

April Fool's Day — First of April 2020

April Fool's Day, or All-Fools' Day, the name given to the 1st of April in allusion to the custom of playing practical jokes on friends and neighbours on that day, or sending them on fools' errands.

The origin of this custom has been much disputed, and many ludicrous solutions have been suggested, eg that it is a farcical commemoration of Christ being sent from Annas to Caiaphas, from Caiaphas to Pilate, from Pilate to Herod, and from Herod back again to Pilate, the crucifixion having taken place about 1st April. What seems certain is that it is in some way or other a relic of those once universal festivities held at the vernal equinox, which, beginning on old New Year's day, 25th of March, ended on the 1st of April.

This view gains support from the fact that the exact counterpart of April-fooling is found to have been an immemorial custom in India. The festival of the spring equinox is there termed the feast of Huli, the last day of which is 31st March, upon which the chief amusement is the befooling of people by sending them on fruitless errands. It has been plausibly suggested that Europe derived its April-fooling from the French. They were the first nation to adopt the reformed calendar.

In 1564 Charles IX decreed that the year should begin with 1st of January.

Thus the New Year's gifts and visits of felicitation which had been the feature of 1st April became associated with the first day of January, and those who disliked the change were fair butts for those wits who amused themselves by sending mock presents and paying calls of pretended ceremony on the 1st of April.

Though 1st April appears to have been anciently observed in Great Britain as a general festival, it was apparently not until the beginning of the 18th century that the making of April-fools was a common custom.

In Scotland the custom was known as "hunting the gowk," ie the cuckoo, and April fools were "April-gowks," the cuckoo being there, as it is in most lands, a term of contempt.

In France the person befooled is known as *poisson d'avril*. This has been explained from the association of ideas arising from the fact that in April the sun quits the zodiacal sign of the fish.

A far more natural explanation would seem to be that the April fish would be a young fish and therefore easily caught.

For the source of this article see below.



An April fool in Denmark, regarding Copenhagen's new subway. It looks as if one of its cars had an accident, and had broken through and surfaced on the square in front of the town hall. In reality, it was a retired subway car from the subway of Stockholm cut obliquely, with the front end placed onto the tiling and loose tiles scattered around it. An accident site tape with the words "Uventede gæster?" (unexpected guests?). Gevalia coffee's advertising featured various vehicles popping up with unexpected guests.



The orange April fool's day prank

No instructions provided. Maybe special glue was used to hold the whole creation together. Not sure if it would be very tasty though.

The Editor

APRIL FOOL'S DAY POEM

The maple syrup's full of ants.
A mouse is creeping on the shelf.
Is that a spider on your back?
I ate the whole pie by myself.
The kitchen sink just overflowed.
A flash flood washed away the school..
I threw your blanket in the trash.
I never lie..

APRIL FOOL!



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Remember to change
your clocks at 2am on
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If I hear "We are all in this together again I may scream . We KNOW that.

Surely the most unusual traffic jam in the country must be the one on the Nullarbor Plain just after the imminent closing of the South Australia/Western Australia border last week was announced. Cars etc lined up for kilometres. One man ran out of petrol on the way and screamed up to the border with one minute to go.

I'd bet good money that the idea that a visit to the hairdresser only takes half an hour was thought up by a gang of balding men. Thank goodness that wiser heads (probably women) prevailed.

Took the new car into Maryborough last week and parked it in the shade under the trees in the Woolworth's car park. When I came out I could see that the birds had played a game of repaint the little car. Very tasteful!

Years ago I found a lot of masks in the recycling place in Eaglehawk. I bought a couple of packs as I was doing a lot of wood sanding at the time. Found them the other day — only one pack of three. Read the blurb — they were good for all sorts of breathing protection including a Flu pandemic. Keep something long enough and it may come in handy.

Rosie

CATS---

In a cat's world , everything belongs to cats .



I think Jean Richardson put the following in the Welcome Record some years ago-

"Later that night
 I held an atlas in my lap
 Ran my fingers across the whole world
 And whispered
 Where does it hurt ?
 It answered
 Everywhere
 Everywhere
 Everywhere."

Warsan Shire

Some information about Warsan Shire:

Warsan Shire FRSL (born 1st August 1988) is a British writer, poet, editor and teacher, who was born to Somali parents in Kenya. In 2013 she was awarded the inaugural Brunel University African Poetry Prize, chosen from a shortlist of six candidates out of a total 655 entries. Her words "No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark", from the poem "Conversations about Home (at a deportation center)", have been called "a rallying call for refugees and their advocates".

Sourced from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warsan_Shire

The Editor's Note



LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor

How do I explain this to my hungry dog?

What happens to people like me who continue to do their normal fortnightly shop which for me usually includes a small pack of toilet paper, occasional box of tissues, maybe some lamb chops, a packet of rice, a bag of dog biscuits and maybe a frozen meal, and then I discover that none of these items are on my local supermarket shelves?

There are lots of people like me who do not have a siege mentality and are neither selfish nor greedy, but are now deprived of our regular staples because of the bulk buying by thoughtless people.

I doubt whether the early time given only to the elderly will make much difference when they find empty shelves. It's hard to explain to my dog why her dish is empty; and what about mothers of young children who are unable to buy nappies and formula?

What has surprised and delighted me, since the letter was published in the Age (18th March), is the kindness and offers of help from people for whom the letter resonated with their own situations.

Cynthia Lindsay



BEALIBA CWA UPDATE

Given the current restrictions on numbers gathering, along with the need for social distancing, all Bealiba CWA meetings and functions are cancelled for the foreseeable future. At this stage it looks liked the East Wimmera Craft Exhibition, which was scheduled for early May, will be postponed to a later date. However, when a decision has been made by the various branches involved members will be notified as soon as possible.

Nonetheless, it is not all negative news. Many members have already been using this time to finish their UFOs (unfinished objects) or to sew and knit items that can be donated to those in need.

Competition results from our February meeting are as follows:

Single Bloom	
First Betty Lovel	Second Heather Davis
Multiple Bloom	
First Betty Lovel	Second Jenny Lovel
Competition	
First Pam Brightwell	Second Betty Lovel
Stay safe.	

Heather Davis



DUNOLLY CWA UPDATE

Country Women's Association of Victoria Dunolly Branch meetings have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. Keep Carol Clay in your thoughts — at the time of writing she is lost in the wilds of Licola.

See you all on the other side of this,.

Rosemary Mecredy



Transport Alert: Victoria to South Australia coach services set to resume

Coach services between Victoria and South Australia will resume their normal timetables from Friday 27th March after the South Australian Government updated its border restrictions to provide exemptions for coach drivers.

From Friday, the coach services between Warrnambool/Ballarat and Mount Gambier along with services between Albury and Adelaide and services between Adelaide and Bendigo will resume travelling to and from South Australia.

The South Australian Government has introduced restrictions which require all non-essential travellers to self-isolate for 14 days once they cross the border into South Australia, effective from 4pm Tuesday 24th March.

Passengers travelling on these coach services are not exempt from these measures and will need to follow all directives once they arrive in South Australia.

There are currently no restrictions on passengers from South Australia crossing the Victorian border, however all non-essential travel is to be avoided.

Passengers will be able to reserve seats on coaches to and from Adelaide at staffed stations, ticket agents and by calling 1800 800 007 from midday Wednesday 25th March and on the V/Line website from 3am Thursday 26th March. Non-cash payments are preferred.

Passengers travelling to and from Mount Gambier will be able to buy tickets on the coach, at staffed stations, ticket agents, the V/Line website and by calling 1800 800 007 from Friday 27th March.

As essential services, freight is still able to cross the border into South Australia following the border closure, and the Department of Transport continues to work with all stakeholders to keep goods moving across the state.

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services has recommended against all non-essential travel. For more information, visit dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

The Department of Transport advises motorists to avoid non-essential travel and be aware of the South Australian restrictions.

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.

Dept. of Transport and PTV Media Release

Defibrillators available at —

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

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

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

Important telephone numbers

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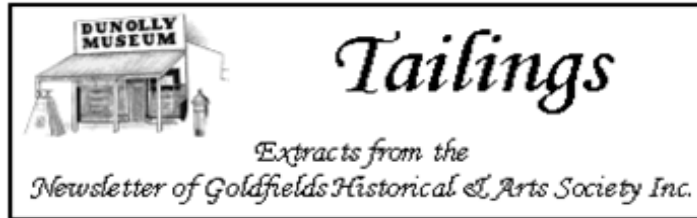
Ambulance: 000

Police non emergency: 131 444

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Dunolly Doctor: 5468 1104

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STREETS OF BET BET

The township of Bet Bet was surveyed in 1857 and was divided between the north and south sides of Bet Bet Creek. The streets were probably named around this time.

Bet Bet did not become the major town that was once expected.

Seven of the surveyed streets within the township remained unnamed at the time. However, the main five streets did get names.

High Street was the main street in Bet Bet, it crosses the creek where the bridge is now. The Bet Bet Hotel and the Golden Valley Hotel were each side of the bridge. It has always been the main crossing place and is now called the Maryborough Dunolly Road.

Barkly Street was parallel to High Street to the west. Sir Henry Barkly 1815-1898 was the Governor of Victoria from 1856 to 1863. This street is no longer in use.

Taylor Street was probably named after John Hamlet Taylor the district surveyor. The western portion of the street is no longer used being cut in 1874 by the railway. The eastern portion is now called the Bet Bet Betley Road.

George Street and Cambridge Street still exist at Bet Bet, although only the northern part of Cambridge Street is used. The names George and Cambridge were linked.

Prince George 1819-1904 was the grandson of King George III and a cousin to Queen Victoria.

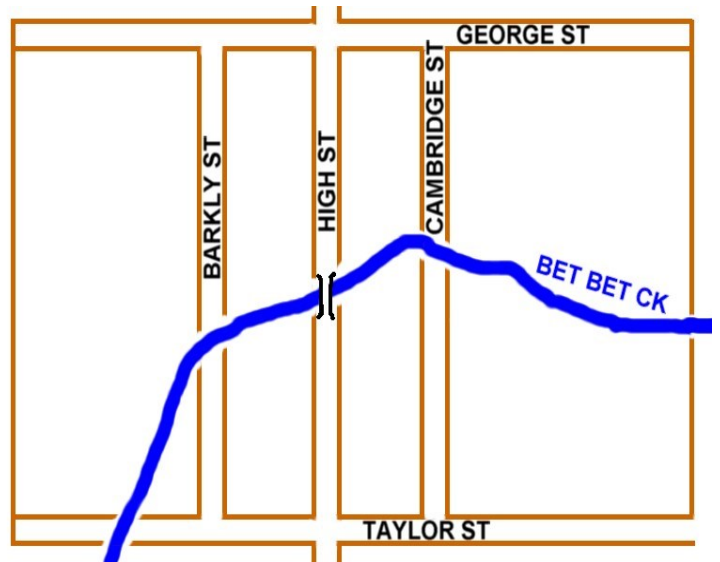
In fact, at one early stage he was groomed to marry her. When George's father died in 1850 Prince George inherited the title of Duke of Cambridge.

Then in 1856 he attained the prestigious position of Commander of the British Army. Although now largely forgotten in history, Prince George, the Duke of Cambridge, was an important figure at the time Bet Bet was being surveyed.

Prince George had three sons but they were ineligible to inherit his title. As a royal he had to get approval of his marriage from Queen Victoria, but instead he married an actress in private. On his death the Dukedom of Cambridge ceased. It remained defunct until 2011 when Queen Elizabeth II reinstated it. She granted it to her grandson Prince William as a wedding gift.

John Tully

Town of Bet Bet showing the named streets





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Council adopts Waste Management Strategy

The 2020-2030 Waste Management Strategy was adopted at an Ordinary Meeting of Council last night Tuesday 24th March.

The Strategy provides a long-term vision and direction for waste services and waste reduction for Council and the wider community.

It outlines future direction goals, focus areas and actions and focuses on Central Goldfields Shire being a low waste community which has equitable and affordable waste services. The plan sets a target for Council to reduce the volume of landfill created in our community each year.

The Strategy provides guidance to Council and the community to respond to the State Government's changes to better waste separation. It is also flexible to accommodate potential changes from state and federal governments.

Central Goldfields Shire Chief Administrator Noel Harvey said the Strategy reflects the thoughts and ideas of our community and stakeholders.

"Through our community consultation sessions and online survey last year we've been able to better understand what was important to our community and bring these concepts and ideas together into an action plan for the future under five focus areas.

"We now have a shared vision for waste management in our community and a clear direction for how Council will work with the community to achieve this."

Healthy Heart initiative to fund Gordon Gardens upgrade

A new basketball court is currently being installed at the Gordon Gardens in Dunolly, as part of the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative.

One of the existing five tennis courts located in the Gordon Gardens is being converted into a new basketball court by Bendigo-based business B&T Pool Painting & Court Surfacing — with the court expected to be ready for play by Easter.

A new bicycle/scooter pump track, outdoor fitness equipment and share structure — all projects that were identified as part of the Gordon Gardens Master Plan — will also be installed at the Gordon Gardens in Dunolly as part of the initiative.

The \$190,000 Gordon Gardens upgrade project will be delivered thanks to funding from Healthy Heart of Victoria. Central Goldfields Shire Chief Administrator Noel Harvey said the new facilities at the Gordon Gardens will provide opportunities for free physical activity for children, young people and families of Dunolly as well as residents from surrounding communities.

"It's an exciting time for the Dunolly community with a range of improvement works at the Gordon Gardens to be delivered by Council as a result of last year's Gordon Gardens Master Plan project," he said.

Funded by the State Government, the \$5 million Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative aims to make residents living in Loddon Campaspe communities more active, more often.

Healthy Heart of Victoria background info:

The Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative has also funded the following projects in the Central Goldfields Shire:

- \$51,272 for the Maryborough Community House Kitchen Garden and Community Playground
- \$112,131 for the Goldfields Reservoir path upgrade and parkrun, Maryborough

CGSC News

Photos of the new tennis courts on page 7



MAYORAL COLUMN

As the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve, Loddon Shire is constantly reviewing operations to ensure the safety of staff, councillors, contractors, volunteers and the community.

Our priorities are ensuring the provision of essential services, doing our best to help slow down the spread of the disease and making sure that the vulnerable in our community have access to the help they need.

Council has a dedicated page with all of the latest updates and links, not only for Council services but also Government announcements:

<https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/News-and-public-notice/News-articles/Coronavirus-in-the-Loddon-Shire>.

In order to slow down the spread of the virus and to protect those people most at risk of illness, I urge people to follow the Government recommendations to stay at home unless absolutely necessary, only travelling for work or to purchase vital supplies.

I acknowledge this is a very difficult time, with the temporary loss of regular routines, incomes and leisure activities causing a great deal of stress for everybody. Recent restrictions on unnecessary travel will add an extra layer of tension as people are unable to enjoy a longed-for break.

To stay safe, we need to not only take care of our physical health but our mental health as well. For a list of tips and resources, visit Council's Health and Wellbeing web page: <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/For-residents/Health-and-wellbeing/COVID-19>.

In addition, the Victorian Government has announced a series of initiatives aimed at helping both small and large businesses deal with the significant challenges posed by COVID-19, whether from a downturn in trade, cancellation of events or other restrictions affecting employees and entitlements.

Businesses across the state can now access information on dealing with COVID-19 by calling the Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15 or visiting the website at:

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

2020 Sally Isaac Memorial Scholarship

In more positive news, nominations are now open for the 2020 Sally Isaac Memorial Scholarship Fund Award. This scholarship recognises a significant contribution to the Victorian community by a young woman, 35 years and under. Nominations are open to Local Government officers, Councillors and community members.

Nominees will have demonstrated achievement and commitment to improving community life in Victoria in the areas of social justice, Aboriginal affairs, arts and music, community health, urban planning, environment and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The winner will receive a \$10,000 educational scholarship for research or study in Australia or overseas. Nominations close on Saturday 4th May and the winner will be announced in July. For more information go to:

<https://bit.ly/2Wmh5cj>.

NBN waives additional charges

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, NBN Co has announced that it will waive charges for additional capacity of up to 40 per cent to Retail Service Providers for at least three months to help support Australian residential and business NBN customers.

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What's happened?

The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) is aware of a significant increase in Australians being targeted with COVID-19 related scams and phishing emails.

In the last three months, the ACSC and the Australian Competition and the Consumer Commission's (ACCC) Scamwatch has received more than 140 reports from individuals and businesses across Australia.

These phishing emails are often sophisticated, preying on people's desire for information and imitating trusted and well-known organisations or government agencies.

Clicking on these malicious links or visiting fake websites may automatically install computer viruses or malware and ransomware onto your device, allowing cyber criminals the ability to steal your financial and personal information.

These scams are likely to increase over the coming weeks and months and the ACSC strongly encourages organisations and individuals to remain alert.

Here are some examples of what to look out for now

Example 1: SMS phishing scam messages offering where to get tested for COVID-19 or how to protect yourself.

In these examples, the SMS appears to come from "Gov" or "Gmail", with a malicious link to find out where to get tested in your local area.

Scamwatch and the ACSC is also aware of an SMS scam using the sender identification of "myGov". These scam messages are appearing in the same conversation threads as previous official SMS messages you may have received from "myGov".

Example 2: COVID-19 phishing email impersonating Australia Post to steal personal information

Under the pretence of providing advice about travelling to countries with confirmed cases of COVID-19, this phishing email aims to trick you into visiting a website that will steal your personal and financial information.

Once they have your personal information, the scammers can open bank accounts or credit cards in your name, often using these stolen funds to purchase luxury items or transfer the money into untraceable crypto-currencies such as bitcoin.

Example 3: Phishing emails pretending to be an international health sector organisation

This is an example of one COVID-19 themed phishing email where the sender is pretending to be a well-known international health organisation. The email prompts you to click on the web link to access information about new cases of the virus in your local area, or to open an attachment for advice on safety measures to prevent the spread.

Example 4: Phishing emails containing malicious attachments

In this example, the phishing email is pretending to be from the World Health Organization and prompts you to open an attachment for advice on safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. When opened, the attached file contains malicious software that automatically downloads onto your device, providing the scammer with ongoing access to your device.

Example 5: COVID-19 relief payment scam

Scammers are also sending phishing emails targeting an increasing number of Australians who are seeking to work from home, wanting to help with relief efforts or requiring financial assistance if they find themselves out of work. In this example, the email offers recipients \$2500 in COVID-19 assistance payments if they complete an attached application form. Opening the attachment may download malicious software onto your device.

How do I stay safe?

The AVSC has produced a detailed report, including practical cyber security advice that organisations and individuals can follow to reduce the risk of harm. You can read the report and protect yourself by following these simple steps:

Read the message carefully, and look for anything that isn't quite right, such as tracking numbers, names, attachment names, sender, message subject and hyperlinks. If unsure, call the organisation on their official number, as it appears on their website and double check the details or confirm that the request is legitimate. Do not contact the phone number or email address contained in the message, as this most likely belongs to the scammer.

Use sources such as the organisation's mobile phone app, web site or social media page to verify the message. Often large organisations, like Australia Post, will have scam alert pages on their websites, with details of current known scams using their branding, to watch out for.

If you've received one of these messages and you've clicked on the link, or you're concerned your personal details have been compromised, contact your financial institution immediately.

More information

If you've suffered financial loss from cybercrime, report it to ReportCyber at www.cyber.gov.au/report

Visit cyber.gov.au for advice to help businesses stay secure from cyber threats, whilst managing a remote workforce. To stay up to date on the latest online threats and how to respond, sign up to the Stay Smart Online Alert Service: www.staysmartonline.gov.au/alert-service.

For information on the COVID-19 pandemic, visit: <https://www.health.gov.au>

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Before the work began



After the work began



Gordon Gardens is being converted into a new basketball court with the court expected to be ready for play by Easter. Information in the CGSC News article on page 5.



Cookery Corner

Creamy Chicken Potatoes Dijon

A quick, easy and very impressive dinner dish.

Ingredients

- 6 medium potatoes
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 25g butter
 - 1 small onion, finely chopped
 - 2-3 cloves garlic, crushed (1 teaspoon)
 - 2 double chicken breasts, boneless, skinless and sliced into thin strips
 - 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
 - 1 cup cream
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 1/2 cup tasty cheese
- Pre-heat oven to 200°C.



Grease a shallow ovenproof dish.
 Slice potatoes thinly, then boil in a saucepan of boiling water for 10 minutes until just tender.
 Heat oil and butter in a frypan, add onion and garlic and fry for 3-4 minutes until softened. Add chicken and fry until browned. Stir in the parsley, cream and mustard then season well with salt and pepper.
 Spread half the potatoes in the dish. Spoon over the chicken mixture, cover with remaining potatoes. Sprinkle the top with cheese.
 Bake for 20-25 minutes until crisp and golden.
 Serve with green salad.
 Serves four

Pearls from Jo Seager's kitchen



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The additional capacity pricing relief will apply to all fixed line, fixed wireless and satellite NBN technologies.

This announcement will be welcome news to the many Australians now preparing to work from home as the wholesale network prepares to meet the demand. For more information go to: <https://bit.ly/3dou7w7>

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Committee of Management of the Boort Memorial Hall. This venue was recently named as a finalist in the 2020 Brides Choice Awards — Bendigo and Ballarat. The Brides Choice Awards is dedicated to recognising, supporting and rewarding wedding businesses which operate in regional areas of Australia.

Termination of fire restrictions

From 23rd March, the CFA has lifted fire restrictions in District 20 which encompasses Loddon, Campaspe and Gannawarra shires.

Did you know?

Council is proactively working with staff to reduce risk, based on workplace arrangements including promoting social distancing, supporting the cancellation of non-essential gatherings, training and face to face meetings and making provision for staff to use flexible arrangements and work from home if possible.

This will all help to ensure that Council continues to provide essential services to minimise potential public health risks as outlined by the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

These critical services include immunisation programs, Maternal and Child Health centres, Council-run childcare centres, addressing enquiries and complaints made by businesses and the general public, investigations/inspections relating to foodborne or infectious disease outbreaks, general support/advice to regulated businesses and rubbish and recycling collection.

From the office of
Cr Cheryl McKinnon, Loddon Shire

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With concerns on our own door step re the corona virus, there are those who have other anxieties and also those who do not.

Yes, things are now different in our shire so we ask you cast your minds outside our wonderful shire and look at what is happening in Italy, America, England and other major countries/cities around the world.

I am sure not one of us would want what is happening in other countries to be happening in our country, let alone our own shire.

There is one way to restrict this, and that is each and everyone of us do what is asked re social distancing and isolation. We may not agree with every decision made by governments, we may not like some of those who make those decisions. Put that aside and look at what is in front of us.

We need to understand that each and every one of us will play a very important part of the recovery. Don't do what you want to do. "Do what we need to do". Stay home as much as possible and only venture out when necessary. Our essential services and shops are doing a fantastic job, and let us also not forget those business owners and employees who are facing an uncertain future. By us all working together and doing the right thing, in time we will be able to pick up where we left off. Please contact family and friends, communicate by phone and give support to all. If you are feeling uncertain please call someone, we are all in the same boat. Already seeing how our shire is pulling together gives us confidence that we will get through this and be a far stronger community. Thank you to all who are going that extra yard, let us all lean on each other. These next few months are unavoidable, let us do it with as little discomfort as we can. Think of each other and stay safe.

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Uniting Church

Gordon Wild has created a website specifically for the Loddon Mallee districts.

Each week it will have simple ready-to-use worship which can be printed and given to people. The home page for the whole site is <https://loddonmallee.unitingnow.net/> Send to them anything you've seen for the coming Sunday and they will upload it and share it with all.

You can see the blog details here:

<https://loddonmallee.unitingnow.net/?p=50> .

Let's continue to trust the promise that in joy and sorrow, weakness and strength, routine and crisis, God is with us, and God's faithful and sustaining love accompanies us on this journey.

Joyce Bartlett Secretary/Administration Assistant. Loddon Mallee Presbytery, UCA.

We are hoping this will keep us in touch with each other in prayer and word. Gordon Wild is our minister until the end of June.

You are welcome to contact him any time on his phone 0413 455 856.

Jean Richardson

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St John's Church

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 Rev Canon Heather Blackman
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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.

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Dunolly Cemetery Clean Up

It was amazing what could be achieved by a few willing workers at the Dunolly Cemetery Clean up. We will keep you posted of further working bees in the future and encourage anyone with family members buried here, to visit and pull a few weeds or pick up some rubbish while you are there. Every little bit helps and many hands make light work.

Jan Brock



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Changes to VicRoads services to protect the community

Changes to the way VicRoads customer service centres operate are being made from today to keep Victorians safe.

Based on the latest medical advice, all light vehicle drive tests and computer-based tests have been suspended to protect staff and customers and limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Medical review driving assessments have also been temporarily suspended.

Department of Transport Head of Transport Services Jeroen Weimar said, "These temporary changes are an important way to keep all our customers and staff safe."

The suspension will be in place for one month, but this may be extended if required based on the latest medical advice.

Heavy vehicle assessments will continue in order to keep industry moving at this challenging time, as will motorcycle assessments.

An exceptional circumstances process is being determined to allow special needs cases to be granted, such as for primary care givers or those in similar circumstances. Information on this process will be made available in the coming days.

"I understand this will be frustrating for those impacted," said Mr Weimar. "I thank everyone for their patience during this unprecedented time."

To ensure social distancing can occur in VicRoads Customer Services Centres counter service has been reduced by 50 per cent for customers and staff to ensure those who need to visit stay a safe distance from each other.

Other changes to reduce the need for people to come into a VicRoads customer service centre are currently being explored.

"75 per cent of VicRoads transactions can be completed online," said Mr Weimar. "I urge anyone who has a registration or licensing need to head to the VicRoads website to see whether they can avoid attending a customer service centre unnecessarily."

Customers are encouraged to check to see whether their registration or licensing transactions can be carried out online via the dedicated coronavirus transactions page on the VicRoads website. This includes registration and licensing renewals.

All VicRoads Customer Service Centres will be adhering to the four square metre rule as part of current social distancing measures.

Everyone impacted by these changes is being contacted directly, and the VicRoads customer relations team has been enhanced to ensure urgent matters are dealt with as quickly as possible.

For more information on these service changes, please call 13 11 71 or visit:

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

VicRoads Media Release



Old tyres – a fire hazard you can remove without burning

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) says with weather easing and fire restrictions lifted in some areas, farmers conducting hazard reduction burns should also consider removing any stacks of old tyres on their land.

EPA North West Region Manager Dr Scott Pigdon says a pile of waste tyres is a fire hazard and a threat to the environment.

“You can stockpile up to 40 tonnes or 5000 standard passenger tyres without needing a permit from EPA, but there are common sense reasons for most property owners to get rid of old tyres,” Dr Pigdon said.

“A stack of waste tyres is a pile of chemicals waiting to burn; it doesn’t catch fire easily but if it is overrun by fire it will generate toxic smoke, and burning tyres can be very difficult to extinguish,” he said.

Any abandoned stockpile of waste tyres is also an environmental hazard; providing a breeding ground for vermin while the tyres begin to decay and contaminate the soil and groundwater.

“Past practices of using old tyres to contain soil erosion or around newly planted trees are no longer accepted, and it’s illegal to burn or just dump them,” Dr Pigdon said.

EPA urges landholders to inspect any tyre stockpile and make a decision to either manage it properly for the good of your farm and your community or send the tyres for recycling or legal disposal in landfill.

EPA’s website has good advice on how tyres can be used on farm land or other private property, at:

www.epa.vic.gov.au/-/media/epa/files/publications/1652.pdf

The tyre stockpile regulations are also available online, at: ref.epa.vic.gov.au/business-and-industry/guidelines/waste-guidance/storage-of-waste-tyres-in-victoria

If you suspect someone is illegally stockpiling or dumping waste tyres, contact EPA’s 24-hour pollution hotline on 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842) – the offenders can face a fine of more than \$8000, or hundreds of thousands if the case goes to court.

EPA Media Release – 27th March 2020

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Jan Ford cutting 20th anniversary cake

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Jan Ford

Jan Watts inaugurating Sandra Caldecoat
with Secretary Jill Morse at the desk

*My humble apologies to Bert Spencer our
Junior Vice President
for leaving him off the executive list
in the last issue.*

*A reminder to all members that
all meetings, Dine Outs and
Bus Trips have been cancelled
due to the coronavirus re-
strictions
until further notice.*

Poetry

My Mum

I remember my Mum darning socks at night,
Looking peaceful in the firelight,
She would make sure they were real neat
So they'd be comfy on our feet.

She always patched Dad's torn shirts,
And mended the girls' pleated skirts.
She made use of everything — there's no doubt,
Not like us, we throw them out.

Old trousers were made into small pants,
You'd never know at a glance.
She made dolls clothes with all the scrap,
And we girls went into rapt.

There were always home-made cakes in the house,
And they tasted extra grouse.
Nice hot soup when we came in from school
Wouldn't that just make you drool?

I never thought that we were poor,
We couldn't have asked for more.
Sadly now you are up above,
But I know you'll be showered with love.

There must be much more I could say,
My memories will always stay.
Dad was lazy, but she didn't mind that,
As long as he remembered to feed the cat.

Elizabeth Rickards



Draft Community Plans Update

Draft Community Plans now available Council has been working with residents to develop 10 year community plans, which reflect the uniqueness and priorities of the eight communities and districts across the Shire, which include Maryborough, Bealiba, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Talbot, Majorca, Bet Bet and Timor. The Project is funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund. The eight Draft Your Community 2030 Community Plans are now available for residents to view and provide feedback. Over the last six months, 1035 community members have contributed to the project via listening posts, a survey, drop-in sessions, roving interviews, focus groups, children's drawing activities and community workshops.

Central Goldfields Shire Chief Administrator Noel Harvey encouraged residents to visit Council's webpage to view the plans.

"Our eight draft community plans are now ready for the community to view and we want you to let us know if we have got it right. Thank you to everyone who has so far contributed to these plans."

Feedback is required via an online survey by Wednesday 8 April, 2020.

To view the Draft Plans and complete the online survey visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

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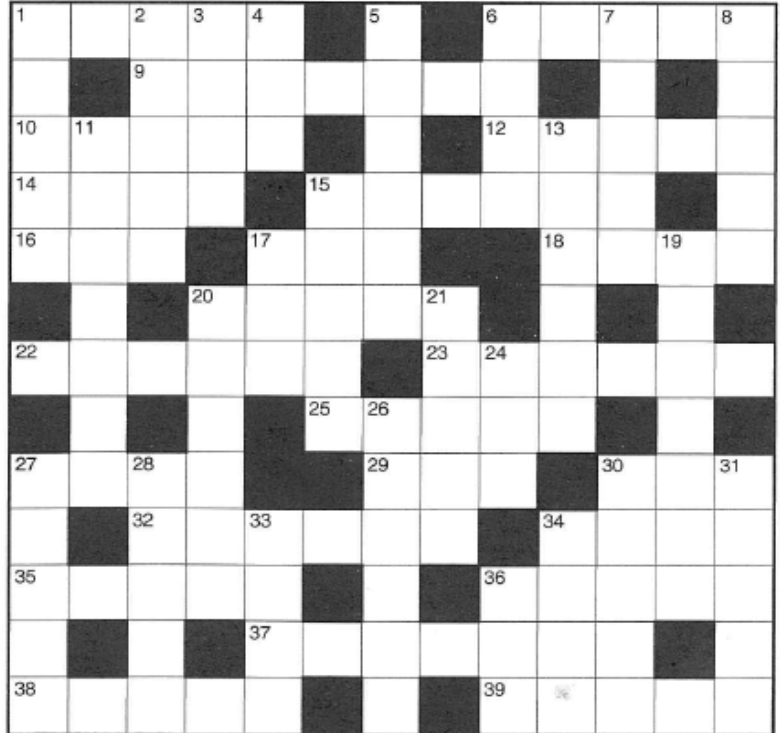
1. Cardinal point of compass
6. U.S. comic actor, ___ Marx
9. Chopped seasoned meat in casing
10. Yellowy orange
12. In existence
14. Run away (from trouble)
15. Sloping to the right (of type)
16. To a great distance
17. From side to side, to and ___
18. Place where birds or insects, eg., lay eggs
20. Act as sovereign
22. Act desperately, clutch at ___
23. Counting frame
25. Walker
27. Biting fly
29. Acquire

30. Juice of plant
32. Having reconsidered, on ___ thoughts
34. Quite serious, beyond a ___
35. Member of crowd scene in film
36. Republic of northern Africa
37. To excuse for offence
38. Large rich cake
39. Danger

Down

1. Express derision
2. Guide (patrons) to seats
3. Vehicle weight without cargo
4. A colour
5. Dutch explorer to Aust., Dirk ___
6. Keen devotion
7. The 'P' of 'SP bookmaker'
8. Open to view
11. Grammy Award-winning English singer/guitarist, Eric ___
13. One-dimensional
15. Dog of rich red colour, ___ setter
17. Infrequent, ___ and far between

19. The ___ wheel gets the grease
20. Aust. tennis champion, Pat ___
21. Not clothed
24. Wager
26. Fail to pay attention to
27. Person lodging at hotel, eg.
28. Plant with flowers of many colours
30. Unaffected by alcohol
31. Gem obtained from oyster or clam
33. Coffee shop
34. Brisk dance
36. Part of mouth



Answers for crossword no. 10



Roses in bloom at the Rene Fox Gardens Photo by Jenny Scott



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Rheola Charity Carnival Cancellation

The President, Secretary and Committee members of the Rheola Charity Carnival regretfully announce the cancellation of the 150th Carnival on Easter Monday.

The announcements made by both State and Federal governments regarding large gatherings because of Coronavirus makes it impossible to run the event.

It is unfortunate that after all the organising that has been done by our Secretary Deb Hancock and the Committee members that we have to cancel at this late stage.

It has been decided to continue with our Major Raffle, which will be drawn on Monday 13th April 2020.

Raffle books are available from Ellen Roberts and Deb Hancock. Another option is to buy tickets on line.

You can direct debit to BSB number: 633000, account number: 124661679 placing your name and phone number as a reference. Tickets are \$2 each.

Donations to the Carnival can also be made to the same account.

First prize is a \$450 Coles Myer voucher; second a \$250 Bunnings voucher and third a \$150 IGA voucher.

Follow the Carnival on facebook.

Peter Mason, President Rheola Charity Carnival Committee



Stories from Cynthia

Now what will we do today?

How many people everywhere are asking this question, especially families with children?

I saw on the TV where a family had organised a progressive game of Monopoly, where people took it in turns to take over a player's turn.

That reminded me of those boxes of games in the spare bedroom, once so popular before the electronic screen. Why not unearth some of them? There's Trivial Pursuit, and your game might be a bit out of date, but that's the fun of it.

My daughters have organised a joint cocktail hour once a week. One is in Canberra and one in Melbourne so at 6 pm we each pour a glass of wine, fill a dish of nibbles and turn on FaceTime so we can all see each other while we chat. No doubt my ACT granddaughters will join in with their small fry.

Jan, one of our enthusiastic volunteers, has devised an online game of Scrabble to cudgel our brains and there is another computer game, Word, that can be played with two or more.

With the pleasant Autumn weather, why not start a new garden in a bare spot and involve the whole household?

You could also look around the house to find any chipped paint on window sills etc, and raid the garage for those left over tins of paint.

In Melbourne I saw where in one neighbourhood people are placing a teddy bear in the front window and the children seek out places with the bear and wave to him. Karen, at the Railway Hotel, has one and so have I. Please give him a wave.

There are lots more activities that haven't come to mind so now we rely on our readers for more suggestions.

Cynthia

Take these off your calendar for coming months 2020

April 3-4, Australian Pipe Band Championships — postponed until October

April 5, Maryborough Lions Market — cancelled

April 9-13, Maldon Easter Fair — most events cancelled.

Tower lighting, Beehive Chimney outdoor Good Friday service and Easter Raffle still going ahead

April 10, Bendigo Football Netball League 2020 season — postponed until May 1st

April 10, MCDLNL 2020 season — postponed

April 10-13, Easter Rainbow Regen event — postponed

April 13, Rheola Charity Carnival — cancelled.

April 14, RSL AGM's cancelled until further notice.

April 15, Goldfields Police Service Area Community Safety Forum — postponed

April 18, Pyrenees Unearthed Wine and Food Festival — postponed until April 17, 2021

April 19, AFL Goldfields Women's league 2020 season — postponed

April 25, Maryborough Anzac Day service — cancelled

May 2-3, Clunes Booktown Festival — cancelled



Courtesy *The Maryborough Advertiser*

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.

Please see page 18 for more community event and business closures

CLASSIFIEDS & NOTICES

DUNOLLY HAIRDRESSING

Dunolly Hairdresser is closed until 14th April. If this changes, please check the front door of the salon for any further updates. Bec.



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Cancellation Notice



The Newstead Fire Brigade Auxiliary wish to advise that the Bimonthly Family Dance due to be held on Friday 3rd April at the Newstead Community Centre has been cancelled.

Paul Tangey

Maryborough Lions Market

Dear Valued Stallholder
Due to government health advice, Maryborough Lions Market is cancelled until further notice. This will not be news to many of you, but in case someone missed the earlier email, here it is again. The Club thanks you for your support of our Market and hopefully we will be trading again one day. We just don't know when.

Kind regards, Max Berry
Market Manager

More Cancellations and closures

The RSL AGMs on 14th April has been cancelled until further notice.

RSL HALL HIRE.

Dunolly & Bealiba RSL Hall is closed to all functions until further notice.

Rick Gale, President

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Lyn Gale, Secretary



DFNC MINI LOTTO

Correction

The jackpot from the draw on 20th March 2020 was \$900. Draws will be suspended until further notice. Thank you for your support.

Terry Long

Tarnagulla & District Golf Club Inc.



POSTPONMENT OF GOLF EVENTS

GREENSKEEPERS' EVENT:

Saturday 28th March 2020

EASTER CUP EVENT:

Saturday 11th April 2020

We are all sorry, but due to the Coronavirus, we are *postponing* these two events this year. We want our members, friends, supporters and families to be safe from any chance of exposure to the coronavirus. We shall let you know when organised events will resume.

However, the golf course itself is open and you are able to play golf at the club any day in the fresh air. Just come along and play when you feel like it. Our best wishes to you all.

Mary McNamee, Secretary

ANZAC Dawn Service — will not be conducted as proposed.



Dunolly & Bealiba RSL had proposed to hold a dawn service with committee members only; this will not be conducted now. TV coverage of the dawn service is available to watch.

There will be no Badge sales in town this year. This is a big loss of funds within Victoria which are needed to support our veterans and families with assistance.

Donation tins have been placed in participating stores in Dunolly.

We are very grateful for any support. Please all obey the rules, keep and stay safe.

LEST WE FORGET

Lyn Gale



Temporary change to trading hours at the Post Office

Effective 6th April 2020, trading hours at Dunolly Post Office will temporarily change to:

Monday to Friday:

Morning 9.30am to 12.30pm

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Importantly, the same range of products and services will be available during these reduced hours.

Mail deliveries will not be affected.

We apologise for any inconvenience these changes may cause and look forward to continuing to serve you.

Michael and Jamie

More stories from Cynthia's Willy Waistcoat Saga

Last week we left Billy and Bryan on Bernie Elsey's yacht anchored off Daydream Island, leading an idyllic life while Bernie was away at Surfers on business.

They carried out maintenance on board and then Mrs Collins, the manager, came over to ask if they could do some maintenance at the resort. This was a pleasant change for the two mates and they happily agreed. On their return to the yacht Billy went up to check the bridge and what he saw caused him to blow his stack.

There was the young engineer varnishing the deck on the bridge. Billy asked what on earth did he think he was doing and the young fellow happily replied that he thought the shiny varnish would look nice. Billy soon put him straight when he told him how insane it was to varnish decking as it turned it into a skating rink. Now he would just have to remove it. This took the silly fellow days to do and after that they kept him down in the engine room.

When Bernie arrived back he told Billy he was going to bring the resort band over to the yacht, so Billy would have to pick up the musical instruments and band members in the motor launch and bring them across. After that he would need to ferry the passengers over. The yacht had a big entertainment area like a dance floor and was furnished with comfortable leather seats.

Billy and Bryan set off really early and met the band members on the beach and brought them over to the yacht and then returned for the passengers. Then Bernie ordered them to pull up anchor and set off sailing round the islands. Bryan took the wheel and Billy went down to look after the passengers and make sure they were comfortable. Bernie, who Billy said was a bit of a show off, told Billy when he took the wheel that they were going to pass Southport Island so he wanted the band to play really loud and the passengers would wave to the islanders who would wave back.

He asked Billy to veer a little to starboard and then straighten which meant he had to turn a little to port and next thing Mrs Collins was calling out that he wasn't supposed to turn left, so Bernie sent her off to look after the passengers as he had no confidence in her sailing knowledge. Billy said it was a beautiful cruise sailing by the exotic looking islands.

On their return, having dropped anchor and taken back the passengers, Bernie told Billy and Bryan he was really enjoying himself and he was now planning to head off through the Pacific and stop over at places for meetings and planned to take the two mates with him when he went ashore and they'd "have a ball".

Bernie had obviously taken a shine to the two of them. Nice to have a millionaire as a good mate. There was a little hiccup when Bernie checked if they had their passports but somehow Billy managed to gloss that over because neither of them had one as seamen on regular ships were not required to have a passport.

However, they were in a more precarious position having jumped ship. As Bernie planned to take them off with him in Surfers Billy consulted Bryan as to what they should do and Bryan thought they should give themselves up at Immigration in Sydney. They called them up and asked if they came in would they get locked up and were told "of course not".

They asked Mrs Collins if they could take a couple of weeks off as they needed to go to Sydney and she agreed but told them they must come back as Bernie would be very disappointed to lose them. Billy assured her that they would, so they headed off for Sydney.

I wonder what happened next.

We will have to wait to find out next week.

Cynthia

Below: A famous pool party at Bernie's Beachcomber Private Hotel
Source: <http://www.goldcoaststories.com.au/bernie-elseys-pool-parties/>

Beachcomber Hotel, Cavill Avenue, circa 1960s. Photographer Laurie Holmes



Right: Beachcomber signage photo from the late 1960s. From "The Australians" by R.B Goodman and George Johnston. Source: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/492651646719337975/>

A Day In The Garden

Autumn is a nice time to work in the garden. The days are warm, the soil is a little softer and the plants have greened up a little after the recent rain. With our current lack of social interaction it gives us the opportunity to put all covid-19 worries out of our heads for a few hours.

With all that in mind I went out the other day to really tidy up the dry overgrown mound of weeds that is my front yard. While hand watering some plants I bent to remove a dry stem. Injury number one right there, a splinter in my forefinger. A little further along something was bothering my foot. There was an enormous March fly biting through the mesh on the top of my gardening shoe. You know those old shoes at the back of the pile which are too comfy to throw out but too shabby to wear anywhere? I watered the fly off with the hose and now had a soggy foot which had an itchy red lump on top of it. Injury number two.

Then the secateurs came out and trimming the driveway shrubs was the next project. It can be difficult getting round to the back of some of them, so I started reaching through. To do that I had to reach past some of the sharp pruned edges.

The resultant scratches on my arms (injury number three) reminded me it probably would have been wise to wear long sleeves. Forward planning in the garden has never been a strong point of mine.

When I was pushing all the dry branches down into my garden cart I was noticing what a pretty shade of red some of them had turned. Since they were so dry it was surprising. Looking closer I could see the red was quite damp. Injury number four was the long bleeding scratch on the top of my ring finger. The gloves were, needless to say, still sitting on the shelf in the cupboard.

Determined to do the job I patched up my finger and got the ladder and saw out to trim a couple of high branches from the melaleuca. The first one, threatening to grow towards the power line, came down easily. The second one, resting on top of a bottle brush was much more difficult. It took a long while to saw through and wrestle up the back to the mulching pile. As I sat comfortably in my chair a little later contemplating the work I had done injury number five revealed itself. A stiff shoulder and neck. They needed a couple of Osteo Panadol before bed. It might be a while before I again get enthusiastic to work in the garden.

Vicky Frizzell

