22. Precise, not approximate
- 23. Shepherd's hooked staff 39. Film of foul matter on
- 28. Become wider
- Motorless aircraft
- 33. Specifically
- 38. Measure of area
  - liquid surface
- Place where food and lodging is available
- 43. Bituminous product derived from coal, eg.
- 44. Belonging to that
- 45. Anger





Here is your trivia challenge for this week. See how you go! Taken from Trivial Pursuit

Questions for: 28th March 2018

- What Egyptian city was built up during the Middle Ages 1. from limestone stripped off the exterior of the Great Pyramid?
- 2 Which writer's ark became Hollywood's list?
- Which US president would put his head on one side 3 and say "Well, there you go again"?
- 4. What make of automobile is a "Flying Spur"?
- Who was part of the Argentine commentary team when 5. Romania eliminated Argentina from the 1994 World Cup?
- 6. What sank into the sea "In a single day and night of misfortune'," according to Plato?

Answers are on page 20



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FLETT (Nee Gardenne) Shirley Norma

Passed away peacefully on Friday Match 23rd 2018 at the Marjorie Phillips Centre, Bendigo.

Loved wife of Colin Flett (dec).

Loved mother of Sandra Ford, Denise Mortison (dec), Danny Mortison and Elizabeth Mortison.

Loved Nanna of Amber, Adrian, Genevieve and Jared Mortison.

Loved Great grandmother of Flynn, Miles and Vincent and their families.

Loved sister of Cedric (dec), Violet (dec), Sam, Ivy, Henry, Pauline, Pamela, David, John and families. "Your memory will live in our hearts forever"

Funeral: FLETT

A Service to celebrate the life of the late Mrs Shirley Norma FLETT was held at the Dunolly Senior Citizens Hall Bull Street, Dunolly on Wednesday 28th March, 2018 at 2pm.

The Cortege proceeded to the Dunolly Cemetery. Phelan Funerals Maryborough / Dunolly 03 54611979

Shirley Flett

Farewell loyal and faithful friend. I miss you my Tai Chi companion with your thoughtful conversations and our laughter. Too sudden.

Love to all her family, her memories for us to treasure.

Carolyn Butler

Flett Shirley

The Dunolly Branch of the CWA was saddened to learn of the death of our very valued member.

Shirley had been a member of the branch for 26 years serving as our International Leader for many years. Shirley was a very quiet, strong, but gentle woman who always had a kind word to offer all who met her. In later years Shirley became a card-maker, making many delightful cards for friends and relatives.

Gone, but will always be remembered with love.

Jan Watts (Secretary)

Flett Shirley

A true and genuine friend of 24 years. We shared birthdays, outings and conversations on many topics during those years. Shirley will be sadly missed by me and my family. My thoughts go to all her family at this sad time

Joyce Vater

Jesser lan Leonard

Passed away peacefully 27th March 2018, at Bendigo Base, after a brief illness. Loved husband & best friend of Helen. Missed by Jack the dog.

Funeral with Mt Alexander Funerals at Castlemaine after Easter.



Maundy Thursday 29th March, 2018, at 7:30pm Dunolly & District Uniting Church

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At this juncture the creature confronts Frankenstein and says that he will continue to kill all members of his family unless the scientist makes a female companion for him. After all, though he is dead remade, he is now a living, breathing creature with a heart that needs love. He vows that if Frankenstein gives him a bride, they will go far away and never threaten him again. Frankenstein relents and reanimates the corpse of the hanged Justine.

Throughout the recreation, Frankenstein is beset by fears and doubts that he is creating another monster and that the two may breed more monsters; also the moral and ethical thoughts that he may be playing God with life and death. His madness is building to the point that moments after the female achieves life, he kills her.

The creature is infuriated and distraught with grief of having his love snatched away. He vows he will not rest until all of Frankenstein's family is dead. He makes a promise that he will take Frankenstein's love away from him on the eve of his wedding. Frankenstein is to marry Elizabeth, a ward of his father whom he has known all his life. She is played by *Nicole Fornal*, who has a beautifully sweet voice and portrays the character with understated poise and demure.

True to his word, the creature kills Elizabeth, despite Frankenstein's efforts to kill him first.

Thereafter follows a chase of epic proportions through cities, towns and finally the vast frozen wilderness of the Arctic Circle. Frankenstein is obsessed with killing the creature and the creature taunts him into driving him to the brink of madness and exhaustion.

And that is where we turn full-circle and find Frankenstein on Captain Walton's ship recounting the story from his death-bed. The Captain does not believe the story until one night he sees the creature with his own eyes, standing over Frankenstein's bed tormented and forlorn. The final moments are when they each realise their symbiotic relationship, where they are co-dependent and cannot live without the other. With his creator gone, the creature is truly alone. He disappears into the frozen wastes to die.

This is a truly tragic tale and I admit I did get chocked-up at the end. I commend the cast and crew for bringing the tale to life with such passion and dedication. A job well-done!

I wonder if the next SHP offering might be a little lighter perhaps.

Susan Anderson

"I regard the theatre
as the greatest
of all art forms,
the most immediate way
in which
a human being
can share with another
the sense
of what it is
to be a human being."
- Oscar Wilde

Answers to trivia quiz 28.3.18

- 1. Cairo
- 2. Thomas Keneally's
- 3. Ronald Reagan
- 4. Rolls-Royce
- 5. Diego Maradona
- 6. Atlantis



'A DAY AT THE MUSEUM'

Last Tuesday 20th March, a film crew from Switzerland, after making last-minute arrangements with John Tully, descended on the Dunolly Museum. Although having some advance warning, but otherwise still expecting a relatively quiet Tuesday, the Museum's long-term volunteer, Colin Sullivan, was surprised to find the enthusiastic team was happy to stay all day, meticulously examining the exhibits and asking many questions. These, of course, were met more than adequately by Colin, drawing upon his wealth of local knowledge.

In establishing the reason for their visit, an interesting story unfolded. A detailed diary of a Swiss miner who had lived in Victoria during the gold rush had been uncovered in Switzerland and it had been decided to bring his story to life on film

The man had lived and mined in the Daylesford/Hepburn area during the late 1800s, where there had been a strong Swiss presence. The crew had already spent some time conducting research there, but as there are unfortunately few relics and remnants of mining activity left in the area, they were keen to view and photograph items similar to those used by the miner, attempting to gain more of an insight into his life.

Dunolly's extensive collection is well-known throughout historical circles, so it was the obvious choice for the crew to visit. A representative from Daylesford & District Historical Society accompanied them and who, at times, became a useful interpreter, due to their somewhat broken English - thankfully they were able to lapse into the Italian language with him from time to time.

As they had originated from the part of Switzerland adjacent to Italy, they were also keen to make some connection with names of Italians who had migrated to Victoria during the Gold Rush and in particular, the old family names from the Dunolly area, as mentioned throughout the Museum. They were even quite delighted by the fact that many of those family names continue in the town to this day.

The crew were overjoyed to be able to both hold and film the replica nuggets, including that of the Welcome Stranger and of the most recent large nugget, found last year in the Dunolly area. Whilst most of the crew spent the day at the Museum, at the same time, another cameraman was roaming some of the surrounding area, rich with mining history, to add further dimensions to their film.Our thanks go to Chris Simmins, another member and volunteer, who has allowed us the use of his photos taken on the day. We eagerly anticipate receiving a copy of the film at a future date.

Jenny Scott.



Photos kindly provided by Chris Simmins. John Tully has given permission to use photos of the Museum