

Dunolly's new touch free water fountain

Dunolly has become the first town in the Coliban Water region to have a "touch-free" drinking fountain available for community use.

Coliban Water Executive General Manager Customer, Community and Stakeholder Affairs Lauren McLean said the fountain was installed earlier this month in Gordon Gardens and has touch-free sensors, which allow the user to refill a drink bottle.

"This fantastic initiative was delivered in partnership with Central Goldfields Shire Council, allowing community members and visitors to Dunolly to stay hydrated while out and about – and most importantly, do so in a safe way.

"The current environment has meant many public drinking fountains have been temporarily closed to ensure the health and wellbeing of our communities. Safer alternatives for public drinking stations are now starting to emerge, as the industry and suppliers respond to community needs," Mrs McLean said.

Central Goldfields Shire Council Chief Administrator Noel Harvey said council is always looking for ways to innovate and provide safe, smart services to its community.

"The touch-free" sensors on this fountain have allowed us to add this piece of infrastructure to Gordon Gardens for the benefit of local residents.

"We've delivered a number of significant upgrade works to the Gordon Gardens precinct recently – including the basketball court, pump track and outdoor exercise equipment .

This is part of the State Government's Healthy Heart initiative —and so this drinking fountain complements this work and will mean our Dunolly community can keep hydrated whilst active."

Mrs McLean said there are also numerous benefits of drinking tap water with a refillable drink bottle.

"Drinking tap water is a great alternative to bottled water while contributing to a healthy lifestyle. That's what the Choose Tap campaign is all about. We know there are benefits for not only your health but also the environment and your pocket.

"Our communities are moving towards a sustainable future as we all look to reduce our plastic use. This new fountain will become a valuable piece of community infrastructure that will encourage refillable drink bottle use instead of single-use plastic bottles.

"This project also supports our Strategy 2030 plan, in particular working towards healthy people and environment, and also green and active communities. Water underpins our liveability and this addition to Gordon Gardens provides increased amenities for the community."

Coliban Water is working with councils to install more touch-free drinking fountains in the region.

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The Donald is certainly not going quietly, and seems to be creating as much mayhem as he can. It is a worry for the rest of the world, too .

I found a St Kilda moth clinging to the wire door the other morning. It was very pretty, with white wings and tiny red and black spots on them. Maybe an omen for the Sainters for next year, or is it too soon to start all that again?

There seems to be dozens of white butterflies around this year. I don't remember seeing such clouds of them before. There is also a pretty one with black and white wings with a tiny bit of yellow on them.

I had another private concert from Pavarotti Magpie one morning last week. I was having coffee out on the verandah when he let out four very loud squawks—to get attention, I think. Then he launched into about 10 minutes of music — it was lovely. Magpies have a great vocal range when they start serious singing, and it is really enjoyable.

Nearly committed a bad, if accidental thing driving out with Daughter Ramble the Elder to Maryborough the other day. We were going past the neighbour's place and admiring her garden and the lights she has put up to chase away the 2020 blues. Out of the corner of my eye I spotted something move and braked hard — not a good idea in the little car as it tends to stop immediately and stuff goes flying. It was a mid-sized shingle-back taking it's own sweet time to cross the road. Daughter got out to have a better look (they don't seem to live down south) and it took off like a rocket into the grass. They have a fair turn of speed when they need it.

That wind last night was "interesting" to say the least. I was glad of my solid home.

Rosie

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Personal Ad - Princess, having had sufficient experience with princes, seeks frog.



Every time I hear the word "exercise", I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

Jane Seabrook

Defibrillators available at —

SES, CFA, DFNC, Dunolly Bowls Club, Doctor's Office and Dunolly Town Hall.

In case of emergency, the defibrillators can be accessed at the above venues when they are open.

The unit at the Town Hall is located in the breezeway outside and can be accessed at any time.

Important telephone numbers

Police: 000

Fire: 000

Ambulance: 000

Police non emergency: 131 444

Dunolly Police: 5468 1100

Dunolly Doctor: 5468 1104

Dunolly SES: 5468 1199

Stories from Cynthia

Without overdoing it I thought I might finish off my embarrassing moments this week, since I have been reminded of a few more.

Why not everyone join me and relate some of your faux pas as they usually make everyone else laugh.

One of the worst gaffes for which I am guilty was in St John of God's in Ballarat not long ago when I was having a knee replacement. I was at the stage where I could go to the gym on crutches but with a nurse's help. On this particular day I needed the toilet so nurse took me to the door and told me to push the button when ready to leave. I looked around for this button and then saw a big red one near the door which I could only just reach. After I pushed it I heard people running past and calling out and I caught the word "Emergency". Oh heavens, I must have pushed the wrong button. As the door started to open I hid behind it but the nurse found me. I had accidentally caused panic stations by pushing the emergency button, she showed me a small button beside the toilet. I begged her not to tell anyone who did it but by the funny looks I kept getting afterwards, I knew she had.

Another occasion, many years ago, Mike and I spent a weekend at Sorrento and stayed in a hotel which happened to be the same one where he had proposed years before. On the Saturday night the publicans, who had got to know us, told us they would be away all night, so if we wanted anything just get it and pay next day. We wheeled the television from the lounge into our bedroom and I went downstairs to get drinks. I sailed into the bar wearing my dinky little shortie nightie to be confronted by a group of blokes drinking at the bar, apparently friends of the publicans. Please floor, just open up and swallow me. However, fortunately, they were not the raucous, blokey sort and were just as embarrassed as me. I hate to admit that Mike thought it hugely funny,



When my children were young, having two girls with a boy in the middle, there was often friction with the boy tormenting the girls, so it was decided to get him a pony as he had friends who went to pony club and it would be a new interest. My brother decided that he would organise it all so he

contacted someone he knew who owned horses and he and a friend hired a float to collect the designated horse, a Welsh mountain pony. Both of them being busy men they went after work and by the time they arrived at the property it was almost dark. They had the directions where to find the designated pony and had real trouble catching him. Finally arriving at our place in St Andrews my brother and friend put the pony in the back paddock. A farmer who lived up the road had offered to help train Jeremy and pony so next morning he took them over to his place but was back in no time. "I thought you were getting a gelding," he said, "But this pony is intact." Great balls of fire! The wrong horse. How embarrassing! So poor Andy and friend Tommy had to repeat the whole performance. However, it was all worth it because Barnaby turned out to be a wonderful little fellow.

Cynthia Lindsay

DEB'S FUN FOOD FACTS From around the world

This week we're travelling to France, the home of the best patisseries. Let's tackle something that people often think is hard but is in fact quite easy, if you follow the steps.

Choux pastry, or in French, paté a choux, choux means cabbage and paté means paste, this is because the pastry resembles tiny cabbages. When it is baked the puffed pastry has little crinkles similar to cabbages.

There are 2 rules really, 1 stick by the measurements and 2 do not open the oven during cooking.

Ingredients

80 ml water

40 gm butter, cubed, room temperature

50 gram plain flour

2 eggs, room temperature

Method

Preheat oven to 200C

Put the water and butter in a saucepan over a medium heat. Stir until the butter melts and the mixture starts to boil.

Add all the flour to the mixture and using a wooden spoon beat until it is combined.

Put over a low heat and stir for 1-2 minutes until the mixture forms a ball and starts to come away from the sides of the saucepan.

Take from heat and let it cool a little. Whisk the eggs separately and add 1 to the mixture, beating well. Gradually add the 2nd egg and beat until the mixture falls from the spoon but still holds its shape.

Use baking paper to line a tray and pipe your shapes.

Brush your pastry with a little of the remaining egg.

Bake for 25 minutes or until the pastry is puffed and golden.

Take from the oven and turn off. Using a small knife pierce the bottom of each puff to release steam and return to the oven for 15 minutes.

Remove from the oven and place on a wire rack to cool.

Now you are only limited by your imagination for fillings, homemade whipped cream, lemon curd etc. You can also use savoury fillings at your next gathering.

Debra Sealey

Photo Debra Sealey





November is Awareness Month

Do you know Your Total Fire Ban District? Victoria is divided into nine Fire Districts which are based on council boundaries.

Make sure you always know what fire district you are in whether at home or travelling.

If you're not able to, or not comfortable with uploading, you can always share posts directly from the CFA North West Region Community Safety Facebook page — www.facebook.com/CFAcommunitysafetyNWR.

Note — posts to this page are published at 1830 hours each Friday.

Paul Tangey Community Engagement Coordinator
CFA North West Region – Community Safety

Private fires a leading cause of bushfire

More than a quarter (27%) of bushfires are caused by escaped private fires, equating to more than 6100 bushfires over the past 10 bushfire seasons that should never have happened, new CFA data shows.

“Unfortunately, many bushfires start from escaped campfires and recreational fires. It’s vital to know how to properly light and maintain a campfire to make sure it doesn’t go bush,” Acting Chief Officer Cook said.

“We urge people to exercise extreme caution when cleaning up properties using private burn-offs and encourage people to visit our website for tips on how to safely do that.

“It includes advice such as always checking fire restrictions with your local council and registering your burn on 1800 668 511, to check and monitor weather conditions, and having sufficient equipment and water to stop the fire spreading.”

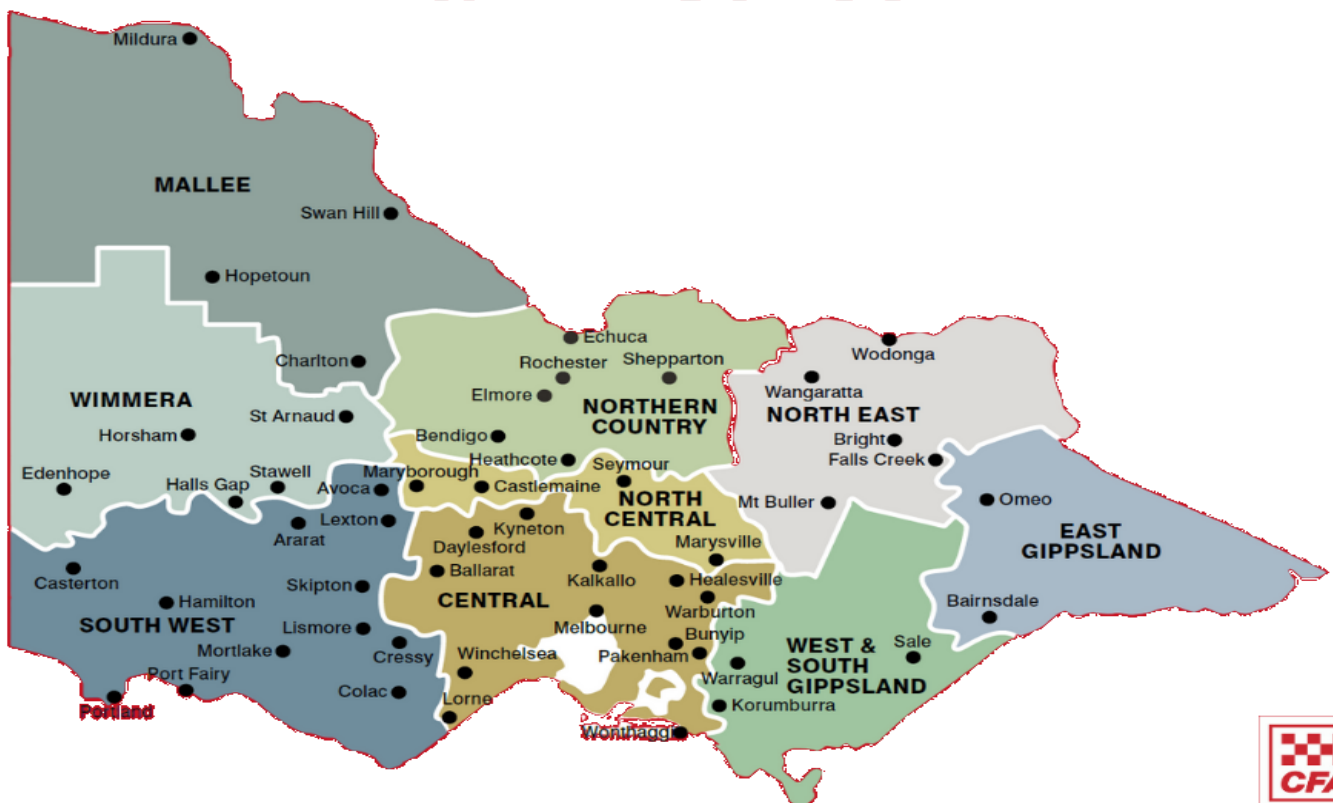
Visit cfa.vic.gov.au for further information about Total Fire Bans and Fire Danger Ratings, how to Plan and Prepare and what you can and can’t do during fire restrictions and a Total Fire Ban.

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Do You Know Your Total Fire Ban District?



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An essential tool for anyone before they embark on any venture is to understand the guidelines set and the direction, then act. It is no different with our shire employees, councillors, CEO, executives or sub contractors

This is a link to the guidelines set by the Local Government Victoria in association with the Reference Group on Council (Staff and Others) Codes of Conduct https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0024/47436/2011-Council-Codes-of-Conduct-Framework.pdf

Understanding the process and how the council employees are regulated to behave is very important.. Some shire staff appear to believe they are untouchable and you owe them . It should never be seen that way, and every employee must treat you with respect and in return they will gain respect. In saying that we also have a code of conduct and if all guidelines are being followed on both sides there will be no issues. An efficient correctly run organisation will show respect and be respected. This also is the link to our own shire's Council Policies. Please keep this handy. Most areas are covered in this. [https://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/Council/Policies-Plans-Strategies-and-Documents/Council-Policies?dlv_OC%20CL%20Public%20DocLib%20Relative=\(pageindex](https://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/Council/Policies-Plans-Strategies-and-Documents/Council-Policies?dlv_OC%20CL%20Public%20DocLib%20Relative=(pageindex) Particularly page 3 (Service Charter. Policy) A discussion or meeting with your shire should be a good experience and one which should end with a positive respectful outcome.

Not always will the interaction obtain the outcome you require, but you should leave feeling a reasonable understanding has been achieved and the belief that the staff member has done everything to inform you of the situation.

You should feel comfortable to ask questions of all council employees and also believe they will give you advice which will be beneficial in a non-intimidating way. We are a team and a team that works together achieves together.

Most of our concerns should be dealt with by the shire itself. Our elected councillors should only be involved if there is a situation which you and the shire can not resolve.

Our elected councillors have their task and it is not the day-to-day running of the shire. Understanding the process and two links above you will have a very good start on how to address enquiries.

Our AGM is set for December 1st 2020 at the Maryborough Hub 48 Burns St Maryborough Victoria 7pm There are concerns with COVID-19 and the shire appears to be non-committal toward allowing us to hold it in the Hub. This will depend on the State Government easing of restrictions, the DHHS rules and our council's interpretation of the easing and DHHS's regulations. So please stay tuned for an update. However our latest plan is to attend the Council Ordinary Meeting planned for December 1st at 6pm in the Hub, then if not permitted we shall have our AGM outside the hub (weather permitting). All still to be confirmed.

All positions will be vacated and voted on.

Nomination forms are available by contacting us on 0419 101 144, snail mail to PO Box 184 Maryborough Vic 3465, email cgoldratepayers@mail.com, or on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/cgoldratepayers> in the photos / albums file.

Our recovery will come down to each and every one of us taking part.

Thank you.

Wayne McKail
President.



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Free Green Waste Disposal

To help prepare for the upcoming fire season we're offering free green waste disposal for residents at the Carisbrook, Talbot and Dunolly transfer stations every weekend from now until Sunday 29 November 2020.

Learn more about how to effectively prepare your property here: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

For Transfer Station opening hours:

visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/transferstations

Have Your Say opportunities

Disability Action Plan Survey

Survey closes Friday 27th November.

COVID Youth Survey

Closes Monday 7th December. Participants will go in the draw to win one of five \$25 vouchers.

Building Our Community Together Survey

Opens Monday 16th November and closes Sunday 13th December. Survey participants will go in the running to win one of three \$50 vouchers.

Maryborough Flood Study

Second round of community consultation

A drop-in community information session to be held on Thursday 26th November from 1pm to 3pm outside the Resource Centre, Alma Street, Maryborough.

For more information and to complete the above surveys visit: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Australia Day Award nominations open

Nominations for the 2021 Central Goldfields Shire Australia Day Awards are now open until Friday 7th December.

An online nomination form is available at:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/australiadayawards

Hardcopies are also available at the above web address, by emailing mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or by visiting Council's Customer Service Centre at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough.

Community art exhibition

Central Goldfields Art Gallery is inviting local artists to submit works for the annual Community Arts exhibition.

To download a form, visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communityart2020

Hardcopies are available at the Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre and Maryborough Craft Shop in Tuaggra Street.

New Dunolly Library

Works on a new library facility in Dunolly have commenced.

The former Police station building in Dunolly – located in the Dunolly Courthouse precinct on Market Street – is the site for the new facility.

"This new static facility will mean we can offer a larger collection of resources, services and activities as well as an increase in opening hours making it more accessible to the community."

"We're also expecting that the addition of the Library to the Precinct will lead to an increase in visitation to the Precinct."

The facility is expected to be open by Christmas 2020.

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COVID-19 and garage sales

Loddon Shire residents are reminded that outdoor garage sales are not permitted under the Third Step of the Roadmap to reopening as they are on private residential property.

The public gathering limit only applies to public spaces, and therefore is not applicable to household gardens or privately owned outdoor spaces. You can only have up to two people visit you at home each day.

The two people may be from different households and may visit separately. Your intimate partner and dependents are not included in the cap.

More information regarding the Third Step of the Roadmap to reopening is available from:

www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-reopening-roadmap-third-step-victoria

VICSES urges public to plan and prepare

Victoria has a long history of flooding, and is home to many flood-prone communities – something that many in our Shire know all too well.

With the Bureau of Meteorology declaring that we are now in La Niña, the Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) is urging us to prepare for what could be a very wet spring and summer.

According to the VICSES, those who plan and prepare for emergencies can reduce the impact of the emergency and recover more quickly afterwards.

VICSES's Get Ready website provides information and resources for preparing for emergencies at home and at work. You can also learn more about emergencies and steps you can take to prepare, including for floods and storms.

Visit www.ses.vic.gov.au/en/get-ready to find out more and to start planning.

Become a Health Voice

The Murray Primary Health Network (Murray PHN) is encouraging people to become part of its online Health Voices community.

As part of the Health Voices community, you will be asked to answer some simple questions about your experiences of the health system including identifying the gaps and needs of communities. This will help Murray PHN to work to address issues and ensure the primary health care system is effective, efficient and equitable as possible for people living in the Murray PHN region.

The Murray PHN region includes North West and Central Victoria, Goulburn Valley and North East Victoria.

For more details and to register to be a Health Voice in your community go to www.murrayphn.org.au/health-voices

Fire Danger Period announced for Loddon Shire

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) has announced the 2020/21 Fire Danger Period (FDP) will begin in Loddon Shire at 1.00am on Monday 23 November 2020. It will run through the warmer months, ending on 1 May 2021.

CFA declares the FDP for each shire at different times in the lead up to the fire season. It depends on the amount of rain, grassland curing rate and other local conditions.

Victorians can find out "Can I or Can't I?" information at cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can or by calling VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. All burn-offs should be registered with the VicFire Burn-off notification line on 1800 668 511.

Loddon Shire Council

History Of the old Dunolly Library

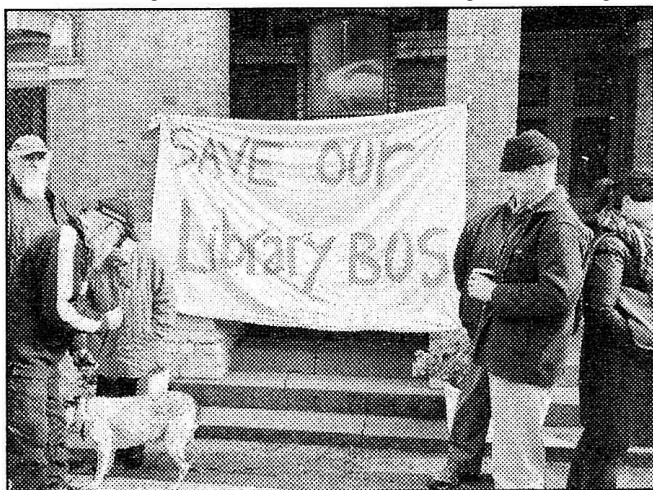


Photo from *The Welcome Record*
August 28th 2013

Recently the Central Goldfields Shire Council announced our Dunolly Library is finally under construction. This information got me thinking. I knew I had heard stories about the genesis of the library, but they were cloudy in my memory. So, when in doubt, find a source who was involved.

In 2013 residents of Dunolly were informed of a decision having been made to reduce the existing library service to a level that was not acceptable to the residents.

At this time Parliament was sitting in regional areas, to be more accessible. Well, one of our citizens decided to follow in the footsteps of Emmeline Pankhurst; she stood up in Parliament in Bendigo and asked why money meant for the Dunolly Library was being diverted to other services, thus reducing the library service. Who was this woman? Our own Judy Meldrum.

"Women are very slow to rouse, but once they are aroused, once they are determined, nothing on earth and nothing in heaven will make women give way; it is impossible." This is a direct quote from Ms Pankhurst, quite apt I believe, to stand up in Parliament, one lone voice, asks a difficult question, not an easy task.

Well it seems the question was asked well; the right politician heard the question and within weeks there were

discussions held on how best to proceed on providing a proper library service for Dunolly and surrounds. But that's not all there is to this story. The residents of Dunolly also decided they needed to stand up and be heard. After a meeting in which the General Manager of Go Goldfields informed the town of the reduced library service the residents resolved they would not let it rest. Just when you think Dunolly is a staid little town, you need to think again, there was a protest in the street.

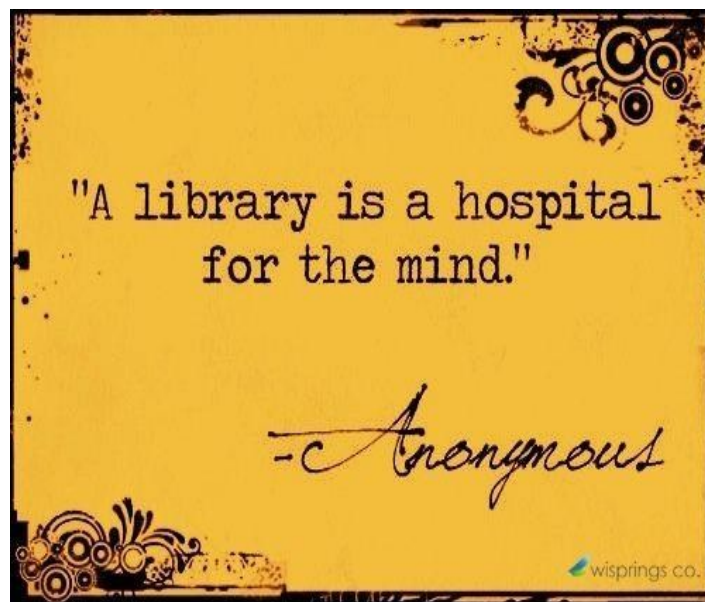
Shades of the 1960s and 1970s, how marvellous, to see the town united for a cause. People had placards and signs saying Save our Library, how inspiring. You can also go onto *Youtube* if you feel so inclined and find a video from Phillip Ashton who covered the protest. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64FGKEjeaYk>

All these methods worked, the library service continued and now is now using St John's Anglican Church hall.

The new library is to be located in the old Police Station, adjacent to Dunolly Courthouse on Market Street.

Not really an overnight achievement but the wheels of bureaucracy do turn slowly.

Story Debra Sealey



Bargains

I've got a heavy streak of "Steptoe" in me, maybe a deprived childhood? Although I can remember my father bringing home a treasure or two that baffled my mother but always came in useful! In my case having a ute doesn't help, so when some tasty item is left on the nature strip I find it hard to resist. The suburb my son lives in has a good class of curb-side rubbish and walking the dog often sees me scuttling home to get the ute, or huffing and puffing under some heavy redeemed article too hard to leave behind.

My other half would often groan when I claimed I couldn't live without the latest treasure or saying "it's for the Op-shop", but somehow never quite made it there. I have a lovely hardwood table lovingly made for a shed but it now resides under the carport, where I have a succulent miniature garden. A television cabinet painted mauve now displays other plants and bits and pieces on the front porch. Another bookcase acts as a stand for "You guessed it" more pot plants.

My idea of joy used to be the clearing sales but those are few and far between now *Ebay* has a lot to answer for.

Helen Jesser



COVID-19 ADVICE: YOU MUST HAVE A PLAN

Please make sure you read this important information carefully. What we are giving you here is a digest. It is your responsibility to ensure you comply, as you can be fined for non-compliance.

Create a COVID Safe Plan

It is mandatory for every Victorian business to have a COVIDSafe Plan.

To ensure compliance, random spot checks are occurring in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Your COVIDSafe Plan must demonstrate;

- your actions to help prevent the introduction of coronavirus (COVID-19) to your workplace
- the type of face mask or personal protective equipment (PPE) required for your workforce
- how you will prepare for, and respond to, a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in your workplace
- how you will meet all the requirements set out by the Victorian Government. Some higher-risk industries or workplaces have additional requirements of employers and employees.

See: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/covidsafe-plan> for details.

Stay up to date

The authoritative website regarding COVID-19 for the Victorian Government is:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au>.

Please visit this website regularly in order to stay up to date with developments. This is your responsibility

More information

Additional (but not exhaustive) information can be found at these Victorian Government web pages:

Creating a COVID-SAFE Workplace

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/creating-a-covidsafe-workplace>

Cafes and restaurants —Victoria —Third Step

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/cafes-and-restaurants-third-step>

Mapping Victoria's path toward COVID Normal.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-roadmaps>

A collection of templates, questionnaires, signage and posters to promote a COVIDSafe workplace

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/signs-posters-and-templates>

In addition, Central Goldfields Shire Council has produced posters to assist you in relating to customers:

Your port of call for information

For more information, please see the Victorian Government website at <https://www.vic.gov.au>; and Small Business Victoria at <https://www.business.vic.gov.au>

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Services as per Church News

St John's Anglican Church

Services are intended to resume on Sunday, 29th November, 2020 at 10am. If you are intending to come to this service, please ring 0428 322 208 to book, as there are still restrictions on how many may attend

Rev Canon Heather Blackman
Parish Office, 6 Nightingale Street,
Maryborough. Phone 5460 5964

Readings 15th November, 2020
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Judges 4.1-10
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

Esmé Flett

*God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Therefore encourage one another
and build up each other.*
1 Thessalonians 5.9-11

Uniting Church

This week we are having a Zoom service at the church at 10 am.

Last week Rev Bruce Gallagher took the service for us. I could not get there but I know he would have been wonderful. It was held inside as the rain threatened all morning. Zoom services are to be continued while they are needed. I find them very good and getting better all the time. We are all learning, even the leaders!

The Op-Shop is open again and doing well; it was very much missed in this town.

Jean Richardson



The Op Shop is open on
Tuesday, Thursdays and Friday
from 10am to 4pm

Catholic Church

We had Assembly on Sunday.

It is really special to be able to have our Mass and Assembly in the church again. Services on television filled in, but it is not the same . We also get to catch up with everyone again.

Mass will be at St Mary's on Sunday 22nd November at 8.30am.

Sunday 29th November is the fifth Sunday of the month, so there will be Mass in Bealiba at 8.30am.

R Mecredy

*Be watchful and ready;
you know not when the
Son of Man is coming.*

Matthew 24:44



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A Prayer for Hope

-Rev. Michael J Dangler

In quiet solitude,
I light a candle.
A simple flame
That lights the way
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O Flame of Hope:
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Flett Family History

Part one by Cynthia Lindsay

Flett was one of the first family names I heard when arriving in Dunolly many moons ago.

There were, and still are, a great number of Fletts living in Dunolly and its surrounds. Anyone who has attended a musical event in the district will be familiar with the name Esmé Flett, a virtuoso on the piano who has accompanied all sorts of singers, as well as musical productions. From the age of five Esmé used to visit any place where she knew the neighbours owned a piano.

There were four homes: Davenport's, Abbott's, Cole's and Aker's, where Esmé appeared and proceeded to sit at their piano and bang and pound the keyboards, maybe aiming to produce a tune. At one particular shop, run by the Sandow twins, Esmé made such an impression that the two ladies decided to take her in hand. Blanche paid for 12 months of piano lessons and Myrtle became her teacher. It seems the Sandow ladies' belief in Esmé's musical talent was well founded because she started playing the St John's Anglican Church organ when only in her teens. From then on Esmé was always in demand as an accompanist for all sorts of functions, including Anzac Day, the Uniting Church's "Singing Christmas Tree", Rachel's afternoons, Gilbert & Sullivan productions and numerous occasions in the Town Hall. Many times the organ from the Uniting church was moved to the Town Hall. On one memorable occasion Esmé's piano was "walked" from the Uniting Church to the Cockatoo Café! That was during the time she played with the Wigwag Big Band.

Esmé's family goes back a long way in the district. Her great grandfather, Daniel Thomas, arrived in Bealiba alone as a young lad because both his parents died on the boat coming to Australia. His sister was adopted from the boat. Daniel decided to join the many prospectors seeking gold. He was known to get fired up after a few drinks and kept a gun over the fireplace and often threatened to use it on the Maryborough lawyer he accused of doing him out of some money. He had a large family and one son, Eddie Thomas, was Esmé's grandfather.

My grandson is also named Eddie Thomas and one day when visiting Mike's grave, he found a grave with his own name. I now realise it must have been Esmé's grandfather, who married Rose Thorp, her grandmother. Eddie went to the first World War and became a career soldier and later a captain in the Permanent Military Forces (PMF). He received the sad news of the death of his baby son from encephalitis when he was waiting in Western Australia to embark for Egypt.

Esmé's mother, Esther, married Sydney Laging, Esmé's maiden name. Esmé credits her grandmother on her father's side for her musical talent and Esmé's son, Rodney, as most of us are aware, plays trombone.

Moving to the Flett family, Keith, Esmé's husband, follows a long line of family who also settled in the goldfields area. That will be my next instalment. Cynthia



Celebrating Liesbeth Long’s Success

Our Councillor for Flynn Ward, Liesbeth Long, met some of her constituents at Dunolly’s famous Railway Hotel last Friday night in the outdoor Beer Garden.

There were so many smiles all night with everyone wanting to introduce themselves and say hello. It was nice to hear so many people saying to Councillor Long, “I voted for you.” Indeed almost seven of every 10 voters did just that.

The humorous, humble and sincere acceptance speech was well received by the 70 or so people allowed due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

All the people present were very optimistic about the future of Dunolly, the Flynn Ward, and the Central Goldfields Shire, and eagerly await the current COVID-19 restrictions being removed.

Brian Phillips



New Mayor for Central Goldfields

Central Goldfields Shire’s Councillors for 2020-2024 were officially sworn in at a Council Meeting Tuesday night. Congratulations to Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor who was elected Mayor for the next 12 months. Many people have congratulated him on his new position.





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Around school this week

WATER FOUNTAIN INSTALLATION

During remote learning some of our students wrote to the council with some suggestions for improvements around town. Some of them included a water fountain at the gardens. The council then spoke with the students via a Zoom meeting and followed up the idea by contacting Coliban water. Coliban supplied the new touchless water fountain which includes a bottle refill station, water fountain and dog bowl drinker and the council installed it.

#dunollykidsaregreatkids #community #schoolvalues



2021 STRUCTURE

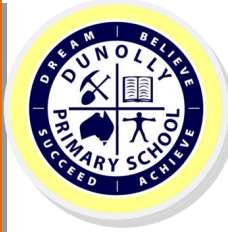
A note will go home at the start of next week detailing the grade structure and staffing for 2021.

UNIFORM

A reminder students need to be in full school uniform at all times. Black pants, shorts or leggings ARE NOT part of the school uniform. Please ensure students are in navy clothes and the school shirt. Thank you.

SCHOOL TIMES

Students are not to be at school prior to 8.30am each day as part of the return to school guidelines. Students with surname A-L are dismissed at 3.05pm and surname M-Z at 3.10pm.



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 – Bailey Quince
Year 2/3 – Mia Schodde
Year 4/5 – Kaylah Carrington
Year 5/6 – Bryce Thomson
Principal's – The Teachers

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We are so happy to read in the updated Operational Guidelines that graduation can occur. Whilst it can't be as we would usually have it with families attending too, we are so happy the students will still get to enjoy an evening together to farewell their primary years. This is directly from the Guidelines

School graduations

Year 6 and Year 12 graduations are permitted face to face in Victorian schools. Students from the graduating year level and staff can attend in person. Parents/carers and other family members or friends cannot attend in person but could engage via an online broadcasting of the event.

All schools are required to follow public health directions and apply the operational health and safety advice to schools during the graduation ceremony. This includes staff and secondary students over the age of 12 years wearing face masks, physical distancing and practising hand hygiene.

Face masks can be removed briefly for photos or giving a speech. Singing and small ensemble groups (10 or fewer participants) performances can occur outdoors, with physical distancing of at least 5m between the performers and audience. No external performers are permitted.

We will be sending home further information shortly on what the year 6s have planned.

This week's value in focus is: Optimism

Approaching life with a 'can do' attitude

LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Darn a Good Yarn launches to bring joy this Christmas season



Today a new Aussie book launches that has, like a good Christmas pudding, been a long time in the making.

The RFDS and CWA have worked shoulder-to-shoulder for more than nine decades to improve life for those in country Australia.

Both iconic and well-loved institutions are very much part of the communities served, and from this view a call was put out a few years ago for stories, memories, prose and yarns of the bush. The resulting book will raise money for the ongoing missions of the RFDS and CWA – and today, hot off the press, this book is officially launched!

Unfortunately, an unrelenting drought had the project on hold, twice – but earlier this year, after fires, floods and then a health pandemic struck, it was decided that if there was any year that needed a publication like *Darn a Good Yarn*, it is 2020!

We wanted to capture those "Struth!" moments - both good and bad -- with real stories of how Aussies come together in times of need.

The volume and quality of submissions received was amazing, from all over Australia, from authors young and old. More than 80 contributions made it into this volume and we have had to keep some for next volume, which we plan to release late 2021.

This book will surprise you, make you laugh out loud, bring joy and maybe shed a tear. It is a book about today as much as it is about historical events. And the wry sense of humour displayed, in sometimes very severe circumstances, well communicates our famous Aussie spirit.

This is unique content that has never been published before. It's a real page turner, with short and easily digestible bites of life in the Aussie bush. Booktopia is publisher and distributor.

Proceeds go to both the RFDS and the CWA.

Lana Mitchell (RFDS) and Tanya Cameron (CWA) are both available for interview and can talk to the content, the authors, the history and vision for *Darn a Good Yarn* moving ahead. There are also a handful of contributors who may be available for interview.

Attached also are several sample pages, which include a budgie plague, several amazing rescues, a strange cup of coffee and a great recipe for apple cake.

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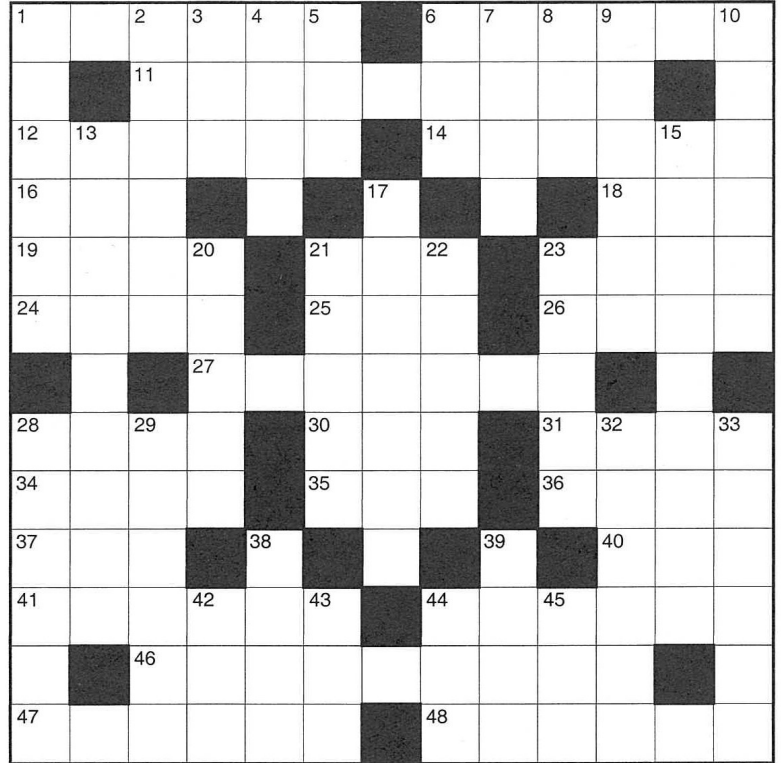
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| 34. Soreness | 21. High-ranking monk | 28. Whisky, eg. | 39. Function to raise school funds |
| 35. Name shared by meal and drink | 22. NE Asian country, North _____ | 29. Expel from legal profession | 42. Large primate |
| 36. Equal (of scores in game) | 23. One searching for skilled people, talent _____ | 32. Intercommunicate | 43. Young male |
| 37. Details, _____ and outs | | 33. To stick (to) | 44. Motor vehicle |
| 40. Silvery grey | | 38. Chrysalis | 45. To gallop |

Across

1. Beetle considered sacred in ancient Egypt
6. Cuddle closely
11. To self-indulgently take great pleasure (in)
12. Even though
14. Human mind
16. Stag's mate
18. That female
19. Belonging to us
21. Biblical boat
23. Jagged projecting point
24. Possessing
25. Exclamation used to surprise another
26. Buffalo Bill's real surname
27. Legal order prohibiting foreign trade
28. Lateral position
30. Poem glorifying person or event
31. Bone of human forearm

Down

1. For certain, beyond a _____ of a doubt
2. Hereditary Prince of Monaco
3. Feel regret for
4. Line on which object rotates
5. In contrast
6. Small measure of spirits
7. Not complicated
8. Enclosure for pigs
9. Late 20th century music style
10. Vigour
13. U.S. 'Pelican State'
15. Impetuosity
17. Make wider
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Dunolly Australia Day Nomination Form

We have three Categories this year, and please feel free to copy this Nomination form or hand write another to choose someone in all three categories.

Apart from Junior and Senior Citizen of the year, we have also added Best Business or Community Group. So if an organization has impressed you continually throughout the year, nominate them for an award.

Criteria

Dunolly Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year recipients are people who have demonstrated through their hard work and dedication that they:

- Provide a significant contribution to the Dunolly community in the current year or over a number of years
- Demonstrate outstanding skills and/or are a role model for other community members or organisations.

Please indicate the award category you are making the nomination for:

Citizen of the Year

Junior Citizen of the Year (Under 18 yrs)

Best Business or Community Group

Name of Nominee _____

Areas of Excellence – in what area(s) has the nominee excelled?

For example: Service Clubs, Welfare, Community, Sports, Academic or other specific achievement

Briefly tell us about your nominee

How are they a positive role model? How have they demonstrated excellence in their field and contributed to the community? Explain their outstanding achievements and involvement within the Dunolly community.

Nominated by: _____

Nomination form must be received by 4.30pm on Friday, 1st January 2021 at the RTC.

The Australia Day Ceremony and awards are organised by Dunolly and District Inc. and sponsored by Central Goldfields Shire. A special committee will judge the awards. The decision in relation to the awards is final and no correspondence will be entered into in respect of the awards.



DUNOLLY BOWLS



DUNOLLY CWA UPDATE

Saturday Pennant Teams

21st November 2020

Dunolly Blue Greg Dobbin Peter Waters Barry Cann Evan Weir Manager: Chris Williams	At Dunolly Alan Weir Tony Galofaro Alan Parkes Sheryl Howard	vs Dunolly Gold Chris Williams Terry Long Geoff Davies Bernie Lanfranchie
Dunolly Gold Aaron Britten Don Mortlock P Freemantle Steve McMasters Manager: Roy Pickering	At Dunolly Roy Pickering Frank Mifsud Ian Flett Paul Deutcher	vs Dunolly Blue Barry Mortlock Jenny McHugh G Taylor
Dunolly Green Keith McKenzie H Freemantle Marg Davies Jim Fox Manager: Paul Chase	At Dunolly Jim Haigh David Price Joe Lacey Andrew Mebbrey	vs Dunolly Red Arthur Deason Paul Chase Graham Cain Richard Cain
Dunolly Red Sandra Chaplin Nancy Pike Doris Spiteri Deb Jobson Manager: Sandra Chaplin	At Dunolly Robyn Fox Karen Stephens Don Coe Hanah Delconte	vs Dunolly Green Jill Morse Raeleen Mebbrey Heather Weir Fabio Delconte

Mid-Week Pennant Teams

24th November 2020

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Dunolly Gold Jill Morse Raeleen Mebbrey Jim Haigh Jim Fox Manager: Marilyn Mortlock Emergency: Fabio Delconte If unavailable ring Marilyn 0448 819 794	At Avoca Robyn Fox Nancy Pike Hanah Delconte John Moir	Marilyn Mortlock Heather Weir Keith McKenzie Heather Davies

Dunolly branch CWA held it's AGM on Friday 13th November at the SES at 1.30. We welcomed the group president, Daryl O'Bryan and Helen Johnstone to the meeting. They were presented with very pretty posies made by Rhonda Heather. The group president gave us her report of the limited (due to COVID-19) activities of the group for this year. Our secretary Colleen gave her report of branch doings for the year. We were very lucky to have held the cake stall — our main money raiser for the year — before COVID struck. We only had a couple of meetings for the year and are looking forward to 2021, which we hope will be more "normal".

The elections for office bearers were conducted by the group president. These are —
 President Rosemary Mecredy
 Secretary Faye Arnold
 Treasurer Leanne Mullan
 Inter.Officer Joyce Vater
 Publicity Rosemary Mecredy

I would like to thank all office bearers from last year, and welcome this year's office bearers. We wish Colleen all the best with her house. We are glad she will still be a member and thank her for a good job as secretary.

The country of study this year is Indigenous Australia. Members who want to go to the fashion parade in Newstead are asked to meet at the SES on Monday 30th November at about 9am to car pool. At the moment, our Christmas break-up will be at the Golden and Grain on Wednesday 2nd December. The December meeting will be held there before lunch.

R Mecredy
R Mecredy (Publicity)

Let's talk about the elephant in the room



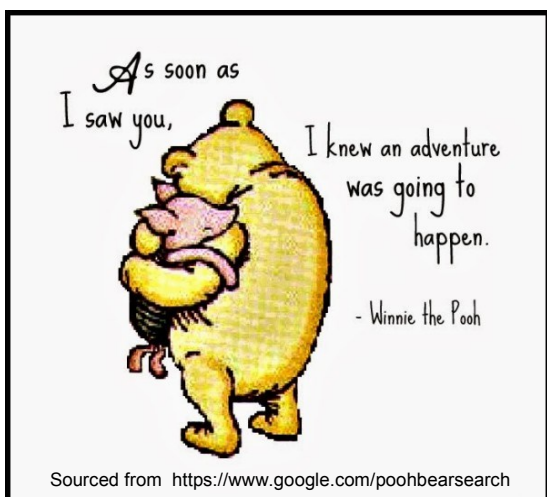
Family violence has long been considered a private issue, but if we can better understand what it is, and talk about it, cultural change is possible. Maryborough will be next to host a colourful fibreglass elephant, designed to help reduce the shame, stigma, and secrecy around family violence.

Tricia Currie CEO, Women's Health Loddon Mallee said she was pleased her organisation could provide a link between partners in Gannawarra and Central Goldfields to find the elephant its new location. "We are delighted to be able to provide support for this powerful community project" Tricia said. "Change can only happen if the 'elephant in the room' can be named and talked about. These 16 Days of Activism are to call out that violence against women is prevalent and preventable."

The arrival of the Elephant in the Room is part of the Central Goldfields family violence action group's coordination of a local 16 Days of Activism campaign. The 16 days of Activism is a global campaign which runs from November 25th to December 10th to raise awareness and encourage action towards ending violence against women and girls.

The Elephant in the Room project was developed in Wodonga by Gateway Health to encourage people to talk about family violence and has since travelled extensively throughout regional Victoria. Designed and developed by women victim survivors of family violence, one side of the elephant features images that speak to the damage caused by family violence, while the other side highlights the strength of women recovering from domestic abuse.

Women's Health Loddon Mallee Media Release



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Congratulations Dunolly



Dunolly/Bealiba RSL would like to thank the Dunolly Community for their generosity in supporting the 2020 Poppy Appeal, during this difficult time of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Not being able to conduct the usual Remembrance Day Service with the school students involvement, it was with great pleasure to have given to all the Dunolly Primary School students a Remembrance Bracelet, knowing how committed they are in keeping the Spirit of Remembrance going.

Lyn Gale



School captains receiving bracelets

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The other businesses in Dunolly are certain to follow.

Let's hope we have a street full of Christmas cheer, surely we need that.



Photo Monika Thumerer — Mid afternoon