

# The Welcome Record



## Dunolly Residential Facility welcomes newest residents

The introduction of chickens to Maryborough District Health Services Residential Facilities has gone off without a hitch, Wattle Rise was the first to celebrate the new residents, followed by Dunolly on Monday 23rd September.

The residents have been involved in the process from planning, naming the chickens and the coop to placing of the chooks into their prestigious new home.

The chickens officially became residents of 'The Castle', which was the name selected as part of a resident competition won by resident Judy. The new residents of The Castle are Dixie, Beatrice, Charlotte, Vampire, Daisy and Henrietta.

Lifestyle assistant Narelle Harrison said "The introduction of some animals has been discussed for some time, as many residents know I'm a pretty passionate chook person, so I said let's do it."

Director of Clinical Services Nickola Allan said it is a fantastic initiative, to see the joy it brings to residents is wonderful. MDHS appreciates all generous donations, it was terrific to have Lorraine Parker from Maryborough Lions Club at the event to donate \$250 and resident and friend Margaret and Bob donated \$100 towards the chicken project.

Tara Cramer  
MDHS Media



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I went to the commissioning of the Chook Castle at the Nursing Home today. There were a good number of people present. Six little chooks — most of them silkies, were given by Narelle. There was also a little black hen and her (I think) six chickens, in a little yard. Very cute. The chooks were multi-coloured — white; speckled, beige and a lovely aqua-blue. Once they were encouraged to come out of their new home, they took no time to get stuck into the nice fresh green grass in their front yard.

Strange things are coming in the mail to encourage one to donate to worthy causes. I have received cards, pens, stickers and the latest was a pair of blue socks.

We seem to have a minor invasion of click beetles lately. There are usually a few in the house every morning. I do sweep them up very carefully, but every so often I hear a small crunch as I walk around the house. I really admire their athletic ability at high jumping.

A really good way to make those short heavy rains we have been getting lately go away is to race out and put your pot plants out for a drink of fresh water. Works nearly every time.

I have a really nice healthy crop of sweet peas spread all through the front garden and they keep coming up. Last year I saved seeds from the plants that I had grown, put them in an envelope and left it on the table on the verandah. The envelope got wet and dissolved, then the wind blew it away. Obviously the seeds landed all over the place and with no care at all, have obeyed the call of Spring and shot. They are doing very nicely.

There is a very nice set of Blue Poles at the remodelled Red Cross gardens up near the hospital .

Rosie

I found these quotes from a book by Roger Goffe of children's sayings in a 1981 Family Circle magazine from the OpShop .

**KIDS STUFF**

Mum and Dad spent ages teaching me to walk and talk, and now I go to school the teacher is always telling me to shut up and sit down.

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Dear Rosie,  
 May I add a 21st century slant on your KIDS STUFF — from FaceBook Signs to Emoji faces.

The Editor



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 **LETTERS TO EDITOR**

Dear Editor

The Dunolly Recreation Reserves Committee (DRRCoM) is a community committee of management on behalf of the Department of Land Water and Planning (DELWP). The committee is responsible for the Deledio Reserve, The Dredge Hole and the land surrounding it, Dunolly Public Park and the Dunolly Racecourse.

Last week a committee member was advised that belladonna lilies had been planted around the Dredge Hole. I have no doubt that whoever planted them, thought they were beautifying the area. Perhaps they were not aware that belladonna lilies are regarded as a weed. Consequently, they have been removed.

DRRCoM welcomes anyone who wishes to assist in the management of these important public spaces in Dunolly. Please contact the Chair on 0438 168 634 before taking action.

Marion Da Costa

**A**  **Story**



Peter and Thang Beazley make a great market-team with their stalls — Peter’s homemade sauces, pickles and jams (when fruit is in season) and Thang’s toys, small things and busking, showcasing his talent and commitment.

Peter who now lives within the township of Dunolly, spent many years living in the bush. He started experimenting with jams, sauces and pickles about two years ago, putting his own flair into the ingredients. When a customer asked for a hotter sauce Peter obliged, receiving good feedback that the extra chilli made the difference. Another customer commented that they could not eat the pickles due to being a diabetic. It was not long before a newer product appeared on the trading table — pickles made with Stevia (a natural sugar substitute) in lieu of sugar. This customer was delighted.

10-year-old Thang loves his music and plays his instrument with flair and is happy for any coins going towards, whatever 10-year-olds like to buy.

Marilyn Goldie

For those who may not be familiar with Stevia .... Stevia (/ˈstiːvi.ə, ˈstvi.ə/) is a sweetener and sugar substitute derived from the leaves of the plant species *Stevia rebaudiana*, native to Brazil and Paraguay. The active compounds are steviol glycosides (mainly stevioside and rebaudioside), which have 30 to 150 times the sweetness of sugar, are heat-stable, pH-stable, and not fermentable. The body does not metabolise the glycosides in stevia, so it contains zero calories like some artificial sweeteners. Stevia’s taste has a slower onset and longer duration than that of sugar, and some of its extracts may have a bitter or liquorice-like aftertaste at high concentrations. [Wikipedia/Google search.](#)

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### Shire-wide literacy strategy

Council has had conversations with 255 members of the community for their thoughts on literacy throughout the Shire, and what measures could be taken to improve literacy skills.

We want to tell you what we've heard and seek some feedback on what you think is important.

This information will form the basis of the Shire-wide literacy strategy and will tell us where to start, where to seek funding and what we can do together to implement the literacy strategy.

A series of posters will be displayed at the Maryborough Library, Dunolly Library and Talbot Library. These will be displayed for two weeks, from today until Friday 4th October. Community members are invited to provide visual feedback on the posters.

This will then inform us on what is important for the community.

For any queries please contact Maree Stephenson, Library Services Coordinator on :

[marees@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:marees@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au) or Tel: 5461 1950.

### Library supporting Penguin Foundation

The Maryborough Regional Library is throwing its support behind the Penguin Foundation which collects knitted jumpers for fairy penguins on Phillip Island.

The Library is calling on knitters to knit little jumpers for the penguins, which help protect them from oil pollution.

If you would like to knit a jumper for fairy penguins, contact the Library on Tel: 5461 1950 or visit [www.penguinfoundation.org.au](http://www.penguinfoundation.org.au)

### School holiday program

We have great events lined up at the Maryborough Regional Library and Central Goldfields Art Gallery along with activities with Engage! Youth and FReeZA.

For a full list of events and activities, visit :

[www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/septemberschoolholidayprogram](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/septemberschoolholidayprogram)

### Planning Scheme Review drop-in sessions

Council is undertaking a periodic review of the Central Goldfields Planning Scheme.

The Planning Scheme affects everyone who lives and works in Central Goldfields as it sets out how and where people can develop and use land in the Shire. The review will identify ways to make the Planning Scheme more up to date, useable and effective.

A public drop-in session is being held to provide an opportunity for community members to get more information and discuss how to participate in the review process. Please feel welcome to attend at any time during the session.

Where: Maryborough Regional Library, 91 Nolan Street Maryborough, on Wednesday 2nd October, 4pm to 7pm.

The current Planning Scheme can be viewed at :

[www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/planningscheme](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/planningscheme)

Feedback can be submitted until Friday 1st November, 2019. For more information, contact Strategic Planner Amy Bell on 5461 0685.

### Submissions now open for 2019 community exhibition

The Central Goldfields Art Gallery's popular Community Art and Craft exhibition is returning in 2019 and submissions are now open.

The annual exhibition, to go on show from 2 November to 24 November, is an opportunity for local community members to exhibit their artwork at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery.

Any type of art and/or craft is able to be entered into the exhibition and all residents in the Central Goldfields Shire and the Avoca region are welcome to take part.

Due to the popularity of visitors voting for their favourite artwork or craft, this year the Central Goldfields Art Gallery will award \$100 to the winner of the People's Choice Award.

The non-acquisitive prize winner will be revealed at the end of the exhibition on Sunday 24th November.

In an exciting addition to the exhibition, the Maryborough Craft Shop is sponsoring prizes for primary and secondary school students' artwork with \$50 to be awarded to the first prize winner, \$30 to second place and \$20 to third place.

All students attending a school within the Central Goldfields Shire are eligible for entry.

Central Goldfields Shire Chief Administrator Noel Harvey said, "The Community Art and Craft Exhibition is the perfect way to celebrate our local artists and those just new to their craft and it is a golden opportunity for them to display their work in a professional art setting. We have many talented community members in our Shire and I look forward to seeing many entries."

Contributions from all ages are encouraged and any type of art and craft is welcome to be entered, while final selection is at the discretion of the Gallery.

Art and craft work may be woodwork, spinning and weaving, knitting, photography, painting, drawing, quilts or any other form of artistic medium.

Entry forms are available from:

[www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/exhibitionsandevents](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/exhibitionsandevents)

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

- Prep – Emily Parker
- Year 1/2 – Kimberlie Holliday
- Year 3/4 H – Aisling Eddy & Kobey Skilling
- Year 3/4 M – Nicholas Soulsby
- Year 5/6 – Isaac Scott & Cooper Willoughby
- Principal's – Lexi Holliday

**Prep/1/2 visit to the Dunolly Library**



**Athletic sports**

Congratulations to our awesome students who all achieved great success at the Bendigo Athletics.

- ◆ Charmaine was 3rd in 200m and 2nd in long jump.
- ◆ Chloe was 3rd in shot-put.
- ◆ William was 3rd in 800m and 3rd in discus. Charlotte L was 2nd in triple jump.
- ◆ Eden was 3rd in triple jump and 3rd in shot-put.
- ◆ Ruby was 3rd in long jump.
- ◆ Jayden was 2nd in triple jump.

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### Heritage Fruit Tree Register



There will be an information session by Paul from the Grampians Waste Resource Recovery Group at the Arts Hub

on Tuesday the 8th October 1pm. Paul is very keen to set up a Heritage Fruit tree register for this area. If you have an old fruit tree in your garden, know where there is a tree, or would like some information regarding this great initiative, you need to attend this session. Bring a branch, piece of the wood, a leaf or photo of your tree and Paul will identify it (or try to) and get the ball rolling.

Thanks goes out to all the folk who attended the Craft Supplies Sale on Saturday especially the CFA crew who braved awful weather to set up their BBQ.

### Heritage Tree Register

Paul Lehmann from Grampians Recovery and Waste Management is coming to the Arts Hub to plan out how we will move forward as a community in setting up the heritage fruit tree register for this area. If you have a old fruit tree maybe you could bring foliage samples and seeds or nuts, photos and we can start the process, which will probably include a further visit from Paul to visit some of the trees that are registered. The informal workshop is on Tuesday 8th October 1pm.

### 3rd and 4th November

### Art and Photography Show

This show is open to amateur artists and photographers, there is a limit of three pieces. They must be framed and have hanging wire or alternately put on a backing board. If the work is large we need prior notice so we can accommodate the hang,. The entry fee is \$5 per item, there will be prizes and a people's choice award. All entry forms will be put on line on Facebook page or available at the Neighbourhood Centre closer to the event. We can also email out your entry form and you can pay entry fee on drop off day. Please direct all enquiries to Lynda 0418875453.

### Saturday 23rd November

### Dunolly Town Wide Garage Sale

It is that time of the year again, so if you have to clear out or declutter, maybe you just need to get rid of all the gear clogging up your shed, whatever the reason, help is on it's way. This sale always gets folk to town to buy, so start stockpiling. Kits etc. will be available closer to the date but pop this one on the calendar.

### Weekly

Mosaics on Mondays 10-12

Art Group on Wednesdays 10-3

Tai Chi Tuesdays and Thursdays

If you have any questions or an idea for an event please ring or text Lynda 0418875453 or follow us on Facebook Dunolly Arts Hub. Lynda Vater

### Garden Club

The Whispering Weeders are going to Lambley Nursery in Ascot on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**“Lambley’s complex of gardens are an inspiration to visitors and a must-see for anyone planning a garden in the Australian climate”.**

This is a carpool trip, leaving the centre at 10am. Bring or buy lunch.



Vegetable and Flower Cutting Garden



### Whole Town Garage Sale

Clean out your shed, do some decluttering, get rid of stuff and register for our Whole Town Garage Sale. on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> on November.

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### Tarnagulla Country Café

Since August 2019, local chef Justine has been putting Tarnagulla on the foodies' map by serving up her own

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Attracting visitors and locals alike, Justine and her small team prepare freshly baked pies, pasties, sausage rolls, focaccias, lasagne and soup six days a week. Sandwiches and rolls are made up on site from local bread and there is a full range of drinks; including coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cold drinks on offer.

If the aroma of fresh coffee isn't enough to entice the hungry traveller in, the homemade cakes and slices will seal the deal, with Justine's current favourite being raspberry and white chocolate brownies.

Justine's welcoming café has already proved to be a popular meeting place with locals. The café recently offered a special Fathers' Day event and has plans for other popular occasions such as an AFL Grand Final barbeque with the match played on the big screen, as well as special events for Halloween and the Melbourne Cup.

Justine brings a wealth of experience to this venture, including time worked in Melbourne restaurants, as well as the award-winning Tooborac Hotel in Tooborac and the iconic Shamrock Hotel in Bendigo.



She knows how to make her patrons feel at home by providing a welcoming country atmosphere teamed with wholesome stylish food. The Tarnagulla Country Café has combined country hospitality with city experience and the locals are reaping the benefits.

Loddon Shire Media Release



### Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary community update

If WR readers have recently been to the doctor or to Dunolly Hospital, you could not miss the developments at the Red Cross garden site. The Tuscan gravel is spread, the Dunolly gravel path is laid, nearly all the plants are in, including the ornamental grapevines along the path, and the arched frame over the walkway is in place. The wrought iron curlicues on the end arches are retained from the original structure. With regular watering and minimal maintenance, in a few years the garden will offer summer shade, winter sun and seasonal colour. Sourcing a couple of solid and comfortable garden benches is the next challenge.

There's an opportunity to take a look at the Red Cross Garden on Monday, 7th October, when the Women's Health Clinic is launched. This clinic will operate fortnightly and be staffed by a Nurse Practitioner from MDHS. All community members are invited to the opening at 11.30am, but please RSVP to Tara Cramer at MDHS by email: [tcramer@mdhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:tcramer@mdhs.vic.gov.au) or phone 5461 0301

Preceding the launch of the Women's Health Clinic, the Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary is conducting our Annual General Meeting at 11.00am in what was the Planned Activities Group room. Community members are cordially invited to join us for the AGM.

### A brief update on the Independent Living Units Project

The findings of the Feasibility Report published last year form the basis for the lobbying and presentations that Auxiliary members have undertaken to attempt to persuade State and Federal governments and the Community Housing sector that building a cluster of Independent Living Units in our community for older, frailer community members makes good social, health and economic sense.

This is now a very collaborative project between the Auxiliary, MDHS and Central Goldfields Shire Council. We have been searching for a successful 'shared equity' approach in which a major proportion of residents are tenants and a smaller number contribute capital or 'buy in' to the project. A recent meeting with Women's Housing Initiatives in Melbourne introduced us to one of their projects that is approved to operate in this way. We are intensifying our lobbying of a few community housing organisations and the Department of Housing to at least consider the Dunolly Project as a trial for rural communities.

Fiona Lindsay  
President

Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary



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North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) has advised that the western levee needs to be completed at Carisbrook before the flood register will be updated and insurance companies may reassess premiums.

CGR&RAI have written to Chief Inspector David Wolf of the Inspectorate asking he visit Maryborough and meet with the community to explain why the decision was taken to dismiss the councillors. There has been a lot of community anger over this. We are waiting for a response.

Members of the public asked CGR&RAI write to council and request a reassessment and review of the decision to deregister the Maryborough Aerodrome and have it downgraded to an Aircraft Landing Area. This has been done with a number of questions submitted. CGR&RAI has requested all responses be in writing, and there is a meeting scheduled with Snr Administrator Noel Harvey on 2 Oct 2019.

Our next meeting will be held in Maryborough, Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm at the Community Hub, Burns Street. Everyone is welcome, you do not have to be a member to attend. Come and have your say and help us to make a difference in the community. As usual, we will be addressing various issues at the meeting, so if you would like us to bring any of your concerns to Council's notice, please let us know.

Please address any questions to :

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**Emu**

5.30pm, 4th Sunday of the month

**Bealiba St. David's**

8.00am Mass 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

**Catholic Church Services:**

**Dunolly, St. Mary's**

No Mass this Sunday 29th September.

8.30 Assembly, 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

8.30 Mass, 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

**Bealiba, St. Patrick's**

8.30am Mass, 5th Sunday of the month

**Uniting Church Services:**

**Dunolly**

10am Sunday 29th September — Anne Kelsall will lead the service.

**Catholic Church**

We welcomed Fr. John back from Scotland at Mass on Sunday — kilt and all.

Mass and Assembly will continue as for the last few weeks until further notice.

If you are very quick, you may still be able to get a Columban calendar. They are in short supply this year.

Feast of St. Vincent de Paul Mass on Friday 27th September at 12 noon.

Palms Australia Missions are seeking volunteers for overseas work. Contact Monday to Friday on 02 9560 5333 or email at [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au)

No Mass in Dunolly this Sunday. Mass is at St. Patrick's, Bealiba at 8.30 am on Sunday 29th September.

R Mecedry

*Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

Ps 11 12: 1-2

**Uniting Church**

On Sunday 29th September Anne Kelsall will lead us in service at 10am. Afterwards we are having a BBQ for the Frontier Services. This is open to everyone who would like to come.

After the BBQ, which should start about 11.30am, Rev Bruce Gallacher will be speaking to us on his time up north as a minister for the Frontier service. Would all church members please bring a salad or cut up fruit to go into the fruit salad for the sweets.

Brunswick Uniting Church has let us know they have a Student House for all young country people moving to Melbourne for tertiary study next year. This is affordable safe housing close to university and public transport in Melbourne inner-north. If you are interested for more information visit the website:

[brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au/student.house.program](http://brunswick.unitingchurch.org.au/student.house.program) or contact our student house support worker David Hall on: [studenthousebuc@gmail.com](mailto:studenthousebuc@gmail.com)

The Op-shop is having a sale on at the moment with \$5. bag for all winter clothes. Come in and see for yourself what wonderful things we have.

Jean Richardson.



The Op Shop is open on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 2pm  
Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 4pm

**St John's Church**

There will be a Pop Up Op Shop held at Christ the King, Maryborough from Thursday 10th October to Saturday 12th October.

There will be only one service in the Parish this Sunday 29th September. It will be held at St Michael and All Angels, Talbot at 10.30am.

Trina Kay

**Scripture Verse of the Week**

*You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.*

2 Corinthians 8:9

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## MOVIE REVIEW

"Downton Abbey the Movie" portrays the wonderfully decadent "upstairs, downstairs" world of Julian Fellowes' imagination.

Masters and servants live in harmony and are costumed beautifully; and nobody stays permanently unhappy. We don't necessarily want to live in Downton Abbey — it's draughty, the hot water comes and goes — but we want to live in the idea of it as much as ever. The pile that in reality is Highclere Castle is a spectacular backdrop to the movie.

There's a letter! Dispatched in the opening frame from Buckingham Palace, travelling by train, van and motorcycle to the back door of the Abbey. Of course, if you've watched any of the teasers, you know what's happening: The King and Queen are coming to stay! "I don't like kings," says Daisy. Although the year is now 1927, Daisy is still the adorable wet blanket she has always been.

In Fellowes' world, servants are the most devoted monarchists of all. The Downton staff react to the idea that they must stand aside in their own home and allow the king and queen to be served by palace retainers, with a revolution. The enemy incursion includes a snooty French chef and a loathsome butler.

Best scene: Molesley the footman, so overcome by his proximity to royalty that he contorts himself into the world's most tortured curtsy.

Best line: Asked whether she dislikes the notion of Tom corresponding with Miss Smith, Violet, eyes ever on the prize, purrs: "Dislike it? I will lick the stamps myself."

Esmé Flett

<https://www.travelingmom.com/destinations-international/remember-downton-abbey-visit-highclere-castle-england/>



Remember Downton Abbey?  
This is the real deal — Highclere Castle in England.  
Mr Carson, from the show, standing on the lawns of the abbey.

Source: below the review.

## Cookery Corner

### Madeira Cake

This is the cake you're likely to spot on a side table at the Crawley family's afternoon tea on "Downton Abbey." Madeira cake, named after the fortified Portuguese wine with which it was often paired, was a favourite throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. We can see why: It has a delicate citrus flavour and a tender crumb that holds together well enough to not mar a beautiful dress. Dusting the pan with sugar instead of flour gives a slightly crunchy exterior. Feel free to swap in orange or lime zest for the lemon.



Servings: 8 to 10

#### Ingredients:

1 cup (125 grams) flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
3 large eggs  
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons (170 grams) sugar, plus more for the pan  
8 tablespoons (1 stick/113 grams) unsalted butter, melted and cooled, plus more, at room temperature, for the pan  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Finely grated lemon zest from 1 large lemon (about one tablespoon)

#### Step 1

Preheat the oven to 180°F with the rack in the middle. Grease an 8½ x 4½ inch loaf pan (21cm x 11cm), then lightly coat with sugar, tapping out the excess.

#### Step 2

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, lemon zest and baking powder. Beat the eggs in the bowl of a stand mixer or handheld electric mixer on medium-high speed, until thick, pale yellow and creamy, three to five minutes. Gradually beat in the sugar until thoroughly combined, followed by the melted butter and vanilla. Carefully fold in the flour mixture just until combined, taking care not to deflate the egg mixture. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the top.

#### Step 3

Get the pan into the oven quickly, before the eggs have a chance to collapse. Bake for about 35 minutes, until the top of the cake is a rich golden brown and the sides have just started pulling away from the pan. (The cake will not rise to the top of the pan.) A skewer inserted into the centre of the cake should come out clean.

#### Step 4

Let cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes, then carefully turn the cake out onto the rack (a round-edge knife can help loosen it, if necessary), turn the cake upright and let cool completely before serving.

Adapted from "[The Official Downton Abbey Cookbook](#)" by Annie Gray (Weldon Owen, 2019).



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# Probud News

A delightful trio of speakers had us all enthralled with capers at our September meeting. Robert and Heather Cooper and John Richardson introduced us to tasty ways for the use of their magnificent capers crop. It was an upside down meeting with the speakers commencing first as they had another appointment — so we got to taste all the delicious delicacies that Heather created at morning tea, as well as relishing the super aromas from her cooking.

When Robert and Heather bought the Bealiba Railway Station they contemplated a crop and olives didn't turn out to be a good choice because of the water required. While capers are a desert plant mainly grown in Spain, Morocco and Turkey at ground level so needing to be washed, brilliant Coopers were not only impressed that once produce is picked, processed and marketed, the bushes are cut back to ground level in winter there is no worries with frosts. Also, why grow them on the ground making it painstaking to pick when they could be grown in bottomless pots above ground; they are tap rooted down to two metres seeking water. They are the only producers growing this way. There are two other Victorian growers one in Amphitheatre and the other in Mansfield. A dripper to each pot is very economical. A fish fertiliser sprayed from the tractor must be continuously fed during the growing months for good production.

Capers are coming on now it is spring and produce very quickly — watch them grow! By the end of November they start picking and keep up the watering and spraying. Bushes grow to two metres in diameter. When the buds are picked early in the day, they are delicately felt and if soft left to flower, only the firm ones are picked and processed. The exquisite flower akin to a passionfruit bloom only lasts a day. The stamen from the flower is later picked and salted in brine.

Picking is done early to avoid heat and softness. If a caterpillar gets inside the berry they are removed by hand and squashed — a time consuming job. Leaves are picked young and placed in brine. They are delicious cooked with silverside, brisket, etc. Also dried caper leaves are used.

Sorting and packaging is done in the Bealiba church hall. where they are graded through three sieve sizes after being picked from the paddock into large buckets. It takes three hours to pick one kilogram of buds and produce about 200 kilos per annum. Berries produce about 400 kilos per annum.

Now I have only enjoyed capers tossed into my salads. After their explanations, demonstrations and capers for sale, I was the first to step up with my \$5 to purchase caper buds, reduced from their market price of \$8. I tossed some into my soup, yumbo — as John described to me the Singaporeans love them because they taste like mustard without the heat. I'm loving them, especially their anti-oxidant qualities.

It was difficult getting back to business after all that beautiful food tasting and my special birthday cake and excitement. Our next bus trip to Flemington Racecourse clashes with our bowls players match on Friday 4th October, so we have two spare seats if anyone would like to come along with us — contact Faye Nicholson on 0419 928 514.

Another delightful lunch and companionship was enjoyed at Eddington in September.

Isobel Hawksley advised that our next Dine Out is not until February, as in November our meeting will be followed by lunch at the Railway Hotel.

In December we have our own Christmas party in the Senior Citizens' Hall and we are looking forward to the *D Sharps* entertaining us again.

**Bowls** — Warracknabeal on Friday 4th October; Stawell Thursday 24th October; Nhill Thursday 7th November. Good luck, have fun and enjoy all matches.

Our speaker in October will be Joy Turner's nephew explaining how to grow and look after Bonsai plants.

Jan Watts passed around her magnificent box of medals from the CFA which she received for her 25 years service. Congratulations Jan; what a wonderful effort and to all the others receiving their long service awards. Proud of you all.

Probud is running the next Car Boot Sale at the Uniting Church on Saturday 12th October; Jan asked all members to bring along things for us to sell — cakes, etc. plants, books — have a cupboard clean out!

Another Octogenarian — I'm 'OVER (bleep) EIGHTY! I am looking forward to my 18st [oops typo!] orbit around our sun . . . never too old to dream.

Thanks to Jason Stewart for his excellent Tai Chi tuition; Susie Oh for her wonderfully healthy oils and advice and Jenny Bacon for introducing me to Tai Chi so many years ago.

I go along with Samantha Armytage's Stellar Saturday column . . . "It's September. Spring has sprung and that means... it's Virgo season. Perhaps it's because everyone I know (including me) has parents who drank too much at Christmas. But almost everyone I know was born around nine months later — and that time is now." It's a lucky thing really. Ask any Virgo and they'll tell you the planet couldn't survive without the style, grace organisational skills and um, modesty of those born under this star sign. And I had my own turn around the sun recently, which always brings a bit of quiet introspection. But the thing about the sun is it gives you wrinkles.

So what's a girl to do when she's ageing and wrinkling but also getting pimples and inside her head, thinking she's still 18?"

Carolyn Butler  
Publicity Officer



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Community Group	Venue	Date / Times
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Bealiba CWA	Bealiba Hall	3rd Thursday monthly 1pm
Bealiba Line Dancing	Bealiba Hall	Every Tuesday 7pm - 9pm
Bealiba Playgroup	Primary School—school terms	Every Friday from 10am to 11am
Bealiba Progress Association	Bealiba Hall	2nd Monday monthly 7.30pm
Bealiba Indoor Carpet Bowls	Bealiba Hall	Every Thursday night 7.30pm
CG Ratepayers Association Inc	Various locations - TBA	1st Tuesday monthly - 7.30pm
Community Bus to Maryborough	RTC side street	Friday 10am leaves - For return trip call 5468 1205
Dunolly and District Probus Club	Senior Citizens Hall	3rd Thursday monthly 10am
Dunolly and District Inc.	Dunolly Town Hall	2nd Wednesday monthly 5pm
Dunolly Community Garden	Pre-school Maude Street	Mondays 5pm-7pm daylight saving. Mondays 2pm-4pm Autumn/Winter
Dunolly Community Market	Broadway (Main Street)	2nd Sunday monthly 9am to 1.30pm
Dunolly CWA	SES rooms	1st Wednesday monthly 1.30pm
Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary	PAG Room	1st Monday monthly at 10am
Dunolly Field and Game	SES shed	1st Wednesday monthly 7.30pm
Dunolly Fire Brigade	Fire Station	3rd Monday monthly 7.30pm
Dunolly Historic Precinct Committee	own Hall	4th Monday monthly 1pm
Dunolly Karate Club	Dunolly RSL Hall	Mondays 5.30-6.30pm and 6.30-7.30pm Pee Wee/Junior/Senior (7+ years)
Dunolly Masonic Lodge	Masonic Lodge Havelock Street	3rd Monday monthly at 7.30pm
Dunolly Museum	75 Broadway	3rd Monday monthly 2pm. For website Google: Dunolly Museum Site
Dunolly Neighbourhood Watch	CFA rooms	3rd Wednesday monthly 10am
Dunolly Ninjas Program	Dunolly RSL Hall	Mondays from 5pm (4 to 6 years old)
Dunolly Planned Activities Group	Call 5468 2907	Tuesday and Thursdays 10.30am to 2.30pm
Dunolly RSL	RSL Hall Dunolly	2nd Tuesday monthly - 7pm
Dunolly Senior Citizens Meeting	Senior Citizens Hall	1st Monday monthly 10am
DSC Card Playing	Senior Citizens Hall	Each Tuesday at 1.30pm
DSC Carpet Bowls	Senior Citizens Hall	Each Monday 1.30pm
DSC Luncheon	Senior Citizens Hall	3rd Wednesday monthly 12.30pm
Dunolly Social Cyclists	Call Neville for info: 5468 7295	Meet fortnightly
Dunolly Supported Playgroup	Dunolly Preschool	Wednesday 9.30am to 11.30am
Dunolly Unit Vic SES	SES rooms	3rd Tuesday monthly 6.30pm. Training every other Tuesday
Golden Triangle Archers	Behind Deledio Reserve	4th Sunday monthly 10am
Maryborough Lions Club Market	Alma and Nolan Streets, Maryborough	1st Sunday monthly 8am - 1pm
Maryborough Pigeon Fanciers Inc.	Poultry Pavilion, M&DAS 337 Bucknall Street, Carisbrook	1st Tuesday monthly 7.30pm Between February and November
Mother Goose Program	Dunolly Primary School	Every Friday during school term 9.30-10.30am
Newbridge CWA	Newbridge Hall	3rd Tuesday monthly 1.30pm
Old Time Dancing	Anglican Hall, Barkly St Dunolly	7.30pm Mondays
PMAV	Maryborough Highland Club	3rd Tuesday monthly, 7.30pm
Red Hat Society	Ripples On The Res	2nd Thursday of the month, 11.30am
Tai Chi and Win Chun	Dunolly Arts Hub	Tuesdays at 10am and 7pm; Thursday 10am
Talbot Farmers Market	Talbot streets	3rd Sunday monthly 9am to 1pm
Tarnagulla Action Group	Community Centre	3rd Monday monthly 7.30pm
Tarnagulla Playgroup	Behind the Tarnagulla Hall	Thursday 10.30am-12 noon
Tarnagulla Senior Citizens	Victoria Hall	1st and 3rd Monday monthly, 11am-12.30pm
The Welcome Record Committee	TWR Office	2nd Monday monthly, 1pm

## Put These On Your Calendar for September and October 2019

Saturday 28th	5pm	Groove Dudes live at the Empire State Hotel — Inglewood
Sunday 29th	10.30am	Dunolly and District Field and Games — 100 targets simulated sporting clays. Southern end of Loddon Shire.
Monday 30th	10am	Whispering Weeders visit to Lambley's complex — Ascot
<b>October 2019</b>		
Tuesday 1st	10.30am	Anyone for Coffee? Meet at Dunolly Bistro and Bar — Broadway
Tuesday 1st	7.30pm	Central Goldfields, Ratepayers and Residents meeting — Maryborough Community Hub
Sunday 6th	2pm	Groove Dudes live at Railway Hotel — Dunolly Meals available
Sunday 6th	12noon	Dunolly and District Field and Games — Come and try day. Adults and juniors (12 years and older). Southern end of Loddon Shire.



### Just for Laughs

While sitting down, lift your right foot off the floor and make clock-wise circles.

Now, while doing this, draw a number '6' in the air with your right hand.

Your foot will change direction — and there is nothing you can do about it!

Compliments of Newcombe Combined Probus Club

From John Grover's Little book of quotes, recipes and stories from many Probus meetings around Victoria.



# MAYORAL COLUMN

## Roadside vegetation

Last week we looked at obligations regarding native vegetation on private property, so it is timely this week to also look at what is involved with local roadsides. Importantly, you must contact Loddon Shire Council before undertaking an activity concerning roadsides.

Council manages 4,800 kilometres of local road and reserves in Loddon Shire. This includes maintaining a safe road network and providing access as well as protecting biodiversity and heritage assets.

Work on roadside reserves includes such things as tree planting or removal, structures on nature strips or reserves, vehicle crossing construction and modification. A permit must be obtained before any works are undertaken.

We must also remember that collection of firewood along roadsides has not been permitted in Loddon Shire since 2015. This is not only to protect the environmental value of habitats but also because of the inherent risk of the activity. Conducting unauthorised works within Council's road reserves can attract penalties of up to \$1500.

Some roads are managed by VicRoads and some activities are subject to Victorian or Federal legislation. Since different permits may be required for different activities, it is always best to check. Call Council on 5494 1200 or email [Loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au](mailto:Loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au)

## Thunderstorm asthma

Grass pollen season (1st October to 31st December) brings a seasonal increase in asthma and hay fever. It also brings the chance of epidemic thunderstorm asthma. Thunderstorm asthma is thought to be triggered by a unique combination of high amounts of grass pollen in the air and a certain type of thunderstorm. For people who have asthma or hay fever this can trigger severe asthma symptoms.

Resources are available from the Victorian Government's Better Health website which includes information in many languages, to ensure that everyone can understand the dangers and be prepared. Visit <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstormasthma> or for general information about managing asthma visit <https://asthma.org.au/>

## Australia Day Awards

The Australia Day Awards celebrate the achievements and contributions made by outstanding members of our community who, through their efforts make us feel proud to be Australian.

Nominations are now open for Australia Day 2020 and include Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year, Community Services and Community Group/Event of the Year.

This is an opportunity for people or groups in our community to be recognised for the significant contribution they make for the benefit of others.

Full details and eligibility criteria may be found on the Council's website:

[www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Live/Ceremonies/Australia-Day](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Live/Ceremonies/Australia-Day) or by contacting Council on 5494 1200.

## Be prepared for fire season

Now that the weather has started to warm up and the days are getting longer, it is time to start preparing our properties for the summer ahead by identifying and managing fire risks.

Council will also be taking steps to prepare for the approaching fire season by turning its attention to roadside slashing to reduce roadside fuel and mowing firebreaks in township areas.

Residents have a part to play by clearing long grass, leaves and branches, undergrowth and vegetation, ensuring gutters are clear and removing rubbish and other flammable material lying around their properties. It is also a good idea to remove anything that provides a haven for vermin or snakes which become more active at this time of year. You can find out more about how to make your property fire safe and prepare fire plans by visiting:

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From Loddon Shire Mayoral Column  
23rd September 2019.



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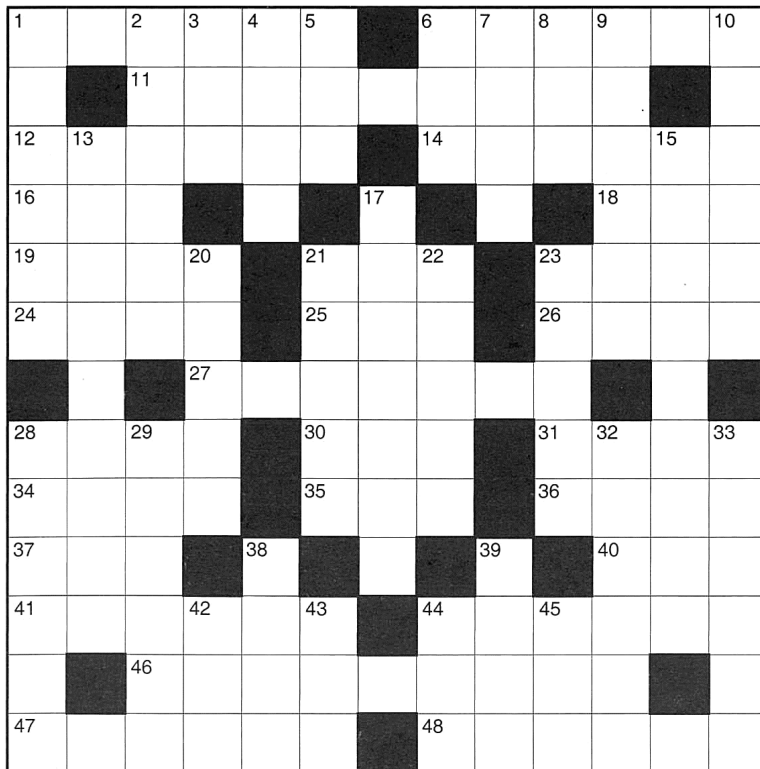
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| 36. Group of three               | 29. Division of land into areas designated as residential, commercial and industrial, eg. | 38. Former Archbishop of South Africa, Desmond _____ | 43. Habitual drunkard             |
| 37. The 'O' of 'BYO'             | 32. Sculptor, eg.   | 39. That under which a sock may be worn              | 44. Drink slowly                  |
| 40. Moreover                     |   |  | 45. Eventually, in the long _____ |
| 41. Strong dislike               |   |  |                                   |
| 44. To reduce in size            |   |  |                                   |
| 46. Famous for a bad quality     |   |  |                                   |
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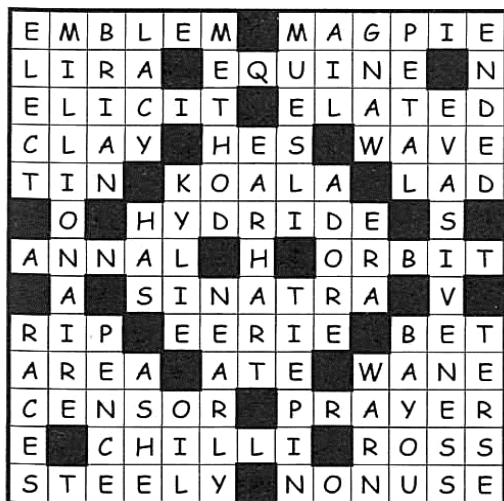
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6. Hard dark volcanic rock
11. Green vegetable
12. A dazed state
14. Tenant
16. Molecule with electric charge
18. Type of deer
19. Pipe or tube for liquid conveyance
21. Place in barn for storing hay or grain
23. Shady plant
24. To bounce (of sound)
25. Possessed by us
26. Begrudge
27. Business of arranging travel
28. Heavy timber-cutting tool
30. Egg of small insect
31. Route
34. Period of strong economic growth

**Down**

1. Dwell (at)
2. Prominent belly
3. Variety of cobra
4. Detect visually
5. Dark viscid liquid
6. Offshore ridge (of sand, eg.)
7. Epochs
8. Star of solar system
9. At or towards rear of ship
10. Country in Asia and Europe
13. Moment when spacecraft lands
15. One aspect of building, as shown on drawing (as in 'front \_\_\_\_\_')
17. Deliverer of letter or parcel
20. Pole carved with symbolic figures
21. A horse for riding
22. Compose (book, eg.)
23. To allure



**Solution No. 36**



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## AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Dunolly Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Monday 7th October at 10am in the PAG room at the hospital. Everyone interested will be welcomed.

R Mecredy, Secretary

## AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Dunolly Football Netball Club will be held at Deledio Reserve Monday 14th October, 2019 at 7pm. New members are welcome. For enquiries please contact the secretary on 0438 168 634.

## AGM

Notice is given of Annual General Meeting for *The Welcome Record* on Monday 14th October at 1pm at the Dunolly Town Hall.

All interested parties are welcome to attend.

TWR Committee

PLEASE NOTE: An error was made previously. The correct date is **14th October**.

## Lost

One walking stick lost near Dunolly Senior Citizens Hall on Wednesday 12th September.

Please return to Les Pike, thank you.

Phone 5468 1117



## Dunolly/Bealiba RSL Sub-Branch.

Letting every one know that the trailer of wood raffled by the RSL at the Car boot sale was won by Aileen Snibson from Ballarat.

A "big thank you" to Peter Daly for donating the wood and organising the delivery to Maryborough. Thanks to all who purchased tickets.

Lyn Gale.



## Dunolly Community Garden News

Netting works to start on Monday 30th September from 11am. If you would like to visit the community garden and meet us and check out the garden call in and say hi.

Veronica Palmer

## Numbers Up Bealiba Hall

The Bealiba Anglican Church Ladies are holding Numbers Up in Bealiba Hall on Monday 30th September, starting at 1:30pm. There will be a cake stall and afternoon tea.

Last month's winners were:

Competition — Jan Harper

Lucky Door — Wendy Chamings

Betty Lovel

## Anyone For Coffee?



All past members of the Craft Shop, and anyone else who would like to, are welcome to join us for coffee at Dunolly Bistro and Bar on Broadway.

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## 'Kangaroo Caddy' Report Sunday 22nd September 2019

There was excitement in the air for the worldwide debut of the 'Kangaroo Caddy' golf format at the Tarnagulla and District Golf Club.

The 'Kangaroo Caddy' golf format allows the golfers to re-take a certain number of shots depending on their handicap. The winner on the day is then the person with the lowest gross score.

This is an innovative golf format that rewards big hits and adventurous golfing. This meant that players were seen using 'fairway woods' when normally an iron would be the safer option. However, re-taking a shot does not always guarantee an improved shot. Many golfers soon found this out as after an errant tee shot they may re-take it to only hit it 'out of bounds'. Nevertheless, the 'Kangaroo Caddy' proved an absolute hit amongst the golfers and the smiles on their faces were evidence of their enjoyment.

The golf course was in immaculate condition. The fairways were lush and the sand scrapes played superbly. Many thanks to the many volunteers who help maintain the golf course throughout the year and prepare it for competition days.

Once the golfers finished their rounds they were rewarded with a fabulous assortment of treats for afternoon tea. A sincere thank you must go out to all those who helped with the delicious spread.

Club stalwart Pixie McNamee at 97 years young, did a fantastic job running the raffle. Lucky raffle winners were able to choose a prize from the amazing array donated by the very generous friends and volunteers of the golf club.

As the golfers were heard vibrantly recounting the best and worst shots, the scored cards were tallied. In the end there was only one stroke difference between first and second place. The winner, or 'Mob-Ruler' of the 'Kangaroo Caddy' was Dave Shay. In second place, or 'Roo-ners Up' was Liam Radich.

For the nearest to the pin prize, or 'Hopping Hotshot' held on the 3rd hole, Mick Radich was a standout. He hit a superb shot and led that award all day.

In contrast, the longest drive prize, or 'Biggest Bound', held on the 5th hole, changed several times throughout the day. However, Liam Radich managed to fight his tendencies to 'slice' it by sending a long drive down the fairway to take the prize.

### 'Kangaroo Caddy' Results

1st Place, 'Mob-Ruler', Dave Shay

2nd Place, 'Roo-ners Up', Liam Radich

Nearest to the Pin, 'Hopping Hotshot', Mick Radich

Longest Drive, 'Biggest Bound', Liam Radich

As the day finished, the golfers were getting excited about the golf club's next golf event. This will be the 'Three Club Monty' and will be held on Sunday 20th of October 2019. 12:30pm briefing and a 12:40pm shotgun start.

Mary McNamee



Bealiba Hall

A fun night was had with the Avoca Bias Bowls Club members visiting us. Four teams played with stiff competition. The result was a tied first place. The raffle was won by an Avoca player Jan Taylor. Thankyou to all who supplied the lovely supper. Our AGM will be held on November 14th 2019.

Pam Brightwell

TARNAGULLA & DISTRICT GOLF CLUB INC.

# THREE CLUB MONTY

*Sunday 20th October*  
*9 Holes - Singles Event*

12:30PM BRIEFING, 12:40PM SHOTGUN START  
ALL AGES WELCOME - PRIZES & RAFFLES  
CLUBS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST  
ENTRY \$15 PER PERSON OR  
FREE FOR 2019 TGC MEMBERS  
REGISTER AT LRAAD@MAIL.COM,  
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## DUNOLLY BOWLS

### Dunolly Bowling Club Inc. Barkly Street Dunolly Vic 3472 (03 5468 1143) Mid Week Pennant Teams

#### Dunolly Blue plays Highland Tartan at Highland

Loretta Parker	Heather Freemantle	Marg Davies
Jill Morse	Sandra Chaplin	Karen Stephens
Elaine Murphy	Greg Dobbin	Tony Galofaro
Alan Weir	Barry Cann	Alice Raven

**Manager:** Heather Freemantle  
**Emergency:** Wayne Stephens  
**Cars:** Greg Dobbin

#### Dunolly Gold plays Carisbrook at Carisbrook

Sheryl Howard	Heather Weir	Jenny Mc Hugh
Heather Cooper	Pam Harrison	Nancy Pike
Roy Pickering	Doris Spiteri	Jim Smith
Christine Kerr	Hannah Delcomte	Heather Davis

**Manager:** Jenny Mc Hugh  
**Emergency:** Jim Haig, Chris Williams  
**Cars:** Jenny Mc Hugh, Sheryl Howard

Cars leave at 8.45am  
**Roll up at 9.15**

# Dunolly CWA Fashion Parade held on Friday 20th September

Clothing by Blumes



The jewellery and scarves where popular.



Cheryl Clapton (Clunes) and Helen Johnstone (Castlemaine) from Newstead CWA.



Catching-up before the show began.

A fabulous array of clothing was shown at the Dunolly CWA Fashion Parade last Friday 20th. The good-sized group enjoyed a varied and large display of clothing and accessories. There was much to choose from, so deciding took a while, but purchases were made. Afternoon tea was especially enjoyable, as with the clothes, there was a good selection of savoury and sweet treats were on offer.

Through the chatter, laughter and catching-up of friends, the afternoon was pleasantly whiled away. Thank you to everyone who attended and who supplied the scrumptious food. Also, a big thank you to the ladies from Clothing by Blumes; this event was well-worth attending. Watch out for the next one.

Marilyn Goldie

## The Tragedy of Uncle Ric's Burning Home

On Returning from Maryborough on Friday night I saw an orange glow in the sky. As I came up Sydenham Hill I knew that this could only be a structure fire and that the bearing and distance could only mean one thing — "Uncles Ric's".

As I tracked towards the location to investigate, my emergency app went off confirming my fears. On my arrival the structure was fully involved. Of course my first thought was as to Ric's whereabouts. Fortunately, a neighbour was out the front and confirmed that he had seen Ric. I found Ric; he was out of danger and his little dog Karl was okay; their home on the other hand was not. I got Ric a bottle of water. It was all I could do for him as he watched everything he owned disappear in an instant. Fire brigades and SES worked on into the night to save their colleague's property but to no avail. I first met and worked with Ric in the Dunolly CFA and the Dunolly SES. Ric is a silent achiever who has worked tirelessly for this community. My observations over many years would indicate that Ric has quietly put tens of thousands of hours into his community work with an unsurpassed commitment and dedication. He has never ever sought any recognition of any kind. Ric is the guy that everyone takes for granted in a small town. In the SES he was nicknamed Uncle Ric. This was less of a jovial term and more of an elevated mark of respect. The nickname spilled over into the street and I have heard many people in the last few days refer to him as Uncle Ric. I understand that many people want to do something to help Ric, and there are many splinter groups emerging with different ideas and plans.

However I would urge everyone to take direction from an impromptu "subcommittee" of SES and CFA membership who are formulating and steering an assistance plan of which they are in full communication with Ric. Find them and contact them. This is why I am withdrawing my fundraising plan and the physical manpower operation. I apologise to the people who supported my plan and I ask that you transfer your support to the new formulated committee. There is an old saying that is relevant. "Too many cooks." Already I can see that there is so much eagerness within this community to just get in and get the job done as per usual. Please be patient. Many people have made claim that there is large amounts of gold deep underneath this town.

The real treasure actually lies above it.

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