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Resident Artist in Dunolly



Last weekend I visited the Arts Hub to view all the works of our talented locals. There were some extremely good photographs and paintings, plus other most imaginative works, in particular a dragon made entirely from silver cutlery. Quite incredible! Our ex-Dunolly resident, Coral, arrived while I was there, as she often does turn up to the many Dunolly events. She mentioned having called in at the Puzzle Flat Gallery en-route to the Arts Hub, where she had seen some interesting art work.

I decided to do the same and my eye was caught by a set of small, very beautiful landscapes at the front of the gallery.

Rory told me the artist was Kerri White and she was right beside me. I remembered seeing a painting I had admired just before at the Arts Hub which had won first prize in its section, by Kerri White. She is a local resident and has won many prizes in Art exhibitions and has had a number of exhibitions, most recently at Gallery 127, Avoca. I was pleased to have met the artist in person after being so taken with her work and will watch out for her name again.

Cynthia Lindsay

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Photos by Jenny Scott, a great photographer as she won first prize photo top right

Art & Photography Show 2019

As *The Welcome Record* is a major sponsor of the show, I was pleased to have been asked to officially open the proceedings.

Unfortunately, due to the very welcome, but disrupting rain, there were only a few people in attendance.

More came over the course of the weekend to view the amazing collection of art in different mediums. What a great bunch of extremely talented people we have in our district.

As I mentioned in my speech, most are seasoned artists; however, due to the ministrations of Carla Scholes at the primary school, we have artists of the future in our children. Well done everyone. A fine display.

Susan Anderson

(list of winners page 7 & more photos back page)

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Hasn't the rain been great? Everything seems to perk up after a good drink from the sky

The CWA ladies gave me a magnificent petunia today. This may be a strange word for the humble petunia —but in this case it fits. It has bright purple flowers with what can only be called splotches of white, and is called Night Sky. The label says it can grow to 60cms high and 90cms wide. That's not a plant — that's a small shrub. I love it!

I went to the Art and Photography Show at the Hub on Saturday. What a clever lot of people there are around the place. The photos taken by the primary school children were great — smart and some amusing. The cutlery dragon inside the front door was most impressive. Recycling at its best.

Did you know that tearing around on a motorbike in long dry grass on a boiling hot day when there is no fire ban is OK? If a fire starts, then they are in trouble. Bit late then

I have found if I get an attack of the minor munchies, a couple of pieces of crystallised ginger helps with that starving feeling.

Tried one of the recipes from the 1986 CWA magazine from the op shop today. Very nice — tasted like a muesli health bar and cheaper than the shop ones.

Something big and grey is approaching in the eastern sky. I reckon we are going to get a storm . Wrong —now there is a rainbow over it . No more on the spot weather reports.

Rosie

KIDSTUFF-

When I was first born, my dad had a celebration. My mum had an early night instead.

The nice part of me gave some toys to charity, but the rest of me was jealous.



On the farm, they live in styes and eat swill! No wonder they are called pigs.

From Kidstuff by Roger Goffe (1981)

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Inappropriate art work in Broadway

As one of the so-called 300 locals who supported the sculptures, I was dismayed to find they were to be placed in Broadway. This news seems to have deceptively come from nowhere. Judy Meldrum writes that there was widespread community consultation over two years. I have heard her speak about it at a number of meetings, but Broadway was never mentioned.

The Central Goldfields Shire should also be accountable for this. The area has a Heritage overlay. This means heritage colours only and approval by council. I don't recall this coming up at any council meeting.

So has the council ignored their own Heritage Advisor or failed to get advice? Or has the CEO Lucy Roffey failed to inform the Administrators of the correct process?

During October and November an American TV series has been filming in Dunolly. Will this be the last to showcase the Bendigo Hotel? Was the loss of this income and future tourism taken into consideration?

John Tully

Street Display

A letter in last week's Welcome Record suggested relics at the back of the Dunolly Museum would be better in the street than the proposed artwork. We previously offered this to the council but it was refused.

Goldfields Historical & Arts Society

Art works and locations

Placement of anything in front of the Bendigo Hotel is inappropriate because it restricts photo opportunities. It will no longer be possible to get a full frame view from across the street. People will have to carefully choose restricted camera angles to avoid an inappropriate object being in view.

Bendigo Hotel — I am quite aware of the wall collapse; in fact I have photographs that proved the dangerous, incompetent and blatant cowboy work that caused the wall to collapse. The Bendigo Hotel was wrecked by a National Trust process, then very expensively repaired and subsequently ignored ever since.

The Bendigo Hotel is the oldest remaining building in Dunolly, 1857. It is in the main street and was used for court sessions, local government, education, public meetings and so forth. I would argue that grant money would be better used to put the Bendigo Hotel to community use rather than furthering the potential supply of neglected, disintegrating and non-operating items such as the Imagination Station in the Rene Fox Gardens.

The renovated Court House and associated buildings in Market Street are all interactive and tell a history of public service and law. They are a magnificent achievement putting networking skills and contacts to work for a public benefit and is always worthy of acknowledgment, respect and pride. The art installation that has been there since April last year does nothing to enhance this location.

Stephen Barnham

Who Knew?

There is a lot of controversy regarding the placement of the art sculptures on Broadway.

Was there any community consultation on the placement? Last I knew they were meant to be in the Gordon Gardens.

Name supplied

In Support of Modern Art

I would like to raise my hand and say how impressed and honoured I am that we are going to be the proud owners of Deborah Halpern's work. I realise that there are some people who don't believe that the sculptures fit into our town's historical landscape, and they would be right. And, that's the point. In my opinion, modern art isn't about reproducing what has been done before. It's not about fitting in, being pleasant or even nice. Art should be challenging. It should make us stop and think about our culture, our society and ourselves. Many of the artists we love today broke away from acceptable practices. Just think Monet, and Van Gogh and the list goes on and on.

If nothing, Halpern's sculptures will get noticed. You couldn't walk past one and not see it, that's for sure. They are brash, colourful, ingenious and yes, they take centre stage everywhere they sit. Visitors to town are going to stop and ask questions. They are going to want to know why a renowned artist like Halpern chose Dunolly, a little country town, to share her work. They are going to want to know what they are about, who designed them and, of course, who participated in the project. They are going to start conversations, and people are going to photograph themselves next to them, then share those images with others all over the world. Not everyone is going to love them, but that doesn't matter because modern art isn't about being agreeable, but it is about making a statement. And these sculptures will tell people that our town is highly regarded, full of talented people, has a wonderful sense of fun, and has the courage to stand out from the crowd.

Susan Day

In Favour of Art

As someone who grew up in Dunolly and continues to be invested in the community, I've been incredibly disappointed to see some of the dialogue surrounding the Sense of Place project.

Dunolly was an amazing place to grow up as a child - artists, musicians, and performers would visit school to teach us creative skills; one highlight was the wooden logs that we decorated to be placed around town. I'm sure they weren't as aesthetically pleasing as I remember, but we all felt pride seeing them in place.

I remember everyone at town events painting ceramic figures to be placed on planter boxes and installed on our main streets, and as an eight-year-old I was able to bring friends to the Town Hall and show them which one was mine.

Another highlight was our annual Gold Rush festival, with kids spending afternoons at The Ministry of Fun to create costumes and instruments to wear and play in the festival. We'd march up Broadway to parade the costumes we'd made to a community that encouraged and supported us.

This was all regardless of the financial status of each kid - it was accessible to everyone, and we all bonded over it.

To see a few residents attacking a project worked on by over 300 others in our community, including our school kids and Kindergarten groups, because they value keeping everything exactly as it's always been for the sake of traditionalism, is heartbreaking.

Almost every project and event I mentioned has been organised and spearheaded by Anna Ashton, and she continues to make art accessible to kids in an area where it's easy to become disconnected from community and culture, and that can have incredibly negative effects,

Just because something isn't created for you doesn't mean nobody will appreciate it, and seeing the entitlement of those wanting to control the community without contributing to it is so much less than Dunolly deserves.

To the kids whose drawings formed the basis of these amazing collaborative projects - congratulations!

Your art deserves to be seen, especially because it's an example of what our community can create when we come together to support creativity.

I hope you can become a generation who feels their community wants to engage with and celebrate them, rather than being pushed aside for "traditional aesthetics".

Dunolly is part of my life story and I am part of its, and every child growing up here today deserves the same connection and community.

Jasmin Ashton

Local Aviation History

The first airmail to Australia from England
There is a local part to the story that commenced 100 years ago.



In 1919 Prime Minister Billy Hughes put up a £10,000 prize to the first Australian to fly from England to Australia in less than thirty days. Many competed, some died. In England, on 12th November 1919, Keith and Ross Smith with their mechanics

Wally Shiers and James Bennett took off for Australia in a Vickers Vimy bomber arriving in Darwin on 10th December. They won the prize, which was divided evenly four ways. It is a long and inspiring story that can be found in the Dunolly Museum website. What is not generally known is the displayed plane in South Australia has many replica parts due to one of the two trucks transporting the machine catching fire.

20-3-1920 Dunolly and Bet Bet Shire Express

Probably very few Australians have had the distinction of having received letters by the first aerial mail between Great Britain and Australia, but that distinction is possessed by a young lady in this district - Miss Florrie M'Pherson, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. M'Pherson, of "Laurie," Betley. Miss M'Pherson had correspondence with a young English lady, letters having been exchanged during the war in connection, we think, with school matters. In any case, Miss M'Pherson's English correspondent, Miss Winnie Whatling, had the opportunity of utilising the first aerial mail service between Britain and Australia, the success of which has so greatly interested, not only the public of Australia, but the populations of every country in the world. The letter, in fact, was brought out with other mail matter by the famous aviator, Sir Ross Smith, who with his brother and other companions, so recently completed the air trip from England to Australia. The letter was delivered at the office of the Prime Minister of Australia, and was sent from that office to Miss M'Pherson. The envelope in itself is a curiosity, and will be valued, stamped as it is with the record "First Aerial Mail -Great Britain to Australia, Nov. 26," with other details relating to the Vickers Vimy machine. The special stamp is unique, and would be valued by collectors, as comparatively few of them are in existence, and it is a memorial of a wonderful enterprise. On this splendid stamp is printed "First Aerial Post" (on top) and "England and Australia" (below), and between a sketch of the British Isles and Australia, with a lighted torch in the centre, and above it the representation of an aeroplane. The defacing stamp on the envelope and other marks all relate to the great undertaking. The young English correspondent of Miss M'Pherson occupies a responsible position in the Vickers Vimy office, and thus was able to utilise this marvellous mail. The letter is addressed from Surrey, England and the following are extracts:-

"I am sending this letter by air. Quite a novel way, isn't it? I should say that by the time this letter is delivered to you it will have passed over a good many interesting and strange places. How I would love to be with it! It was in a similar seat in which the carrier of this letter will sit that I took my first flight. I think it is very kind of this Australian aviator to carry this letter for me, and I sincerely hope that it will reach the destination safely. I think it stands a very good chance if all the good wishes, etc., which accompany it this

trip. Will it not be another great honour for these works (Vickers) if this machine wins this great race? It is almost the same type of machine that flew the Atlantic. It has such a dinky little mascot on the top plane made of brass.

It is an image of a little pilot, with two joysticks (like a steering wheel with which they control tail planes) in its hands, and a propeller in front. I have had it with me in the office all the morning, and it has just been placed in position on the machine in which they hope to start their long flight to Australia tomorrow. Trusting all will be well, and that you will be one of the first to receive your mail by air." The letter is signed "Your loving English friend, Winnie Whatling."

(Museum enquiries made to aviation historians have failed to reveal anything about the mascot and as yet we do not know where 'Laurie' was located at Betley)

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Rheola Charity Carnival continues to give

Local Hospitals were again the big winners when the financial reports for 149th annual Easter Monday Rheola Charity Carnival were revealed on 28th October 2019.

Treasurer, Lisa Goettler, produced audited accounts showing a healthy profit of \$43,468.39. This is a remarkable jump of over \$10,000 on the 2018 figure. President, Peter Mason, thanked the 2018 committee and in particular the efforts of secretary Deb Hancock and treasurer Lisa Goettler for the outstanding result. He also thanked the many people who come from far and wide to assist in the running of the Carnival and also the many sponsors.

The committee announced record disbursements with Inglewood and District Health Services receiving \$14,489, Maryborough District Health Service-Dunolly campus \$14,509 (which includes a \$20 donation), Rheola Public Hall \$7,244 and Rheola Recreation Reserve \$7,244.

2020 will be the Carnival's 150th anniversary and the office bearers were elected at the Annual General meeting. Peter Mason remains as President, Deb Hancock as secretary and Lisa Goettler as treasurer. Mark Soulsby is Senior Vice President and Carly Noble is Junior Vice President.

Peter Mason, President



New Doctor for Dunolly

We welcome Dr Yoong Tang to the Medical Centre in Dunolly. Dr Tang has had many years experience in rural practice. He started on Wednesday 6th November 2019 and will be in attendance Monday - Friday during normal clinic hours.

Dr Tang has taken over from Dr Rauf Soomro who was farewelled last week at MDHS.

We will have a full story next week. Susan Anderson

Stories from Cynthia



A light has just gone out of my life. My amazing little greatgranddaughter went home to Canberra two days ago with Holly, her mother, who rescued me in my last story.

Layla is ten months old and the friendliest, happiest, cleverest baby in the entire universe. She is ten months old and had just started to stand up on her own when she arrived two weeks ago, so I was confident that she would take her first steps while staying with me. I couldn't count the number of times Layla stood poised ready for flight, taunting us all, and then she would sit down and laugh. However, the cruel blow happened at the end of the first week. My good friends had invited us around for morning tea and Layla was standing at the coffee table playing with toys. My friend's husband was sitting on the couch and suddenly Layla let go of the table and took a few unaided steps to him. And I missed it! How dare he be the first to witness that mammoth occasion! I am over it now because the next day Layla took two steps over to me.

Some people may call me a doting Granny. Well they would be right. Cynthia Lindsay

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Have Your Say

During the months of November and December, the Central Goldfields Shire Council is providing a number of ways for community members to have their say and

contribute towards the:

Population, Housing and Residential Settlement Strategy– have your say about growth and development Your Community 2030

- have your say about community plans
 Recreation and Open Space Strategy
- have your say about spaces and facilities for recreation and getting active in our Shire

Visit <u>www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay</u> for more information.

Population, Housing and Residential Settlement Strategy – have your say about growth and development

Interested community members are invited to participate in the formation of this strategy by attending a drop-in session. These are being held in conjunction with some of the sessions for the Central Goldfields – Your Community 2030 project.

Council's strategic planning staff will be available at the following locations and times if you'd like to drop in, collect some information and discuss the issues:

Talbot & District	Fri 8 Nov	2.30pm to 6.30pm	Talbot Town Hall
Carisbrook & District			Carisbrook Recreation Reserve
Dunolly & District		2.30pm to 6.30pm	Dunolly Town Hall
Maryborough & District		2.30pm to 6.30pm	Community Hub

For further information on the Population, Housing and Residential Settlement Strategy, contact Philip Schier, Manager Strategy and Economic Development, on 5461 0610 or email philips@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

Your Community 2030 – drop-in sessions

Funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund, Central Goldfields Shire Council is working with residents to develop 10 year community plans that reflect the uniqueness and priorities of the eight communities and districts of Maryborough, Bealiba, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Talbot, Majorca, Bet Bet and Timor. Council is inviting feedback from the community on what is needed to make their community a great place to live – now and into the future.

Your Community 2030 drop-in sessions are open to everyone of all ages. It will be a relaxed setting where you can read more about the project and talk one-on-one with project staff and share your ideas.

Dunolly's Drop in Session is at the Town Hall on Tuesday 19th November between 2.30 to 6.30pm.

CGSC News





MAYORAL COLUMN

Grants for small-scale and craft producers

The Victorian Government has announced two grants aimed at encouraging growth in small-scale and artisan food producers. Development of small business and craft agribusiness will assist to create new jobs and attract more visitors from interstate and overseas to enjoy locally made food, beer and spirits.

There are two streams of funding available under the new program: the first provides grants of up to \$25,000 for small-scale and craft business development, to support scale up, expansion and diversification of products. The second stream provides between \$25,000 and \$200,000 for significant projects that will deliver benefits to the community and generate jobs.

For more information including eligibility and application details, visit the Agriculture Victoria website: http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/food-and-fibre-industries/artisanal-agriculture

Recycling: keep it up

While it may seem that recycling in Victoria is in crisis with tonnes of recycling being dumped in landfill, this is not the case in the Loddon Shire. Council's waste services contractor (Veolia) has confirmed it remains unaffected by the recycling industry issues brought on by processing plant closures in Melbourne recently, and it is 'business as usual'. Currently all recycling material collected within Loddon Shire is transported and processed in either Bendigo at Endeavour, owned by JJ Richards, or the Multi reuse facility (MRF) in Echuca, owned by Veolia. Once collected, Veolia or one of Veolia's sorting partners will use a number of technologies to pre-screen and manually separate the recyclables into viable streams that will enable their reuse in new manufacturing processes. Council not only implements a best practice kerbside collection for waste and recycling but also provides local football/netball/hockey grounds with bins for recycling and garbage, including pick-up free of charge. Council also produces an annual Recycling Calendar to assist households. For a personalised bin collection calendar with optional reminders, download the Loddon Mallee Waste Info App which is available through the App Store or Google Play with the search 'Loddon Mallee'. In the last financial year we collected 619 tonnes of recycling from Council's kerbside collection contract. In addition, 65 tonnes of comingled recycling was collected at Council landfills and transfer stations.

Mr Peter Tuohey to advise Agriculture Minister

We welcome the news that Mr Peter Tuohey has been appointed Victorian Rural Assistance Commissioner. Peter, who is a Pyramid Hill farmer and former VFF President, will advise the Minister on long-term drought support strategy and the effectiveness of current drought support packages by engaging directly with farmers and communities.

Statutory Meeting

I would like to invite members of the public and interested residents to the Statutory Meeting of the Loddon Shire Council which will be held at 7pm on Thursday 7th November, at the Pyramid Hill Bowling Club, 98 Victoria Street, Pyramid Hill. The meeting deals with the presentation of the 2018/19 Mayoral Report, the election of the Mayor for 2019/20 and appointments to committees. A light supper and refreshments will be provided.

Cr Cheryl McKinnon, Loddon Shire 4/11/19



Dunolly and District Neighbourhood Centre



2019 ART & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Thankyou to everyone who exhibited their excellent work in our Art & Photography Show last weekend, and all those who came to have a browse at the wonderful artwork and photography on display.

Congratulations to the winners. Judges had a hard task before them. A great big thank you to Lynda for organising and displaying the images and exhibits artistically and to Janine for the lovely cups of tea doled out to all who needed one. And then to Vicky and Pam — your cakes and slices are second to none. A very important and appreciative thank you to The Welcome Record and The Dunolly CWA for your sponsorship grants for Photography and Art Judges Choice and People's choice.

Thanks everyone.

WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE

If you're thinking of having a Garage Sale, be a part of the Dunolly Whole Town Garage Sale on Saturday 23rd November. Hundreds of people converge in Dunolly looking for a bargain and your bargains are what they are



after! For \$10 you receive your Garage Sale kit and we take care of all advertising. People say our Garage Sale days are the best. Register now by calling the number below or call in to the centre.

HERITAGE FRUIT TREE MEETING

Heritage Fruit Tree Meeting will be held at The Hub on Friday 15th November at 3pm.

Want more information? Call in for a cuppa and a chat or Ring 54681511 Monday to Thursday or simply email: admin@dunnhc.com.au



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A huge thankyou to all the entrants in the Annual Dunolly Photography & Art Show. What a lovely weekend of community with a diverse mix of artists work. There were 50 plus entries from emerging artists of the future from our local primary school. The rain was very welcome, but played havoc with my chalk signage. I will list all the winners of ribbons below. Congratulations to them all.

Photography

- 1st Vic Heywood
- 2nd Isaac Scott
- 3rd Ruby Lang

Encouragement Ribbons

- Brianna Lovel
- · William Soulsby
- Tadgh Cananzi

Adults

- 1st Jenny Scott "Moliagul School"
- 2nd Jenny Scott "Broadway Storm Shot"
- 3rd Julia Hennessy "Pup in Hand"

Encouragement

· Jason Rodgers - "Contemplation"

Honourable Mention

• Drew Black & Rosie Pemic - Large Photograph of "Hay Bales"

Art Results

Painting

- 1st Lisa Mercer "Almond Blossom"
- 2nd Mark Dakeno Collins "Flames"
- 3rd Judy Meldrum "Beanstalk"

Encouragement - John Bromley "Landscape"

Printmaking - Joyce Vater "Siamese" Linocut

Sculpture – 1st & 2nd Terry Kellogg "Dragon & Kangaroo"

Mosaics

- 1st Lynda Vater
- 2nd Jenny Hall
- 3rd Sue Clausen

Textiles

- 1st Jo Osborne
- 2nd Jenny Gamble
- 3rd Marion Edwards & Encouragement Ribbon

Mixed Media

- 1st Kerri White "Protected"
- 2nd Jo Osborne "Circles"
- 3rd Drew Black & Rosie Pemic Handmade Picture Frame including antique wire

from farm

Encouragement Brye Delaney

Children's Section

1st Charlotte Liddicoat & 2nd Dean Liddicoat

Thankyou also to Pam Brodie and Vicki Frizzell for their delicious afternoon tea and Janine Paley

for her efforts in the kitchen and Sharon Hiley and Joyce Vater for volunteering their time manning the show.

Next event is the Town Wide Garage Sale on 23rd November. You can register your sale at the Neighbourhood House, grab your kit and we will do the rest. Please don't wait too long to register your interest in having a Garage Sale as we need to know numbers to make it a success.

Lynda Photos on back page

Coliban water community rebate

Coliban Water has five key customer outcomes. They are:

- Supply high quality water you can trust
- Provide infrastructure and services to meet customer needs now and in the future
- Reduce our environmental footprint and achieve a socially responsible, sustainable business for future generations
- Open and transparent about pricing and service disruptions and easy to do business with
- Support the liveability of the region

To support Coliban Water's commitment to customers, 15 customer and community rebates have been introduced. Dunolly and District Inc acts as a reference group for Coliban Water. The group was pleased to welcome Rebecca McHutchison, Community Relations Specialist, at last Wednesday's meeting. She advised the group that due to infrastructure and treatment processes Laanecoorie/ Dunolly had received poor quality water from 10-17 July 2019. This breached their customer outcomes and Coliban water is offering a community rebate of \$5000 to be used for the Laanecoorie/Dunolly community.

In order to assist in deciding how this money is best used, DDI is asking the community for suggestions. What community project or issue would you like this money used for? Your responses can be given to Anna Ashton on 0490 077 902 or me on 0438 168 634



Marion Da Costa Secretary

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOC. INC.

The Administrators voted on 27th August to relinquish the Maryborough Airport CASA Accreditation at that Public meeting. We immediately applied for them to delay the decision, enter into Public Consultation and reassess the decision.

This led to one letter and two meetings with the administrators. The last meeting, 24th October, with 24 objectors and the answer was still NO change in decision. Also a VCAT application for Review of decision. This VCAT application was rejected by VCAT on Thursday 3st October.

Friday 1st November 2019, the Airport's CASA accreditation was withdrawn under the CEO's instructions... Our Airport now is an Aircraft Landing Area.

We would like to thank all who supported this issue and maintained your interest in supporting the development for the betterment of our community.

Our (CGR&RAI's) issues were inadequate public consultation and unsubstantiated reports and data in the report. All we asked was, substantiate your figures and if they are accurate we will support your decision. This the shire refused to do. We will continue to stand up for our community.

We will be giving an update on this at our next Public meeting at Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall Urguhart St Carisbrook, 12th November at 7.30pm. All welcome.

> Wayne McKail. President CGR&RAI

Leading Excellence

October 25th saw the graduation of Rod Stuart and Susan Day, Dunolly business owners, from the Leading Excellence Highlands Maryborough program at the Maryborough.

Over the previous eight months, Rod and Susan learnt about the importance leadership in community. They attended lectures, workshops and networked with a wide variety of people based in Maryborough and even wider afield, in Bendigo and Newstead, and at home in Dunolly. Their skills and confidence strengthened as they were introduced to local issues and innovative ideas for action and change. They met leaders from all walks



of life and listened to their stories of change, courage and

LEAD Loddon Murray ran the program to develop leaders for vibrant and sustainable communities. The program developed leadership in three domains: effective and responsible leadership of self, teams and communities.

The Leading Excellence Maryborough program supports those who were passionate about and proactive in their community, industry or sector.

It was an honour to have been a participant and work with the future leaders of our community.

Susan Day

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10am Thursday7th November Eucharist Canon Heather **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

8.30am Sunday 10th November, Mass

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

8.30 Mass, 2nd & 4thSunday of the month

Bealiba, St. Patrick's

8.30am Mass, 5th Sunday of the month

Uniting Church Services:

Dunolly

9.30am Sunday, 10th November, Julie Ramsay and Anne Kelsall in Prayer and Praise Service

St John's

Thought for the Day

Live Simply
Love Generously
Care Deeply
Speak Kindly...
And leave the rest to God

Trina Kay

SCRIPTURE VERSE OF THE WEEK

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Luke 6: 22-23



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Rev Gordon Wild is taking a little break this week and will not be available.

Saturday 9th November, we will be holding our Car-Boot sale in the Church grounds. Bealiba CWA will be the hosts for the day with a well filled cake and produce stall.

The Op Shop will be open too.

Thursday 14th November, we are holding a Carol service in the Dunolly Hospital for the residents after lunch. Please, if you can help us sing carols we would love to see you there.

Our Op Shop is open as per notice below. We would love to see you browsing though our large collection of clothes and bric-a-brac; Christmas things as well.

Jean Richardson



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

Catholic Church

The final two meetings for 2019 of the St. John bible study will be on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm, and Friday 15th November at 1.00pm and will resume in February 2020; dates TBA. All welcome.

The rosary is said for the sick of the Parish every Tuesday at 5.00pm at St. Mary's church, Dunolly.

New volunteers are invited to join the Ministries roster. Contact Parish Office on 5461 1084.

There will be Mass at St. Mary's, Dunolly on Sunday,10th November at 8.30am. R Mecredy

SAY THANK YOU BY WEARING A POPPY THIS REMEMBRANCE DAY



Dunolly-Bealiba RSL Sub-Branch calls on local residents to purchase a Poppy this November. The 2019 Poppy Appeal has begun, and the Dunolly-Bealiba Sub-Branch needs your help to raise much-needed funds to support our veterans.

Dunolly-Bealiba Sub-Branch President, Richard Gale, is calling on the local community to support this year's Poppy Appeal, "from November 1, our volunteers will be selling the much-loved and iconic red poppy in our local community.

"By purchasing a poppy, you are not only remembering those who have served in the past, but you are also helping to support those who are still serving today, as 100 per cent of the proceeds from the sale of every poppy goes towards supporting service men, women and their families in times of need." Dunolly-Bealiba Sub-Branch President said.

RSL Victoria State President, Dr Robert Webster OAM, added: "Every donation to the Poppy Appeal contributes to the RSL's vital work of supporting veterans and their families when in need."

"For example, the funds raised by the sale of single \$10 Poppy Appeal pin may go towards the purchase of a mobility scooter for an elderly veteran, pay for a young veteran's crisis accommodation, and support health and wellbeing programs for veterans throughout Victoria,' he said.

Dr Webster went on to say that people should feel proud when they wear the Poppy.

"You should feel proud when you wear the red poppy, as your donation will have helped to change a veteran's life." he said.

Poppy Appeal merchandise can be purchased from RSL Sub-Branches, and Woolworths and Officeworks stores.

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A very busy Martial Arts Champion

What a crazy couple of weeks I had. I went to Warrnambool on 18th October for the competition on Sunday 20th October; just thought I would do a few days of sight-seeing first. I won Gold in the Open division and 3rd in the Veteran division, then drove back on Monday 21st, flew to New Zealand the next day to attend the Martial Arts Championship on Saturday 26th October.

I arrived in Auckland on Tuesday and the Sky City was on fire. It burned for three days, despite the fact it was raining for three days, but the wind was over 110km/hr. I could see the smoke from my hotel room window. It was a pity as the Sky City was one of the attractions I was going to visit.

I went on the Sight Seeing Hop-on Hop-off bus for the next two days; it was great value for money. For \$20 the bus stopped at 14 different attraction sites, and we could hop off at any stop and catch the next bus back.

I wish I had more time to visit more places, but I had to attend the pre-tournament training on Friday evening. I decided to take it easy that day and went to the Salt Cave for a relaxing Vibrosaun massage and Halotherapy. Love the Salt Cave; I could easily stay there the whole day.

Saturday was the New Zealand Martial Arts Championship and I won 3rd place in weapon Fan-form which I don't normally do, but I didn't want to bring SAI and any weapons to New Zealand. However, I knew I could get the fan into the country; just had to make up a form that day.

I flew back to Melbourne that night as I had another tournament on Sunday to attend — National All Styles State Championship. I had half a day to kill before my flight back on Saturday, and Auckland Airport had free shuttle bus to Butterfly Creek, Dinosaur Kingdom. It was a great idea to have a theme park near the Airport and they offer free shuttle bus service there.

Sunday was the National All Styles State Championship and I won 1st place in Advance-form and became the State Champion in my division.

Susie Oh



New Look for The Welcome Record

People passing the Town Hall on Broadway may have noticed some recent changes to the front of *The Welcome Record* Office.

In a joint venture between the Historic Precinct Committee and *The Welcome Record* Committee, signage was erected on the doorway, where there was previously none. A larger weatherproof noticeboard was also attached to the wall, to replace an older board which was showing its age. In keeping with the heritage of the building, the signage was designed to match the font on the old Town Clerk's Office sign above the doorway. The board will be generally utilised for *The Welcome Record*, Town Hall and other event notices.

Now there will be no excuse for anyone not knowing where we are located; our office is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am to 4pm and copy has to be received by 4pm each Tuesday.

Jenny Scott





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From 1st December you can start by filling in your details on the entry forms which are available from Dunolly Bakery and Priority 1 office in Dunolly.

Then go artistic and decorate your letterbox. Judging will be by the local Retail/Traders Committee prior to Christmas Eve and winners will be notified on the day. Please take part in this festive event and bring the Ho! Ho! Ho! into Dunolly. Kerri Jongebloed



Central Goldfields paramedics and hospital staff rise to meet record demand

People in Central Goldfields Shire are waiting less time than ever before for elective surgery and urgent specialist appointments, despite huge surges in the number of people attending hospitals driven by an unprecedented flu season, new data shows.

The Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, has released the hospital and ambulance performance data for the September quarter and thanked hardworking doctors, nurses and paramedics for rising to meet record demand.

The unprecedented flu season started early and hit hard with more than 66,000 laboratory-confirmed cases across Victoria, meaning hospitals have had to treat far more patients than anticipated this winter. The Andrews Government recently topped up hospital funding with a massive \$200 million flu package.

The latest state-wide performance data shows hospitals saw 474,175 patients in EDs – 23,300 more than a year earlier. Despite this, 100 per cent of the Category 1 most urgent patients were treated immediately upon arrival.

Ambulance services also managed the largest number of emergency cases for the quarter with 78,130 Code 1 callouts to September. This is up from 69,753 in the same quarter a year earlier.

Despite the additional pressure on hospitals, elective surgery patients received their operations quicker than ever before – with more than half of all elective patients receiving their operations within 26 days.

More than half of Category 1 urgent patients received their surgery within 10 days – well under the 30-day benchmark. The Labor Government's investment in streamlining access to hospital specialist clinics has also seen sustained improvement in wait times – with more than half of all urgent patients seeing a specialist within 16 days.

Our dedicated paramedics managed more than 8300 extra callouts across the state in the September quarter, arriving within the benchmark of 15 minutes for 83.3 per cent of Code 1 calls – a huge improvement from 71.8 per cent in 2014 under the Liberal Nationals.

Central Goldfields Shire's times continue to improve, with Code 1 ambulances arriving in an average 14 minutes 51 seconds – an improvement on the 15:53 arrival time a year earlier. In Central Goldfields ambulances responded to 217 Code 1 calls, up on the 212 call-outs in the September quarter 2018.

The Labor Government has invested a record \$1 billion to deliver more paramedics, more vehicles and more stations. This includes a big \$299 million boost in the

Victorian Budget 2019/20.

Ms Pulford said Victoria's hospitals and ambulance service have done a tremendous job keeping up their high levels of patient care during our worst flu season on record.

"I want to thank each and every one of our incredible paramedics, doctors, nurses and other health workers in Central Goldfields Shire for their care and dedication in treating patients quickly and efficiently despite the extra pressure," Ms Pulford said.

"We back our health and ambulance services because even during busy times like this Victorians deserve the very best care, when they need it, close to home," she said.

From the office of Jaala Pulford MP

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Put These On Your Calendar for November 2019

Music afternoon with JANESAW Dunolly Golf Club from 1pm Saturday 9th Saturday 9th Tarnagulla Trivia Night Tarnagulla Town Hall 7pm Saturday 9th Uniting Church Car Boot Sale Uniting Church Grounds 9am Sunday 10th **Dunolly Community Market** Broadway from 8am Monday 11th Remembrance Day Ceremony Cenotaph in front of Dunolly Post Office 10.30am Tuesday 12th **CGR&RAI** Meeting Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall 7.30pm Wednesday 13th **Dunolly Golf Club AGM** Golf Club Rooms 7.00pm Friday 15th Heritage Fruit Tree Meeting The Arts Hub 3pm Tuesday 19th Your Community 2030 Drop-in Session Dunolly Town Hall 2.30pm to 6.30pm **Dunolly Whole Town Garage Sale** Pickup kit & register at Neighbourhood Centre Saturday 23rd



Out-of-control burn-offs prompt warning

CFA is urging residents in Central and Western Victoria to take extreme care when burning-off after responding to out-of -control private burn-offs across areas of

the state not yet in Fire Danger Period.

State Duty Officer Kade Dowie said volunteers had responded to a spate of unregistered fires taking up hundreds of volunteers' hours unnecessarily.

"We encourage residents in the areas not yet in Fire Danger Period to take advantage of the window of opportunity to clean up their properties before the bushfire season, but the effects of an out-of-control fire can be devastating," he said.

"In last week's hot and windy conditions, we've seen quite a few burn-offs flare up a couple of days after the burn-off, which highlights the importance of making sure your burnoff is fully extinguished. We'd urge anyone who has burnt off in the past few days to double check that it has been fully extinguished.

"It is vital people do the right thing by checking conditions, complying with local by-laws and registering their burn-offs. A two-minute call is all it takes to register the burn," Mr Dowie said. "It is absolutely essential that you have enough water on hand to put out a fire. There isn't enough time to run back to your house if your fire gets out of control. You should construct a fire-break, free of flammable, materials around any burn-off".

Burning off undergrowth and other vegetation may generally be permitted outside of the Fire Danger Period, but landowners should always check local laws and register their burn-off by calling 1800 668 511.





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Mr Dowie said registering burn-offs by calling 1800 668 511 would ensure the burn could be added to the statewide register.

"All calls to Triple Zero about smoke sightings are crosschecked with that register, and firefighters are called out if nothing is listed for that location," he said.

"False alarm calls to unregistered burn-offs take volunteer firefighters away from workplaces, families and other emergencies."

If you light a fire without a permit during the Fire Danger Period, you could be charged with breaking the law. Penalties may include a fine up to \$19,342 and/or up to 12 months imprisonment.

Please note: The CFA will be holding an Open Day on Sunday,10th November 2019 at 10am at Rene Fox Gardens on Broadway, Dunolly.

CFA Media Release

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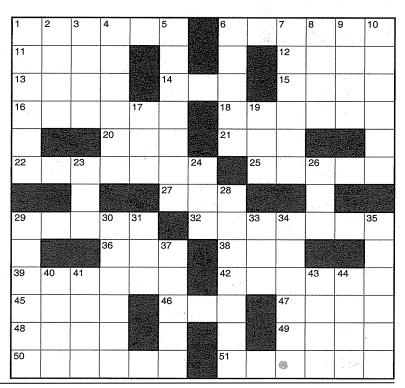
- 1. Amongst
- 6. Ethics
- 11. Uncommon
- 12. Give voice to
- 13. Line of reference used in geometry
- 14. Yellowy brown colour
- 15. Small bay
- 16. Divide into two equal parts
- Vibrated
- 20. Regret greatly
- 21. Beill
- 22. Of stern disposition
- 25. Indolence
- 27. And despite this
- 29. Primate of Africa
- 32. Small rodent of Arctic tundra
- 36. Acquired
- 38. Recline
- 39. Cud-chewing South American mammal

- 42. Pantry
- 45. Edible seed in pod
- 46. Footwear item used at Falls Creek, eg.
- 47. Incite
- 48. Give for temporary use
- 49. Different (as in 'What is new?')
- 50. Large country property
- 51. Sock-supporting band

Down

- 1. Great peninsula of SW Asia
- 2. Long sailing vessel, -yacht
- 3. Part of the eye
- 4. Arid region
- 5. Shaky, as if about to fall
- 6. Society solely for people with high IQs
- 7. Remember
- 8. In state of confusion
- 9. Subsist
- 10. Very unpleasant smell
- 17. TV speaker's prompt, card
- 19. Owned by that boy
- 23. Total obtained by addition
- 24. Long smooth fish
- 26. Sash of Japan
- 28. Significant (as in 'a defeat')
- 29. Lawfully obligated

- 30. Country on the Nile
- 31. Enormous bird of legend
- 33. Actress in The Great Gatsby, ____ Farrow
- Amalgamation of businesses
- 35. Large strong construction beam
- 37. Tang
- 40. Sediment left from fermentation of an alcoholic drink
- 41. Breathe heavily
- 43. Moron
- 44. To lessen in severity



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AGM

The Dunolly Golf Club Inc will hold its AGM on Wednesday 13th November at 7pm at the club rooms.

Cheryl Lovel, Secretary

Maryborough Technical College Reunion

Looking for students and teachers who were at Maryborough Technical College in Year 7(1978), Year 8 (1979), and Year 9 (1980).

There is a Maryborough Technical College reunion being held in Maryborough over the same weekend as the Maryborough Energy Breakthrough. This could be a good opportunity for fellow students and teachers to catch up with each other after all this time, and also be impressed by the Energy Breakthrough. No doubt some have never seen it.

The Reunion is being held at The Cambrian Hotel, (24 Nolan Street, Maryborough) on 23rd November, 2019 at 5pm. For inquiries contact Sheraleen at:

sheraleenborg@hotmail.com

Or check out the Facebook page Maryborough Technical College Reunion 1978 to 1980. Judy Le Tisser

Remembrance Day in Dunolly

Monday 11th November 2019. Assemble at Cenotaph in front of Dunolly Post Office on Broadway at 10.30am. Service to start at 10.45am. Minute's silence at 11am. Rick Gale, President





DUNOLLY/BEALIBA RSL SUB-BRANCH

Members remember our Monthly General Meeting will be held at the RSL Hall after the service 12.30pm. No meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th November. Please remember to bring your raffle items for Deb.

Lyn Ga

Old Time Dance at Avoca Town Hall

Sunday 10th November 2019

Music: The Silhouettes

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Terry Long



Obituaries

DEASON, John

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Fay, Elaine, Raymond, Dorothea, Greg and families.

Graveside Service Moliagul Cemetery Friday 8th November 2019 3.30pm.





Bike Ed Program – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Bike Ed will commence on Monday November 4th and will be run every day over the following 2 weeks, concluding on Friday November 15th with the On Road Test for the year 6 students. All students need to bring their bike and helmet to school for a safety check tomorrow.

The program consists of classroom activities and cycling activities, completed in the school grounds and on footpaths. Only the year 6 students will ride around the streets of Dunolly once they have competently completed the road safety activities at school.









LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK





Around school this week COLOUR FUN RUN!

Screams of joy were heard all around the oval last Friday during the Colour Fun Run and what a fantastic day for our school community it was! To see the students having such a terrific time, all while being active and raising money was wonderful. Check the Maryborough Advertiser

tomorrow for some possible coverage. I was particularly taken with the wonderful sense of community with students of all ages running with, and supporting each other, so everyone could experience the fun. A huge thanks to the PFA for setting up and packing up the course, the Dunolly CFA for providing two trucks to wet the students so the colour stuck, and all the helpers in the canteen who provided the awesome sausage sizzle afterwards. ALL SPONSORSHIP FORMS AND MONEY ARE DUE BACK BY TOMORROW PLEASE.

HATS

All students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat. They are available for purchase from the office for \$8. Please ensure your child's hat and clothing is named. There is also a large collection of jumpers and jackets outside the junior classrooms – all unnamed.

HEAD LICE

We continue to have regular reported cases of head lice. Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair and treating it thoroughly. Eggs must all be removed. If we all work together we can keep them at bay.

Alice Raven



Pennant Teams Saturday 9th November 2019

Dunolly Blue plays Avoca Red at Dunolly

Greg Dobbin Alan Weir Barry Cann Alan Parkes Peter Waters Tony Galofaro Chris Williams Loretta Parker Jenny McHugh Wayne Stephens Sheryl Howard Jim Smith

Manager: Chris Williams

Dunolly Gold plays Talbot Gold at Talbot

Terry Long Bernie Lanfranchie **Barry Mortlock** Aaron Britten Roy Pickering **Geoff Davies** Evan Weir Ian Flett Nancy Pike **Emmet Smith** Keith Elliott Stan Shay

Manager: Roy Pickering Cars: Second Leave 12.30pm

Dunolly Green plays Carisbrook at Carisbrook

Heather Freemantle Jim Haigh Arthur Deason Marg Davies **David Price** Paul Chase John Pinkard Keith McKenzie Peter Freemantle

Mathew Potter Don Coe Joe Lacey

Manager: Paul Chase Cars: Second Leave 12.30pm

Dunolly Red plays Golf Green at Dunolly

Sandra Chaplin Don Mortlock Marilyn Mortlock Heather Weir John Moir Pam Harrison Fred Watts **Fabion Delconte** Graham Cain Richard Cain Rob Weir **Bob Mortlock**

Manager: Sandra Chaplin

Emergency: Karen Stephens, Hannah Delconte, Doris Spiteri Sandra Caldecoat, Paul Zahra, Jill Morse

Unregistered firearms the focus of amnesty

Central Goldfields residents are being urged to hand in unwanted, illegal or un-registered firearms over the next few months as part of an amnesty. The amnesty period, which began on Friday last week, allows members of the public to surrender firearms and weapons to police stations without fear of prosecution.

Central Goldfields is one of 12 local government areas involved in the amnesty including Mount Alexander, Loddon, Campaspe, Greater Bendigo and Macedon Ranges. It is the first time an amnesty has been held in Victoria since the Australia-wide three month amnesty in 2017, where more than 3400 items were surrendered in Victoria Police's western region.

Superintendent Paul Margetts said the community has until the end of December to present to police any illegal or unwanted firearms for them to be destroyed.

"There are currently more than 856,000 registered firearms across the state, but it's the unregistered firearms and dangerous weapons in the community that Victoria Police is constantly trying to reduce," he said. "We've seen in previous amnesties a number of items voluntarily surrendered, included

Mid-Week Pennant Teams Tuesday 13th November 2019

Dunolly Blue plays Highland Gold at Dunolly Loretta Parker Heather Freemantle Marg Davies Jill Morse Sandra Chaplin Elaine Murphy Greg Dobbin Marilyn Mortlock Tony Galofaro Alan Weir

Manager: Heather Freemantle Emergency: Roy Pickering, Terry Long

Barry Cann

Set Up: Greg

Dunolly Gold plays Talbot at Dunolly

Sheryl Howard Pam Harrison Jenny McHugh Heather Cooper Mavis Shay Nancy Pike Karen Stephens Doris Spiteri Jim Haiq Wayne Stephens Hannah Delcomte **Heather Davis**

Manager. Jenny Mc Hugh Emergency: Jim Haigh Set Up: Sheryl Howard

Editor's Note: We are not certain the above information is correct. Email received had conflicting dates. Players, please check your own list. Thank you.



At the Bealiba Hall

Numbers were down a little this week but we welcomed back Sam Whitehead. It was great to see Sam bowling again. The bowling was quite close with the teams of Heather Cooper and Gordon Smith, David Price, Shirley Coburn and Geri Del Gado, Joe Battison & Chris Evans all having two wins. Happy bowling everyone. Chris Evans

high-powered firearms, handguns, imitation firearms and air rifles. "In our local area during this amnesty, Victorians will be able to anonymously surrender firearms to their local police station or a licensed firearms dealer."

Superintendent Margetts said firearm theft from farms is a particular concern. "In Victoria, we know firearm theft, especially from rural properties, is a concern. Rural and regional property owners are at risk of firearm theft because of geographic isolation and extended absences from properties where firearms are stored," he said. "The majority of registered firearm owners are very responsible and treat firearms ownership with the seriousness it deserves. License holders are required to use common sense to store their firearms safely and securely and in accordance with legislative requirements at all times. We are asking everyone to contribute to improving community safety by surrendering items that could pose a danger or before they fall into the wrong hands."

Residents are encouraged to ring their local police station before bringing items in. All firearms must be wrapped in paper, plastic or cloth and transported to a police station in a safe and secure manner. Anyone who has a registered firearm can hand the item to a licensed firearm dealer, at any time for sale or destruction.

Local residents can drop off firearms at their local police station or Maryborough's licensed firearms dealer Golden Flash Cartridge until December 31, 2019.

The penalty for possessing an unregistered firearm starts from \$19,800 or two years imprisonment.

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