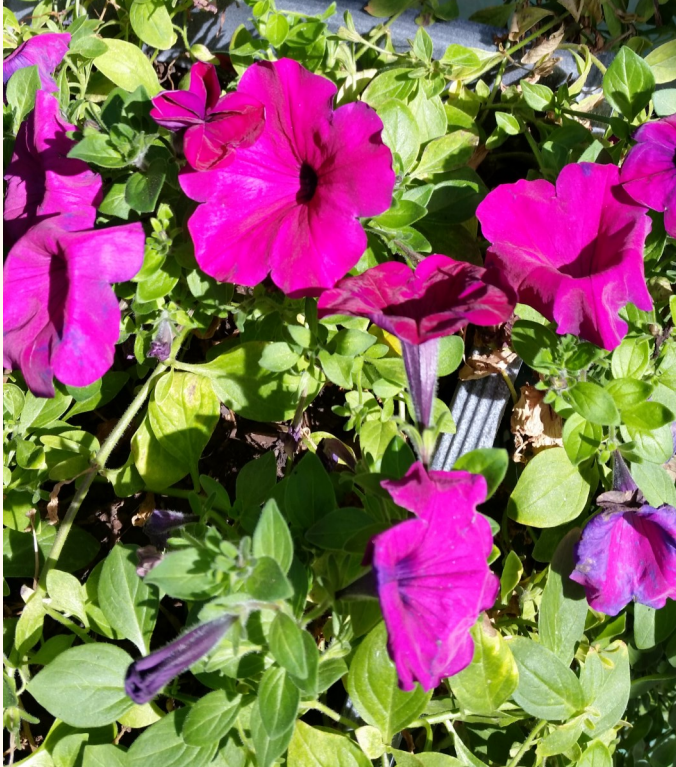


Monika's Garden in full bloom



These beautiful plants are a small part of Monika's extensive garden. Monika is *The Welcome Record's* office manager and committee treasurer. Thank you for sharing your garden with us Monika. (The Editor)

Pelargoniums (*Pelargonium* spp.) or Geraniums as they are commonly known and still referred to, are great perennial plants for the easy care gardener. They require little attention once established and thrive in hot, dry conditions. There are a variety of colours and leaf forms available, all suitable for pots, hanging baskets or garden beds

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Top left — Petunias sprawling in a pot
Left side — Geranium growing in a pot.
Bottom right — Pomegranate

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Boris is back — but a Goodie is gone.

I have launched into a project that should keep me out of mischief for the foreseeable future. I unpacked a jigsaw that Daughter Ramble (the elder) gave me some years ago — it only has 1,500 pieces and measures 24 by 33 inches or 33 by 60 centimeters. I haven't finished the edges yet — it covers about a third of the dining table and has an awful lot of white pieces. When I was searching for something the other day, I found five puzzles I had put away for when I had time to do them. Looks like that time has arrived!

Got a bit of a surprise when I opened the door of the freezer on the fridge — a huntsman spider was lurking just outside the actual freezer. He was a bit slow off the mark and I flicked him onto the floor where he made a safe landing and went under the fridge .

Love the Bakery's revised ad. The horse is at a social distance from the cart; a bit of a problem if deliveries were still being made using horse and carts.

There seems to be a proliferation of coloured horses on the way into Maryborough. There is a white one with a black head, a black and white — piebald I think; and one that is a strange mixture of white, black and bright chestnut. I thought that was skewbald — but Sister Ramble — who knows about horses tells me it is called pinto now.

Heard Costos, from the ABC gardening show, give a description of his "heirloom" Christmas tree last week. He said it had wire branches covered with strips of green stuff and these fit into holes on a 'trunk' made from a piece of thick doweling. Sounds a lot like my 50year old tree — heirloom also sounds better than old and tatty.

Every cricket in Dunolly seemed to be singing after the lovely rain last week.

I do wish people who do public announcements about the virus would learn the difference between flaunt and flout when advising us about the rules and what we can and cannot do. Flouting the rules is just plain silly and dangerous; flaunting them is a bit hard to get my head around.

Look after yourselves.

Rosie

CATS

When a cat adopts you there is nothing to be done about it except to put up with it until the wind changes.

T S Eliot



"Might have been yours once, a long time past
 Now it's mine and I am comfortable at last."

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor

Trusting you had a happy Easter!

Yes, all by myself I had a contented time. The weather was good except for Good Friday and I am so lucky to have a little garden to sit in. Think of all the people in high rise flats without anywhere to sit outside. I watched the birds and the lovely little skinks of which I have a large family of right outside my front door. One has no tail at the moment and a little one I thought was just a small piece of stick about an inch long. They are a great joy to me running around in and out of my plants. There were some great Easter services on commercial stations and *Songs of Praise* on the ABC.

A beautiful piece of fish was eaten on Good Friday and a delicious roast dinner came to my door on Sunday, thanks to the Railway Hotel, with an Easter egg as well! Thanks must go to the staff of this great hotel who do so much for this town, as do all our traders. We are so lucky to live where we do.

A good book to go to bed with; and a new piece of embroidery as a project, started out with what I had at home in my work basket, using up little pieces of embroidery wool I have had for years. I enjoyed myself as much as I could with phone calls from all my family. Emails and cards on line from a lot of my friends.

Easter — yes, I can say was as good as it could be, I hope it was for you too.

Jean Richardson.
Dunolly



Transport Alert — Back to School Term 2

School will look a little different this term, but school speed zones will remain the same. The simplest way to keep all Victorians safe is to apply a consistent rule to school zones across the state to protect students getting to and from school and to avoid confusion for motorists about what speed limits apply.

Drivers are reminded of the return of speed zones around schools on Tuesday 14th April, even though Tuesday is a pupil free day. Some school speed zones are permanent, while others operate from 8am to 9.30am and from 2.30pm to 4pm on weekdays during the Victorian school term. All school bus services will operate as normal from Wednesday 15th April to help students who cannot study at home get to and from school. Public Transport services are also operating as normal and available to students who need to travel.

Students should practice physical distancing and good hand hygiene when travelling on trains, trams and regular bus services to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Do not travel if you are unwell.

These measures will ensure any student who must travel to school can do so safely but the message to students and teachers is clear — all children who can learn from home, must learn from home.

Real-time traffic conditions are available at: traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au or via the VicTraffic mobile app. The latest public transport information and network status is available at ptv.vic.gov.au or in the PTV mobile app.

Department of Transport Media Release



RSL Branches unit to show their #ANZACspirit in face of Covid-19 crisis.

RSL State and Territory branches across the nation will unite on ANZAC Day in a powerful display of solidarity and mateship to honour the service of Australia's defence forces, past and present.

The national organisation has come together to support a grassroots movement encouraging all Australians to stand at the end of their driveways or on their balconies for a moment of reflection at 6am on Saturday 25th April.

With traditional ANZAC Day services and events cancelled across the nation due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, RSL State and Territory branches are urging Australians to show their #ANZACspirit by safely participating in a private dawn service on their driveway.

RSL National President Greg Melick said the idea to unite a country in intimate reflection conducted on a mass scale came from RSL members and the public and was driven by a groundswell of community support and social media momentum.

Greg Melick said all RSL State and Territory branches were proud to support and encourage Australians to honour the dedication, commitment and sacrifice of the ANZACs, and all who have served since, by coming together in spirit.

"The history of the ANZACs is integral to the history of Australia; the legend of our Diggers is one of our nation's enduring legacies," he said.

He said Australians had always been able to call on their ANZAC spirit in times of crisis and trouble.

"Right now, the qualities evoked by our ANZAC spirit — ingenuity, humour, endurance, courage and mateship — become more important than ever.

"This ANZAC Day, we have a unique opportunity to light up the dawn with our ANZAC spirit, and show our service people, past and present, that we will always remember what they have done for this nation."

The RSL encourages Australians to unite digitally and show their support on social media with the hashtags — #ANZACspirit and #lightupthedawn.

More information about ANZAC Day and how to show your #ANZACspirit — including where to listen or watch the commemoration broadcast at 6am will be available at rslanzacspirit.com.au prior to 25th April.

RSL Media Release

ABOUT ANZAC DAY

As the sun rose on 25th April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on the shores of Gallipoli in what was anticipated to be a quick military strike against Turkish forces. Instead, it escalated into an eight month battle where more than 8700 Australian soldiers lost their lives and another 19,441 were wounded. The first major military action fought by Australian forces during World War One sent shockwaves through Australian society which are still felt today. As the sun rises every ANZAC Day, hundreds of thousands of Australians gather across the nation to remember their legacy, and the legacy of all those who have followed their example.





Believe it or Not!

This is a story which really happened, although some may find it slightly hard to believe or accept.

More than 20 years ago, while still living in the Canberra area, two friends and I were travelling on a dark road after having been to a meeting in town. About halfway home on our 25km trip, we spotted a very bright light "suspended" in the air over farmland, in the distance. Upon getting closer, a second one appeared, underneath the first one. At that point, we stopped the car and got out, in order to gain a clearer view. The lights stayed in their positions for some minutes afterwards; from where we were standing, we estimated them to be about 5km away, so, not far away from our destination, however it was fairly hard to estimate. As we stood immobilised, all of a sudden the lights started to move vertically, ever so slowly, still one above the other. We watched in awe, as the lights then rose and flattened out their trajectory, aligning with each other, in our estimation a couple of kilometers above the ground and without a sound, slowly passing overhead and towards the southern suburbs of Canberra. The lack of noise was eerie, as on that normally busy road, there was no traffic and no wind. The best way I could describe it was like they were just "hanging" silently in the air.

At the time, I knew some RAAF helicopter pilots and was aware they used to conduct training exercises in the area, as the RAAF Base was still operating from Fairbairn in those days. Helicopters had been our first thought, only to be dismissed after observing the movements of the lights. After the lights had disappeared out of sight, we all returned to the car, in a state of disbelief at what we had just observed.

I documented my experience that night and the next day rang a friend, who was a clairvoyant in Canberra. She mentioned that she had a friend who was the media officer for the RAAF, so related the story to him. They had previously collaborated on a book together and strangely enough, one of his interests was psychic and paranormal phenomena. They both made arrangements to come and talk to us and we made an appointment for a gathering in my café. Coincidentally, Paul Norman, who belonged to the Victorian Branch of the Centre for UFO Research, happened to be in Canberra at the time, so we were very pleased to welcome him to the meeting. I had known of Paul prior to that time and had a photograph of him on my own book on Crop Circles in Britain.

Others attended, once the word got out and more reports of similar sightings came to light; a couple of farmers on the other side of our town had also viewed them at the same time. The RAAF had earlier stated that there had been no helicopter activity in the area at that time, despite being somewhat sceptical of this advice, we already knew that the lights had not been from helicopters.

The story went on from there, no logical conclusion was ever reached. the story goes on to this day.

In the next book published by the unlikely combination of the psychic and RAAF media officer (now retired), mention was made of the event and it is also now published on the clairvoyant friend's website, albeit with some embellishment.

A true story, but will leave it up to you!

Jenny Scott.

Endurance World Record-breaking model aeroplane attempt at Mount Hollowback — part one



Credit for picture: History of VARMS
<http://varms.org.au>

This extract tells of my beloved brother's Endurance World Record-breaking model aeroplane attempt at Mount Hollowback near Ballarat in 1978.

Brian was born in Geelong, but lived and worked in Dunolly for a few years, after which he returned to Geelong. Sadly, Brian died flying his models at Mount Hollowback two years after he broke the record, on December 7, 1980 at the age of 43, survived by his widow, Annette, and his three very young children, James, Colin and Kathryn, and is buried at Geelong.

After a few years, the World Record was taken back by the Russians.

Esmé Flett (née Laging)

Extract from *History of VARMS*

(Victorian Association of Radio Model Soaring)

Brian Laging

Australian and World Duration Record for *R.C. Glider* (Radio Controlled Glider) 28 hours, 28 second. Until 30th September 1978, the world *R.C. Glider* duration record, set by a Russian modeller in 1975, was 25 hours, 44 minutes, eight seconds.

Having achieved a flight of 12 hours as a practical lead-up to an assault on the record, Brian Laging decided to build a new *Foka 5* with more advanced features and improvements.

The Model

At one-third scale, the *Foka 5* has a span of 14 feet and 10 inches. The fuselage was of glass fibre construction and very light for its size, some areas being actually translucent.

The wings were of fully built-up conventional construction having a boxed spruce main spar with lightweight webbing of plywood, and sheeted overall with carefully selected balsa. Minimum drag spoilers and ailerons were incorporated with their servos built into the wing, thereby to guarantee positive control. The only sloppiness noticeable was in the servo gearing. Elevator and rudder servos were built into the moving surfaces and in the case of the elevator, acted as a mass balance.

Total weight came to 10 pounds.

The Radio Equipment

The Kraft organisation at Geelong put its resources behind the project, and Eric Beilby took on the design and development of the modifications to the radio equipment.

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Purslane

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A very tasty weedy dip called
Purslane Yoghurt Tzatziki Dip

A very tasty weed disguised as Purslane Yoghurt Tzatziki Dip

I have been pulling so many purslane weeds out of the garden and it seemed such a shame to put them directly into the compost bin. I looked up edible and medicinal weeds of Australia.

The Weed Forager's Handbook mentions purslane as being added to stir fry or salads and as a variation on the traditional tzatziki. Take most of the stems off and wash and chop finely. It is quite mucilaginous, so lots of garlic and cayenne pepper will cut through to make it quite delicious.

The recipe called for one cup of purslane to half a cup of Greek yoghurt, two cloves of garlic, salt and splash of olive oil, chopped parsley and cayenne pepper on top. Experiment to taste.

It was lovely with Turkish bread and very easy. I had a hankering for green vegetables and it worked for me! I'll try it in the stir fry next.

By the way, it is worth looking at our weeds as this purslane has been used since ancient times as a benefit to health for skin, urinary and digestive system and natural antioxidant.

It is exciting to learn new things and use what we have in our own garden. Now what weed can I try next? I'll give the Deadly Nightshade a wide berth!

Rachel Buckley

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The Gaming Chair

It is only a small chair. A child's chair really. Of course my grandson was only a small boy when I first reupholstered it for him some years ago. Since then he has grown tall and lean and it was a surprise that he still uses it.

"My favourite chair to sit in when I am playing Xbox games", he said. "It has gotten a bit loose in the back. Can you fix it do you think?"

Who can resist a plea from a grandchild? Their claims upon you are strong. "See if you can tighten the screw at the side first. If that doesn't work call me." The call came pretty quickly so I went around to inspect it. It was a surprise to see such a lumpy battered chair could still be so prized. The springs had detached and were lying sideways, the fabric had been stained with all sorts of food, drink and dirty socks over the years and I could not see where the frame was loosening.

Once it was home, stripped and the fabric coverings drying on the line it was possible to see where years of triumphant pushing back on the chair had made the dowel pegs come out of their sockets and the back spacer was also loose. I hunted high and low for a metal plate to put over the joint with the freshly glued back dowel. In the end a stout piece of flat plastic had to do the job, and metal right angle pieces got the spacer back in place.

The years of lumpy springs made the stuffing difficult to get back in place smoothly, and the newly washed outer fabric required some readjustment. I would have preferred to use new fabric but the embroidered dragon would have been difficult to replace and "I like the dragon" still echoed in my head. In the end I was able to reuse almost all the tacks, stuffing, fabric, springs and hessian. I did have to replace the twine and stitch some of the foam back in place.

Sadly it is not quite the chair it was. The reinforcing means it will not move so easily with his shouts of triumph and moans of despair all accompanied by strong pushes from his long legs. Hopefully though he will get a few more years out of his little chair.

Vicky Frizzell

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Another week in the Covid-19 journey

The State of Emergency has been extended until Monday 11th May. Another decision will be made prior to 11th May. In Victoria, indications are that the increase of infection seems to be slowing. However, the next four weeks are crucial to the fight and we must maintain what we have so well demonstrated in distancing and staying home for a little longer.

The shops are stocked much better now, it now leaves the more important part of the equation — us, our families and friends. Well done to all, thus far, your efforts in very unusual times, have been exemplary.

Without a vaccine, we need to make sure the tide has well and truly turned; we can't afford to have this re-emerge. We need to look at the big picture. Our shire will not be immediately back to normal after the threat has passed.

We should be preparing ourselves for the recovery, this also will be a new experience for us. It's going to take time, please be very patient and respectful for a little longer.

Our journey so far has been trying and has put us in places we never dreamt of being in. Well done to everyone for rising to the occasion, only a few more weeks to go hopefully. If we all do our bit we can focus back on recovery.

The spirit and unity which has been demonstrated in our shire through this dilemma has been nothing short of amazing. We all have worked so hard to achieve this outcome, please let us not lose the ground we have gained.

We will have a few short months to assist the council with our shire recovery, their task is going to be huge. Then the Shire Election will be in the forefront. 2020 has put a lot on our plate.

Our next public meeting is scheduled for Daisy Hill Hall on Tuesday 5th May 2020. 7.30pm. Due to the State of Emergency being extended, at this stage it is cancelled.

Should anyone have any issues or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us on 0419 101 144

or email: cgoldratepayers@mail.com

Wayne McKail
President CGR&RAI



Oaty choc-chip cookies

125g unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup (110g) caster sugar
1/2 firmly packed cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
1 egg
1 1/4 cups (110g) rolled oats
1 cup (150g) plain flour
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
175g good-quality dark chocolate, chopped
150g roasted hazelnuts, peeled, chopped
Preheat the oven to 170°C.
Line three baking trays with baking paper.



Using electric beaters, beat butter, sugars and vanilla until pale and thick. Beat in egg until just combined. Using a wooden spoon, fold in oats. Sift flour, baking powder, soda and 1/2 teaspoon salt over the mixture, then fold in. When almost incorporated, fold in the chopped chocolate and hazelnuts.

Using a small ice-cream scoop, scoop balls of dough (about one heaped tablespoon) onto prepared trays four centimetres apart. Flatten slightly, then bake in two batches for about 10 minutes or until golden. The cookies will feel soft but will crisp as they cool.

This recipe is from *Café Food ABC Delicious*, contributed by the owner of the much talked-about Sweet Source in Melbourne's Carlton, Zoi Condos.

Zoi confesses to being something of a hoarder — as she points to the 20 cake stands on which she displays the day's selection of rather impressive cakes and pies, and the collection of little mismatched gilt and floral old English tea plates on which the slices are served. Zoi also has boxes of recipes into which she delves for inspiration, which date from her time as a pastry chef cooking for the A-list in New York and London.



COVID-19 Coronavirus Community Information

Our priority continues to be the safety and wellbeing of our community, volunteers and staff.

We have adapted the delivery of our services to minimise the risk of infection and transmission of the virus. For more information on these altered services please refer to our dedicated full page ad in today's edition of *The Maryborough District Advertiser*.

You can also find up-to-date information on Council service changes on our website at:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/covid-19 and *Facebook* and *Twitter* accounts.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Health Advice

For the latest and most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 visit: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

If you cannot find the information you are looking for on this website, please email:

Infectious.Diseases@dhhs.vic.gov.au

As a last resort, please call the dedicated hotline on: 1800 675 398.

You can also stay up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 (Coronavirus) information and advice through the Federal Government's new Coronavirus app which can be downloaded from your smart phone.

A new WhatsApp channel has also been launched to supply you with the latest information.

To access it go to www.aus.gov.au/whatsapp

COVID-19 Financial Response Package

We have developed a financial response package to assist local businesses and the community with the impact of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

The following measures will be in place until Wednesday 30th September 2020 and will be reviewed again at that time:

Ratepayers experiencing financial hardship

- Suspension of all current debt recovery action
- New COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy
- Extension of rate payments to Wednesday 30th September 2020 with no interest
- Waived interest on overdue rates and waste charges from 16th March 2020
- Waived pet registration fees (pets must have been registered by Friday 10th April 2020)

Business support

- New COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy will also apply to businesses
- Payment of local suppliers weekly to improve business cash flow
- Waived rent for businesses occupying Council buildings and facilities
- Dedicated business contact officer within Council
- Dedicated COVID-19 business support page on Council's website with link to local employment opportunities: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/covid-19
- Access to Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry support in partnership with Committee for Maryborough

Permits

- Extension of expiry dates for septic, building and planning permits for 12 months at no cost.
- Refund of permit fees for events and business activities which have been cancelled or closed as directed by Government community support
- Waived rent for all occupiers of Council buildings and facilities
- Waived building or planning permits fees under Council's Community Support Policy

- Additional parking enforcement around MDHS to support health workers/patients
- Dedicated COVID-19 information page on Council's website – www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/covid-19

Capital works

- Council will continue works as scheduled to maximise local business and employment opportunities. Council is working to get these measures ready for implementation as soon as possible.

For more information about the Financial Response Package, including a copy of the COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy, Application Form and Frequently Asked Questions resource, visit :

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/financialresponsepackage

Be Kind Central Goldfields

We're excited to have joined the Ballarat Council *Be Kind* campaign. As part of *Be Kind* Central Goldfields we'll feature initiatives that support and connect our community under the following banners:

Be Kind to Business

Be Kind to Others

Be Kind to Yourself

Be Kind — Be Safe

If you are involved in a support program, or know of one which would be great to feature, please email us at: media@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or tag us —

#BeKindCentralGoldfields

To find out more follow our facebook page or visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/bekindcentralgoldfields

Influenza vaccination information

We're receiving lots of calls about when the best time to get your annual influenza vaccination. To be protected for the peak flu season — which is generally from June to September — you should get your vaccination from mid-April onwards.

Pregnant women should receive the vaccine at any stage during pregnancy. We'll communicate information about our influenza vaccination program in the coming weeks.

Have your Say:

Population, Housing and Residential Settlement Strategy

The Draft Population, Housing and Residential Settlement Strategy is now available for the community to view and provide feedback.

The purpose of the Strategy is to provide direction for residential growth and form under a range of growth scenarios, in order to meet the anticipated needs of the Shire's population from 2020 to 2035.

Feedback is required by Monday 27th April, 2020 and is invited via:

Email: strategicplanning@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

Mail: Attention Strategic Planning, Central Goldfields Shire Council, 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough, 3465

For more information and to view the Draft Strategy visit: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Draft Integrated Transport Strategy

We have partnered with the Victorian Government Department of Transport to develop an Integrated Transport Strategy.

The Strategy will identify access and transport needs across the municipality and determine issues and opportunities with various modes of transport.

Feedback is required by Friday 29th May, 2020 and is invited via: Online survey:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

For more information contact our Strategic Planner Amy Bell on 5461 0685 or email:

strategicplanning@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

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The transmitter had two extra switches providing the following functions: one for coupled ailerons and rudder, the other giving rudder plus elevator or rudder, elevator, ailerons, spoilers and lights; that is, three positions. The airborne battery weighed 920 grams and was provided by Charley Wyatt. A separate battery provided power for the light on the model, a green light on an 18 inch probe extended forward from the nose, and a red light on a similar probe trailed from the tail. A low voltage warning light was built into the wheel well, to indicate a drop to 4.5 volts, which would have given about an hour of safe flying time prior to an obligatory touchdown. The model had red reflector tape on nose and ailerons, with silver reflector tape dotted along the fuselage sides. An RF module was mounted on top of the car and operated via the buddy box cable from the transmitter. This could be disconnected whenever the pilot wanted to move away from the car. The transmitter was charged at 20 milliamps from a 12 volt car battery continuously during the flight.

Continued next week.

Esmé Flett (née Laging)



Check those smoke alarms

With more people staying at home as the coronavirus pandemic continues to sweep across the country, the CFA is calling on the community to check their smoke alarms and ensure gas heaters are serviced and chimneys are cleaned heading into the cooler months.

Carisbrook CFA Captain Alan Boucher said it's important everyone is wary and remains vigilant.

"We're not anticipating more call outs this year but given there are more people at home, people need to be more wary and vigilant now they'll probably have a full household," he said.

"Hopefully the message gets across that when you change your clocks for daylight savings you should change your smoke alarm batteries. I hope people have done that already but if not, please do and put new batteries in."

Mr Boucher said it's also important to get wood and gas heaters checked heading into the cooler months and with more people at home, to ensure power-boards aren't overloaded.

"Now you're inside with the new government restrictions, if you're looking at heating you certainly need to get your gas heaters checked to ensure they're working efficiently," he said.

"It's also very important to have wood heaters cleaned. If they haven't been going for 12 months there can be a build up of soot.

If you have recently started working remotely from your home, the CFA recommends making sure you are being fire safe by:

- not overloading powerboards or having loose cables
- ensuring monitors, laptops, televisions and other equipment have good air flow around them and are not in confined spaces or covered
- don't leave electronic equipment like laptops and phones sitting or charging on beds
- turning off all electrical appliances at the powerpoint when not in use
- ensuring home heating, including flues and chimneys, are regularly cleaned and serviced by a certified technician
- checking any home fire extinguishers or fire blankets to make sure they're not out of date
- update your fire plan and talk about it with your household — have a fire plan in place and practice it regularly, just like you would in the office.

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No services at any churches until further notice due to the coronavirus issue.

St John's Church

Church Services have been suspended for the time being. Rev Canon Heather Blackman, Parish Office, 6 Nightingale Street, Maryborough. Phone: 5460 5964. Readings this week: Acts 10.34-43, Psalm 118.1-2,14-24, Colossians 3.1-4, Matthew 28.1-10

Esmé Flett

A PRAYER DURING THE COVID-19
written by Cathedral Dean, Elizabeth

Almighty God, our heavenly father, we humbly ask you to have mercy on humanity besieged by coronavirus. Forgive us our selfish thoughts and actions which deny others of fair share of resources and our reliance on human capacity to deliver rather than leaning into the hope of faith. Give wisdom to those in authority making decisions which impact every aspect of community life. Enable the health systems to respond with gentleness and compassion. Help us all to support, encourage and care for one another both in church and community, and be with us as we find ways to share in worship and witness despite restrictions. Shine the light of your love into the darkness of this pandemic and reassure us with your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast. The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia! 1 Corinthians 5.7-8

Uniting Church

We are all a little bit disoriented at the moment but remember Rev Gordon Wild is there for us on the end of his phone 0413 455 856. He is our minister until the end of June and is a wonderful person to speak to with your troubles.

The op-shop is closed until we know not when, so please do not put bags of clothes on the door step. It is sad for us to not be in service to this town but we cannot process the bags. Hold onto them as we will be open again and we will love to see you and the bags again.

Jean Richardson.

Courage

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face.

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Eleanor Roosevelt



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More Stories from Waistcoat Willy's Saga

Last week we left Billy and friend Bryan under arrest and about to be deported back to England. They were taken to a Sydney police station and finger printed, twice, and then told they were being sent to Melbourne to go in the lockup there. Two policemen escorted them on to the plane in Sydney and travelled with them. In Melbourne they were taken to the Immigration lockup where their pockets were emptied and then they were taken to a big dormitory room, full of sailors of all nationalities. They were allotted a bed each and then locked in. A little bit later one of the guards came in, approached Billy and asked him if he could play Monopoly and Billy replied that of course he could. The guard told him there were three of them playing the game in the guardroom but were one player short so would he join in. What a contrast to bunking in the lockup dormitory. It would seem that our Billy had a certain charisma that people recognised; otherwise he was just born under a lucky star. They played Monopoly to the small hours and Billy was given cups of tea and was thoroughly enjoying himself.

Billy and Bryan were kept in the lockup for a couple of days and were then told they would be put on a ship the next morning, which was very good news as against staying behind bars. However, the next day plans were changed and they were told they couldn't go because the wharfies were on strike over some odd reason to do with loading in silence. Finally, the two men were released under police guard and taken to their ship, the ACT 2, which was quite a new, modern ship. They saw that the bar was open and Billy asked if they were allowed to have a beer. "Sure thing," said one policeman. The beer was really cheap so Billy invited the policemen to have a beer with him and Bryan and they happily agreed. After a couple of drinks it was announced that the gangway was going up so all visitors ashore. The policemen left and the ship sailed, first stop Fremantle. Billy and Bryan were in their cabin when there was a knock on the door and in walked two policemen. "You are under arrest?", said one and then the two friends were hustled off to the Fremantle lockup, a rickety old building with a narrow corridor lined with iron doors, each with a tiny observation hatch. The officer opened two cell doors, one for each of them and sent them to the office for mattresses, which were wafer thin. They were thrown in with two pillows. Billy asked the policeman for sheets which was met with a derisive "This is not the Ritz, you know." There was a bucket in the corner of the tiny cell and that was it. That night the two now prisoners were eaten alive by mosquitos, so Billy banged on the cell door and when the noise was answered and Billy voiced his complaint the man said he would be back in a minute. Then he returned, opened the hatch and sprayed and sprayed with a big repellent gun till Billy nearly choked to death. "Are you happy now?" asked the brute.

Next morning they were all taken to the eating area and sat at one long table where they were given one slice of bread with grated carrot and weak tea with no sugar. Lunch and dinner were the same, so Billy announced he wasn't eating that s---, so he was going on a hunger strike.

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"Oh yeah, just let's see you try it", was the response. "You bet I will try it and stick to it", said Billy. For two days Billy ate nothing and he found that it was amazing how your brain adjusted to the fasting, enabling you to cope. Then the policeman in charge came over and said, "Righto, Bill, Bryan, back to the ship." What a relief. Guess where Billy's first port of call was when back on board? Straight to the galley of course.

The ship set sail and headed for Africa. When they arrived it was Christmas Day and Billy realised that it was the exact same day when he was coming out to Australia, docked at the same place. So they had a Christmas party and Billy was able to supply the music. On they went through the Canary Islands and home to England. Billy and Brian then sent off for dear old Middlesbrough once more. But don't go away. Wait another week because there's more to come.

Cynthia



ACT 2 container ship

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Here is a link which will inform you of what is right for our area: <https://www.gardenate.com>

We have been experimenting with water efficient gardens and have had a huge success from these wicking beds and just yesterday we built a Hugelkultur garden bed. (Hugelkultur, pronounced Hoo-gul-culture, means hill culture or hill mound.) This gardening method is huge in Europe.

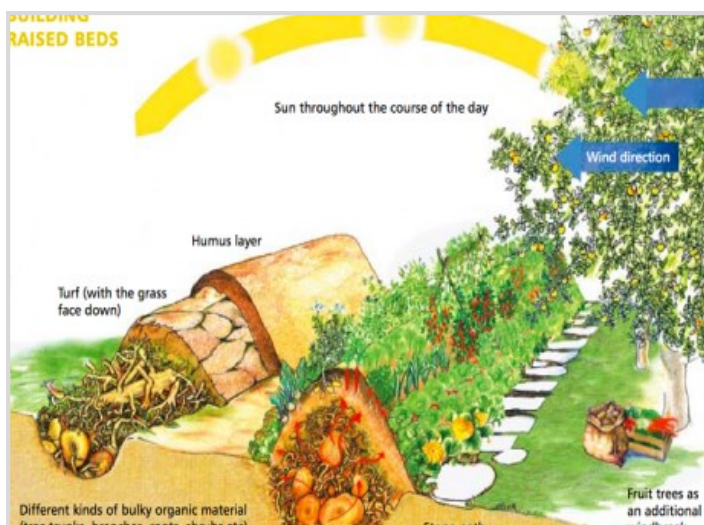
By digging a hole then laying all the logs, branches and clippings from around the yard in then shovelling the removed soil back on you create a water catchment, raised garden bed and also create your own organic mulch for years to come.

This would be a fantastic family project and extremely good for the environment. You also will be able to experience vegetables tasting the way they used to taste. The kids and grandkids being partner to this project will also take ownership of the produce.

Who knows, they may even start eating vegetables. So now is the time to get your plants or seeds in and start your family crop.

Happy Gardening

Wayne McKail



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Exploration Inn, Neereman

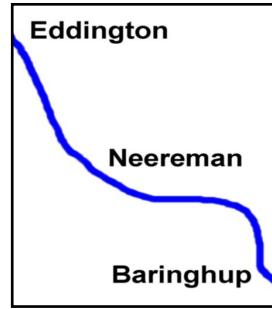
Neereman is a farming district between Eddington and Baringhup on the north side of the Loddon River.

Some gold was found in a gully at Neereman about 1861. Since the Burke and Wills Expedition was in the news the prospectors called it Exploration Gully. In 1862 a reef was found at the head of this gully and named Exploration Reef. The hotel was alongside these diggings. The earliest reference to the hotel is March 1873 when it was known as the Travellers Rest Hotel. Robert Ely renamed it the Exploration Inn when he took over around 1890.

The Neereman Post Office opened in 1881 and was attached to the hotel.

Some of the licensees were Thomas Nugent 1873-1880, Emily Thurlow 1881-1885, Joseph Gervasi 1885-1886, Robert Ruela Ely 1892-1893, George Ely 1900-1904, John William Reid 1904-1908. The hotel closed its doors on 31st December 1908. The building still remains as a private farm house.

John Tully



Exploration Inn and Neereman Post Office 1894



MAYORAL COLUMN

Loddon Shire COVID-19 updates

As we move into another week of restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I am conscious of the need for all of us to stay connected and ensure that we are sharing information.

We have all been directed to stay at home to limit the spread of the virus. By staying at home and limiting your contact with other people, we can help our family and friends stay safe. If you can stay home, you must stay home. There are only four reasons to leave your home: to shop for essential items, for medical or compassionate needs, to exercise while complying with public gathering requirements and to work and study if you can't do that at home. We must all change our behaviour to help slow the spread COVID-19. People should stop looking for loop holes and do the right thing, to help save lives.

All recreational activities beyond basic exercise are now banned. This includes fishing, hunting, boating, camping and golf. All playgrounds, public parks, outside exercise equipment, BBQ facilities, water drinking fountains, picnic shelters and tables, rotundas, toilets and viewing platforms are also closed until further notice.

This year, Easter will be very different from what we are used to. Social distancing must continue and everyone must stay home and not undertake unnecessary travel, including camping, visiting friends and other social gatherings.

Churches and other places of worship remain closed to the public. People who are used to attending religious services for Easter will be able to engage via livestream and some services will be broadcast on television. Contact your church or institution to find out what is planned.

Primary and secondary students will return to their studies this week with modified arrangements to allow students to learn from home. The Government will ensure that all students have access to the internet and other resources so that no one is disadvantaged. For senior students, changes to the VCE, VET and VCAL programs will reflect the disruptions of this year.

In order to slow the spread of coronavirus, the message to students and parents is clear: all children who can learn at home must learn from home – with exceptions only in extremely limited circumstances.

The Department of Health and Human Services is the best place to stay informed about COVID-19. Factsheets and promotional materials may be found in plain English as well as translated into many languages for those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Visit <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/translated-resources-coronavirus-disease-covid-19> for the factsheets.

As well as ensuring the continued delivery of essential services, at Loddon Shire Council we are doing everything we can to assist those suffering financial hardship as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are working to assist residents, businesses and the wider community by developing a financial response package.

Council has developed COVID-19 Financial Hardship Guidelines aimed at providing assistance to those ratepayers who are experiencing difficulty in meeting the rate payment deadlines.

For those suffering financial hardship there will be assistance in establishing payment plans for both overdue and upcoming 2020/21 rates and charges, waived interest on overdue rates and waste charges from 16th March 2020 until 30th June 2021 and a hold on legal action for the collection of rates and charges.

Council has a dedicated web page with all of the latest updates and links relating to our response to COVID-19, including links to Government announcements:

<https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/covid-19> Another way to stay informed is by following our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LoddonShire/>

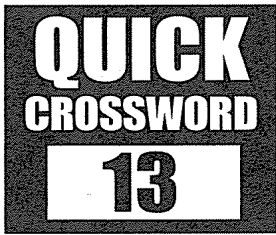
Support our local business

Last week I mentioned how innovative cafés, general stores, takeaway shops and pubs in the Loddon Shire have been in response to new restrictions. When shopping from the comfort of your own home, make sure you remember to support our wonderful Loddon businesses and the great range of original and quality goods that are available. To browse some of the diverse offerings, check out:

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From the office of Cr C McKinnon Loddon Shire

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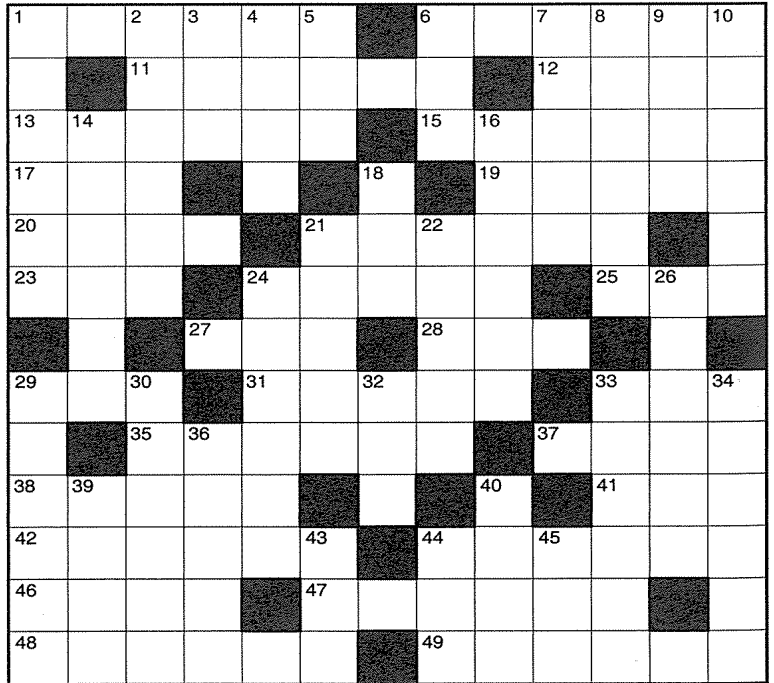
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| 33. Brief swim | 18. Metal cooking vessel | 30. Nearly | 39. Prayer ending |
| 35. Member of legal profession | 21. Lathery | 32. Limb of body | 40. You |
| 37. Cry of 'long live...' | 22. Striped Asian feline | 33. Assimilate in the mind | 43. Cricketer's score of 100 |
| 38. Greek letter equivalent to English 'g' | 24. Country of eastern Asia | 34. Gratify (unreasonable desire), ___ to | 44. Garbage dump |
| 41. Strong alcoholic beverage | 26. Actress/singer, ___ Newton-John | 36. Cause to laugh | 45. Learn to walk before you ___ |
| 42. Total quantity | 29. Rwandan capital | | |
| 44. Spiral ridge on screw | | | |
| 46. Smaller in degree | | | |
| 47. Repugnant | | | |
| 48. Detainee during wartime | | | |
| 49. Gambler | | | |

Across

1. High-ranking member of clergy
6. Word meaning both 'meditative' and 'ready to incubate eggs (of hen)'
11. Photographer's device
12. Large sheet of ice floating at sea
13. Phrase used in selling product
15. To top up (container) again
17. Bill for meal or drinks
19. Even-tempered, ___-headed
20. U.S. state bordering Kentucky and West Virginia
21. A play which mocks human folly
23. Sadness
24. Jacket of soldier
25. Noisy quarrel
27. Depressed
28. Horse-drawn carriage
29. N.Z. parrot
31. Very small mass of land

Down

1. To formally present (something to someone)
2. Great jockey who won five Caulfield Cups, ___ Breasley
3. Unpleasant old woman
4. Middle Eastern country
5. Implement for writing with ink
6. Offshore ridge (of sand, eg.)
7. Proposal put forward
8. Lord Protector of England, ___ Cromwell
9. Small measured gift of charity
10. Colour of two-point snooker ball
14. City of northern Pakistan
16. Evoke



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- April 15th, Goldfields Police Service Area Community Safety Forum — postponed
- April 18th, Pyrenees Unearthed Wine and Food Festival — postponed until April 17th, 2021
- April 19th, AFL Goldfields Women's league 2020 season — postponed
- April 25th, Maryborough Anzac Day service — cancelled
- May 2nd to 3rd, Clunes Booktown Festival — cancelled
- August, Words In Winter — cancelled and will be rescheduled for 2021

Editor's Note: Please ensure you check with organisations, clubs and events organiser prior to attending. Everything is constantly changing and may have been decided after print date.

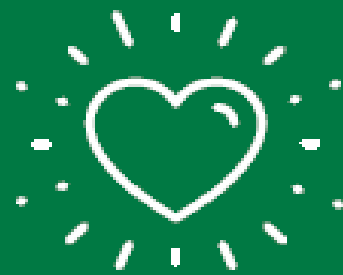
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