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Beware of poisonous mushrooms



Death cap mushrooms

Foragers and pet owners are being warned about an increase in poisonous mushrooms including Death Cap mushrooms and Yellow-staining mushrooms across Victoria as a result of recent heavy rains.

According to a health alert from the Deputy Chief Health Officer Dr Angie Bone, a number of serious mushroom poisonings have occurred in Victoria the last two weeks, warning that eating just one Death Cap mushroom can kill an adult.

The health alert advises if you are not an expert, you should not pick or eat wild mushrooms in Victoria. Cooking, peeling or drying these mushrooms does not remove or inactivate the poison. There is no home test available to distinguish safe and edible mushrooms from poisonous mushrooms. Mushrooms purchased from a supermarket, greengrocer or other reputable source are safe to eat.

Dog owners are also being warned to take particular care whilst walking their pet in areas where mushrooms may grow and where possible remove any mushrooms from their yard before they have a chance to eat them.

Symptoms of poisoning by Death Cap mushrooms can include violent stomach pains, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Symptoms may subside after one or two days but this does not indicate recovery. Serious liver damage may well have occurred that may result in death.

The Yellow-staining mushroom is the cause of most poisonings due to ingestion of wild fungi in Victoria.

Consuming Yellow-staining mushrooms causes nausea, stomach cramps, diarrhoea and vomiting. The severity of symptoms varies with the amount eaten.

This mushroom looks very similar to regular purchased mushrooms and to edible wild mushrooms.

According to the alert, dogs are more likely than cats to ingest mushrooms and pets can develop a range of illnesses from eating wild mushrooms including a

gastroenteritis type syndrome, to severe lifethreatening disease and death.

Donation: 50c

In most cases the sooner treatment can begin, the better the outcome. If it is suspected that you or your child have eaten a poisonous mushroom, do not wait for symptoms to occur before seeking medical attention.

Contact the Victorian Poisons Information Centre immediately on 131 126. Keep and photograph a sample of the mushroom which was consumed, as the Victorian Poisons Information Centre may be able to obtain expert identification of the mushroom in some cases.

If your pet has ingested a wild mushroom, you can call the free Animal Poisons Centre on 1300 869 738 for advice.

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Yellow staining mushroom

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Hello again — good to be back. We are allowed to ramble a bit more now — if we are game enough.

I have had a couple of weeks that I never want to live through again. Is it a sign of the times that when a young person dies we feel almost obliged to say it wasn't drugs, car accident or suicide?

I was listening to the Country Hour last week when the interviewer asked the farmer what would happen to his projuice (sic). I started to wonder if this was some sort of new super food I hadn't heard of. Then I realised that she was asking about the produce that the farmer was producing. Am I being a little bit pedantic?

An update on Charlie, the rescued azalea. He is doing very well with nice bright new leaves. The buds haven't opened yet, but that might be expecting too much too

The giant jig-saw that was supposed to keep me out of mischief during the shut-down has not been a huge success. I peck away at it a couple of times a day, but if I sit there for too long, I get a nasty case of jig-saw neck . A lady on the radio recommended that jig-sawers wear their reading glasses instead of multi-focals to avoid this. You don't have to tilt your head back to see the pieces.

I have a mysterious date written on my phone note book. It says Wed June 3,14.30 — I have no idea what it is about. I can only hope that it is from one of those places that ring to check to see if you are going to keep the appointment.

Was looking through one of those catalogues which try to convince one that having a toilet seat which lights up is essential for one's health and safety. The ad which caught my eye was for a guilt filled with superior duck feathers. I have an image of a flock of ducks waddling around the yard with their bills in the air lording it over the lesser ducks.

The dreaded Nicole who has been warning people for years that their land-line will be cut off is back. She must have been released from isolation. Pity.

Rosie

If cats could talk they would lie to you. (Anon)

Many years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this.

(Terry Pratchett)



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.

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Important telephone numbers

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



Applications now open

Applications are now open for a small business program to support local small businesses to revitalise and transition out of the current pandemic.

The Maldon & District Community Bank is partnering with Clare Fountain from Sorted, a Bendigo-based small business consultant, to present a new program to support local businesses recover, reshape and rebound after COVID-19. The program will be delivered using live online interactive sessions, combined with one on one mentoring.

The program aims to deliver:

- a tailored viable business plan for your business
- ♦ increased confidence
- identifying new opportunities
- increased collaboration between businesses in the region.

"We encourage small businesses in the Dunolly, Eddington and Bealiba surrounding regions to apply for the program. The program is limited to 16 spots to ensure tailored support for the participating businesses," said Maldon & District Community Bank Branch Manager Adam Balzan.

"Applications are now open via our website www.maldoncb.com.au and close Tuesday 26th May. The application process is simple – we're just looking for a couple of paragraphs about how the program will benefit you and your business."

The value per business is worth more than \$900, with the Maldon & District Community Bank subsidising the majority of this cost. There is a cost of \$75 per business to participate in the program, but if this amount is a barrier notify the Maldon & District Community Bank as part of the application.

"Please let us know if you require support for this payment as we don't want cost to be an obstacle to businesses applying or participating for the program," explained Adam.

Business owners will walk away with a clear plan of action to relaunch their business post COVID-19. A tailored business plan will increase their knowledge and confidence, identify new opportunities and build collaboration with other businesses in the region.

"The program will be engaging and supportive. The content will be adapted in response to the businesses which participate to ensure the time invested is worth it!" noted program leader Clare Fountain.

"I can't emphasise how important the next 6 to 12 months are going to be for the small business sector. I would like to give local business owners all the help they need to get on the front foot and move towards thriving," said Clare.

The program will commence on Monday 1st June. For further information on applying for the program contact Bank Chairman Ross Egleton chairman@mdcb.com.au or 0425 801 959; or chat to Clare Fountain for details on course content: sorted@clarefountain.com.au or 0418 140 347.



Exploring the world of Alzheimer sufferers



"People, people who need people, are the luckiest people in the world." So sang Barbra Streisand.

During this Covid-19 time, we have all come to realise the truth in that song line.

Dementia people benefit greatly from people around them. We interact and respond to people. When you can't find the word you need in face-to-face interactions, our facial expression and the waving about of hands, speaks for us. "Help me people! I want to communicate." Our gestures and facial expressions are calling out to our audience. "Please help me with the right words, wherever I am in this conversation, and carry me along, so that I can continue a communication with you." This is difficult with Zoom and impossible over the phone.

Staying connected to reality is especially difficult right now for those with dementia. The safe retreats of our memories of past times, tempts us away from steadfastly staying in the present. We must fight those amyloid plaques, dining away on our brain's cells. We are people who need people.

If you cannot find people for your communication needs, what else could help us to stay in real time.

The young maggie, squawking at the back verandah, because your tit-bits are sooo much better that those scrunched up worms magpie parents offer. Check the time; write yourself a note to have his little treats ready at the right time. The blue-tongue under the back step, he can help you stay in present time. What does it like to eat and when? Keeping a record of the time of sunrise is a good way to begin and be present to each day. Start a photographic record of the day's wonderful beginning; warm orange/pinks colours spreading their way over the lightening sky.

The amusing CATS segment in *The Welcome Record*, is evidence that some of us are unpaid, very servile carers of furry "people". That meow will keep you in the present. You won't be able to forget their breakfast, which will help you not to forget your own. Spend time organising their meals and yours. Our kitchen could be described as a food library. Items are named, numbered. There are lists on cupboard doors and coloured stickers to show what goes where. Such organisation helps keep the food supplying machine in tip-top condition, for both the human and the furry "people".

Cats are quite good "people". Dogs star as people substitutes. Some folk say that in some ways dogs are preferable to people. With their absolute, unreserved love; the manner in which they confer on their owner's god-like qualities; their non-verbal communication (which suits dementia folk), companion dogs keep their humans safe. Safe from the utter loneliness that is experienced when you are no longer able to remember how to perform conversational communication.



Pet "people" allow you to experience communication with a simple but joyful greeting at your very presence.

Heather Cooper



Building works: more jobs for Western Victoria

The Victorian Government will get shovels in the ground and thousands of people back to work, building the projects that matter to Victoria — and creating the jobs that matter to Victorians.

As we face the biggest economic challenge in generations, and as industry and business find new and innovative ways to adapt, the Victorian Government is rolling up its sleeves and playing its part to drive new economic activity — and with it, creating thousands of new jobs across the state.

Last month, the \$1.7 billion Economic Survival Package was announced to help businesses through the worst of the coronavirus crisis — with tax refunds, grants for businesses and opportunities for workers to get back into jobs.

Now, the Government launches the first part of its Building Works package, which will provide \$2.7 billion towards shovel-ready projects — big and small — to get thousands of people back to work.

The package will create 3700 direct jobs for construction workers, painters, plasterers, gardeners, engineers, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, maintenance workers, administration staff and many others. Thousands more jobs will be created across our supply chains, including manufacturing, logistics, transportation, warehousing and retail — while also pumping extra dollars back into our economy.

Here in Western Victoria, the Building Works package will fund:

- An investment of \$950,000 to improve the safety and security of the Horsham Court.
- \$1.5 million to support Maryborough's Energy Breakthrough, strengthening the visitor experience of the 28-year-old annual technology showcase while also strengthening the local economy.
- \$2 million in urgent works for the state heritage listed Maryborough Swimming Pool.
- \$4 million for the Buloke Streetscape Revitalisation to rejuvenate and enhance the streetscapes and town entrances of Charlton, Donald, Birchip, Sea Lake and Wycheproof. Enhancements will include upgrades, landscaping, and art installations.
- \$2.7 million to help deliver 50km of mountain bike trails in the Ararat Hills Regional Park as part of the Grampians 10-year cycling Masterplan.

At the centre of the Building Works package is \$1.18 billion in education infrastructure projects which will create space for more than 21,000 extra students in Victoria's education system and create more than 1600 local construction jobs. We are building 10 new schools, delivering a further four stages of new school projects, upgrading or modernising 57 schools, purchasing and refurbishing relocatable school buildings, making modifications for students with a disability, as well as carrying out fast and job-creating maintenance on schools and TAFEs across the state.

- In Warracknabeal, this will see an additional \$19.8 million, following previous funding of \$6 million in the 2016-17 budget, to deliver the final stage of the Warracknabeal Regeneration Project. This funding will deliver the final stages of the precinct masterplan.
- In Hamilton, this will see an additional \$8.32 million, following previous funding of \$840,000 in the 2019-20 budget, to deliver the Stage 1 capital works at

Baimbridge College. This funding will enable the demolition of existing facilities and new construction of Administration, Science & Technology and Food Technology facilities

In Miners Rest, this will see an additional \$15.39 million, following previous funding of \$6.2 million in the 2019-20 budget, which will allow the school to expand with new land, as well as covering the cost of new permanent classrooms and learning facilities. The upgrade will also deliver a new competition-grade gymnasium and football oval, accessible to the broader community afterhours.

Beyond school infrastructure, Building Works includes hundreds of projects which have been selected because they can get under way as soon as possible, meaning shovels in the ground — and boots in the mud — within a matter of weeks and months.

The key requirement for these projects is workers who are ready to get on the job and the ability to get going right away, with companies required to find new employees through Working for Victoria in the first instance.

While creating solid jobs, these sometimes small projects will also mean the world to those who will benefit from them. Now, more than ever, "home" means security, stability — and staying safe. It's why this package also includes a big boost for public and community housing, with half-a-billion dollars to upgrade 23,000 dwellings and build 168 new homes across the state, all while creating new jobs for Victorians.

Travel and other restrictions have hit Victoria's visitor economy hard. To help our tourism sector bounce back bigger and better than ever, the package includes \$382 million in upgrades, maintenance and new experiences at tourism destinations across the state.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Driver disaster, again!

The Rural Transaction Centre is now in desperate need of Volunteer Drivers for the Friday community bus run to Maryborough, and unless we can get at least one additional driver, the bus service is at risk of being substantially reduced in frequency, or even stopped altogether. At least one additional Volunteer Driver is now urgently needed.

The Friday roster takes Dunolly locals into Maryborough on "the shopping run" and to medical appointments, the bank and such. Many of the regular passengers, especially some of our "oldies" who don't drive much any longer would have considerable difficulty getting into Maryborough if it wasn't for the weekly bus run.

If you can help, or know someone else who can help, that help is needed now!

The job is easy:

- Friday morning (9.30am to 1pm approx.) about once a month.
- · Collect the bus from the CFA shed.
- Pick up passengers at the RTC.
- Drive the passengers to Maryborough and drop them off at the Library.
- Refuel the bus at the Shire Depot.
- About two hours later pick up the passengers from Woolworths and drop them back at the RTC, or at home with their shopping.
- Take the bus back to the CFA.

That's about it!

Drivers need a minimum of a Light Truck Licence, to be friendly and patient and above all, reliable. One of the existing drivers will "show you the ropes".

So, if you can help (or know someone else who may be able to, please give them a nudge) and please contact Rosa at the RTC (5468-1205) urgently.

This is a valuable community service and cannot operate without its Volunteer Drivers.

Steve, (Volunteer Driver)

Co-Editor for The Welcome Record

The services of a dedicated and reliable person are required for the volunteer position of Co-editor at *The Welcome Record.*

The successful person will be computer literate and preferably have a knowledge of Publisher program as well as Word, Excel and Outlook for emails.

You must have an eye for detail and good spelling, grammar and punctuation skills.

Extensive training will be given by both the Chief Editor and the current Co-Editor. The position will become vacant at the end of this year, commencing in 2021 with our first edition.

You will be required to work on Tuesday and Wednesday, two weeks on and two weeks off.

If you feel you may be suitable, please email your details to: welcomerecords@iinet.net.au





New footpaths for Dunolly

The new footpath has been completed. It extends from the CFA building to the new library.

Photo by Monika Thumerer



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COVID-19 information and support for business — update

Hello to our Central Goldfields business community, We aim to provide you with the most recent information about Council business news, external financial assistance and education and training.

We welcome you to engage with us via contacting our Business Support Officers or visiting our dedicated COVID-19 Business Section of our website or Facebook page.

Economic Response and Recovery Taskforce

Members include business owners from Dunolly, Talbot and Maryborough and rural locations who represent a range of industries and business sectors. The group discussed response and recovery issues and will work with Council in developing a plan for economic recovery.

Council roof replacement

The Central Goldfields Shire Nolan Street building – the former School of Mines – is a Heritage Listed Building and a valuable Council owned heritage asset.

Like all buildings, upkeep is needed to ensure the building stands the test of time.

An assessment of the building two years ago identified the building needed to be water proofed, both the ceiling and the rising damp.

Works to replace the roof tiles and redirect roof stormwater is currently underway to prevent further roof leaking.

The removal of the tiles has also revealed damage to the roof trusses and work is being undertaken to replace them as part of the project.

The works are being funded by Council and delivered by BLR Provincial Construction and is expected to be complete by 30th June, 2020.

Maryborough Outdoor Pool improvement works

Works to upgrade the Maryborough Outdoor Pool facility are about to commence.

The \$216,000 project, funded as part of Council's 2019/2020 Budget will Include installation of two shade sails and artificial turf, and an upgrade to the plant room.

The project will commence this week (21/5) with the project expected to be complete by mid-July ready for the start of the 2020/2021 pool season.

Details about the project are:

Shade sails will be installed over the toddlers' octagonal pool and two grassed areas adjacent to the main pool.

The plant room will be upgraded to ensure it meets all current safety and operating standards and will also see the water treatment system improved.

The artificial turf will be installed under the existing roof structure next to the toddler's pool

Central Goldfields Shire Council Chief Administrator Noel Harvey said the improvements works were much needed.

"Our community has long been telling us they've wanted to shade the Maryborough Outdoor Pool and we're thrilled we can deliver shade to not one, but two areas of the Outdoor Pool precinct.

"The improvements to the toilet facilities along with the installation of artificial turf will certainly go a long way towards making this Heritage Listed facility a wonderful place for our local community to cool off during the summer months."

The project will be delivered by Bendigo Aquatic Services.

CGSC News



MAYORAL COLUMN

Cautious steps out of lockdown

I'm sure, like me, you welcomed the news from Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews of a gradual easing of restrictions as the spread of COVID-19 slows. For weeks there have only been four reasons to be out: shopping for food and supplies, care and caregiving, exercise, and study or work – if you can't do it from home. Now there is a fifth reason to leave home: visiting friends and family – with a maximum gathering of up to 10 outdoors and up to five visitors in your home.

While this is a welcome relief, it also needs to be approached with caution since by staying at home and limiting contact with other people, we can protect the elderly, the at-risk, and our healthcare workers and each other. Vulnerable people should still continue to limit the contact they have with others.

However, we are now able to take part in more outdoor recreation, including fishing, golf, walking groups or hiking — provided physical distancing is maintained. The restrictions on numbers attending weddings or funerals have also been slightly eased. Overall the message remains, the same: if you can stay at home — you must stay at home.

The COVIDSafe app is part of the government's strategy to slow the spread of COVID-19. Having confidence we can find and contain outbreaks quickly will mean governments can ease restrictions while still keeping Australians safe. For more information and to download the app go to: https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app.

The current State of Emergency in Victoria has been extended until 31st May 2020.

Loddon Shire COVID-19 updates

A Community Contacts list is available for all residents that will be a handy reference to keep. It includes contact details, addresses and opening hours of all services which anyone living in Loddon Shire might need to find. Services include medical clinics, doctors and pharmacies, health related help, financial services, food support and lists of Neighbourhood Houses.

The list is being delivered to all households in Loddon Shire and is also available to download from our Health and Wellbeing page on the website https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/For-residents/Health-and-wellbeing/COVID-19.

Get to know your recycling

During the current restrictions, large numbers of people working from home has resulted in increased household waste and decreased business waste. Unfortunately this means more contamination in kerbside recycling which increases costs to Council and therefore the community.

As mentioned in previous Mayoral Columns, people in Loddon are generally good recyclers, however contamination disrupts the ability of Council to reduce waste and achieve more value from our resources.

The most common contaminants in kerbside recycling are food scraps, soft plastics, clothing and polystyrene. It is also vitally important that recycling is not put inside plastic bags but is placed loose into the bin.

Other items which don't belong in the kerbside recycling are batteries, polystyrene, coffee cups, e-waste, tissues and wipes.

Sustainability Victoria has a great website with a tool to show you what can and can't be recycled. It also includes tips on how to make sure items are "recycle ready" and how to recycle things that can't go in your kerbside bin https://www.recycling.vic.gov.au/.

From the Office of Cheryl McKinnon, Loddon Shire



Dunolly and District Neighbourhood Centre

Hi Everyone

Just thought I would give you an update on what's happening at The Neighbourhood Centre.

As you may be aware, Premier Daniel Andrews announced some easing of restrictions.

What it means for Neighbourhood houses:

- Neighbourhood Houses should remain physically closed to the public.
- If you deliver essential services such as food relief, meal deliveries, child care etc., this can continue.
- ACFEE classes can continue online.

These are COVID-19 directives from DHHS and Neighbourhood Houses Vic.

All Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre's programs and activities are face-to- face group gatherings; therefore we must remain closed during this time. We just do not have the capacity nor the volunteer base to deliver food relief or takeaway meals.

We also do not have ACFEE funding to deliver online courses.

Although we are closed for the present, more restrictions should ease in the coming weeks and then we'll all be so exhausted catching up with all the wonderful things we are going to do, we'll need another few weeks in isolation to recover.

Thankyou for your patience and understanding through all this. The committee will convene in the next few weeks when we get a more positive direction from Mr Andrews.

And we'll certainly let you know when we are up and running again.

In the meantime, keep knitting poppies, take care and stay safe.

Want more information?

Ring 5468 1511 or email: admin@dunnhc.com.au

Sharon Hiley Coordinator



CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOC. INC.

Last week the announcement from the State Government was made regarding the Local Government election. This will be on 24th October 2020, with postal votes as usual. https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/october-local-council-elections-in-the-mail/?

The main aim of CGR&RAI will be advocating for transparency, accountability and public consultation from the candidates standing for election.

We are basing our stand on previous experiences with obtaining information, reports from ratepayers, and reports released by the Federal Government regarding the 2030 community report.

Moving forward is about moving together, and having trust and confidence in the system and our council.

Understanding and knowing exactly where our projects are, and obtaining accurate information is crucial for the development of a strong united trusting community. Along with strong open leadership, we believe these are key elements to moving forward.

This will be an ideal time for the community to work together to support our newly elected councillors into building that very trusting and community orientated direction from which this shire will benefit and grow.

For those wishing to stand for Council, this may be of help. https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/CandidatesAndParties/
BecomingCouncilCandidate.html?

At this stage, we believe, our shire has no candidates nominated for council positions, however a few have indicated their interest and/or intentions.

We would like to see all who anticipate standing for election register and make their intentions known.

CGR&RAI also welcomes discussion with any candidate or ratepayer/resident as we openly voice our concerns, as that is what we ask from all.

As the restrictions were slightly lifted in Victoria last week, the detection of COVID-19 virus cases is still happening. At present there is no vaccine, so it is advised that we respect what this virus has the potential to do, and we ask all to follow the recommended precautions set out, of which we all are very well aware. Please adhere to remaining home where possible, washing hands regularly and exercise social distancing.

The next modification to the State laws are scheduled for early next month.

Wayne McKail President, CGR&RAI









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Liberal Nationals' propose a \$1 billion fund to bring manufacturing home to Victoria

The Liberal Party is today proposing a \$1 billion Bringing Manufacturing Home Fund to encourage businesses to bring facilities and jobs back to Victoria.

Over the past 20 years, more than 50,000 Victorian manufacturing jobs have been lost. A COVID-19 response is urgently needed to create jobs and boost the economy.

With COVID-19 restrictions easing, now is the time for the Andrews Government to urgently act to get Victorians back to work and back in business.

"Victoria has a real opportunity to create thousands of new jobs, attract millions of dollars of investment while regenerating our capability to produce critical supplies which we've otherwise lost to overseas – and communities like those in Ripon would benefit from this," said the Member for Ripon, Louise Staley.

"Rebuilding local economies is a vital piece of Victoria's recovery, and a boost to manufacturing in a region like ours could be a real boost for local jobs. Victorians now need a government focused on delivering a jobs-led and business-led recovery."

This pandemic has exposed holes in the national supply chain with an overreliance on too few countries to provide essential supplies such as personal protective equipment (PPE).

The Bringing Manufacturing Home Fund would prioritise support for industries of national importance such as PPE manufacture, defence procurement and rare earths processing.

The proposed Fund would provide support for businesses seeking to relocate manufacturing facilities and jobs back to Victoria. It would also support existing Victorian manufacturers to expand, as well as supporting innovation, research and development.

"With Victoria losing more jobs than any other state due to the pandemic, we need an urgent and bold plan to turn this around," said Ms Staley.

"We need to back local businesses to deliver the jobs and investment which Victoria so desperately needs."

The Bringing Manufacturing Home Fund adds to a number of polices announced by the Liberal Party to get Victoria back to work and back in business after the economic fallout of COVID-19.





Uniting Church

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jeanette Richards and her family after the death of her husband, John.

We had our Zoom meeting for our church service last Sunday. It was lovely to see our Church family.

I must admit I had a little trouble with it, but everyone was very good and put up with me. Getting my head around this new "Tablet" took me a little time with no one to help me.

This Sunday there will be a service in the Church with only ten people attending while the rest of us will be on Zoom. I hope I will be better on Zoom this week!

You can still contact Rev Gordon Wild on 0413 455 856 or email him on revwild@mailworks.org.

Jean Richardson

St John's Dunolly

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter:

> Acts 17.22-31, Psalm 66.7-19,1 Peter 3.8-22 John 14.15-21

'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'

John 14.23

Esmé Flett

Someday we will look back on this moment and it will forever remind us to never take the little things for granted. It will remind us to hug with all our hearts, to pause to appreciate holding someone's hand, and to live in the moments that we are surrounded by others.





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Willy Waistcoat's Saga

Now settled back in good old Aussie, Billy had to decide what to do next. Having dropped off his friends at the YMCA, he found a cheap boarding house in St. Kilda and decided to go back to his old seafaring life, which by now was probably in his blood.

Arriving at the shipping office, Billy was asked if he had any qualifications and that was certainly no problem, so the shipping master told him to go right in and have an eye test. Billy's heart sank — the old eye problem had reared its ugly head once more and he wondered if he could bluff his way out of it again in order to conceal his colour blindness. It was a different and unfamiliar test this time, in a dark room where lights are focused on the eyes flashing different colours, red, white, green, and of course Billy was unable to identify green but picked one. The medical officer said, "I think you are guessing, Bill," so Billy had to admit to it. He was then asked if he drank much, so thinking this might be in his favour Billy answered yes. Obviously Billy's winning ways had a good effect on the man, because the medico told him to go home and not to have any alcohol over the weekend, then come back and try again. Another failure meant London would have to be notified and his licence cancelled and he need not come back and his visit would not be recorded. So Billy never went back.

That left Billy a bit downhearted so he decided to go to the pub to drown his sorrows with some mates. As he left the shipping office he spotted a purse lying on the pavement and still remembers how much was in it, \$19 and some

old photos. Billy took it to the police station and when he told his mates at the pub thy called him an idiot for handing it in as they reckoned the police would keep it themselves.

How wrong they were, because a few days later Billy was at home when someone called out that there was someone to see him. He came down to see a little old lady who asked his name and then told him how grateful she was for returning her purse as that was all she had, including the precious photos. She insisted on giving him 20 cents, telling him to buy himself a beer, so Billy accepted it just to make her feel good and chuckled to himself at how wrong his mates were. However, when he went to the pub and told them the story they got stuck into him again, calling him a "miserable git" for taking the 20 cents. Billy decided he couldn't win either way.

Now it was time for Billy to find some gainful employment and he heard that riggers were needed to work on the Westgate Bridge, so this was his next destination.

Billy filled in an application form. When he was asked where he had last worked he mentioned a company named Norman Long in England and it so happened that the man in charge was employed by Norman Long, the firm overseeing the reconstruction after the bridge collapse. Two of the men who knew Billy from when he jumped ship could verify this. This was the decider for Billy and the boss put him on top of the list and told him to watch out for a telegram. Sure enough, the telegram arrived and Billy fronted up for work but it turned out a lot of the men didn't want him. There were only 30 of them and they had a new ruling that for each new man there had to be two older men. Luckily Billy was able to get away with it, so now he was a rigger on the famous, or perhaps infamous Westgate Bridge.

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Around school this week RETURN TO SCHOOL

P/1 and Yr 2/3 classes will resume on site from Tuesday 26th May.

Yr 4/5 and Yr 5/6 classes will resume on site from Tuesday 9th June.

We are extremely excited to have a return to school date. The teachers have missed their students over this period of remote learning and can't wait to have them back in their classrooms. The only localised change is we have been given the authority to invite our year 3 students to return on May 16th also as they are in a year 2/3 combined class. Next week I will publish a full list of conditions and logistical arrangements for the return to school. This will include things like parents not getting out of cars at drop off and pick up. No parents on site unless you need to access the office and your enquiry can't be done over the phone. All students MUST have THEIR OWN DRINK BOTTLE. Drink taps will not be available. More details to come next week.

YEAR 3/4 CAMP

Year 3/4 camp has been rescheduled for 9th to 11th December.

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

We have included a Q&A section to answer some questions around the easing of restrictions. This isn't the time to be returning to "normal" life however. Please ensure if you can stay at home, you are at home. Practise social distancing when out and regularly clean your hands.



What you need to know about restrictions easing

Can I have visitors in my home? And do babies and kids count?

Yes.

You can have up to five visitors to your home at any one time, in addition to those who normally live there.

Children are counted in the total person limit.

Victorians are being asked to use common sense when it comes to visiting friends and family, especially those who are more vulnerable. That means seeing those you need to — if you need to.

We're having a BBQ in our backyard. What rule applies – the 5 or the 10?

Under the new directions, you can have up to five visitors to your home, in addition to those who normally reside in the household.

Your home includes indoor and outside areas of the house.

Can my local footy team start training?

You can participate in training for all sports, but it must be non-contact, with only 10 people taking part any one time – plus the coach or manager.

This means that contact sports such as all codes of footy and soccer can't happen, unless modifications are made to ensure physical distancing.

Indoor sports remain prohibited.

Can I go to the park?

Yes.

You can relax at the park, have a picnic or play non-contact sports. Keep at least 1.5m between yourself and anyone from outside your household at all times.

You can meet up with friends and family outdoors but only in groups of up to 10 people. Playgrounds, outdoor gyms and skate parks all remain closed.

And please don't drink from public drinking fountains or use public BBQs.

What if I'm escaping family violence?

If you or your children are at risk of harm from family violence, you can leave your home to seek support and assistance.

Family violence frontline services, including crisis accommodation, continue to operate to support women, children and families during this pandemic.

Call Safe Steps on 1800 015 188 for help 24 hours a day. 7 days a week.

Conservation Regulator state forest patrols this weekend

Conservation Regulator Forest and Wildlife Officers will be out in force this weekend making sure everyone visiting our state forests does the right thing. With a small number of exceptions, all public land will be open for day use activities. Camping and overnight activities are still not permitted and the rule of maintaining a distance of 1.5 metres between people still exists.

Gatherings of up to 10 people are now permitted in outdoor spaces. If visiting a park or a forest, bring your own hand sanitiser and be mindful of others.

The Conservation Regulator is strongly supporting Victoria Police, reporting any physical distancing breaches.

For more information about the restrictions and penalties, visit: www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au or https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/media-releases/park-and-forest-closures.





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The Magpie

After a busy supermarket/business trip to Maryborough last week we felt we had earned an afternoon treat by the lake. Armed with Macca's coffee and cake we pulled into a lakeside parking spot next to several other cars. Glancing across we could see they were single person vehicles, one person was engrossed in a crossword but we could not quite see what occupied the others. The playground in front of us was all taped up and obviously off limits to babies, so baby boomers were taking advantage of the parking spaces to get out of their houses and enjoy the sun.

We sat and chatted, enjoying the sparkling waters until a magpie caught our attention. It was only young and landed quite boldly on the bonnet, right in front of the steering wheel. Goodness knows what it could see but very soon it fixated on Jean and her donut.

All the magpies I have ever observed have been very interesting. They interact with each other, people, dogs, cows and horses in amazing ways. Recently four of them dive bombed my dog, one after the other — that had to be a coordinated effort. Others will bathe under the sprinkler or steal dog food left on the veranda. One has taken a strong dislike to my grandson in the nesting season, and will sit on the fence — waiting. It lets everyone else in and out of the house unmolested, it just waits patiently for the chosen one — then it swoops viciously.

Anyhow this one was not nasty, it did not even poop on the car. That can be an unfortunate side effect of birds sitting on the car. Its eyes continually monitored Jean's progress with the donut. Apparently she was not eating fast enough because it began a little encouragement shuffle on the bonnet. Back and forward, sideways, sidelong glances, neck movements. It was all there. The instant Jean put her hand down towards the door it was on the ground. She had saved a tiny portion, what a lucky bird, and tossed it to the magpie. It did not even make a sound, just grasped it firmly in its beak and flew off about 10 metres. Again it was lucky because no other birds followed and it was able to gobble the treat down in peace.

I know human food is not suitable for animals, we all know that. But there is something very fascinating watching birds squabble over titbits; they even do that in the garden, and it is so difficult to resist them. Do they train us from when we are toddlers accidently dropping a trail of bread crumbs behind us and then looking back to see the birds making a fuss for them? That would mean that all that squabbling is just to encourage us to give them more, and we do. Are they really that clever? I'm not sure, but am inclined to think they might be.

Vicky Frizzell



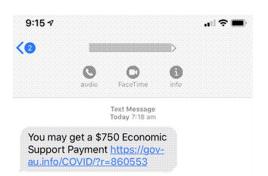


Scamwatch has received over 2000 coronavirus-related scam reports with over \$700,000 in reported losses since the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Common scams include phishing for personal information, online shopping, and superannuation scams.

Scamwatch urges everyone to be cautious and remain alert to coronavirus-related scams. Scammers are hoping that you have let your guard down. Do not provide your personal, banking or superannuation details to strangers who have approached you.

Scammers may pretend to have a connection with you. So it's important to stop and check, even when you are approached by what you think is a trusted organisation.

- Don't click on hyperlinks in text/social media messages or emails, even if it appears to come from a trusted source.
- Go directly to the website through your browser. For example, to reach the MyGov website type 'my.gov.au' into your browser yourself.
- Never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for personal or financial details, even if they claim to be from a reputable organisation or government authority just press delete or hang up.
- Fake economic support payment text



Shopping

With the rapidly changing restrictions, which will most likely be with us for some considerable time, on-line shopping is booming.

Now is the time to be extra vigilant when shopping online. Use only shops you know and trust, most traditional brick-and-mortar stores have online facilities.

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Don't get scammed looking

for a lockdown puppy

Australians have lost nearly \$300,000 to puppy scams this year, and scammers have been particularly targeting those seeking a furry companion during social isolation.



Scamwatch has seen a recent spike in puppy scams and in April reports were almost five times higher than the average, with losses on track to exceed the 2019 total of \$360,000.

"A lot of people are stuck at home and going online to buy a pet to help them get through the loneliness of social isolation," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"Unfortunately the rush to get a new pet and the unusual circumstances of COVID-19 makes it harder to work out what's real or a scam."

Scammers set up fake websites or ads on online classifieds and social media pretending to sell sought-after dog breeds and will take advantage of the fact that you can't travel to meet the puppy in person.

The scammer will usually ask for up-front payments via money transfer to pay for the pet and transport it to you.

"Once you have paid the initial deposit, the scammer will find new ways to ask for more money, and scammers are now using the COVID-19 pandemic to claim higher transportation costs to get across closed interstate borders or additional fees for 'coronavirus treatments'," Ms Rickard said. "Unfortunately once you make the payments, the seller will cease all contact."

The most common breeds reported were Cavoodles and French Bulldogs and most people contacted the scammers via an email address they found online.

"The safest option is to buy or adopt a pet you can meet in person and if you cannot do that during the current lockdown restrictions, consider putting the search on hold," Ms Rickard said. "Scam websites can look quite convincing, so try not to fall for the adorable puppy pictures they post, and remember, if the price looks too good to be true, it probably is.

"Research the seller by running an internet search using the exact wording in the ad and do a reverse image search for pictures of the specific puppy, as you're likely to be dealing with a scammer if you find matching images or text on multiple websites," Ms Rickard said.

"If you are in doubt, seek advice from a reputable breeder's association, vet or local pet shop."

So far this year Scamwatch has received more than 2000 reports about COVID-19 scams and reported losses are now more than \$700,000.

"If you think you have been scammed, contact your bank or financial institution as soon as possible," Ms Rickard said.

More information on coronavirus scams is available on the Scamwatch website, including how to make a report and where to get help.

You can also follow @scamwatch_gov on Twitter and subscribe to Scamwatch radar alerts.

Scamwatch Media Release

Poetry

It helps to understand this poem heard on *Australia All Over with Macca* if you have lived in the bush, are an oldie and know what a dunny was.

POOR OL' GRANDAD'

Poor ol' Grandad's passed away, cut off in his prime. He never had a day off crook — gone before his time.

We found him in the dunny, collapsed there on the seat, A startled look upon his face, his trousers round his feet.

The doctor said his heart was good
— fit as any trout.
The constable he had his say,
"foul play" was not ruled out.

There were theories at the inquest of snake bite without a trace, Of redbacks quietly creeping and death from outer space.

No-one had a clue at all

— the judge was in some doubt,

When Dad was called to have his say
as to how it came about.

"I reckon I can clear it up," said Dad with trembling breath. "You see it's quite a story — but it could explain his death."

"This here exploration mob had been looking at our soil, And they reckoned that our farm was just the place for oil.

"So they came and put a bore down and said they'd make some trials, Drilled a hole as deep as hell, they said, about three miles!

"Well they never found a trace of oil, and off they went post haste, And I couldn't see a hole like that go to flamin' waste!

"So I moved the dunny over it
— a real smart move I thought,
I'd never have to dig again
— I'd never be 'caught short.'

"That day I moved the dunny it looked a proper sight And everything seemed to be alright

"And you'll probably be wondering how poor Grandad did his dash... Well, he always used to hold his breath

- until he heard it splash!"





Beef bracciole with soft polenta

Serves 4

Prep 25 minutes (plus 30 minutes resting time) Cook 1 hour and 30 minutes

Ingredients:

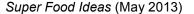
2½ cups fresh breadcrumbs
1/3 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
1 egg, lightly beaten
¾ cup grated parmesan
450g beef schnitzels (uncrumbed)
6 long slices prosciutto
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 cup dry white wine

3½ cups chicken stock ¾ cup instant polenta Fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves, to serve

2 x 400g cans diced tomatoes

Method:

- Combine breadcrumbs, parsley, egg and half cup parmesan in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Place beef, slightly overlapping, between two pieces of plastic wrap. Using a meat mallet, pound beef pieces together. Remove and discard plastic wrap. Arrange prosciutto, slightly overlapping, on beef. Top evenly with breadcrumb mixture. Roll up to enclose filling. Tie with kitchen string at 2cm intervals to secure. Place on a plate. Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.
- Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Heat oil in a large flameproof, ovenproof casserole dish over high heat. Add beef. Cook, turning, for five minutes or until brown. Transfer to a plate.
- Add garlic to dish. Stir for 30 seconds or until fragrant. Add wine. Cook for five minutes or until reduced by two-thirds. Add tomatoes and 1½ cups stock. Boil. Return beef to dish. Cover. Bake for 50 minutes to one hour, or until beef is tender and cooked to your liking.
- 4. Place remaining stock and one cup cold water in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to the boil. Gradually add polenta, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, stirring, for five minutes or until thick. Stir in remaining parmesan. Season with pepper.
- 5. Remove and discard kitchen string from beef. Slice. Reserve 1½ cups sauce. Divide polenta between plates. Top with beef and remaining sauce. Sprinkle with parsley leaves. Serve.





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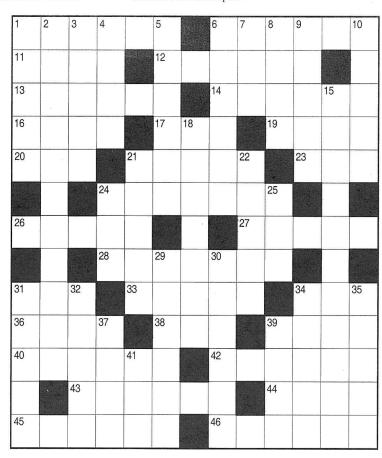
- 1. As the agent of someone, on their _
- 6. In great difficulty, up the creek without a
- 11. Act at opportune time, strike while the ____ is hot
- 12. Peninsula, home to city of Lisbon
- 13. Exemption from punishment for offence
- 14. One who joins by stitching
- 16. Circular current of air
- 17. Very impressive,
 ____-inspiring
- 19. Identifying symbol of a business
- 20. Metal-forging device
- 21. Fine record, clean _
- 23. Neither (as in '_ are they')
- 24. Subject to servitude
- 26. Melbourne waterway, _____River
- 27. Like a fairy

- 28. Collectively, the illustrations and photographs in a publication
- 31. Small lie
- 33. Having flaws allowing fluid to escape
- 34. Partook of meal
- 36. Round shape formed by cord, eg.
- 38. Yes (often used by seamen)
- 39. Small in girth
- 40. Remove covering from (gift, eg.)
- 42. To lure
- 43. To end computer session (3,3)
- 44. Period which in Latin is expressed as 'annum'
- 45. Ruler with absolute power
- 46. În uniform proportions

Down

- 1. Any animal with two feet
- 2. Obliteration
- 3. A mob
- 4. U.S. tennis star, __ Roddick
- 5. Series of examinations at end of course
- 6. Former Spanish monetary unit
- 7. Exist
- 8. Knob on TV, eg.
- Knob on 1 V, eg.
 Male given name which when spelt backwards gives a word meaning 'wanderer'
- 10. A blunder
- 15. Overly proud

- 18. Path for pedestrians
- 21. Growl savagely
- 22. Each (as in '_ second day')
- 24. Age in history
- 25. Moose
- 29. Hot drink container
- 30. Great Aust. rock-and-roller, Johnny ____(1'5)
- 31. Beer, 'amber_
- 32. Game played on green
- 34. Name shared by a foreign resident and a creature from outer space
- 35. Fine-grained mineral used for polishing
- 37. Stop suddenly (of horse)
- 39. Eyelid inflammation
- 41. In time gone by



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Obituaries

RICHARDS, John (Dunolly)

28th June 1936 to 10th May 2020

Dearly loved husband to Jeanette, loving father to Sonya and Leonie, father-in-law of Rod and Shane and cherished Pa of James, Brooke, Nicki, Tasmin and Kirra.

Special thanks to the loving care he received from the Dialysis nurses at Maryborough Hospital.

Last Sunday the gates of heaven opened wide and a special person walked inside.

Always loved and remembered
A private funeral will be held at Dunolly cemetery.

Phelan Funerals

Vale John Richards

If I could write like you, I would remember the Dunolly Fire Brigade and I could fill the little book.

John, you were what the word "volunteer" was meant to represent — unselfish and giving all you could.

We often talked of how it used to be done; no need for compensation, just the satisfaction of having achieved the best outcome. We often thought how the OPAs would be better with this in mind.

Don't know who we will go to for info now, but we know where you will be. All the best, John.

Keith Hall and all those who knew you.

RICHARDS, John

Dunolly Fire Brigade would like to offer condolences to Sonya, Rod and family on your loss. We would like to thank John for his service.

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The Welcome Record Grants Scheme

The Welcome Record invites community organisations to apply for a Grant for funding. Please submit an application letter stating the amount required and the purpose of the proposed funds and if there is a deadline.

The applications will be reviewed in due course and selected according to the greater need. Please be aware that the amount you have specified may not be the amount you receive

We have a limited amount set aside for the Grants Scheme and will allocate until that amount is exhausted.

Applications can be submitted until Tuesday, 30th June 2020.

Send applications by email to: <u>elcomerecords@iinet.net.au</u> **or** drop into the door slot at *The Welcome Record office*.



Tailings

Extracts from the Newsletter of Goldfields Historical & Arts Society Inc.



WILLIAM CALDWELL HILL

William Caldwell Hill (1866-1939) was born in Burnt Creek near Dunolly. His father John Hill was a farm labourer. The family moved first to Carisbrook then on to Cherry Tree Creek near Natte Yallock where John purchased his own farm. William also became a farmer and lobbied for the rights of farmers. He was the inaugural president of the Victorian Farmers Union.

Then in 1919 he was elected to the Federal Parliament as a Victorian Farmers Union candidate. He remained a member of Parliament until 1934.

In 1919, as a way of providing cheaper fertilizer to farmers he started the Pivot Fertilizer Co. He also formed the Victorian Wheat Growers Corporation and was its first director in 1921.

In 1920 Hill was instrumental in amalgamating various state political groups into one united party. This was the Australian Country Party, now the National Party of Australia.

William Hill had some major achievements whilst in parliament. These included a standard gauge railway connecting Sydney and Brisbane, a railway from Oodnadatta to Alice Springs and construction of the Hume Reservoir. He was also president of the River Murray Water Commission.

SANDY CREEK POLICE CAMP

The first gold was discovered at Sandy Creek (Tarnagulla) in December 1852. It remained a minor goldfield until rich discoveries created a rush in February 1853. Assistant Commissioner William Templeton was ordered to establish a police camp at Sandy Creek. When he arrived there was little water so he continued on and set up at Moliagul.

Sandy Creek got its first police camp about June 1854 when Commissioner JWS Butt arrived from Kingower. Within a few months water was again a problem. The camp was moved closer to what is now called Laanecoorie but retained the name Sandy Creek Police Camp. In October 1854 the whole camp, staff and buildings, were moved to Burnt Creek (Bromley). It appears that all these buildings were canvas. The camp consisted of Commissioner John William Sinclair Butt, Gold Receiver Aston Warner, Lieutenant RC or CN Shearman and probably three constables. Here Butt and Warner were implicated in the loss of a chest containing 418 ounces of gold.

Gold Commissioners were replaced by Gold Wardens in 1855. Sandy Creek got its second police camp when Gold Warden William Templeton re-established it in July 1855. This camp was also short lived only lasting a few months. Finally a permanent police presence was established in Tarnagulla in late 1859 and continues to the present day.

John Tully



Jason Stewart — a winner!

Last Sunday, 17th May, was a fun weekend at home where we could participate in World Martial Arts Championship Internationals Online Tournament. After competing full on for the last three years, I'd decided to take a break from competitions this year and let Jason Stewart compete instead, so I entered him and he won second place in Traditional Weapon division.

There are three rounds of online tournament and you have to be in all three to qualify for State Title. Last Sunday was round one where athletes from Australia, New Zealand and America competed via Zoom and the event was broadcast live from their *Facebook* page. Due to current COVID-19 pandemic, sparring and any contact events were not permitted, only forms, weapons and demonstrations were allowed.

Jason competed in Karate tournament four years ago and got third place in sparring. This time he competed in Kung Fu division and won second place in weaponry, which was pretty good considering the last time he competed in a Kung Fu tournament was back in 2005/2006. Next round is one month away; he should be better prepared by then..

Susie Oh Photos taken from Zoom live





Beautiful conditions for play greeted us for the belated opening of the 2020 season. 21 players turned up for a game. Stableford results were as follows —

Rod Stuart 36 points Greg Dobbin 35 points Darren and Josh Hunt 34 points

It was great to see so many new participants on Saturday. New members Diana Harvey, Rhiannon Harvey, Nathan Harvey, Mel Broad, Shannon Bowman, Tom Keenan, Joe Lovel, Mark Lovel, Joe Eddy, Andy Gibbs, Judy Gibbs and Sonya Richards — Stuart were made welcome, and we hope to see you as often as possible this season.

Social memberships of \$40 per season are proving popular. This is a good option for people who cannot play regularly, or who are busy on Saturdays. Social membership entitles you to play at any time during the week without paying the normal \$5 green fee.

The course is in great condition, and we look forward to seeing more players next Saturday, when we will again play Stableford. Remember, if you do not want to enter the formal competition, you can just come and have a hit anyway. Some clubs are available for borrowing if you need them.

Please ring me on 0436 021 995 if you have any queries regarding golf.

Ian Arnold



Check your Tattslotto tickets — it could be you!



Maryborough newsXpress' Stacie Solomano and Cheryle Forster are celebrating after one lucky local was named a division one winner in Saturday's TattsLotto draw. The local is currently unaware of their new-found wealth of \$410,000. The winning ticket marks the 37th division one to be sold at the local store.

Maryborough's division one winner a mystery

One lucky local has had a winning start to the week after scoring a \$410,000 division one prize in the weekend's TattsLotto draw — they just don't know it yet.

The elusive local holds one of the 12 division one winning entries from across the country in TattsLotto draw 4051, drawn on Saturday with a prize pool of \$4.9 million.

TattsLotto officials have so far been unable to reach the local despite their entry being registered to a Tatts Card.

The winning entry was purchased at Maryborough's own newsXpress and marks the 37th time division one winning tickets have been bought there.

Maryborough newsXpress' Cheryle Forster said having another division one winner is a good thing for the town, particularly given the challenges caused by coronavirus.

"It's just so good for the town and in these trying times it's particularly amazing for someone to have won first division," she said.

"We've had 37 division one winners now which is pretty special; the last one was in June 2017 and in the last two weeks we've had two division two winners which does happen quite often.

"We're absolutely encouraging people to check their tickets, if Tatts can't get onto a person they might not even know."

The winning numbers in TattsLotto draw 4051 on Saturday, 16th May were 17, 26, 16, 11, 4 and 19, while the supplementary numbers were 15 and 25.

The Lott spokesperson, Matt Hart, said the mystery winner could be unaware of the fact their winning entry is tucked away in their back pocket, purse or stuck on the fridge.

"There are more than \$400,000 reasons why you should check your ticket. Once you discover you are now a division one winner, imagine how the rest of the week, month and year might look," he said.

"We're urging all TattsLotto players to check their entries as soon as possible and if you discover you are holding the division one winning ticket to contact Tatts on 131 868 to begin the process of claiming your prize."

The lucky local was one of four in Victoria to claim division one prizes and had not claimed the prize by print deadlines.

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