# The Welcome Record

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### CFA urges locals to install smoke alarms

The CFA and Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) are calling for residents to install interconnected smoke alarms in bedrooms, hallways and living areas in a major change to previous home fire safety advice.

The recommendation follows new research collected over the past decade which revealed most residential fire fatalities and injuries are from fires which started in sleeping areas. The research also found many Victorians are confused or unsure about the usage, location and maintenance of smoke alarms.

Dunolly Fire Brigade Captain, Ken Duell, said smoke alarms have proven invaluable assets.

"We've never lost any lives in Dunolly, which is good, but we've had smoke alarms go off and alert people that there is smoke in the building — they've been invaluable like that and the people involved have been able to get out of the building until we've arrived and dealt with it," he said.

A survey conducted last month found only 22 per cent of Victorian homes had smoke alarms installed; 11 per cent had interconnected smoke alarms and only 20 per cent tested monthly.

Interconnected smoke alarms mean that if an alarm detects smoke in one

area of a building, all installed smoke alarms will be triggered.

Captain Duell said the number of people who don't have smoke alarms is concerning.

"In our opinion, everyone should have smoke alarms; it should be standard, even in older houses. They've proven their worth here and elsewhere," he said.

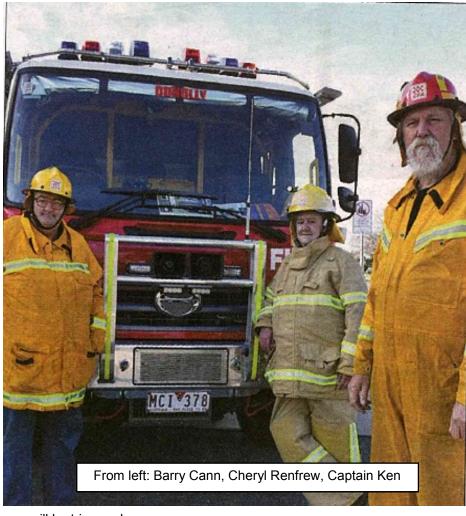
"All new buildings these days are required to have smoke alarms in place. It's a matter of convincing people in older dwellings that they should have them installed."

Captain Duell said having smoke alarms installed in bedrooms, where most fatal fires start, is important, but so too is having alarms installed throughout the house.

While the CFA are urging Victorians to have smoke alarms installed throughout their homes, residents are also reminded to regularly check their alarms to make sure they're working.

Captain Duell said the Dunolly Fire Brigade intends running smoke alarm programs in the future and already assists the community to make sure the devices are in running order.

"We go out and change smoke alarm batteries for the elderly, or people who can't do it themselves. That's been one of our programs for quite a few years," he said.



"Anyone who needs a smoke alarm battery changed can contact us and we're happy to do it. There's a few of us who have actually done a course and are qualified to do that."

Donation: 50c

Captain Duell urged community members to regularly check their smoke alarms.

"Our standard message is that on the change of daylight saving times you test your smoke alarm and replace your batteries yearly," he said.

"A bit of dust can set smoke alarms off and so can spider webs, so it's important alarms are vacuumed out and cleaned regularly.

"When daylight savings finishes is the important time to make sure smoke alarms are clean, operating properly and have a new battery in them, because we're going into winter, and that's when we have more house fires."

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I have been on a genuine ramble today — on a bus trip to see the silo art from Rupanyup through Minyip; to Warracknabeal for lunch; on up to Rosebery; then home through Donald. Sister Ramble, Alice and I left Dunolly at 7.45am for Maryborough and arrived back in Dunolly after 6pm. A BIG day, so if this is a bit more scrambled than usual. it's because I'm tired.

The first silo at Rupanyup was WOW and gave us an inkling of what we were going to see further up the road. The massive portraits of two young people are "unreal". The indigenous faces at Sheep Hills in brilliant colour made a great impression. After lunch, we went as far as Rosebery, through Brim where it all started, and then headed back home via Donald. There is almost a compulsory stop in Donald at the bickie factory, aka Kooka's. Loaded up with biscuits, tins and various types of kookaburras (i.e. biscuits, not birds), we got on the bus to try to keep awake on the way home. We also had a walk around Minyip, the home of Cooper's Crossing, to stretch our legs. The artwork on the silos is awesome in the true meaning of the word. Many thanks to hostess Sharon and driver Greg for a beaut day. I want to go and see the rest of the silo trail.

The day seemed to be doomed for me before we left. Locked up the house and was ready to go when I realised that not only had I left the heater on, but I had also left my glasses inside. Frantic search of the handbag failed to locate the house keys and led to further panic on my part. Finally a calmer search found the wretched keys lurking in the deepest, darkest part of said handbag. Just as well we had allowed ourselves plenty of time. Off to bed now!

Rosie



Left: Rupanyup Below: Sheep Hill



### Important telephone numbers

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Police non emergency: 131 444 Dunolly Police: 5468 1100 Dunolly Doctor: 5468 1104 Dunolly SES: 5468 1199

### Stories from Cynthia

Last week I attended an Extremely Long Lunch as a fundraiser for One in Five, which is an organisation for awareness of mental health. It was started about 14 years ago by members of my family and close friends, after my brother and sister- in-law lost their second son, Matthew, when he took his own life. Matthew, known affectionately as Mouse, was a popular, intelligent young man with a host of friends. An outsider might have said they were puzzled that a clever young man with a rewarding job, a loving family and a beautiful fiancé could end it all. That has been the attitude of many people in the past, but gradually more and more information about mental illness has been made public and nowadays most people recognise depression as a mental illness. One in Five is the title because statistics have shown that one in five people suffer or have suffered from mental illness.

From an early age Mouse believed he should do better at things, only from his own perspective, not to best anyone else. I remember once at a family gathering Mike was showing some of the children a coin trick. Gradually they all gave up, but not Mouse. He sat outside until almost dark trying to work out that puzzle because he would have considered himself a failure had he not succeeded. One night his younger brother came downstairs in the middle of the night to find Mouse working over a story he was submitting in his job as a journalist. His brother tried to persuade Mouse that his work was perfect as it was, but Mouse believed he could still do better. It was always for his own satisfaction, as though he believed that he should be better and was frustrated if he felt he hadn't achieved that nebulous goal.

A few people talked to the gathering about their own mental health issues and gave credit for the help and support they had been given. We also heard a most enlightening talk from my niece Louise.

This lunch originally started off as a little cabaret night with family and friends and has gradually mushroomed into a huge event and the organisers, my sister-in-law, her daughter Louise and close friends, have to each year find bigger and bigger venues for the hundreds of people who now attend. Family and others fly in from interstate. This year it was the Crystal Room at Caulfield Race Course and raised something like \$100,000, which was divided between The Florey Institute and Monash Health. In addition to the lunch, there is an auction where people pay amazing amounts for the items, plus raffles and lucky dips.

Now that more well-known people, for example professional sportspeople, have been going public with their mental issues, more and more people are thankfully beginning to understand that you don't have to be locked away in a psychiatric unit to have a mental illness.

Cynthia Lindsay



# Don't be a tool and break fossicking rules

Victoria's mining regulator has issued official warnings to two men who were illegally sluicing for gold in the Ovens River at Bright. Earth Resources Regulation's Inspectors around the state frequently conduct spot checks to ensure recreational fossicking is conducted properly, safely and without harm to the environment. After receiving information from the North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA), Earth Resources Regulation identified two men with Miner's Rights who were illegally sluicing the Ovens River at Bright.

Both offenders admitted their actions, claiming a lack of understanding of what a Miner's Right permitted. The offenders cooperated with the regulator, were receptive to learning about how to fossick correctly and, as a result, have received an official caution rather than a financial penalty.

Importantly, the area impacted by their activities has been restored to its previous condition.

Fossicking is a low impact way of looking for gems or minerals in the Victorian bush that combines opportunities to exercise with occasional Eureka moments. It is permitted in some national parks, state parks and waterways, as well as on private property, provided you have permission.

While fossicking may involve the use of metal detectors, picks, shovels, sieves and pans, all you really need to get started is a permit known as a Miner's Right and an ounce of common sense.

To minimise their footprint, fossickers are not permitted to use mechanical equipment or explosives to excavate and must not remove or damage vegetation or Aboriginal objects. Fossickers are expected to backfill any holes, keep their vehicles on tracks and take their rubbish home. Fossicking can result in some big Eureka moments. In May a family discovered a \$35,000 gold nugget while walking their dog north of Bendigo. Earlier this year a gold nugget worth about \$150,000 was discovered near Dunolly.

Minerals like gold are owned by the Crown on behalf of all Victorians, and recreational fossickers must hold a Miner's Right to keep any gold they find. These recent finds are timely reminders of the need to purchase a Miner's Right, use the appropriate tools and explore in the right places.

Penalties for not adhering to the conditions of a Miner's Right can result in fines of up to \$16,000 and conducting mining activities without a licence may lead to a fine of up to \$32,000.

For more information about Miner's Rights, where fossicking can take place and the responsibilities of fossickers, visit earthresources.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Earth Resources Regulation's Executive Director Anthony Hurst:

"Recreational fossicking has a long and rewarding history in Victoria, it's important modern gold hunters are aware of the rules and their responsibilities."

"Recreational fossicking is a great activity for families, friends and grey nomads, providing opportunities to exercise, relax and socialise as well as connect with Victoria's rich history and beautiful regions."

"A Miner's Right is valid for 10 years and could be the most productive \$25.20 you ever spend!"

Media Release



### MASSIVE MAINTENANCE BLITZ TO UPGRADE EVERY STATE SCHOOL

Every single Victorian government school will get a share of \$515 million in the single largest boost to school maintenance ever undertaken, thanks to an unprecedented investment by the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Education James Merlino and Member for Northcote Kat Theophanous made the announcement at Croxton Special School today – which will receive just over \$170,000 – while opening a new \$5.1 million building at the school, which includes new classrooms, therapy rooms and a tech hub.

The funding will ensure existing buildings at Victoria's 1,500 state schools are safe, modern and properly maintained, and builds on the Government's historic \$5.6 billion investment in new and upgraded schools.

The investment will more than double funding for maintenance at Victoria's state schools over the next two financial years, with more than \$300 million to be invested in 2019/20 and \$290 million in 2020/21.

It will enable schools to do essential works such as painting, replacing carpet and windows, landscaping, tree inspections and maintenance of infrastructure like septic systems and water services.

This increased investment will enable principals to get on with the job of leading Victoria's schools, by providing more funds to maintain the state's 36,000 school buildings, while supporting schools to cater to the 115,000 additional students who are expected to enter the education system over the next five years.

The package complements the Labor Government's recent initiatives to support schools to manage and maintain their facilities, including the Rolling Facilities Evaluation and the rollout of maintenance plans for each school.

The Labor Government is investing \$170.5 million in emergency and incident response over five years, including an extra \$57.8 million to address issues such as septic system failure, termite damage, mould, roof and floor damage, and \$76.4 million to respond to unforeseen incidents and events such as storms, fire or flooding.

Schools in some of the state's highest-risk bushfire areas will also have access to more funds to ensure they are 'bushfire ready', thanks to \$44.2 million over five years for fire preparedness activities like vegetation removal.

Media Release Education Minister James Merlino

### **E-Waste Box at RTC**

The Dunolly RTC would like to let you know that in addition to all our services, we now have a collection box for E-Waste, such as printer cartridges, mobile phones, batteries, laptops and electrical cords.

It is our pleasure to provide this new service for your convenience.

Rosa Halas Dunolly RTC. Coordinator









### Abolishing ramp fees in Loddon Shire

The Andrews Government is making it cheaper and easier for more Victorian families to get out on the water by abolishing parking and launching fees at public boat ramps.

Minister for Fisheries and Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, said boat launching and parking fees at Bridgewater and Little Lake in Boort are now free as part of a statewide plan to scrap parking and launching at all public boat ramps.

Scrapping parking and launching fees is the first step in delivering on this major election commitment and will save families up to \$315 a year on an annual parking permit.

Ms Pulford said every public boat ramp across Victoria will be free ahead of summer.

"We've listened to boaters and are delivering on our commitment to scrap parking and launching fees, making it cheaper and easier for more Victorians to get involved in recreational boating and fishing," Ms Pulford said.

"Waterways in Loddon Shire are popular for boaters and fishers and it's great that parking and launching will now be free," she said.

Ms Pulford said Better Boating Victoria was established earlier this year to oversee the introduction of free parking and launching, and deliver upgrades and maintenance at key boat ramps across Victoria.

It's all part of the Labor Government's unprecedented investment in boating and fishing that will ensure every dollar of license and registration revenue goes towards improving boating facilities and safety.

Better Boating Victoria is building on the success of the Government's record investment in the Target One Million program which includes a huge boost to fish stocking, a new native fish hatchery and better planning for fishing tourism.

For more information visit transport.vic.gov.au/betterboating.

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### **Meet the Loddon Artists**

Meet The Loddon Artists is a fantastic opportunity for the general public to explore and discover the inspiring creations of a number of local artists, craftspeople and photographers. With a weekend long exhibition showcasing their work, there will be a number of presentations from selected creatives allowing visitors to understand and learn more about their artistic process.

Mulwarrie Studios is a beautiful exhibition space and garden on the banks of the Loddon River and Robert Scholes, from Mulwarrie Studios, is a proud supporter of artists living and working in the Loddon region.

"We have a number of unique and talented artists showcasing their work and coming to speak," Robert says. "Painters, photographers, sculptors and mixed media artists are all creating wonderful pieces. It's great to have them share their thoughts on their work, in addition to showcasing a selection of what they are crafting."

Opening night is Friday 13 September at 7pm and the \$10 entry fee includes finger food. Day sessions on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September require a \$5 per person entry fee and include morning or afternoon tea – bookings are preferred for catering purposes. The exhibition will run through to 30 September.

For more information or to obtain a Naturally Loddon spring calendar, phone the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 3489, or you may email:

loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au or visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au

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# Dunolly and District Neighbourhood Centre



### **OP-SHOP TOUR**

Find a bargain and have a great day out by joining our Op-Shop tour to Bendigo on Wednesday 25th September leaving the

Centre at 9am. This is a shared trip with folks from the Maryborough Community House and only seven seats are available! The cost is \$10 with an option to have a picnic lunch for an extra \$5 or bring your own. Bookings essential.

### **SINGING**

The D'Sharps are having a break for a few weeks and will return in full voice on Monday 16th September. (Note a change of time) at the Centre from 2.30pm till 4pm. Don't just sing in the shower, join us!





The Dunolly & District Neighbourhood Centre Inc Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 18th September at 11.30am. The purpose of this meeting is to present the annual reports from the president, coordinator and treasurer and to declare

all positions vacant and to elect new office bearers.

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

Sharon Hiley Coordinator



### **KEEP YOUR BRAIN ACTIVE**



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Contact us on telephone 5461 2121 or our Website www.u3amaryborough.org.au







**September Monday 16th**: Free feather flower workshop. Join renowned indigenous artist Aunty Glenda Nicholls for a fascinating workshop using feathers. This workshop is part of the Ngardang Girri Kalat Mimini Exhibition being held at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery until 13th October (Find on Facebook or Instagram). The workshop runs from 1pm—4pm, with an afternoon tea. Please call or text 0418 875 453 to book your place.

**September Saturday 23rd**: Due to popular demand, we will be having another Craft Supplies Sale. If you have excess craft supplies, this is the sale to come to, to sell or maybe you want to buy. 6ft long trestle tables are for rent for the day @ \$10 per table. The sale goes from 10am — 4pm. We are looking for more craft sellers to get involved; so if that is you, please ring Lynda on 0418 875 453 to book your table.

### November Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd (Note correct days) Art & Photography Show

This show is open to amateur artists and photographers. There is a limit of three pieces. They must be framed and have hanging wire, or alternately put on a backing board. If the work is large, we need prior notice so we can accommodate the hang. Entry fee is \$5. There will be prizes and a people's choice award. All entry forms will be put on line on Facebook page or available at the Neighbourhood Centre closer to the event. We can also email out your entry form and you can pay entry fee on drop-off day. Please direct all enquiries to Lynda on mobile 0418 875 453.

#### **November Saturday 23rd**

**Dunolly Town Wide Garage Sale** 

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

### Weekly

Mosaics on Monday's 10am-12pm Art Group on Wednesday's 10am-3pm Tai Chi Tuesday's & Thursday's

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

### AGM Dunolly Community Garden Report - 26 August 2019

Welcome and thank you to our team of dedicated community gardeners.

Our workshops are still very well-supported by the community. Water-wise workshop and Garden Design workshop were our focus this year, while some of our Facebook posts are reaching 356 people!

We have been successful with the Maldon and District community bank grant for bird netting the fruit trees. Well done Lisa. We have visited an orchard in Harcourt for inspiration. A short film has been made at Maude street reflecting the community garden and kindergarten. Check it out if you haven't already.

Facebook: Maldon & District Community Bank – Dunolly Community Garden

Veronica Palmer, President



#### Rates notices are now being delivered

Central Goldfields Shire Council ratepayers are set to receive their 2019-2020 rate notice in the mail or email following the adoption of the 2019-2020 Council Budget.

The Understanding Your Rates brochure will also be distributed. This document contains

useful information about how your rates are calculated and how they are used.

For more information about rates, visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/rates

#### Job vacancies

We are recruiting for the following positions: Manager Community Partnerships Coordinator Goldfields Family Centre Manager Finance Manager Business Transformation Coordinator Strategic Asset Management Statutory Planner

Early Years Educator

For more information about these positions, visit:

www.centralgoldfieldscareers.com.au/Vacancies/

#### Maryborough Aerodrome

At Tuesday night's (27/08) Ordinary Council meeting the Central Goldfields Shire Council considered a report on the future use, maintenance and site leases for the Maryborough Aerodrome.

The key decisions made by Council were to honour the terms of the former Maryborough Aero Club agreements and offer new leases on the compliant lease template and to convert the Maryborough Aerodrome to an Aircraft Landing Area (ALA).

The new classification will save Council an annual cost of \$1.3 million. As part of the decision, a kangaroo fence will be erected around the Aerodrome to protect users and wildlife in the area.

Council has engaged in discussions with all users, including the Maryborough Aero Club and Ambulance Victoria.

The re-classification will not affect how the Aerodrome is used. Community members will still have access to air ambulances if needed and the Maryborough Aero Club will continue to have full access to the site.



#### Council supports local football

As the 2019 winter sport season draws to a close, I would like to congratulate all the players, supporters and officials taking part in club sport such as football, netball and hockey who help ensure that these activities are accessible to participants of all ages. It is also timely to reflect on the role that organised sport plays in developing healthy communities.

Taking part in physical activity in outdoor spaces is well documented to have benefits for health and mental wellbeing. By ensuring everyone has access to recreation facilities and by supporting community sports and recreation opportunities, Council promotes connected communities and encourages everyone to look out for one another.

The delivery of the winter sports program at the nine major recreation reserves throughout the Loddon Shire represents a large part of the physical activity and social interaction of the wider Loddon community. Council has recognised this by financially supporting the recreation reserves' access to irrigation water to keep the grounds in top condition, which enables teams to fully participate in organised sport. Good luck to everyone taking part in finals in the coming weeks, I wish you every success.

#### **Community Grants Scheme announcements**

The successful applicants of the Community Grants Scheme were decided at this week's Council meeting. Grants of up to \$10,000 were available for not-for-profit clubs and organisations based in the Loddon Shire to deliver projects that directly benefit residents. The Community Grants Scheme aims to help not-forprofit organisations enhance the provision of activities, facilities or delivery of services to people in our community. Council started the scheme in 2000 to assist recreation, sporting and service organisations with projects that improve the quality of life for residents. Since the scheme was initiated, Council has invested over \$2 million supporting over seven hundred community-based projects. Council's 2019/20 budget includes an allocation of \$200,000 for the Community Grants Scheme with 29 applications considered. The successful organisations will be able to deliver improvements and developments to the community to include such things as ease of access, enable greater participation and improve the amenities by purchase or upgrade of equipment. Successful applicants will be advised in due course.

#### Kinship Carers Week 2019

Since 2011 the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has funded Grandparents Victoria to establish a kinship carer network across Victoria to promote and represent kinship carers. Kinship carers raise over 70% of the children in out-of-home care across Victoria and are responsible for ensuring positive outcomes for these vulnerable children. Kinship Carers Week, which runs from 8 to 14 September, is a way of celebrating and supporting the tremendous work of these carers. This is the first time that Kinship Week has been staged and will be welcomed as a way of sharing stories and support with the broader community. A morning tea will be held at the Boardwalk, 28 Nolan Street Bendigo from 10.30am on Wednesday 11 September. RSVP is essential: call 03 5440 1100 or

sheree.mcGuane@anglicarevic.org.au

### Naturally Loddon in full swing

Father's Day at Piccoli's Star Spanner Sculpture Gardens last Sunday marked the official beginning of the 2019 Naturally Loddon Spring Festival. The next event is the Wedderburn Vintage Machinery Rally which takes place at Engine Park, Racecourse Road Wedderburn over the weekend of 7 and 8 September. The Rally is full of action for families and enthusiasts, with old engines, farm machinery and many fascinating items from yesteryear on display. For more information about this event or any of the others on the calendar which will help you discover even more of our wonderful region, call or email the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on 5494 1257, email loddonvisitorinformation@loddon.vic.gov.au or visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au

Loddon Bulletin

The spring edition of the quarterly Loddon Bulletin will be arriving in letterboxes of Loddon Shire residents over the coming days. This colourful document is a great source of useful dates and contacts and will help keep you up to date with news, projects and events that affect your community. This issue focuses on the Youth Strategy, Residents' Satisfaction Survey and ongoing projects around the Shire. You can also download a copy from our website http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Ourdocuments/News-and-announcements/Loddon-Bulletins Women's Health Week

Inglewood and District Health Services are celebrating Women's Health Week with a fun night out at the Wedderburn Mechanics Hall. Women and older girls are invited to dress up for the event which includes a fashion parade and guest, Nelly Thomas. Tickets are \$40 including finger food and drinks. Book at cgould@idhs.vic.gov.au or call Cindy Gould 0429 043 838. Did you know?

Speaking of healthy communities, Loddon Shire features over 113 parcels of public open spaces such as parks, playgrounds, sports ovals, footpaths, cycling or walking tracks, rivers and lakes for the use of residents and visitors. Taking part in physical activity in outdoor spaces improves people's overall sense of health and wellbeing and can reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases.

### Maryborough Pigeon Fanciers Inc

The club is a not-for-profit community club made up of members passionate about breeding and showing Fancy Pigeons, as different to Racing Pigeons which are bred to fly/race. We are affiliated with the Australian National Pigeon Association.

With over 50 years of history (the first 20 years affiliated with the Maryborough Pigeon Club — Racing) our club is the last club still operating strongly in country Victoria. Unfortunately with the closure of clubs in Horsham, Ballarat and Bendigo, we now travel to Swan Hill, Geelong, Dandenong., Melbourne or Albury/Wodonga to compete against other fanciers. There are a few Agricultural societies who include a pigeon section in their annual shows and the MPF has volunteered to run the pigeon section at the Clunes & District Agricultural Show for the past ten years.

The club meets every month between February and December on the first Tuesday of the month at the Poultry Pavilion, Maryborough and District Agricultural Society, 337 Bucknall Street, Carisbrook, 3464. (Maryborough Trotting Track) except for December when we have our Christmas breakup.

Monthly Club meetings consist of a Club show and general meeting with the Annual General Meeting held in February.

We welcome new members, regardless of whether they have birds as our members are always keen to start new people in the fancy.

Nicholas Jolley 0422 556 234

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOC. INC.

For our meeting held this week, items on the Agenda included an update on the proposed World Heritage listings for parts of the Victorian Goldfields, also the VEAC/State Forests/ National Park status with mention of the recent Bush Users Group United Rally at Parliament House. The Skate Park workshops and the Draft Property Occupancy Policy, a letter sent to the Inspectorate and correspondence relating to the demolition of the Charlotte Plains Hotel and Council's Heritage Policy were also listed for discussion; more on these next week.

Several members attended last week's Regional Tourism Review at the Community Hub. This was hosted by Council following the State Government's Regional Tourism industry conversation workshops in Ballarat and Bendigo, in order to gain some perspective on local tourism, marketing and funding issues. Despite a moderate attendance, there was excellent interaction and we look forward to the recommendations arising from our participation in this forum.

The VCAT hearing between Regional Billboard Co and Central Goldfields Shire, regarding the application for a billboard adjacent to Madmans Lane, Flagstaff took place last week, with the decision to be handed down within several weeks.

Our next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 1st October at the Community Hub, Burns St, Maryborough.

Please come and have your say and help us to make a difference within the community. Please address any queries to cgoldratepayers@mail.com or to P.O. Box 184, Maryborough, 3465. You can also find us on Facebook.

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### **Dunolly Christian Churches**

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### Anglican Church Services:

St John's Dunolly

10am Thursday

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

8.30 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, 8th September - Rev Gordon Wild

### **Catholic Church**

There was a good turn-up for our first Assembly for many months. We were a bit rusty though.

The final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council is available at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports.

The global rosary group has sent an invitation for people to pray the Rosary, particularly on 13th October.

Welcome back to Joe and Joan, also Terry.

There will be Mass at St Mary's on Sunday 8th September at 8.30am.

R Mecredy

Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

MT. 11:29

### **Uniting Church**

On 8th September Rev Gordon Wild will lead us and next week too at 9.30am for prayer and song. We are in the middle of a three-week programme to connect with each other, caring and cooperating with each other. So come and enjoy listening to Gordon. You will not be disappointed.

Thursday 12th September is the Hospital service up at our Dunolly hospital at 10.30 am.

Saturday 14th the Car-boot sale will be in the Church grounds. The Op Shop will be open too. R.S.L are the hosts for the day.

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have all used plenty of and will need to restock. So come along, buy a ticket and cake; also a nice hot sausage.

Members please remember cakes and any other produce, are most welcome. Meeting at 8am to set up. Hope it will be a nice morning, see you all then.

Lyn Gale

The Op-Shop will be open during the Car Boot sale and there will be a garage sale at the Manse opposite the Op Shop. We have a large range of furniture at bargain prices, which need to be moved. Double and single beds, dressing tables, desks, barbeques and much more.

Jim McKenzie.

# St John's Church No information received at time of print.





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## Dunolly Senior Citizens News



# Dunolly Senior Citizen's Lunch Wow! The Hoffmans are coming back.

We are delighted to announce the return of The Hoffmans to our next luncheon on Wednesday 18th September.

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To ensure your place at this event, you will need to RSVP before 13th September. Call Cheryl on 0409 5691 885. Delicious food is guaranteed, exceptional entertainment and an added bonus of afternoon tea. All for the low cost

Remember that you can be part of the Senior Citizens' fun on Mondays; carpet bowls is played starting at 1pm. In addition to bowls, add Tuesdays to your social calendar and play cards with a group of enthusiastic and jolly card players. If you are hesitating on joining in because you are unfamiliar with the game of 500, you will learn as you play, as this friendly crowd are willing to share their skills. You do not have to be old to join in and have fun with good company. Membership is \$5 per person yearly.

Sandra Caldecoat Vice President

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3rd Monday monthly 7.30pm Thursday 10.30am-12 noon

1st and 3rd Monday monthly, 11am-12.30pm

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### Put These On Your Calendar for September 2019

Sunday 8th Dunolly Community Market (Broadway) 9am to 2pm

Dunolly Bistro & Bar Spring BBQ & Country Music Sunday 8th Open Mic 12noon to 5pm (Lunch 12noon until 2pm)

Thursday 12th Uniting Church Service at The Dunolly Hospital 10.30am

John Tully's Tour -Greek Village at Carisbrook Monday 16th

meet at Dunolly Museum at 10am

Feather Flower Workshop at Dunolly Arts Hub 1pm to 4pm Monday 16th

with Aunty Glenda Nicholls

Friday 20th Dunolly CWA Fashion Parade - Senior Citizens 1.30pm

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LEAD Loddon Murray is calling on emerging community leaders to consider applying to participate in the prestigious Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program (LMCLP).

LEAD Loddon Murray Executive Officer Leah Sertori said, "Access to high quality leadership development is vital for small rural communities and growing regional towns in our region. The LMCLP is a truly unique experience in that it challenges participants to implement their learning immediately, through reflective practice and by implementing a community project. The quality of education, the ideas we explore, speakers we learn from and places we visit in the LMCLP leaves a lasting impact with our Graduates."

LMCLP is a transformational program, delivered over 10 months to support participant's personal and professional development. Participants will be inspired, challenged and supported to develop confidence, skills, and a deeper understanding of leadership. The program has a proud reputation for developing people with a strong focus on service to community as confident, capable leaders. Now in its 21st year of operation, the LMCLP's 450 Graduates have gone on to serve as Local Government Councillors, Board Members and Volunteer Coordinators across key community and government groups.

"This program is for people who want to increase the impact of their leadership practice in pursuit of a purpose that benefits the region. It has a very strong service orientation: to be of service to community, to the nation. One of its greatest strengths is the sense of belonging





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Once again in 2020 LEAD Loddon Murray will select 25 people from all walks of life to embark on a year of growth and leadership development.

Participants value the program in many different ways, Graduate John Boyd (LMCLP 2013) from Rochester said "The Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program exceeded my expectations, a once in a life time opportunity. Learning about yourself, who you are, what you are good at and areas to improve, always ask questions, you can achieve whatever you want to. It has been a journey of discovery — a better understanding regional issues, the people, and the strengths that drive our region".

The program runs between February and November each year encompassing 22 program days held in different parts of the region, showcasing rural communities, towns and major regional centres, as well as a study tour to Canberra.

Graduate Lyn Kelson (LMCLP 2017) from Drummond said "LMCLP is all about being exposed to some of the most amazing human interactions and journeys that would just never be experienced in normal life. It's all about being inspired by people of vision, courage, passion and great generosity of spirit. It's about being educated to extend yourself beyond your comfort zone to the areas where leadership becomes your mantle, and it's about being encouraged in the most supportive and nurturing environment to go boldly into the future as a leader. Exposed, inspired, educated and encouraged; that sums it up".

Thanks to the support of program partners a number of scholarship places are on offer to allow community minded people to participate in LMCLP at a reduced cost. Scholarships available include dairy industry, natural resource management sector, Indigenous people, those with an interest in the arts or the environment, and residents in the Shires of Buloke, Swan Hill Rural City, Loddon, Gannawarra, Macedon Ranges, Mount Alexander, City of Greater Bendigo, Campaspe, Central Goldfields and Hepburn.

Applications close on 30th September. More details are available on <a href="www.leadlm.org.au">www.leadlm.org.au</a> or contact our Program Manager Jude Hannah on 0499 171 663, or email <a href="jude@leadlm.org.au">jude@leadlm.org.au</a>. Media Release

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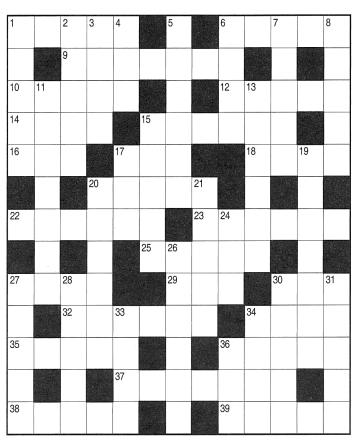
- 1. Give rise to
- 6. Man without courage
- 9. Road or rail bridge
- 10. Due and payable
- 12. Lessen
- 14. Way for motor vehicles
- 15. Pertaining to nerves
- 16. Former host of *Burke's Backyard*, Burke
- 17. On behalf of
- 18. Necessity
- 20. To author
- 22. Forever
- 23. Vitamin B<sub>3</sub>
- 25. Medicinal preparation,
  Salts
- 27. Tangle of hair
- 29. Member of nomadic Mongolians who invaded Europe
- 30. Lower body limb

- 32. Person of lifeless appearance
- 34. Capital of West Germany 1949-90
- 35. Warm quilt
- 36. Linguine, eg.
- 37. Series of close bends on motor racing circuit
- 38. Soft variety of leather
- 39. Exposure to harm

#### Down

- 1. Fencer's weapon
- 2. Relating to birds
- 3. Move in a twisting course (of river, eg.)
- 4. Harass constantly
- 5. Great cyclist known as 'Oppy', Sir \_\_\_\_ Opperman
- 6. Film celebrity
- 7. Dark layered rock
- 8. Give back as profit
- 11. Made of yarn produced from fleece of sheep (of garment, eg.)
- 13. Breed of domestic fowl
- 15. Clamour
- 17. Cook in hot fat
- 19. Obvious
- 20. Reckless and unprovoked
- 21. Happen subsequently

- 24. Atom with positive or negative charge
- 26. Actor who starred in *The Master*, \_\_\_\_
  - Seymour Hoffman
- 27. Glory
- 28. Colourless gas present in upper atmosphere
- 30. The vanquished
- 31. Hard protuberance on tree
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TWR Committee



Drawn: 30th August 2019
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Our hearts still ache as we whisper how much we still love you.

Love you always and forever.

Rhonda, Craig, Wyatt and Layla



### Dunolly CWA Fashion Parade

Blumes Spring Fashions Friday 20th September At the Senior Citizens Hall Bull Street, Dunolly

The Parade begins at 1.30pm Cost \$8 including afternoon tea. RSVP: Colleen 0402 287 963



### Tarnagulla & District Golf Club Inc.

Dear Members, friends and supporters,

Tarnagulla & District Golf Club is having another golf event: KANGAROO CADDY" on Sunday afternoon 12.30pm 22nd September 2019.

The "KANGAROO CADDY" event will be a fun event and a golfer's dream event. Everyone plays 9 holes individually and depending on the handicap, gets to "do over" (play again) shots during the afternoon! Those with a handicap of 18 will have their handicap converted to 9 shots over the nine holes that they can "do over". Those with a handicap of 36 will have their handicap converted into 18 shots they can "do over" (and so on). So, those pesky shots that go astray can be re-played, "done over", at no stroke penalty. That's a golfer's dream! If someone doesn't have a current handicap, we can award a suitable handicap for them that afternoon. We just want to encourage people to give Golf a go.

There will be a delicious afternoon tea. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of plain good fun.

Non-playing family, friends and supporters are more than welcome to come along, have chats with new friends and enjoy a free afternoon tea. This is the time we will have the best scores ever!

Best wishes, Mary McNamee, Secretary

DFNC NEWS

#### Netball

#### Under 11s

The 11s had an awesome game against Natte and many thought we were

headed for a nil-all draw halfway through. Both fought hard and many turnovers saw the ball continually going up and down the court. Mia Schodde and Cooper Willoughby were great in defence; Eden Lang gave great drive into the midcourt. Brianna Lovel got her hands to many passes; Charley Martin and Grace Freemantle came out well for centre passes. Charlotte Smith and Hannah Freemantle eventually broke through scoring two goals for us to seal the win.

#### Under 13s

The 13s came up against Campbell's Creek on the weekend. From the very first whistle everyone focused on playing their game and working well as a team. Everyone was being encouraging to each other and communicating down the court. At the end of each quarter Dunolly kept the lead and they were determined to stay in front. Everyone's efforts paid off and Dunolly took away the win, with the scores being 26-17. Bring on next week, when the 13s play in the preliminary final!

#### A Grade

A Grade girls put up a strong performance against the very accurate Harcourt side. The team was able to keep the score line close all game It wasn't until the last quarter that Harcourt was able to pull away from the determined Dunolly girls, winning the game 44-37. A whole team effort again with everyone executing their roles perfectly. Ash Lierich was back to her outstanding form, taking intercept after intercept to keep the team in the game. Congratulations A Grade on a wonderful season, no doubt you will be back stronger than ever in 2020!



### DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed competing in our Championship Rounds with winners not clear until the final week.

Men's Champion C Burn 146

R/U Josh Hunt 154

Handicap Josh Hunt 120 nett

Ladies Champion J Lovel 186

R/U S Hunt 234

Handicap C Lovel 149 nett

Congratulations to the winners and all who came out to play.

Scores for Saturday 31st August:

K Brereton 111/32/79 25pts

C Burn 73/6/67. 34pts

G Dobbin 75/14/61. 40pts

I Hargraves 95/25/70. 31pts

D Hunt 79/14/65. 36pts

J Hunt 76/17/59. 42pts

R Scholes 79/9/70. 31pts

S Hunt 120/39/81. 25pts

C Lovel 114/44/70. 34pts

Josh Hunt won the days comp with 76/17/59. Josh has continued to play to a high standard every week. Congratulations Josh from us all.

Play resumes as usual this Saturday and in the coming weeks we look forward to as many players being out as possible.

Jenny Lovel

## DFNC Junior Vote Count and Presentation

Families joined together in the Town Hall last Friday to celebrate the junior

football and netball season and enjoy the vote count and presentation. The hall was full, with 100 people attending. The junior sponsors: Dunolly Caravan Park, Dunolly Bakery and All Day on Broadway were thanked for their support during the year.

It's been a wonderful season for the juniors in both netball and football and they should all be proud of their achievements. The A grade team put up a strong performance against the very accurate Harcourt side last Saturday and were able to keep the score line close all game. It wasn't until the last quarter that Harcourt was able to pull away from the determined Dunolly girls,

The 11 and Under and 13 and Under netball teams are in the semi-finals next Saturday. Come and support your teams. The games start at 9am at Princes Park.

#### **Awards**

Peter Coombes Make a Difference Award
Awarded to a volunteer who has contributed many hours
to 'make a difference' to the running of the Club went to
Adam Murphy.

Netball	
11	and Under

Best and Fairest Cooper Willoughby
Runner Up Charlotte Smith
Most improved Mia Schodde
Coach's award Hannah Freemantle

13 and Under

Best and Fairest Ella Patten
Runner Up Isaac Scott
Most improved Chloe Goodwin
Coaches award Ruby Lang

Best and Fairest Briella Gibbs
Rupper Up Grace Brady

Runner Up Grace Brady
Most improved Ellen Stratford
Coach's Award Caitlyn Ray

Football *U11.5* 

Best and Fairest

Runner up

Most consistent

Coaches Trophy

Most Improved

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Lachlan Condie

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Lacey Lee



#### At the Bealiba Hall

A small, but dedicated, band of players turned out for a great night of bowling. We only had enough players for two teams but some fantastic bowling was achieved. The winners of three games were David Price, Gordon Smith and Keith Brightwell. Gordon Smith is creeping ahead in the cumulative scores.

Pam Brightwell

### **CFA Training Session**

On Sunday 25th August 2019, Dunolly Fire Brigade hosted a training session at the Grain Corp Silos.

In attendance were members from Dunolly, Bowenvale and Talbot Fire Brigades. Also present were members from Grain Corp and Dunolly SES. A big thanks goes out to leading fire fighter Brett Kelly and fire fighter Paul Purcell from Bendigo Fire Station for bringing their ladder platform. Also thanks to Jacqui Warren for the great photos.

Cheryl Renfrew



#### Around school this week

## CURRICULUM DAY MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER

Monday had a curriculum day and students were not required at school. The staff caught up with Rob



Vingerhoets, Maths Consultant. Rob worked with us last year and amazed the students with his approach to teaching maths. On Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> Rob will then be working in classrooms with students.

#### YEAR 5/6 DOXA CITY CAMP

The year 5/6 students had a wonderful and very busy time in Melbourne. There are lots of photos on our Facebook page highlighting all of the places they visited. There was a little hiccup due to the tram strike and they missed the first train back. Some of the children were in a bit of a panic thinking they may miss the sports presentation that night; however, all went well and they arrived back in time.



### A miserable day

The photo on the right, taken by Jenny Scott on Sunday 1st September at 2.30pm, shows a miserable day in Dunolly.

For the first day of spring it was a bitter disappointment, when the morning had tantalised with the hope of a bright, sunny day.

Joe and I went to our family in Hoppers Crossing for Fathers' Day on Sunday and commented on the drive down what a lovely day it was. It was, in fact, quite warm in the car.

By the time we arrived, it became a little cooler. When we left at around 2.30pm it had become quite cold and the sky had turned a dark, steely grey.

But it was centred mostly to the right of us and we were turning left, so we thought we might miss the rain. Not so! About ten minutes later it seemed the storm had decided to chase us and we were in the thick of the downpour.

It was so heavy that even with the wipers on the highest setting, I could barely see out. I hate driving in the rain at the best of times, but this was truly frightening. All the cars slowed to 60kpm or less on a stretch of the freeway that is usually 110kpm limit. I seriously considered pulling over and waiting for it to finish, but Joe persuaded me to persevere.

Fortunately the storm did pass about 10 minutes later and we arrived home safe and sound. But it was a hairy time.

Susan Anderson

