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Dunolly housing project pushing for funding



A push for affordable and independent living units for older residents in Dunolly is close to becoming a reality, with the Dunolly Hospital Auxiliary just waiting on funding.

The auxiliary is seeking some \$3 million for the project, which would deliver more than 10 two-bedroom units for older community members whose own homes no longer meet their needs.

Construction of the units would be completed by community housing organisation, Community Housing Limited, on land at the Dunolly District Hospital site, as offered by the Maryborough District Health Service.

Dunolly Hospital Auxiliary president Fiona Lindsay said the project seeks to address the need for affordable living units in ageing communities.

"This project has picked up on the issue of what happens to older people who live in this community who may be living either in town or out of town," she said.

"That current housing may not be fit for their needs as they're getting older and more frail, so we think it's really important for people to have safe housing that's close to town and facilities, so they can continue to enjoy their lives in a safe environment in their community.

"Community Housing Limited has expressed interest in the project from the beginning and earlier this year they reiterated their interest and are anticipating funding will become available, as part of a stimulus package after the pandemic."

The auxiliary recently published a short video where residents speak about the importance of the project which has been distributed to local politicians.

"It's a different tack to prompt interest, support and action really," Ms Lindsay said.

"I look upon this project as an investment because if

people are well supported in good quality and safe housing, it may mean that people don't need to move to an aged care facility and they can be supported in their own environment.

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"We've got terrific support from both our local state and federal members and they're committed to following it up with Parliament."

Ms Lindsay also said the coronavirus pandemic has high-lighted the need for this project, as isolation and hardship in the community has become more discernible.

"The isolation that people have experienced over the past few months would be modified if they were living in a close knit community environment," she said. "There are the immediate needs of older people themselves, but by

constructing these homes there's

stimulation for the local building industry which is really important, there's jobs for people in terms of maintenance and home care services and the money people have will be spent locally.

"There are people in our community whose issues are so intense and their isolation is such that they'd be ready to move in tomorrow."

The project has caught the eye of other rural and regional towns across the state and Ms Lindsay said the project has become a "template" for other communities.

"We've done the hard work but this is something that other communities around Victoria are watching and are really keen to see how it goes," she said.

"The project is a bit like a template for community housing in rural communities — it's cost effective and very beneficial."

Member for Ripon Louise Staley has backed the project and said it will not only benefit Dunolly's residents, but also the economy.

"I strongly support the Dunolly affordable housing project being driven by the Dunolly Hospital Auxiliary because it is ready to go, would be a perfect COVID economic recovery project and will result in a lasting benefit for Dunolly," she said.

"There are many residents of Dunolly who either can no longer manage their homes as they age or who live in sub-standard housing; the Dunolly affordable housing project will allow them to continue to live safely in their community."

To view the video developed by the Dunolly Hospital Auxiliary, visit youtu.be/6Nk44E-by-g.

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Been having some really good gardening weather this week. Lots of seedlings went in and a bit of repotting was done.

The photos of the fire fighters receiving new gear were a bit amusing. All rigged up in their protective clothing with head covering and COVID masks they looked like escapees from *Dr Who*.

Sister Ramble was thinking of coming up for a visit — it's been a long time since May. Unfortunately she read last week's Ramble about the tiny snake in the kitchen, and changed her mind. Snakes are not her favourite animal, and I think she had visions of the house wriggling with reptiles. Not so.

On the way to Bendigo last week, somewhere past Newbridge I saw a huge mob (flock?) of straw-necked ibis spread over several paddocks. There must have been thousands of birds cleaning up some sort of pests. They are very useful birds — living pest exterminators. I have not seen such a huge number for ages—maybe it's because the recent rain has caused an increase in grubs etc.

Just back from a yum lunch at the Gold and Grain. Was idly reading the label on the (very small) wine bottle at the table when I was surprised to see it was flavoured with crushed grapes. Who would have thought — grapes in wine? Must be one of those new innovations.

I have a magnificent plot of sweet peas in the front garden. So what, I hear you say? These are self-sown from last year's self-sown from seeds planted the year before. They are all white and truly lovely.

Was watching a power struggle between birds at the back of Princes Park while I ate my lunch on Friday. First there were a couple of ducks beaking through a puddle when a swan decided there might be something there for him. Exit the ducks. Then a magpie thought the swan needed a lesson in sharing. Exit magpie. A very cheeky wag-tail joined in, telling the swan off as only a willy can and was totally ignored by the big bird. Off went the willy — proving that in some cases size and dignity do matter.

Rosie

KEEP CALM -

Everything slows down with age, except the time it takes for cake and ice-cream to reach your hips. John Wagner

If at first you succeed, try not to look too astonished. Anon





LETTERS TO EDITOR

Flyer

Dear Editor

On Saturday 10th October slanderous flyers regarding myself were placed into Dunolly residents' letterboxes. The statement that I misappropriated money from the Sense of Place project to myself is totally false. Liesbeth Long is not involved.

It is an offence of the Local Government Act 2020 to distribute misleading and deceptive matter that is likely to mislead or deceive a voter. The flyer will be referred to the VEC and LGI.

Marion Da Costa 16 Havelock St Dunolly 3472

Flyer

Dear Editor

On Saturday afternoon I found a flyer about Marion Da Costa in my letterbox. I am sure it was widely distributed in the district. It contained allegations about Marion which may or may not be true. As I had already posted off my council vote it was of little interest to me. But what was of interest was the fact that nobody had signed their name or that of any organisation to this flyer. How can anyone possibly believe any information saying that something is a fact when the person presenting it lacks the courage to sign it. Is that because it is completely untrue, or only partially true or completely true but the person presenting it does not want to admit their involvement in the alleged event. There is way too much that is suspicious about this flyer for me to give it any credibility, so I filed it where it will do the most good; in the recycle bin.

Vicky Frizzell

Flyer

Dear Editor

It's saddening to see how what should be a refreshing return to local council elections has grown very sour. Before Councillors even take their seats, there is improper interference from one previous Councillor, unsigned and unauthorised material letterboxed in the ward and continuing allegations of impropriety about last year's community arts project. I shall leave it to those who were actively engaged in the public sculpture project to, once again, clarify how it was auspiced, funded and reconciled.

I simply wish to express my concern that community dialogue and discussion has degenerated to assertion and abuse from some quarters. Let's remember that while the children of this community are learning and demonstrating how to treat each other with respect, many of their elders are undermining such lessons. Let's start with listening with care and speaking with care.

Fiona Lindsay OAM

Response to Letter

Dear Editor

In response to Mr D John Smith's letter last week endorsing Liesbeth Long's candidacy.

I am amazed that he appears not to know that it is inappropriate for Councillors and former Councillors to participate in any way in Council elections. He doesn't live in the Shire and really it is no longer his business but rather the candidates to put forward their views and the voters to decide.

Marion Da Costa 16 Havelock St Dunolly 3472

Letter-drop Attacks Council Candidate

Dear Editor

The Ministry of Fun has been made aware of an intentionally damaging unsigned letter which was letterboxed to a number of Dunolly residents last weekend. We would like to state that in no way was Marion Da Costa responsible for any wrongdoing in regard to the funding for the "Sense of Place" project. This was funded by a grant from Creative Victoria to the Ministry of Fun in 2018, and the funds were auspiced by DDI, where Marion was Secretary/Treasurer. All payments to the Ministry of Fun were invoiced and itemised to DDI, and in January 2020 the remaining funds were returned, on presentation of an invoice, to the Ministry of Fun. This was to allow for any further expenses as minuted in the DDI minutes of October last year. This was approved by Creative Victoria. The treasurer of DDI at that time was aware of this situation. Unfortunately, the anonymous author seems to have been influenced by letters to The Welcome Record earlier this year by John Tully, which made accusations of improper use of funds from the "Sense of Place" project. We would like to state that all funds were acquitted in accordance with the requirements of Creative Victoria.

We have no reason to doubt Marion's integrity, and fully support her as a candidate in the council election.

Anna & Philip Ashton (Ministry of Fun)

Regarding the offending flyer

Dear Editor

On Saturday around lunch time I received a phone call from Liesbeth Long, a candidate for our Flynn Ward. Liesbeth was quite upset when telling me of a phone call from Marion Da Costa, also a candidate for our Flynn Ward. This is when I learned of the existence of the offending flyer. I called Marion immediately to find out more information and we had a good conversation trying to get to the bottom of this tawdry business. Marion was kind enough to send to me a copy of this flyer.

This sort of gutter scraping to discredit a candidate must stop! I state categorically that the offending flyer or any of the disinformation is not endorsed by the DDI. The DDI has not now, nor has ever been involved in, campaigning at this election and has had nothing whatsoever to do with this flyer. We have no knowledge of who produced this rubbish.

I have spoken with many people and at the time of writing this, I have been unable to ascertain who is responsible, where the figures came from and cannot vouch for their veracity.

At this stage Marion Da Costa, Jan Brock (Treasurer of DDI) and myself, Brian Phillips, are working to find where this came from.

Brian Phillips President of the DDI



Thank you

Many thanks to the Railway Hotel for keeping the business operating as a takeaway business during our "Lock down". It's been a blessing for those of us who need to kick back once in a while, and have a great meal cooked by someone else. And Karyn, thanks for being an absolute Gem.

Janine Paley

More Letters to the Editor

Answer from Liesbeth Long

Dear Editor

In response to the question posed last week about my occupation status I would like to take this opportunity to clarify, as there appears to be some confusion. I am a 50/50 partner in my husband's and my farming enterprise. When we took over the farm in 2003 from my husband's parents, Terry and Josie Long, we established our own business called "Hooghly Grazing Company". We are proud to be the fifth generation of Long farmers, since 1876. We produce fine wool merino, prime lamb and grow oaten hay, canola, wheat, oats and barley on our property at Timor West. I play an active role in our day-to-day operations and am also responsible for the bookwork.

The ATO defines a Primary Producer as someone who "runs a business of plant or animal cultivation, fishing or pearling, or tree farming or felling." A farmer is defined as "a person who owns or manages a farm. So I consider myself as both. The reason I use both terms when I describe myself in my campaign is to mix it up a bit, otherwise it's "farmer this and farmer that", which gets a bit repetitive.

The one thing I'm most definitely not is an apprentice, as I don't receive \$20,000-\$30,000 a year from the government, (which would be nice by the way). Although, I think in any occupation you never ever stop learning.

I hope this clarifies things.

Liesbeth Long Candidate for Flynn Ward

Clarification and apology

Last week we printed a letter questioning Liesbeth Long, to which she has replied above.

The policy of *The Welcome Record* is that all contributions must have a name, address and telephone number supplied, though not necessarily for publication. However, we have since learnt during elections, all letters or articles pertaining to candidates must have the name of the author included.

Therefore in accordance with electoral regulations we must print the name of M. Walker of Dunolly. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

The Editor



Presentation of the Baker's White Shirt to newest member of the Dunolly Bakery, Kynan.

Welcome Kynan.

Rod Stewart

Spoonville

Spoonville; it's become a bit of a phenomenon to cheer people up, especially kids during this time.

We are looking into starting it in

We are looking into starting it in Dunolly. I believe it is going into Tarnagulla, Inglewood and it's already

in Maryborough. So this is just a teaser. Watch this space.

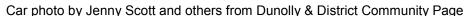
Debra Sealey

Visitors to Dunolly

In town on Wednesday 7th October a group of car enthusiasts parked their beautiful old cars in the street and had lunch at our bakery.

The Dunolly Historic Precinct opened its doors to the public on Sunday 11th October. It was a gorgeous sunny day and the town was full of visitors. The Town Hall and the Court House, Dunolly's Heritage buildings were viewed by many.

Susan Anderson









Coliban Water

In talking with residents a week or so ago, several expressed their dissatisfaction with the drinking water. I sent these concerns to Coliban Water. For information Coliban Water's response is as below.

Marion Da Costa

Thank you for contacting us regarding feedback from Dunolly residents on the drinking water supplied to the Dunolly township.

We are committed to supplying all our customers with safe, high quality drinking water, which complies with both the health-based and aesthetic guidelines in Victoria's Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2015 and the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG).

We have a comprehensive water quality monitoring program to assess our compliance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2015 and the ADWG.

In response to your email we have reviewed water quality data collected in your area over the last 12 months. The historical quality water data complies with the health-based and aesthetic guideline values detailed in the ADWG. I have included a summary of the water quality results.

Dunolly's drinking water is treated to drinking water quality standards at the Laanecoorie Water Treatment Plant.

We are aware that the salinity level in the drinking water supplied to Dunolly is relatively high, which can cause an unpleasant taste, even though it is below the ADWG aesthetic water quality guideline.

This is mainly due to the high salinity in the raw water sourced from the Loddon River. The Laanecoorie Water Treatment Plant does not currently have a process to remove salt but we are working on a solution to resolve this issue.

We are also planning to change the raw water source for the Laanecoorie Water Treatment Plant to the South-West Loddon Pipeline, which has a relatively low level of salinity.

We expect the aesthetic water quality issue to be largely resolved once the raw water source is changed.

The work required to do this is expected to be completed in two years.

Coliban Water

Summary of Water Quality Results for Dunolly Water Sampling Locality (September 2019 to September 2020)

					ADWG Values			
	Units	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Health	Aesthetic	Health Check	Aesthetic Check
Physical Parameters								
pH	Units	8.6	8.9	8.3	-	-	GOOD	GOOD
Turbidity	NTU	0.05	0.10	0.05	-	5	GOOD	GOOD
Microbiological Parameters								
Coliform	Orgs/100mL	0	0	0	-	-	GOOD	GOOD
E coli	Orgs/100mL	0	0	0	0	0	GOOD	GOOD
Std Plate Count	Orgs/100mL	987	10000	0	-	-	GOOD	GOOD
Chemical Parameters								
Alkalinity	mg/L	76	82	68	-	-	GOOD	GOOD
Aluminium	mg/L	0.020	0.030	0.010	-	0.2	GOOD	GOOD
Chlorine Free	mg/L	0.086	0.450	0.025	5	-	GOOD	GOOD
Chlorine Total	mg/L	0.95	1.54	0.03	5	-	GOOD	GOOD
Copper	mg/L	0.003	0.006	0.001	2	1	GOOD	GOOD
Electrical Conductivity	uS/cm	837	950	780	-	-	GOOD	GOOD
Hardness	mg/L	153	170	130	-	200	GOOD	GOOD
Iron	mg/L	800.0	0.030	0.005	-	0.3	GOOD	GOOD
Lead	mg/L	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.01	-	GOOD	GOOD
Manganese	mg/L	0.0058	0.0150	0.0020	0.5	0.1	GOOD	GOOD
Sodium	mg/L	92	98	82	-	180	GOOD	GOOD
THMs	mg/L	0.118	0.240	0.073	0.25	-	GOOD	GOOD
Zinc	mg/L	0.003	0.004	0.002	-	3	GOOD	GOOD

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With a week and a half to go before the election submission date closes, if you have not received your ballot papers by now we would advise you contact the local VEC office on 1300 112 717 and enquire about this. All ballot papers have to have the post stamp dated on or before 23/10/20, or be delivered to the Maryborough Electoral Office in 53 Burns St, Maryborough on or before that date

The past few weeks we have touched on the significance of the community involvement post election. Please don't "Elect then Neglect".

The representatives we have elected need our participation, and we need their assistance to be a successful community.

As we don't know everything in the shire, the same situation is with our representatives.

Throughout the lead up period to the election, we the community have asked a lot of questions of our nominated candidates. We now ask the question "What assistance from the community would you expect if you were councillors?"

We are sure you would like to be kept in the loop and would appreciate people talking to you about issues, as well as their friends. Our development does not rely solely on the elected councillors, it relies on the complete community working together.

For example: In July the council advertised a media report regarding the Carisbrook Levee. CGR&RAI questioned some of those claims, and some months later an FOI application was submitted. We have obtained information that actually some claims in that press release appeared to be flawed.

There is a very good chance our Administrators had no idea about this. They can't be everywhere either, so with us pursuing this line of questions may have done a huge favour for our Administrators and possibly saved them many, many hours of work. We are sure they may be grateful for our efforts. This is the type of collaboration which we hope continues with our newly elected councillors, not only from us but the community.



The revolving door of employees at our shire offices is a real concern and we hope that will stop once the elected councillors take over. We are hoping stability and confidence will return to the shire and we can become a well oiled machine once again. This will be in all of our hands.

We ask please select wisely and once you have voted, please support all the successful candidates.

CGR&RAI would like to acknowledge and thank all the candidates who put their time into the CGSC Election and we look forward to you all working together after the election. Once the elected council is set, all our work will begin, together with and for the community.

CGR&RAI AGM is planned for 1st December 2020. At this stage it is still not confirmed thanks to the COVID restrictions. Please be patient and we will keep you in the loop. On saying that, all positions will be vacated, nominations will be called for and all positions will be voted on by financial members. So please give some thought about the future and direction of CGR&RAI and if you would like to assist or be part of the committee for our future direction.

Nomination forms for CGR&RAI are available on our *Facebook* site, or contact us by mail to PO Box 184 Maryborough, email to cgoldratepayers@mail.com or ring 0419 101 144.

Not only for nomination forms but also should you have any concerns.

We will assist all of the community; membership not required, we are inclusive not exclusive.

Wayne McKail President

Voting closes soon for the Central Goldfields Shire Council election

Voters enrolled in the Central Goldfields Shire Council election are reminded they have until 6pm Friday 23rd October to return their completed ballot material. Completed ballot material must be posted before final local mail clearance times. Voters should check their local mail clearance times, as this may be earlier than 6pm or earlier in the week. Alternatively, voters can hand-deliver their ballot material by the 6pm deadline to the Election Manager at the election office located at 53 Burns Street, Maryborough.

Voters who still haven't received their ballot pack by Friday 16th October should call the election office immediately on 1300 112 717 to arrange a replacement. Extended hours for voters to hand-deliver their completed ballot material apply from 9am to 8pm on Thursday 22nd October and 9am to 6pm on Friday 23rd October. Voting is compulsory for voters who were on the State roll for this general election at 4pm Friday 28th August and Council-enrolled voters are encouraged to vote. State-enrolled voters who don't vote may be fined.





Ballot packs arriving in mail soon

Residents who have enrolled with the Victorian Electoral Commission to vote in this month's Council Elections, will receive a ballot pack in the mail shortly.

Community members are encouraged to vote as soon as possible.

Ballot packs include:

- A ballot paper attached to candidate statements and photos where provided.
- Instructions for voting.
- A multi-language leaflet (where applicable).
- A ballot paper envelope with a flap for the voter's declaration.
- A reply-paid envelope.

Residents must make sure their completed ballot pack is in the mail by 6pm, Friday 23rd October. Paddy's Ranges Ward residents will not receive a ballot pack due to this ward being uncontested.

If the ballot pack has not arrived by Friday 16th October, please call the Victorian Electoral Commission on 1300 112 717. Election results will be announced no later than Friday 13 November, 2020.

For more information, visit www.vec.vic.gov.au

New valuation portal for rates

Ratepayers who are paying their rates by instalments should have now paid the first instalment for 2020-2021 which was due on Wednesday 30th September 2020.

If you have not received your rate notice please contact our Rates team on 5461 0610 or -

mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au.

Residents may object to a rates valuation if they wish. The objection can be made in relation to the value of a property or on the grounds specified in the Valuation of Land Act.

An objection must be made within two months of the date of the rate notice.

To make an objection, you need to submit your objection via the rating valuation objection portal: https://ratingvaluationobjections.vic.gov.au/

Alternatively, you can visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/valuations and download the 2020-2021 Valuation Objection Notice.

We understand that COVID-19 has caused financial hardship to some individuals and businesses.

Council has a COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy to support ratepayers.

Please see this advertisement for more information about the extension to the financial hardship measures.

For more information about rates, visit

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/rates

Installation of pump track and fitness equipment

A new bicycle/scooter pump track and outdoor fitness equipment will be installed at the Gordon Gardens in Dunolly on Monday 12th October.

The \$140,000 Gordon Gardens upgrade project is being delivered thanks to funding from the State Government's Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative.

The pump track and exercise equipment were identified as part of the Gordon Gardens Master Plan process.

During August, Council consulted the community about what colour the outdoor fitness equipment should be with blue being chosen as the preferred colour.

The bicycle/scooter pump track is a modular system made of timber composite that will form a circular track of about 65 metres. It will be suitable for use from the early stages of riding a balance bike or scooter to larger bikes for young people and adults. It's the perfect playground and play space for all wheels and all ages, providing outstanding health and wellbeing benefits through fun.

Five pieces of outdoor fitness equipment, comprising a chest press, body pull ups, body twist, leg press and set up station, will be installed.

The pump track and exercise equipment will be suitable for people of all ages and provides free opportunities for physical activity.

Central Goldfields Shire Council CEO Lucy Roffey said the new additions will help provide health and wellbeing benefits for the local community and aligns with the recently adopted Active Central Goldfields Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2020-2029.

"The pump track and outdoor fitness equipment will provide opportunities for free physical activity for children, young people, families and senior members of the Dunolly community and the new additions will also be a drawcard for residents from surrounding communities," she said.

The State Government Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative funds improvements for infrastructure, facilities and/or programs across the region to enable more community members to increase their activity levels.

Other projects that have been funded in the Central Goldfields Shire include:

- The kitchen garden and workshops at Maryborough Community House
- Playground equipment at Maryborough Community House
- Path upgrades and nature play area at Maryborough's Goldfields Reservoir.



Photo by Monika Thumerer



Everyone should have received their ballot packs by now. Please ensure votes are in the mail before 6pm Friday 23rd October 2020 or received at Central Goldfields Shire office, 53 Burns St, Maryborough.

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Catholic Church

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Psalm 22

"Today knock and seek and you'll find God waiting for you. He will console you, soothe you, and care for you". Helen Steiner Rice R Mecredy



DUNOLLY CWA UPDATE

We had our first proper meeting since July on Wednesday 7th October at physical distance in the SES rooms. It was a great pleasure to see everyone again. There was a lot of Association and Group business to catch up on.

The group AGM, group conference and international day will be held at Newstead on Thursday 22nd October at 10.30am. Members who want to car pool are asked to meet at the SES about 9am.

The date for our branch AGM is yet to be decided. Nominations were taken for office bearers for 2021.

R Mecredy

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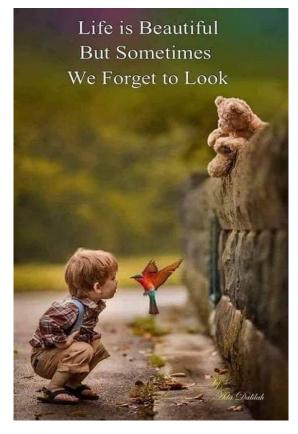
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"This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation".

Isaiah 25.9

Readings 11th October 2020 19th Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 32.1-14 Psalm 106.1-6, 20-24 Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14

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Carer's Week 11th — 17th October 2020

ASTERIA Services would like to celebrate and give recognition to the valuable contribution carers make to lives of people with disability and to the wider community.

ASTERIA is currently conducting a survey to reinvigorate a local community carers group and is seeking feedback from carers on what they would like from a carers group. Do you identify as a carer for someone with a disability? "If so, we invite you to complete the carer's survey found on ASTERIA'S website www.asteria.net.au" said ASTERIA CEO Annie Constable.

Hard copies of the survey are also available from head office at 20 Christian Street, Maryborough. This survey will only take a few minutes to complete and your input would be much appreciated.





Samaritan's Purse

Hello Dunolly and District readers. I'm Cheryl Walker (a local) and I volunteer for "Samaritans Purse" an organisation which incorporates "Operation Christmas Child."

This organisation promotes packing a shoebox for a child in need overseas.

Suggested items are stationery items so the child can go to school. Also soap, washer, toothbrush, soft toy, game, tennis ball, hat, beanie, T-shirt, the list goes on.

This year has been quite difficult with COVID, as it was hard enough for us to go shopping for ourselves.

OCC has come up with a new initiative to "pack a shoebox online." Its fabulous and only takes five minutes to do. Just search Samaritans Purse.org.au and you will find out how to pack a shoebox online. Quick and so easy. Feel free to call me if you have a problem packing a shoebox online.

Boxes this year are going to Cambodia, Fiji, Malawi and Madagascar. Have a great day.

Cheryl 0427 991 698

Anti-poverty Week 11th — 17th October

It's good to see Dunolly and surrounds showing signs of recovery and businesses starting to open up again.

I just wanted to make everyone aware that it is Anti-Poverty Week, promoted by The Salvation Army. Here is a link to their *Facebook* page if you would like to investigate more https://www.facebook.com/antipovertyweek/

During this time many people we may know have lost income and or jobs, which may have put them in a precarious financial situation; not to mention those who are on a fixed income who are also impacted by rising costs.

There is so much hidden poverty in our community which we don't see, so we don't think about it. Services such as the Salvos see it and try to address some of the inequalities. So I thought maybe we could have some cleaning hacks that do not cost very much money but still work. Let's save money and maybe be kind to the environment too. Many of our older population are probably familiar with the benefits of vinegar as a cleaner, so I am probably preaching to the converted here; but some of the younger generation may not realise how cheap and affordable natural cleaning products can be. A universal go to cleaner for most surfaces is:

- 1 cup white vinegar
- 1 cup water
- A few drops of an essential oil (I use eucalyptus oil).

Place in a spray bottle and away you go. Just one word of warning though, please do not use on granite or marble countertops, stone floor tiles, irons or your hardwood floors.

What are the benefits of vinegar? Studies have confirmed that vinegar has anti-bacterial properties¹. Undiluted vinegar can kill mould². Vinegar and tea tree oil together can also be used to control mould.

For about 50 cents you can have a cleaner which can do most of your house, how's that for a money saving idea? The essential oil is mostly to give the cleaner a pleasing smell, you can omit if finances are really tight.

¹ (Source: David Suzuki Foundation)

² (Source: Eartheasy.com)

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Call-out for community leaders

LEAD Loddon Murray is calling on emerging and aspiring community leaders to apply for the 2021 Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program.

The Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program (LMCLP) is a transformational program delivered annually since 1998 to support participants' personal and professional development in a community context.

Many of the LMCLP's 502 past graduates have gone on to serve in positions such as Local Government Councillors and executives, and as board members and volunteers on key community and government groups across the 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.

Through the support of program partners including Loddon Shire, a number of scholarship places are on offer 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.

Applications close Friday 23rd October. For more information visit www.leadlm.org.au or call Program Manager Jude Hannah on 0499 171 663 or email jude@leadlm.org.au

From the office of CR Cheryl McKinnon, Loddon Shire

Baking up a wonder loaf

While the bread from Bridgewater Bakehouse has always been delicious, now it could be better for you, thanks to an exciting partnership between the bakery and former My Kitchen Rules contestants, Jodie-Anne and Mick Barlow.

The Bridgewater Bakehouse is one of a select group of bakeries throughout Victoria chosen to pioneer Aloe Bread. Adding Aloe juice to the bread delivers a loaf that perhaps can aid digestion and promote good gut health without altering the flavour.

Jodie-Anne and Mick Barlow have been strong advocates for the reported health benefits of Aloe Vera since Jodie-Anne started taking the juice to alleviate her osteoarthritis. She has also seen the health of friends and family improve as a result of taking Aloe Vera. Since then, she has looked at ways to make getting your daily dose more accessible.

The conceivable health benefits of Aloe Vera (*Aloe barbadensis miller*) have been recognised since the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans used it for medicinal purposes, including for digestive health, skin disorders and healing wounds.

In 1977, Jennifer McDougall imported the plants to Australia and began commercial cultivation in 1980. Jennifer's dream was to improve people's lives through the use of Aloe Vera in a range of natural food and cosmetic products. Her company, Aloe Vera of Australia, researched the perfect growing conditions and how to stabilize the inner leaf gel of the plant for commercial use. Known as one of nature's 'miracle plants', there is a long list of vitamins, minerals and naturally occurring compounds found in the Aloe Vera gel which may be supportive for both inside and outside the body.

The plants are grown in northern Victoria and harvested as a renewable source. The juice can be taken as a tonic, mixed with other foods or used in a range of skincare products. It is used to help regulate the intestinal tract, detoxifying and stimulating the digestion.

Aloe Vera has also been shown to achieve good results in the control of arthritis, ulcers and dermatitis. Taking the juice could help with the absorption of vitamins and minerals and with muscle building.

Jodie-Anne and Mick have already teamed up with bakeries in Moama and Echuca to begin baking bread with Aloe Vera juice. They were motivated to learn that the food value of the Aloe Vera is not diminished in the cooking process.

Now the idea is coming to central Victoria with Pat O'Toole from Bridgewater Bakehouse trialling the bread in the Cob, Vienna and block varieties. By adding Aloe Vera juice to the multigrain bread, the result is expected to be an all-round healthier loaf, aiding digestion, gut health and adding vitamins, minerals and amino acids to the diet while enjoying one of our favourite foods.

Just two slices per day of the bread may be enough to deliver the potential health benefits of Aloe Vera which include improving the immune system, improved gut health, better circulation, reduced inflammation and many more. This is why Aloe Vera is considered to be a wonder food by its growing band of fans.

Proprietor and baker Pat O'Toole said he is excited to introduce a new product to the Bridgewater Bakehouse range and is impressed by the potential health benefits. He is keen to add the Victorian-grown Aloe Vera extract as a natural combination with the locally milled Laucke flour. He is always looking for speciality lines to add to his traditional offerings of bread, pies, cakes and slices.

To help spread the word about how good this bread is, Jodie-Anne and Mick will visit Bridgewater to try Pat's bread for themselves. They are currently working on a 10-part television series called 'Champagne Food on a Beer Budget' that aims to showcase the country's primary producers and demonstrate how to make delicious, wholesome food without a big budget.

Soft, fluffy and now healthier, Aloe Bread will be available at Bridgewater Bakehouse, Main Street Bridgewater and Bath Lane Bendigo in Cob, Vienna and block loaves.

Find them on Facebook www.facebook.com/ BridgewaterBakehouse/

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Under the government's roadmap, the "Last Step" occurs when all of Victoria has not had a new COVID case for 14 days. Regional Victoria currently has 47 out of 48 Local Government Areas that have not had a new case for 14 days. Many regional Local Government Areas have not had a new case for many weeks, and three LGAs have never had a COVID case. Only Mitchell Shire has had new cases within the past 14 days.

Victorians have done what has been asked of them and have kept to the rules.

However, Daniel Andrews decreed that all of Victoria has to make this "Last Step" together. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Victoria has never experienced 14 days with no new cases.

Daniel Andrews has also promised regional Victorians a "ring of steel" to keep them safe, so only people with permitted reasons travel to and from country Victoria. It will be another failure of his management of the pandemic if he cannot keep that promise to regional Victorians.

Many activities valued by Victorians are not permitted until the "Last Step."

- Adult education including universities and TAFE returns to onsite learning.
- All retail open.
- Hospitality limits increase to 50 indoors, subject to density rules.
- Gyms, personal trainers, dance studios, and gymnastics reopen.
- Weddings and funerals can have 50 people at them.
- Churches reopen for public worship.
- Caps removed on accommodation.
- Cinemas, galleries, theatres and music venues reopen, subject to density rules.

I am calling on Daniel Andrews to commit to Regional Victoria moving to the "Last Step" immediately for those Local Government Areas that have been COVID-free for 14 days.

Comments attributable to the Member for Ripon Louise Staley

"Regional Victoria has met the Premier's trigger point for the next easing of restrictions and must get the reward for their hard work rather than be shackled to his contact tracing failures in Melbourne."

"Whether it's letting people go to church or letting children restart dance and gymnastics lessons, and now regional Victoria has made Daniel Andrews's trigger point these activities must be allowed again.



DEB'S FUN FOOD FACTS From around the world

Hello again.

I hope you enjoyed your Tex Mex last week. This week I thought because we were already in America, we might take a little trip to New York.

Who wants dessert? I know I do. So, let's have some.

What could be more delightful than a New York style mini cheesecake? These darling little concoctions are exactly right for dessert or for anytime really, there are no rules, just enjoy yourself.

So, what is the difference between a New York cheesecake and a regular cheesecake.

Regular cheesecake relies on heavy cream and sour cream to thin the batter and create a silkier, creamier texture. New York cheesecake is heavy on the cream cheese which is why it's so dense and rich. The distinct flavour can be attributed to the bit of fresh lemon juice, giving it a slight tang. It's delicious.

You really cannot go wrong when you serve these up. There will generally never be enough to go around; that's my warning to you.

Ingredients

Base

150gm Nice biscuits 70gm butter melted

Filling

250gm softened cream cheese 75gm caster sugar

1 large egg

1 tablespoon lemon juice

100ml thickened cream

Method

- Preheat the oven to 180C.
- Line a muffin tin with 10 patty cases, preferably the foil lined ones, but not imperative.
- Finely crush the biscuits in a food processor or blender then add the melted butter.
- Evenly divide the biscuit mixture between your patty cases, and firmly press down.
- Beat the cream cheese and sugar until smooth and creamy. When the mixture is creamy you can add the egg and beat until it is combined. Then add the cream and lemon juice and beat this until it is combined.
- Bake the cheesecakes for about 20 minutes. Allow them to cool in the pan for about 30 minutes. Then refrigerate until cold, decorate and serve.

Debra Sealey Photo *Pinterest*



Stories from Cynthia

When I was writing the Saga of Waistcoat Willy, Billy often mentioned his latest car; the one a priest helped him buy which he considered the best car he ever had. However, it sounded as though the more recent purchase of his Chevy ute was his real pride and joy. It set me thinking about the many cars I have owned over the years. Having all brothers, I was encouraged to get my licence and buy a car as soon as I was old enough. My oldest brother was a medical student and could only afford an old rattletrap; a semi vintage Dodge with a hood, and very difficult to drive. He decided to give me a lesson in that, without me realising that had I mastered manoeuvring that car on the road, I would have qualified as another Peter Brock. For a start, you had to double declutch on every gear change. We set off around the corner from home and had to travel downhill, coming to a T-intersection. It was all too much for me and reaching the corner, I was confused with brakes and the gears and declutching and steering and sailed straight across the road without turning left. Had it not been for my brother grabbing the wheel I would have ploughed straight into the Hattam's pristinely kept garden, with manicured lawns, statues and flowering shrubs. It was the showpiece of Wattle Valley Road.

We changed seats and a furious brother couldn't wait to get his useless sister home. However Mother was furious with him when she discovered that as she said: "He had expected an inexperienced young girl to attempt to drive that death trap."

After that I took professional lessons and my first car was a second-hand Hillman Minx, and I can still remember the number plate, GLC - Good Little Cynthia of course. I always remember people's cars by inventing words for their number plates. I once went with a friend to help him buy a new car and the plate read CAG which I decided was Carefree and Gay, which exactly fitted him and he loved it. My first big outing in my Hillman was to an Old Girls Lunch at my old school. When I arrived, I discovered to my horror that I had driven all the way from Camberwell to East Malvern on the hand brake. I didn't enjoy the lunch or the get together due to the nagging fear that I had wrecked my car. Of course there was no harm done, but how was I to

My next car was a sports model, an Austin Healey Sprite and did that change my life! I would drive down to Portsea, the trendy place in the summer in those days, hair flying in the breeze, taking a girlfriend with me and we would be the centre of attention. One lad who owned an MG asked me one day if we could all drive down to the surf beach and do a swap, him driving my Sprite, and me in his MG. Great idea, but after that I hankered for an MG.

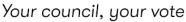
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THE WELCOME RECORD

Cynthia Lindsay



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The Welcome Record President's Report 2020

Well, 2020 what a year it's been! I'm sure all organisations have felt the effects of COVID-19. While so many businesses have had to shut down during the pandemic, *The Welcome Record* forged on to provide information and particularly a much-needed sense of continuity and cohesion for our community. While so many people were isolated, *TWR* provided a link to the outside world.

Our dedicated staff, armed with face masks and hand sanitiser, continued to come in each week, albeit individually, to prepare and publish the paper. We rotated who would come in at what time so that distancing regulations could be upheld.

We attempted a rather jumbled *Zoom* meeting; none of us being very familiar with this format and speaking over the top of each other. No doubt if we had to continue we would have got the hang of it, but fortunately restrictions have been eased, and now we can have a proper face-to-face meeting.

During the pandemic, the *TWR* committee discussed how we could assist our community businesses during a difficult time. We considered providing free advertising at one stage, but as our advertising rates are so low, it really would not have been much of a help. Instead we put more effort and dollars into providing funding with our Grants Scheme. This year we have assisted the Dunolly Golf Club, the Dunolly Op Shop, the Bealiba Historical Society and the Betley Mechanics Institute.

We've implemented a new Quickbooks system, so advertisers will be aware of a new look for invoices. After some teething problems, Monika Thumerer, our treasurer, has found the program works well.

Some rather major staff changes have occurred. Our wonderful Marilyn Goldie will be stepping down from the co-editor positon at the end of the year. Marilyn has been a tireless and efficient worker for more than three years, but has decided to pursue other avenues. She will still continue to assist when needed, but will no longer be a major player. We thank Marilyn for her dedicated service. So, we needed another person to step into her shoes. After advertising in the paper for some time without success, we put the word out on our Facebook page. Suddenly we had three applicants. We have decided to employ all three ladies and bid them welcome. The ladies are going through training now. From the first issue in the new year we will have four people as rotating co-editors: Debra Sealey, Sharron Fitzgerald, Tammie Jones and myself. With the addition of "new blood" it should make for a diverse and interesting paper.

As always, I wish to thank all of the staff for their dedication and efforts in bringing the paper out, whether on the front-line or behind the scenes and the committee members. All of you are responsible for our paper being the success it is. My sincere thanks to everyone.

Susan Anderson President, *The Welcome Record*

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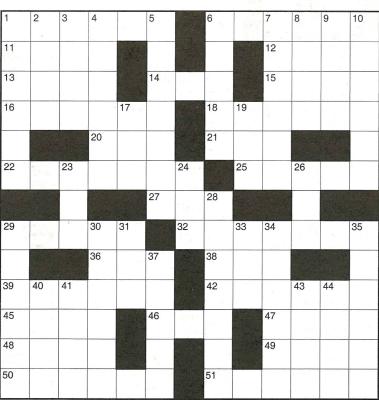
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- 11. That which is consumed
- 12. Sparkling wine, _ Spumante
- 13. Glorify
- 14. Up until now
- 15. Strategy
- Get to one's destination
- 18. Be imminent
- 20. Hatchback, eg.
- 21. Great English 1500m runner, Sebastian
- 22. Something which discharges (radio waves, eg.)
- 25. Additional
- 27. U.S. share index, ____ Jones
- 29. Make holy
- 32. Russian president who resigned on 31st December 1999, Boris
- 36. Be more than

- 38. Begin play on golf hole, off
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- 7. Part of machine which imparts motion
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- 10. Dry, readily-
- combustible material
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- 19. Cry of bovine
- 23. H₂O in frozen state

- 24. Aust. vaudeville performer, ____ Rene
- 26. Possesses 28. Moistness
- 29. God of Hinduism
- 30. Basic dietary item (eg. bread)
- 31. Term of address to young male
- 33. Golfing great, ____
- 34. One who conducts trial
- 5. Implement used in knitting
- 37. Writing material
- 40. Receive through effort 41. Small clasp (for sheets
- 41. Small clasp (for sheets of paper, eg.)
- 43. Language of SE Asia
- 44. Prowl about



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DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

Last Saturday saw the delayed staging of the Bill Willmott Memorial Trophy, held in honour of the Willmott family, who were great supporters of our club in the past. It is a Stableford Competition held for both Ladies and Men. I am pleased to report that it was an event dominated by our current crop of very promising juniors, which augurs well for the future of golf in Dunolly.

Shenae Hunt was victorious in the Ladies event, scoring 35 points to win comfortably from Jenny Lovel and Cheryl Lovel. Joe Lovel was the victor in the Men's division, scoring 36 points to defeat Josh Britten by the narrowest of margins.

Both Shenae and Joe will now have their names on the board in the clubhouse, Shenae for the second year in succession. Well done to you both!

In conjunction with the Bill Willmott event, we continued with the Brian Watts Matchplay competition, which is heading for an exciting conclusion. This Saturday will see the remaining four players compete to see who will play in the final.

It will be a big day for the Polinellis, as Jamie will line up against Matt Goodwin, with both players in excellent form. Cooper will have to overcome the wily Darren Hunt if he is to make the final. Good luck to each of you!

The course is still in good condition after the recent rain, so come along and have a hit and join in the fun.

Ian Arnold

CLASSIFIEDS & NOTICES

Notice of AGM

The AGM of the Dunolly RTC will be held on Monday 19th October 2020 at 2pm.

Nomination forms are available at the RTC to be handed to the Secretary no later than 16th October 2020.

Secretary, RTC



Doss Polinelli and family would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who sent cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls and visited on the wonderful occasion of her reaching the magnificent "100".

Thank you all. Jeff Polinelli

Australia Day Nominations Loddon Council

Just a reminder that Nominations for Australia Day Awards 2021 need to be received no later than 30th October 2020.

Remember it's up to you to nominate, not the committee! The shire will notify the committee of any nominations, if you need any help in nominating someone I can help.

It's a Community Australia Day Nomination not committee
Robina Little Administration Officer
Australia Day Loddon Shire Council





Invitation to the Community Bank's AGM

Come along and hear all about the Maldon & District Community Bank at its AGM on Wednesday 28th October at 6pm. The AGM will be a virtual meeting this year, which means you can "attend" online via *Zoom*.

In what has been a year like no other, the Maldon & District Community Bank branch and board would like to thank the community and our customers for their continued support of the local Community Bank that services communities and businesses throughout the Dunolly, Maldon and Newstead regions.

Despite a challenging year due to the pandemic, the Community Bank achieved strong business growth and made significant contributions to the community. Over \$120,000 was injected back into our communities in the past 12 months, returning the profits from our banking and financial services directly to community groups, sporting clubs, schools and health services. It's a simple way to support your community, just by banking locally. If you'd like to view the AGM get in touch with Executive Officer Karly Smith on 0478 435 110 or email address execuitveofficer@mdcb.cm.au to receive a formal invitation.



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Helmets delivered to brigades in District 2

Local volunteer firefighters from CFA's District 2 have received new structural firefighting helmets, which were recently

delivered to District Headquarters.

The helmets are available to members who hold qualifications in the use of Breathing Apparatus equipment and Search and Rescue, with a total of more than 5000 CFA volunteers to have received the helmets at the completion of the project.

Members from 40 brigades in District 2 will be the latest volunteers to receive the new helmets. Eaglehawk, Gisborne, Maiden Gully and Riddells Creek are among the brigades receiving the new equipment.

CFA has delivered 351 helmets to brigades in District 2. After being suspended earlier this year due to coronavirus restrictions, delivery of the helmets recommenced early September 2020.

The new helmets will replace the CFA's existing structural firefighting helmets and feature an improved design and fit to benefit members.

CFA Acting Chief Officer Garry Cook said the Pacific F15 Premium jet-style structural helmet provides eligible firefighters with a range of new features.



Shocktober is here!

Throughout "Shocktober" we're on a mission to ensure all 6.7 million Victorians are armed with the knowledge of what to do in an emergency — how to perform basic CPR and, importantly, how to locate and use their nearest Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Sadly, only one in 10 Australians survive a cardiac arrest. Together we can improve cardiac arrest survival rates by learning CPR and locating our local AEDs.

A local paramedic will be hosting an online session to teach you these lifesaving skills and about the new AED that has been donated to your community.

To sign up to the session, simply email your name and location to community.engagement@ambulance.vic.gov.au To know where your nearest AED is search 'find and AED' or visit https://registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au/find-anaed.

Stay well and thank you for being a valuable member of our service.

Yours sincerely, Mark Howard. Manager, Membership Services Ambulance Victoria ambulance.vic.gov.au



"This helmet has specific benefits for internal structure firefighting attack and we're excited to be able to provide it to eligible volunteer firefighters," he said.

The helmet includes a one-touch visor, a full-coverage internal face shield, integrated helmet torch, comfort harness and liner, and flame-resistant multi-layer neck flaps.

It also has a reinforced composite shell and an advanced polymer chassis.

"These helmets are modern, innovative and effective, and the CFA is excited to begin rolling them out to its members across Victoria," Mr Cook said.

The new structural firefighting helmets were funded as part of the State Government's \$60 million Fire Services Statement.

The roll-out will continue to Districts that are yet to receive the new helmets.

While the roll-out is underway all existing helmets used by CFA volunteers remain fit for purpose and compliant with relevant Australian Standards.





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DUNOLLY AREA TUESDAY AFTERNOON

We conduct a mobile veterinary service throughout the Maryborough area

We are available for -

- House calls for small animal consultations, vaccinations etc.
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- Routine horse and farm visits including pregnancy testing and horse dentistry

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A successful day for tourism in Dunolly



Photos by Jenny Scott and Jan Brock. For those that don't know Jan is Peter Brock's cousin. How appropriate that she took photos of Holden as he was the driver for the Holden team for many years.

Editor

In an almost perfect example of the business community working together, last Sunday saw many visitors arrive in Dunolly. We had been given advance notice that the Ballarat Early Holden Club were booked in for lunch at local café Country Kitchen, albeit in shifts, to comply with social distancing rules. We immediately advised all the business owners in Broadway of their visit, to ensure they would be open on the day. Members of the Historic Precinct Committee also arranged to open the Town Hall and Historic Court House in order to showcase some of our heritage and we were pleased to welcome at least 30 people, consisting of both locals and visitors, to each venue. The vehicles were parked behind the shops and adjacent to Gordon Gardens, allowing for many photo opportunities and at the same time freeing up parking spaces for others in Broadway. A bike group and many others visiting enjoyed their lunch from Dunolly Bakery and of course the Holden enthusiasts were out in force. It was encouraging to witness people wandering around, patronising all the shops and enjoying the great weather.

We believe we are observing the beginning of the resurgence of regional tourism and we look forward to drawing more visitors here to experience what we have to offer in the near future.

Jenny Scott

