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Congratulations to our publican Trent Bromley and Megan Patten, who were married on Sunday 3rd March, at the Old Vicarage in Dunolly.

The lovely ceremony, attended by a group of family and friends, was followed by a reception held at the Railway Hotel.

Megan and Trent asked me to extend their heartfelt thanks to the people who made the day extra-special - Noelle Mason (the celebrant); Jan and Jan for the beautiful venue; Karyn Bromley (Trent's Mum) for all the work she did putting together a delicious reception at the pub and Dorothy Silke for the use of Rostrata House on Sunday night.

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The Welcome Record aims to present the diversity of viewpoints which reflect the concerns and interests of our community. It will not print contributions which are defamatory or being used as an alternative to a personal approach in dealing with a personal issue. The opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of *The Welcome Record*.



Not a lot of rambling this week—been hiding inside to avoid the heat.

How do the lawn bowlers manage on the really hot days? Congratulations to all players involved in the wins during the week - don't understand but appreciate their dedication.

More on the big trip to Bairnsdale last week. After the very long train trip, Sister Ramble and yours truly tottered out of the taxi and through the entrance of the motel. There, neatly parked in front of the rooms were about ten huge, very shiny and loud-looking motor bikes. With heavy hearts we went to check in - the lady behind the desk assured us that we had not stumbled into a bikie nest. These men had been visiting this motel from Leeton for nine years for their holiday for a few days, then going on to Phillip Island. Sure enough, they were a well behaved group - they pushed most of the bikes out to the road before firing up their machines. There were some loud motors.

Did you see the "rain" the other morning? I could count each drop as it hit the concrete — there were about twenty-four spots.

DO YOU KNOW?

Roughly 10% of the world's population write with their left hands.

Here is another TWISTED SAYING

Purloining from one apostle to recompense another.

Make up your own and send it in.

(answer on page 19)

Rosie



The other night a glass of red wine was spilt on my fairly new, cream coloured couch. It was a huge splodge running down on to the carpet, despite the fact that the glass had been less than half full. I applied the old fashioned recipe of sprinkling large amounts of salt and left it for a while. Then I started sponging with cold water but the tell tale shade of red only faded slightly. Aha, I thought, get the Green Clean book which covers every sort of stain using only natural cleaners, no chemicals. According to the book's remedy for red wine I had to put it into a half filled sink or trough of cold water with a tablespoonful of vinegar. I left it overnight and next morning, lo and behold, a pristinely clean cushion cover with no trace of red.

The reason I knew about the salt because years ago I was invited to a friend's house warming. The house was new and for some insane reason, considering they were planning to have a family, they had white carpet. You guessed it, I spilt my red wine on the brand new white carpet. I wanted the floor to swallow me up, However, everyone was calm and polite and copious amounts of salt were brought and sprinkled on my embarrassing stain. And it worked!!

Cynthia

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The decision of the Central Goldfields Shire not to pursue former CEO Mark Johnston's debt is, I believe, a captain's call. Noel Harvey previously worked with Mark Johnston's brother Peter.

The Victorian Hansard of 29th July 2009 p3590 refers to Noel Harvey doing a favour for Peter Johnston. When Noel was mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire he submitted a work contract employing Peter Johnston as CEO for five years. He signed this without the proper authority of the council and according to Hansard when questioned lied about it.

For more of the story go to:

<http://www.mrra.asn.au/archive1/arc1-council/Council%20&%20Councillor%20Performances/Harvey/arc-noel-harvey.htm>

John Tully, Carisbrook

TOURISM UPS AND DOWNS.

Some observations on the current upsurge in tourism activity in Dunolly.

Having a tourism background and as the previous operator of a diverse range of tourist businesses in a very busy location in NSW, also as a recipient of individual and business tourism awards, over many years I have learnt to be an observer of tourism trends. In my original situation, I was fortunate enough to be in there at the beginning of an enormous upsurge in business growth in the town. Even so, many new operators thought they could just stock their shop, open their doors and the people would come in droves.

One of my businesses, which mostly all operated concurrently, was a very popular café, catering for more than 50,000 people each year. I could not count the number of people who said they would love to have my cafe so they could sit under our wisteria-covered pergola or by our open fires! They had absolutely no idea of the work entailed and the 7-day-a-week, 16-hours-per-day commitment.

Whilst this is an exaggerated example, a similar principle applies to many other prospective business owners.

Most people in Dunolly have previously seen what appears to have been a revolving door situation over the years, with some new businesses in Broadway opening with a surge of interest, reaching a plateau and eventually closing.

Many of these people have quoted personal reasons as the deciding factor; no-one can predict situations which may intervene, however it is always good to have contingency plans in place. This is where a business plan can be of great benefit, the old SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis can certainly bring you back to reality when creating your dream!

Quite a few years ago I wrote a letter to *The Welcome Record*, in support of a hospitality-business owner who had a situation where she was deluged with customers in her first couple of weeks. This had led to a staff shortage in dealing with the more-than-expected influx, ensuing in customer complaints.

In the letter, I urged the customers to be patient with the owner and staff, as the situation would even itself out, which it did!

Despite the usual inherent issues in opening any business, there are some major factors which I believe need to be part of any plan: the first one is to do what you love, then secondly, do your market research and thirdly, is the application of 'common sense'.

Amongst many others of course, commitment, dedication and perseverance are so important, not to mention the inevitable financial planning.

Market research can take many forms, but you can't beat talking to other business owners in the area, or even parking in the street in which you are intending to open and watching how many cars pass or stop on any particular day for starters.

The common factor I have seen over and over again, is that new operators can be enthused by the natural 'first flush' of their business, then when the dust settles, they become despondent, thinking the business is not working. This can be when enthusiasm wanes and not enough energy is put into growing the business, thus creating a vicious circle. If anything, this can be the most dangerous period, as it is often seen by the owner as their business 'failing'. This is often not the case, but it is the time when support from long-term business owners can be very valuable. It is necessary to look at the 'big picture' and not just on a day-to-day basis.

Over several years I was able to assist in facilitating a coming-together of many of these new and would-be tourist business operators, within a specific tourism committee, but also through the active chamber of commerce and on an individual basis, giving them a support system where other more experienced business people were there to ask for advice. From this, the attrition rate became less and many of those business are now still operating, 20 years later!

It is very exciting to feel the energy created by all the new retail businesses opening in Dunolly in the recent year or so. Together with the excitement created around all the Arts events, Deborah Halpern's involvement in Dunolly, the Tiny Towns Arts Trail, new initiatives for the Dunolly Community Market and of course the Welcome Stranger 150th Celebrations, it appears that Dunolly is now well-established on the map as a tourism destination. We believe we are the 'shining light' of the Central Goldfields Shire! Now is the time to capitalise on this by working together and to not let this unique opportunity pass us by.

Please check out our Destination 3472 Dunolly Facebook page and watch for news of other upcoming events. #dunolly

Jenny Scott.



R.S.L AUSTRALIA. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Returned and Services League Australia.
[Victoria Branch]



Founded in 1916 to provide mateship and support to Australian Veterans and families. This has never changed but continues to evolve to meet the needs of each generation of servicemen and women.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Dunolly/Bealiba RSL Sub-Branch is known as a Traditional Sub-Branch. We help raise funds through the sales of ANZAC Badges and Poppy Appeals throughout Victoria to help all returned service personnel and families that through no fault of their own need help to transition back into the community.

Apart from WW1 and WW2 our defence personal play a big part throughout the world trying to help countries to have peace. Some of these men and women see and have to deal with terrible mental situations that on many occasions won't allow the mind to process properly. This put a lot of pressure on families. This is where the RSL comes in helping with lots of support medically, financially, housing. All these facilities need finance so with the generosity of the public by buying a badge or poppy, or a donation is gratefully appreciated; every little bit is helpful.

You may have read or heard that the interstate RSLs [NSW, SA, QLD] are all in a bit of trouble but this is not in any way relevant to Vic RSLs. We have governances in place that make sure everything is above board and is run very well. So we are very thankful of your ongoing support when the members are out and about.

Now on another note Dunolly/Bealiba RSL would like to thank the community that braved the very cool windy morning and came out to buy cakes, or a hot sausage at the car boot sale on the 9th September. Raffle winners were,

1st prize;- trailer of wood, won by R Mecredy. Thanks to Peter Daly for donation, I'm sure it was appreciated in the winter weather.

2nd prize;- embroidered towels, won by Matt Caldecoat. Thanks Margaret Rainbow for donation.

3rd prize;- beautiful hand knitted rug, won by Kevin Travan. Thanks Deb Vernon for donation.

To all those who donated cakes and money, and the helpers who make it all happen - a huge thank you. We couldn't do it without you.

Lyn Gale

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Deledio Recreation Reserve Committee of Management is planning a new facility for Dunolly. A sub-committee was established last year consisting of the groups that currently use the facility at Deledio Reserve, to lead the project. The new building will be designed for the whole community, not only the sporting groups that use the existing facility.

The building plan consists of a large community area for community social events such as weddings with the ability to hold meetings in a smaller area, facilities for sporting groups that wish to use the building, and a community gym.

A Come and Try Day is to be held on Saturday 23rd March, from 10am to 12pm at the Deledio Reserve.

There will be a range of activities for families to try. A free BBQ lunch will be provided. There will be the opportunity for community members to provide comment on the proposed facility. This is your building. We want to hear your views.

Marion Da Costa

A Picture for the century

Inspired by the elephant and lion photograph in
The Welcome Record 27th February 2019

It was grand to see such charity
Like helping out a mate
Giving the youngster a free ride
Down to the water pools gate.
Yes, it was grand to see this
That chivalry's not dead
There is still kindness in this world
A kindly light was shed.

No rolling cameras on the scene
No reporters everywhere
No crowding round the hero as
He showed some love and care.
It was no human beings kindness
That was out on display
Just three hot and tired animals
Giving a needed help that day.

It was out in the uncivilised jungle
Who were walking side by side
No long standing friendships
Just a needy soul in need of a ride
There walking side by side a sight
For a picture of the century page
A lion cub in the elephants trunk
An example for the human stage.

"finis"

Ken Peake



Editor's note: If only or wishful thinking!



This image can't be fairly considered one of the best photographs of this century, because it's not a genuine photograph.

The image of the elephant carrying a lion cub with its trunk was created by Kruger National Park and shared to the South Africa organization's official

Twitter account, Kruger Sightings, on April Fool's Day in 2018. The original posting was accompanied by the words "Sloof Lirpa," or "April Fools" backwards.

<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/elephant-carrying-lion-cub/>

ARTS and **ENTERTAINMENT**

Tiny Towns Arts Trail

APRIL SAT 20 - SUN 21
SAT 27 - SUN 28

The Fourth Annual Tiny Towns Arts Trail.... this year spanning four days.... over twenty one locations hidden across nine of the Tiny Towns of the Central Goldfields, Loddon and Pyrenees country.

Come join us, share in the creative energy that is quietly building in this unique part of the world. Support our local artists and makers, small business and creative communities.

From Fine Art Galleries, Funky Cafes and Artists' Studios to Pop Up Exhibitions in Historic buildings, Restored Railway Stations, Churches, Garages and Gardens. You will discover hidden treasures, fine dining, farmers' markets and the creative magic heart of our historic towns. Uncover luscious local secrets, (more precious than gold) in hidden unexpected places.

This year we welcome Inglewood Artists exhibiting at the Court House in Dunolly. We will celebrate the grand opening of a new gallery space on Broadway. Plus new artists, locations and towns all showing for the first time on the trail.

"Dunolly Sense of Place" a public sculpture project led by Deborah Halpern in collaboration with the Dunolly Community will get a sneak preview before being installed later this year.



The Mousetrap

Last Saturday Marilyn and I attended the final performance of *The Mousetrap* by SHP (Shane Harman Productions) at Highview College in Maryborough.

What a treat it was! An amateur production, but so professional that it could have played on Broadway (New York that is, not Dunolly – although we would have loved to have seen it here at our town hall).

This small cast of only eight actors was mesmerising to watch. Each of them gave an impassioned performance, making their character most believable.

While everyone was brilliant, I single out two players that, I believe, gave an exceptionally understated execution of their role, so as to make them appear completely natural.

Carel Fourie, as Mr Paravincini the Italian gentleman of dubious repute, was so laconic and "menafregista"^{**}, it was hard to believe he was not, in fact, a born Italian, but South African.

Leilani Harman (Shane's daughter) played Miss Casewell, a rather brooding woman with skeletons in the closet. Leilani is only 15 years old and yet she portrayed the much older Miss Casewell with great maturity and captured her heartache and anger.

The plot is by Agatha Christie, the mistress of mystery. It revolves around a number of people snowed-in at a guest house with a murderer on the loose. I will not say any more. This is one of those plays where the audience is sworn to secrecy not to reveal whodunit. It makes for a wonderfully suspenseful ending.

I was most impressed by the acting, the lighting, the sets and the entire production, with extra facets such as 'guess-the-murderer' raffle, a big hamper raffle and a scrumptious tea with home-made scones and jam and cream, beautifully set out with fine china in keeping with the era – even the programme was styled like a 1950s newspaper. A wonderful evening! Thanks SHP. Looking forward to your next one – you just go from strength to strength.

Article and photo by Susan Anderson

** - menafregista – an Italian term meaning – devil-may-care.

Memories of our Dunolly "RED DOG" Koko, of the movie fame will be part of the fun again this year.

As part of the WOOLLY WEST FEST 2019, Dunolly will create a panel celebrating our RED DOG as part of the "Trading the Mob" project to be exhibited at Woolly West Fest in Hamilton in June .

Our RED DOG will then travel to Casterton Kelpie Muster 2019 as part of a touring exhibition.

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for updates and news or for more info
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Morning Sunrise Smoothie

Ingredients for Smoothie

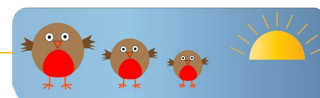
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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 frozen peeled bananas | 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract |
| 1/2 cup non fat plain yogurt | 1/2 teaspoon almond extract |
| 1 cup orange juice or pineapple juice | 1 table spoon of honey |

Ingredients for Strawberry Coulis

- 1/4 cup strawberry preserves
- 2 cups of fresh strawberries

Directions

- In a blender, blend the strawberry preserves and berries until smooth and creamy. Transfer to a small bowl and chill until needed. Note: this can be made ahead of time and refrigerated.
- In a clean blender combine the bananas and remaining smoothie ingredients until smooth.
- To serve use a 10 oz wine goblet, Fill with 1/4 cup strawberry puree and pour banana mixture over to fill glass.
- This creates a 'sunrise' in your glass. Garnish with a fresh berry and orange slice.





Porteous Road Bridge works endorsed

Works to upgrade the Porteous Road Bridge were endorsed at Tuesday night's (26/02) Central Goldfields Shire Council's Ordinary

Meeting.

Murray Constructions Pty Ltd have been chosen to undertake the project which includes increasing the bridge's weight limit to 160 tonnes.

Both levels of government have contributed to the project with the Federal Government providing \$500,000 through its Bridge Renewal Program and the Victorian Government allocating \$270,000 from the Fixing Country Roads Program.

Council is contributing \$230,000.

Works are expected to commence in June.

Maple trees still alive

Council wants to assure the community that the Maple trees planted in Majorca Road are alive.

The Maple species planted tend to react when very hot and windy conditions present, such as were experienced in early January.

The trees will react by dropping leaves and leaf die back. This is known as leaf scorch.

Leaf scorch is likely to happen more so when the trees are younger, however when established after two to three years they tend to be far more heat tolerant.

The trees themselves remain alive and will re-establish seasonally.

Maryborough Tourist Market to continue in CBD

Central Goldfields Shire Council is supporting local community groups by endorsing the monthly Maryborough Tourist Market to be permanently held in Maryborough's CBD at its Ordinary Meeting last night (26/02).

The monthly market, hosted by Maryborough Lions Club on the first Sunday of each month, has experienced steady growth during its 12 months of the trial period along sections of Alma and Nolan streets. Seventy-one stallholders attended the market in December.

On average, between 1500 and 2000 visitors visit the market each month, with many visitors being from outside the Maryborough community.

In previous years, the Maryborough Tourist Market has been held at the Maryborough Harness Racing Complex but proved unsustainable.

Central Goldfields Shire Chief Administrator Noel Harvey said the re-located market has been an excellent initiative for the Maryborough Lions Club and the town.

"The relocation of the Maryborough Tourist Market has seen the event grow significantly and has increased the atmosphere and activity in the local CBD."

Draft Rating Strategy endorsed

Central Goldfields Shire Council endorsed the Draft Rating Strategy 2019-2021 at Tuesday night's (26/02) Ordinary Meeting and is now seeking community feedback.

The Council Budget sets the total rates to be collected for each year and the Rating Strategy guides Council in determining what portion of the total rates to be collected will be paid by each individual property.

Council's current Rating Strategy was adopted in 2014.

The Draft Rating Strategy 2019-2021 is a technical document that explores four potential options and Council has endorsed option 3 as its preferred option.

The changes proposed by option 3 aim to simplify the rating system, improve equity between ratepayers, comply with the proposed changes to the Local Government Act and minimise the annual impact on each property.

Option 3 proposes two key changes to the current Rating Strategy – the municipal charge to be reduced from 17.7% of total rates collected down to 10.0%, and the geographic split of Maryborough/Non-Maryborough in the residential, commercial and farm land differential rates will be removed.

Any changes to the Rating Strategy mean that some people will pay more and some people will pay less, it does not have any impact in the amount of rates collected by Council

It is proposed that the reduction of the municipal charge will be phased in over three years and the removal of the Maryborough/Non-Maryborough split will be phased in over five years.

A copy of the Draft Rating Strategy 2019-2021 is available on Council's website at:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Residents will be provided with an opportunity to have their say on the Draft Rating Strategy through a formal submission process and via an online survey.

Written submissions must be made by Monday 1 April, 2019 and should be addressed to Submissions, Central Goldfields Shire Council, PO Box 194, Maryborough, 3465 or emailed to submissions@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

If you make a submission and wish to speak to it you must specify that you wish to do so as part of your submission. A submission hearing will be held on Tuesday 9 April at 5.30pm at the Community Hub with the public encouraged to attend.

Central Goldfields Shire Chief Administrator Noel Harvey said the Draft Rating Strategy will help to reduce confusion surrounding rates.

"Rates and how they are levied is complex and our Draft Rating Strategy aims to maximise equality and simplicity, whilst minimising the annual impact of the proposed changes on property owners."

The Draft Rating Strategy is available for feedback at www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

For more information and interviews contact Central Goldfields Shire Communications Officer Lachlan Steed on 5461 0689.

CGSC News

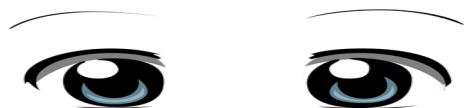
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THE VISION INITIATIVE

The Vision Initiative* and the Neighbourhood Centre would like to invite you to attend a free session to learn about eye health and speak to your local optometrist. At the Centre on Wednesday 27th of March. 11am till 12 noon.

The 2016 National Eye Health Survey found that more than 453,000 Australians are blind or vision-impaired. More that 50% of participants with an eye condition weren't aware of their condition before taking part in the survey.

In time, as our population ages, the number of people who are blind or vision-impaired is expected to increase. The good news is that in Australia around 90% of vision loss and blindness is preventable or treatable if detected early.

Come and speak to Ian Clemens, optometrist and learn about eye health.

THE EYES HAVE IT!

If you would like to learn more about your Neighbourhood Centre - call in. We are the building to the right of the Dunolly Hospital open Monday to Thursday from 9am.

Ring 54681511 or simply email: admin@dunnhc.com.au

Sharon Hiley Coordinator



Wirework Workshop

Regina Dudek from "The Mad Queen" is coming to teach a workshop at the Arts Hub on Sunday 7th April. She will be sharing her knowledge on the art of wirework, in a three hour workshop, where participants will be constructing a free-form birdcage in the workshop. All materials supplied. Cost is \$75 - tea & coffee supplied.

I recently spoke to Regina about the workshop and she is very excited to be coming up to this area for the weekend. She is hosting workshops all weekend in Bendigo and we were lucky enough to snaffle her for Dunolly. She also said that if you wanted to bring along any old jewellery, keys, pressed tin, metal treasures that you would like to incorporate into the birdcage, please bring them along. Check out her Facebook page, "The Mad Queen", to see some of her wonderful, whimsical artworks.

Ring Lynda to book for the workshop on 0418875453 .

Sew Simply

As part of our sustainable practices at the Arts Hub, I will be teaching a short set of workshops in mid-March at GELC in Maryborough. The workshops are called 'Sew Simply' and are a set of lessons in how to use a sewing machine with confidence, how to do the simple things like thread a machine, or a bobbin, and how to change stitches, sew a straight line.

These will all be done in a very hands-on way. We will also be constructing a very simple bag and pair of pants over the six weeks. We will also touch on simple hand sewing, starting a small business, marketing and general sewing skills and shortcuts to make sewing a part of your life whether it's as a beginner or as someone who has no confidence in their skills. All are welcome across all ages and skill levels and we will supply the machines and equipment. They will be held on a Saturday afternoon. Please ring Lynda to book a place - 0418875453 .



Tai Chi - Wing Chun

Tai Chi: The classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am. There is also a Tuesday evening Win Chun class at 6pm

Coming Soon

Essential Oils for Children Workshop: Thursday March 14th 12.30 - 2.30pm at the Arts Hub.

Craft Supplies Mega Sale on 24th March at The Arts Hub 10am-2pm – sellers to arrive at 8.30am.

Exhibition at Arts Hub for Tiny Towns Art Trail on 20th, 21st, 27th and 28th April. If you have any items you would like to exhibit for the Tiny Towns Arts Trail please call Lynda on 0418875453

Lynda Vater

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PREP STUDENTS HAD THEIR LAST REST DAY ON A WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK. FROM NOW ON PREP STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

This week's value in focus is: Tolerance

Accepting the differences of others

Around school this week:



Safer Internet Information

Over the next few weeks we will be attaching a flyer with tips for parents on what certain online games or apps are, what to look out for and how to allow children to interact safely.



DISCO

We have some enterprising young students who are running a disco tomorrow lunchtime in the Multipurpose room for students.

2nd lunchtime

No cost

Organised by Jas, Mia and Lexi

Lots of fun and games !



MORNING MUNCH

Every Thursday morning from 8 – 8.30am. Free for all attending. In the multipurpose room. Thanks to our fantastic volunteers who run this.



MOTHER GOOSE CLUB

Mother goose runs every Friday from 9.30am – 10.30am. A great program for any children from birth to preschool age. Fun, songs, rhymes and stories and a free morning tea. All welcome and bring your parent, friends and their children too !!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep – Blake Davies

Year 1/2 – Mia Schodde

Year 3/4 H – Jaylan Oates

Year 3/4 M – Imogen Dukker

Year 5/6 – Charlotte Smith

Principal's Award – Chloe Goodwin

Auslan – Charlotte Liddicoat

LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



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Church News
Dunolly Christian Churches
 Invites you to worship God
 and welcomes you to their services:
Anglican Church Services:

St John's Dunolly
 10am Thursday 7th March, Eucharist Canon Heather
Emu

11.30am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
Bealiba St. David's

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

Catholic Church Services:

Dunolly, St. Mary's
 8.30am Mass, every Sunday until Easter

Bealiba, St. Patrick's
 8.30am Mass, 5th Sunday of the month

Uniting Church Services:

Dunolly
 9.30am Sunday the 10th March, Anne Kelsall will lead us in our Musical Celebration service.

Catholic Church

Several of us attended the World Day of Prayer at St. John's on a very hot Friday evening. The women of Slovenia prepared the service, and the offering money will go to help establish help for people suffering domestic violence. St. Mary's will be host for next year—the country is Zimbabwe.

St Augustine's Parish Deb Ball will be on 17th and 18th of May. Contact Dianne 5461 2723 or Kay on 5464 2298 for more information.

Lenten groups begin this week - local Jill Morse, 805 Maryborough/Dunolly Rd. Havelock.

Tel 5468 7444 on Thursdays at 7.00pm.

St Patrick's Day celebration at Avoca Golf Club, Sunday 17th March at 7pm (doors open 6.30pm).

Meal and sing-a-long \$30 p/p. Tickets - Jeannie Scully. Tel 0409 592 627 or Avoca Post Office on 5465 3006.

Mass at St. Mary's Church, Dunolly on Sunday, 10th February at 8.30am.

R Mcreddy

Uniting Church

On Sunday the 10th March Anne Kelsall will lead us in our Musical Celebration service. This is her first service which she is leading in our Church. Come along and support her.

On Saturday 9th March, we are holding our Car-Boot Sale in the Church grounds. Hosts for the day are the C.W.A. The Op-shop will be open too. We have all summer clothes for sale and much bric-a-brac. Books and many glasses. Come in and have a cuppa with our girls; we would love to see you.

On Friday the 22nd of March our first 'Blokes Night Out' for the year will take place at 6.30pm for all men in the district. This format of a barbeque commencing at 6.30 pm followed by our guest speaker, Bruce Gallagher.

I am sure this will be a very entertaining night as Bruce is a wonderful and much travelled man. It is a night not to miss.

Jean Richardson



The Op-shop is open on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 2pm
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Uniting Church Car Boot Sale



The Dunolly CWA will be hosting the car boot sale on Saturday the 9th March with a cake and produce stall. Outside stall holders are welcome at \$2.00. The Op-shop will be open and we have a large range of furniture we need to shift at bed-rock prices.

Jim McKenzie

St John's Church

Thursday 7th March, 10am Eucharist Canon Heather.

Trina Kay

SCRIPTURE VERSE OF THE WEEK

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

World Day of Prayer in Dunolly



Last Friday evening, March 1st, Christians from the three Dunolly churches gathered for an ecumenical service at St John's Anglican Church to celebrate the 2019 World Day of Prayer.

More than three million people in 170 countries join in these services. In Australia most churches are represented at these services.

Each year, a country is selected to provide the theme and service. This year Slovenia was the chosen country. Slovenia was a kingdom until 1929, when the country was occupied by Germany. In 1945 Slovenia became a communist republic of Yugoslavia, however in 1990 a multiparty system elected a non-communist government. Independence was declared in 1991 with little loss of life. The theme chosen by Slovenia was "Come — Everything is Ready", and the congregation heard testimonies written by several Slovenian Christian women who shared their hardships and faith.

A reading from Luke 14:15-24 spoke about a banquet being ready, the invited guests making excuses not to attend, and the host then inviting the poor, crippled, blind, lame and homeless to his banquet.

Fiona Lindsay researched and wrote about Slovenia and Rachel Buckley read this out. Several hymns were sung to the accompaniment of the Fincham pipe organ, and prayers said.

The church and hall were decorated in the colours of the Slovenian flag: red, white and blue, and a scrumptious country supper was enjoyed in the historic church hall at the conclusion of the service.

In 2020 the service will be compiled by Zimbabwe, with the theme "Zimbabwe! Rise! Take your mat and walk." It will take place at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. In 2021 it will be the turn of Vanuatu with the theme "Vanuatu: Build on a strong foundation." to be held at the Dunolly Uniting Church.

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MAYORAL COLUMN

Major milestone for flood restoration

Council's flood restoration program will reach a major milestone this month with the completion of practical works for the program. The total value of the works is expected to be approximately \$23 million.

The completion of works is a significant achievement for the program, which has been made possible through funding via the Natural Disaster Financial Assistance. Administrative components of the program will conclude on 30 June 2019.

Major works have included the restoration of Sebastian Bridge, Appin South Bridge and Dalziels Bridge, and major road reconstruction works on Tandarra Serpentine Road and Rothackers Road.

Major restoration works have also been completed on sections of Pyramid Yarraberb Road and Wilkinson Swamp Road, with Sebastian Road expected to be completed by the middle of this month.

I'd like to acknowledge Council's works crew and external panel contractors who together have ensured the completion of this section of the program.

On behalf of Council, I would also like to thank the community for its continued support and cooperation, which has also helped ensure the completion of works and goals under the program.

Autumn events a highlight for our Shire

As we move into the more favourable autumn weather (and hopefully start to leave the heat behind), our Loddon region is set to host a number of events.

Firstly this weekend (9th to 10th March) is the Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree. This family-friendly weekend focuses on detector skills, gold panning, live music, town garage sales, a country market and the chance to take home some valuable prizes.

Then on Saturday 16th March will be the inaugural Loddon Valley Food and Wine Expo. Taking place on the banks of the Loddon River at Newbridge, the expo will showcase the region's gourmet food and wine.

A highlight will be the option to enjoy a three-course lunch prepared by chef Karen Martini (Better Homes and Gardens) and served with local wines.

Live music and entertainment will also feature. For those not attending the lunch, entry is \$10 (under 16 free) or \$20 for entry, tastings of food and wine, plus a souvenir wine glass.

On the Sunday (17 March), the Boort Pacing Cup promises a wonderful social day (and lively racing) hosted by the oldest continuous trotting club in Australia. Another personal highlight for me will be the Pyramid Hill Fiesta on 23 March. The fiesta celebrates the vibrant contribution of the town's multicultural community and includes dance displays, singing, children's entertainment, live music, and Filipino and Australian country cuisine.

Soon after comes the Eddington Vintage Sports Car Club Sprints, planned for 30 March, featuring vehicles from early 1900s roadsters to classics from the 70s.

From noon on 31st March the Giant Pumpkin Challenge 2019 will raise funds for cystic fibrosis research. Held at Simply Tomatoes, near Boort, categories include decorated pumpkins, best conditioned pumpkin and a separate section for giant specimens of fruit, vegetables and flowers.

On Easter Monday, 22nd April, the 149th Rheola Charity Carnival will be held, showcasing old-fashioned country entertainment.

The Bridgewater Mother's Day Classic returns on 12th May, with courses for walkers and runners in aid of breast cancer research.

For more details on all these events and more, phone the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 3489 or visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au

Community projects moving ahead

There's a plethora of community projects happening (or scheduled to happen) around our Shire at the moment and I have picked out a few highlights for this column. I will mention other projects in future columns.

New playground equipment will be installed at Dingee Recreation Reserve and Rheola Recreation Reserve this month. A playground redevelopment will also take place this month at Pyramid Hill (between the tennis courts and the pool), which will include a new barbecue area and shade structures.

Shade sails are scheduled to be installed over the playground at Korong Vale's Borella Park and also at the Boort Swimming Pool this month.

Works on a new barbecue and shelter to be installed at Progress Park in Newbridge are expected to get underway after the Food and Wine Expo on 16 March. A number of repairs will also take place at Newbridge Hall after this date.

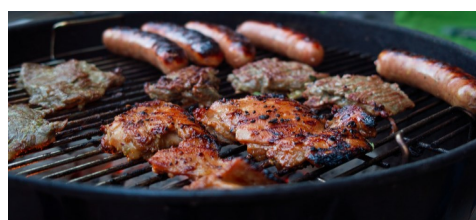
The Pyramid Hill Town Hall is set to receive a power upgrade (including new meter board), helping the hall cater for bigger events.

The Bridgewater Recreation Reserve will have two timber light towers replaced, including new LED lights. Works on the replacement are anticipated to be completed by the end of next month.

Did you know?

The flood recovery program began following a major flood event in October 2016. The flood resulted in 2,237 damages recorded across the Shire.

Cr Cheryl McKinnon



BLOKES NIGHT OUT

You are invited to a "Blokies Night Out" on Friday 22nd March at the Dunolly Uniting Church commencing at 6.30pm.

This is a Dunolly Uniting Church initiative to enable local blokes to get together for an informal barbecue followed by a topical and informative speaker.

The format will be the same, a barbecue commencing at 6.30pm followed by a guest speaker. The guest speaker will be Bruce Gallagher.

This is an open night so if you have a friend or know someone who would like to come, do not hesitate to invite them.

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Community Group	Venue	Date/Times
Bealiba Bingo	Bealiba Hall	2nd Monday monthly 1.30pm
Bealiba CWA	Bealiba Hall	3rd Thursday monthly 1pm
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	Dunolly Community Hub	Regular meetings - 7.30pm
Collections Connections & Cocktails	Thrifty on Broadway	3rd Saturday of the month - 2-3.30pm
Community Bus to Maryborough	RTC side street	Friday leaves at 10am . Be there 15 minutes before departure. 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 8am to 1pm
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	Town 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	1 st 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	Alma and Nolan Streets	1st Sunday monthly 8am - 1pm
Tourist Market		Maryborough
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	Dunolly Arts Hub	Tuesdays at 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
Win Chun Class	Arts Hub	Tuesdays 6pm

Put These On Your Calendar for March 2019

Saturday 9th	8.30am	Car Boot Sale at the Uniting Church
Sunday 10th	8am - 1pm	Dunolly Community Market
Thursday 14th	12.30pm - 2.30pm	Essential Oils workshop at the Arts Hub
Sunday 17th	9am - 1pm	Talbot Farmers' Market
Friday 22nd	6.30pm	Blokes Night Out with a BBQ Dunolly Uniting Church RSVP by Tuesday 19 th March.
Saturday 23rd	10am	Community Consultation at Deledio Reserve BBQ lunch
Saturday 24th	10am - 2pm	Mega craft supplies sale at the Arts Hub
Wednesday 27th	11am – 12pm	The Vision Initiative - eye health at the Neighbourhood Centre



BEALIBA CWA UPDATE

It doesn't take long to get back into the swing of things; a week after our first meeting for the year and we were back hosting the East Wimmera Group Conference. Next month is also starting to fill up with Bealiba responsible for the Group Craft Day which will be in St. Arnaud. The three crafts on offer are: recycling Xmas cards into gift tags, a zipcro purse, or an appliqué'd peg bag featuring a very cute pig.

At the conference State Treasurer Janette O'Keefe, brought us up to date on what is happening at Headquarters and the refurbishment that has been taking place at Umina. Janette also made mention that the Victorian CWA had sent \$15,000 to the Queensland CWA to distribute to those impacted by the floods in North Queensland. The association has also allocated many thousands of dollars to farmers in drought and those affected by bushfires. We certainly don't need reminding that Australia is ever a land of flooding rains and drought. Consequently, branches are heavily involved in fund raising which can take many forms including stalls at markets, running a bridal fashion parade (where the oldest dress dated from 1903 and the newest in 2018) or trivia afternoons.

However, for me, the most interesting part was listening to the abbreviated secretary's reports. I am continually impressed by what the branches in the East Wimmera Group do to enhance community spirit. These include gifts of booties to all newborns in the district, welcoming new residents, celebrating birthdays with those in aged care facilities, organising Easter egg hunts and concerts. I know these activities are replicated by other groups throughout the state which brings me to the point; the Country Women's Association is a great organisation so if you want to come and join us – please do.

There were some other useful ideas which I gleaned from the conference. For example, at Christmas most branches do a Kris Kringle at their final meeting of the year.

Last year we decided that our gifts wouldn't be purchased but rather they would take the form of Make, Bake or Grow. However, one of the other branches decided their gifts would be purchased from their local Op Shop. I thought this was a great idea as it ultimately benefited their local community.

Finally, congratulations to Betty Lovel and Jan Murphy for their prize-winning entries in the group competitions. Before closing, there are also a few points to make from our meeting in February. It was decided that some of our craft mornings would be given over to making gifts for guest speakers and other guests. These included hand-made cards and boxes filled with soaps or lavender bags.

Typically, at our first meeting of the year we vote on the thanksgiving nominations. All the causes are worthy and it is often hard to decide which one to support. However, this year Bealiba voted for research into Motor Neuron Disease.

Our Junior CWA membership has grown and we are hoping other young girls in the district might like to join. At their first meeting for the year the girls made a start on hand and machine sewing. From all reports the girls made a great start and I'm sure they felt a sense of achievement when they finished their session with Jenny and Barbara.

Finally, it was really good to see Geri Delgado back and on her feet again.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday, 21st March. Meeting @ 1pm. Craft at 10.30am
 Tuesday, 9th April Group Craft Day at St Arnaud at 10am.

Competition Winners for February:

Single Bloom	First:	Jan Murphy
	Second:	Lisa Hedin Smith
Multiple Bloom	First:	Betty Lovel
	Second:	Heather Davis
Competition -	Prettiest Cake Tin	
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Competition for March – Fridge Magnet

Heather Davis




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5. Of the whole universe
9. Physical exercise session
10. In the year of our Lord, ___ Domini
11. Attack one's reputation, ___ in the back
13. Operating smoothly, well-___
15. Diagram showing relationship between two sets of numbers
17. False
19. Reflected light
20. North American river, ___ Grande
21. Small and mischievous
23. Chop with axe or the like
24. Socceros star, ___ Cahill
25. Assist
27. U.S. comedian/actor, ___ Williams
29. Confused, at ___

31. Not productive (of land, eg.)
33. Device aiding adjustment of musical instrument's pitch, ___ fork
35. Become swollen with liquid or gas
36. U.S. singer/actress, ___ Midler
37. Oval stone fruit
39. Steep descent of plane
40. Name shared by a brief description of someone and a side view of the face
41. Music style with origins in late 20th century
42. Simply

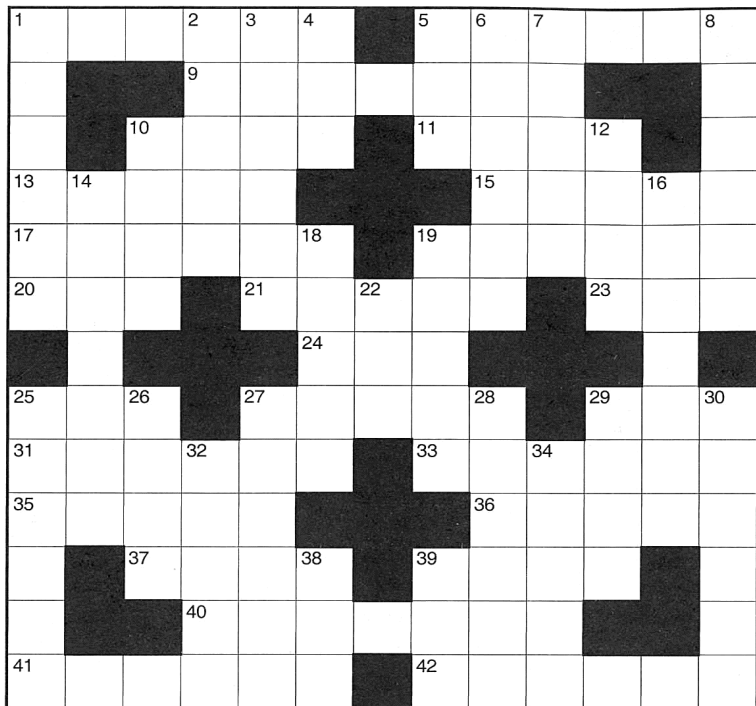
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1. To work
2. Holder of property
3. Hot cheese dish
4. Backwards and forwards, to and ___
5. Type of lettuce
6. Have more fire power than
7. Have high aspirations, reach for the ___
8. Tropical evergreen tree with edible nut
10. Musical range
12. Cleansing of the body
14. First letter of word
16. Keep from occurring
18. English singer, Sir ___ John
19. Confine within a boundary

22. Harmless lie
25. Comedy team, ___ and Costello
26. Let fall by releasing
27. Exchange (as in 'in ___ for their help')

28. Suitable for marriage (of woman)
29. Location (of construction, eg.)
30. Business providing a service

32. English actor of stage and screen, Sir ___ Richardson
34. At no time
38. Bull's bellow
39. Faint (to see)



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 Lisa has to travel all the way from Gippslands to help me fund-raise, so please come and support her, it's a gold coin donation for entry to help with the Hub hire.
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 I intended to let the Do Not Call Register know about this scam, but when I visited their website I discovered they already knew all about it.
 However, it left me wondering how this scammer managed to get so much information about me, even though it was out-of-date. Did he take a guess at the expiry date of my credit card, hoping that by then he would have gained my trust, and that I would correct him? I'm hoping so, but then the expiry date could have been from an expired card of mine, which would put a whole new complexion on things.

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Pam Brightwell



Autumn firewood collection season opened

The 2019 autumn firewood collection season opened in central Victoria and closes on Sunday 30th June.

Forest Fire Management Victoria's (FFMVic) district manager, Paul Bates, said it's important that people only collect firewood from designated firewood collection areas on public land and stay within collection limits.

"Interactive maps showing where you can collect domestic firewood from will go live from today, when the season gets underway," Mr Bates said.

"Designated collection areas are put in place to protect sites of cultural and environmental significance. The felling of any trees for firewood is strictly prohibited. Authorised officers will be patrolling parks, forests and reserves to ensure people are doing the right thing while collecting their firewood.

We're reminding people to stay within collection limits, which are a maximum of two cubic metres per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year. Some households rely on domestic firewood for winter energy, so it's important to consider others when collecting firewood from state forests.

Be sure to check local weather and forest conditions before heading out to make sure it's safe before collecting firewood in your area. Some collection sites may be part of the autumn planned burning program, so it's a good idea to check where burns are happening as these areas may be closed at short notice." More information including rules, updates and interactive maps showing designated collection areas is available from : www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood

Under the Forest Act 1958, people who collect firewood outside designated firewood collection areas or a firewood collection season or take more than the maximum allowable amounts can face fines of up to \$8059, or a maximum penalty of one year imprisonment or both, if the matter proceeded to court.

For any further information on firewood collection or to report illegal or suspicious behaviour in public land areas, please contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) on 136 186.

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Travels with Cynthia



After attending the music afternoon at the Golf Club last Saturday, and having a chat to Jefferson Smith, the guest performer, I realised how much he reminded me of a singer at the famous Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. Jefferson said it could well have been him, but he is far too young to have been there in the 80s. This singer was very alike in appearance and also sang a lot of Sinatra songs, including *New York, New York*, *My Way* and *The Lady is a Tramp*. He wowed the audience but the strange thing about the night club at the Fairmont was that no drinks were served throughout the whole performance.

Liz and I had gone on a nightclub tour and we had dinner at the Fairmont first and then into the nightclub. Everyone was served a drink to start with, but once the stage performance began all the drink waiters disappeared. When a man in our party went to the bar to ask for a refill, he was told not till the end of the performance. This seemed pretty weird for a nightclub and then when the act was over, after 11pm we were told we must go into the bar for more drinks. Doubly weird.

It reminded me of our last night in New York, the city that never sleeps, but it went to bed early that night, because when we asked the cab driver to take us to a good nightclub where we could stay late, he could only think of ones attached to hotels, so we settled for that and had to buy food in order to have a cocktail. Considering we had already dined, we had to find the smallest thing on the menu.

Having complained about the erroneous idea of the swinging nightlife that didn't exist, it probably did but our cabbie may have been very inexperienced, although I doubt that. However I do not believe that the so-called nightclubs in Melbourne that stay open till dawn are the substitute for the real meaning of a nightclub, where civilised people behave in a civilised way. They seem to be a thing of the past.

Cynthia

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Rosie Rambles question Answer—Robbing Peter to pay Paul.

The Off-Chance Photograph

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 Just taken on a perfect day
 When clouds framed a tree
 in perfect symmetry
 Thanks Jenny for this pic
 You must have been very quick
 To get this stunning shot
 before the wind blew up
 and messed up the lot.

Marilyn

Photo - Jenny Scott.
 Behind the Old Town Hall



Explore the Loddon Valley - a Taste



From Spanner Sculptures in Bort to Gold Memories in Tarnagulla and Dunolly

The long driveway lined with rusted old farm machinery leads visitors to the prettiest of gardens and a collection of towering metal sculptures which have earned their creator a modest measure of fame. The sculptures – all, remarkably, made out of spanners – are the work of John Piccoli, who lives with wife Sonia near Bort.

Olive Trees

Salute Oliva, also at Bort, is a family-run olive business which has won gold and silver medals. They produce cold-pressed extra virgin olive oil, table olives, semi-dried olives, olive oil soap and preserves and tastings are available.

Tomatoes

Another popular tourist drawcard is Simply Tomatoes, at Bort, where owners Ian and Marilyn Lanyon grow and market specialty green tomato products. Ian and Marilyn welcome visitors for lunch, morning or afternoon tea, factory tours or as an RV Friendly destination.

The Lake

Little Lake Bort, a 72ha body of water which is a mecca for sailors, swimmers, anglers and water-ski enthusiasts. A walking track around the lake can yield sightings of swans, ibis, pelicans and other birds.

Antiques in Inglewood

At Inglewood, the gold rush era architecture of the main street is a fitting backdrop for flourishing antiques businesses; visit the Eucalyptus Distillery Museum that offers visitors a glimpse into the rich history and production of eucalyptus oil.

Tarnagulla and Dunolly

In the south of the Shire, in the heart of the Golden Triangle, sits Tarnagulla, a small town still awash with the flavour of its gold mining days of the 1850s. Monuments at nearby Moliagul commemorate the discovery in 1869 of the "Welcome Stranger" – at about 72kg, the largest gold nugget ever found in Victoria – and the birthplace of John Flynn, founder of the Australian Inland Mission and the Flying Doctor Service. Dunolly, on the edge of the Loddon Valley Shire, has the Dunolly Museum with plenty of gold memorabilia.

Cr Cheryl McKinnon