

Celebrating Mel's Five years at the Community Bank — Dunolly

"As they say, time goes fast when you're having fun; and five years has definitely flown by," reflected Melanie Schodde as she celebrates five years with the Maldon & District Community Bank this week. Mel is a much-loved and valuable member of the Community Bank team.

Mel joined the Dunolly Branch on 27th July 2015; stepping into the customer service role after the departure of respected and admired Community Bank staff member Donna Mason. Mel has risen to the task, quickly gaining the admiration and trust of the customers and community with her calm, friendly and confident demeanour. She thoroughly enjoys her role with the bank, and can be seen at the branch, located at the Dunolly RTC, from Monday to Friday (10am to 2pm).

"How lucky am I to work in a job that allows me to do school drop-offs and pick-ups! I am so grateful to not only live in this amazing community, but to also work in it. It doesn't feel like work when you get to catch up and help the amazing locals on a daily basis. Thank you to the Maldon & District Community Bank and to Dunolly!" said Mel.

The connections Mel has to her local community run deep, both in sporting circles and with other community groups. She is a talented netball player, and has been an umpire and former coach with the Dunolly Football Netball Club for many years. Mel is currently serving on the Dunolly Primary School council and is the President of the Parents & Friends Committee (PFC). More recently Mel joined the Dunolly RTC as a committee member.

"Mel's been a wonderful addition to our team. The Maldon & District Community Bank appreciates the fantastic job Mel does day in and day out for the customers and community at Dunolly. She is deeply connected and committed to the Dunolly and district community," said Branch Manager Adam Balzan.

"We are fortunate that our staff have been embraced by the community. We'd like to thank the Dunolly community and our customers for making our staff feel so welcome, and for choosing to bank with Community Bank," commented Adam.

Karly Smith

Director Executive Officer

Congratulations Mel, for being honoured as a valued and community focussed member of the Bendigo Community Bank in Dunolly.

We are very fortunate indeed, to have a friendly face when in the bank. Those five years must feel like they have flown fast, yet we all know, that looking back we often overlook events have been memorable during those five years.

While you were on maternity leave, Dunolly was served extremely well by other Maldon and District Community Bank staff. Thank you to all who have supported our town and district and especially to you, Mel, for five years of great service.

M Goldie Editor



Mel with her daughters

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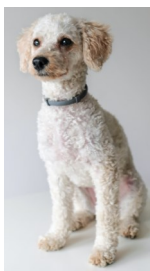


When computers first started to be used instead of tills and dockets (back in the dark ages), we were told they would save paper. Huh! I bought seven articles at Woolworths a while ago and was astounded by the length of the docket which came out of the machine. It was 42cms. long! Of course, as well as listing my purchases, it told me I had saved four cents a litre from the cost of fuel, as well as booze bargains and lots of other stuff I didn't need to know.

I love that ad for Devondale milk where the dog is sent out to round up the herd that is spread out over half the Western district. It must be the biggest farm in Victoria. I also see that the cows are physically distancing — about two to the acre.

I have discovered that I, along with a lot of other people around the world, am a dissectologist. This is not as bad as it sounds — it just means that I do jigsaws.

I reckon I must be a slow learner when it comes to lurching in the car. Bought my lunch — coffee and a pasty — in Maryborough last visit. The pasty was very tasty and made with extremely flaky pastry. This is very hard to control and tends to spread itself around. I had to get the brush and little shovel to collect it all when I got home; there were flakes on the floor, the seat, between the seats and on my lap. I'm surprised that I managed to eat any pastry at all, the amount there was on the loose.



Sister Ramble has a tiny poodle called Maxwell Very Smart (Max for short). He is causing some amusement and puzzlement lately. Sister and I speak to each other every day just in case something interesting happens — not often in these days of isolation. Max has taken to creeping around the sitting room while we are speaking looking behind the sofa etc.

We reckon he can hear me but can't work out where I am hiding. Yesterday I called out to him over the phone — that was too much for him — he bolted into the bedroom to hide.

Was much impressed (not) by an ad for the latest shower accessory. It is a small shelf that sticks on the wall. What really got me was the ad showed a can of beer on the shelf. Really?

Rosie

WOMEN'S WIT —

If I had my life to live over again,
 I would make the same mistakes, only sooner.
 Tallulah Bankhead

Poodle photo from: <https://unsplash.com/photos/DqRXz74Qj6s>

More on dissectology — The BCD, or Benevolent Confraternity of Dissectologists to give it its expanded title, is a subscription-based club for followers of jigsaw puzzles, whether for pure enjoyment or from a more research-based interest. Based in the United Kingdom, but with a worldwide membership, the club was founded in 1985 when a small group of jigsaw puzzle enthusiasts met for a most enjoyable evening, assembling puzzles together and sharing information about them. As a result, they decided to create a club for like-minded enthusiasts, calling themselves "Dissectologists" after John Spilsbury, who invented the original puzzles in England in the 1760s, called them "Dissected Maps". Sourced from <https://www.thebcd.co.uk/>



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 **LETTER TO EDITOR**

Dear Editor

Good On Us

Following on from Jenny Scott's article last week, where she expressed appreciation for our local business people who have co-operated so well with the present situation, I think it's time for all Dunollyites to give ourselves a pat on the back.

Despite that, so far thankfully, there have been no COVID-19 cases reported in our immediate area, everyone is seen to be sticking by the rules.

Restricted to two at a time at the Bakery, you see people waiting their turn outside, keeping the required safe distance and cheerfully chatting, making the most of rare opportunities to socialise. The Post Office restricts people to one at a time and there is a seat in the porch for next customer. Cafés, the chemist, the Rural Transaction Centre and the supermarket provide hand sanitiser and a book to sign your name.

When I go into town for my necessities I usually wait until the late afternoon and there is never a soul around, just like a ghost town, sad but necessary.

So well done us.

Cynthia Lindsay



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 only 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 breeders 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. Report a scam here:

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>

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

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Fire: 000
Ambulance: 000
Police non emergency: 131 444
Dunolly Police: 5468 1100
Dunolly Doctor: 5468 1104
Dunolly SES: 5468 1199



Daffodils

The marguerite daisy is flowering beautifully behind my golden diosma. Bright yellow is always a cheering colour in a winter garden, especially on a dull day. As pretty as they are, the daisies are not a patch on the daffodils growing across the yard from them. They are like little suns glowing in their corner. I never pick them, they are way too perfect for that. For weeks and weeks I enjoy their perfection and feel them lift my mood every time I glance their way.

Several years ago the daffodils were getting too crowded and did not bloom to their best. They had started out as three or four bulbs, a gift from my sister. For years I did nothing to them, just enjoyed their annual display. Finally, I had to dig them up. What a huge job that was. I lost count at 60 bulbs. Some of them went to new homes where they hopefully provide their new owners with the same pleasure they gave me.

Others have moved to new corners in my own yard. They have all done well, but the ones put back into their original space have done the best. The downpipe probably gives them more moisture than I realise. If they continue at the current rate they will need lifting again in a few years.

Many different varieties of daffodils are now available, some with variegated flowers, small ones for pots and balconies, white ones or late flowering ones. Such a lot to choose from. They are all very attractive. But I do not think any surpass my own plain glowing ones.

Back in the 1970s I shared a flat for a time with a friend and she often bought bunches of daffodils. She would put them into an old milk bottle on the windowsill and they would brighten our old kitchen for a week.

Daffodils seem to promise that sun filled spring days are just around the corner, and fill us with joy. Mine are liars. They have been flowering since the beginning of July when we all know it is still a long time until spring. But somehow their beauty lets me overlook their lying early blooms, and in the words of William Wordsworth —

"Then my heart with pleasure fills and dances with the daffodils"

Vicky Frizzell



About the Daffodil — a bit of history

Of all the flowering plants, the bulbous have been the most popular for cultivation. Of these, narcissi are one of the most important spring flowering bulb plants in the world. Indigenous in Europe, the wild populations of the parent species had been known since antiquity. *Narcissi* have been cultivated from at least as early as the sixteenth century in the Netherlands, when large numbers of bulbs were imported from the field, particularly *Narcissus hispanicus*, which soon became nearly extinct in its native habitat of France and Spain, though still found in the southern part of that country. The only large-scale production at that time related to the double narcissus "Van Sion" and cultivars of *N. tazetta* imported in 1557.

Cultivation is also documented in Britain at this time, although contemporary accounts show it was well known as a favourite garden and wild flower long before that and was used in making garlands. This was a period when the development of exotic formal gardens and parks was becoming popular, particularly in what is known as the "Oriental Period" (1560–1620). In his *Hortus Medicus* (1588), the first catalogue of a German garden's plants, Joachim Camerarius the Younger states that nine different types of daffodils were represented in his garden in Nuremberg. After his death in 1598, his plants were moved by Basilius Besler to the gardens they had designed at Willibaldsburg, the bishop's palace at Eichstätt, Upper Bavaria. That garden is described in Besler's *Hortus Eystettensis* (1613) by which time there were 43 different types present. Another German source at this time was Peter Lauremberg who gives an account of the species known to him and their cultivation in his *Apparatus plantarius: de plantis bulbosis et de plantis tuberosis* (1632).

While Shakespeare's daffodil is the wild or true English daffodil (*N. pseudonarcissus*), many other species were introduced, some of which escaped and naturalised, particularly *N. biflorus* (a hybrid) in Devon and the west of England. Gerard, in his extensive discussion of daffodils, both wild and cultivated ("bastard daffodils") described 24 species in London gardens (1597), ("we have them all and every one of them in our London gardens, in great abundance").

In the early seventeenth century, Parkinson helped ensure the popularity of the daffodil as a cultivated plant by describing 100 different varieties in his *Paradisus Terrestris* (1629), and introducing the great double yellow Spanish daffodil (*Pseudonarcissus aureus Hispanicus flore pleno* or Parkinson's Daffodil) to England.

"I thinke none ever had this kind before myselfe nor did I myself ever see it before the year 1618 for it is of mine own raising and flowering first in my own garden"

— John Parkinson, *Paradisus Terrestris* 1632

Although not achieving the sensationalism of tulips, daffodils and *narcissi* have been much celebrated in art and literature. By the beginning of the twentieth century 50 million bulbs of *N. Tazetta* "Paperwhite" were being exported annually from the Netherlands to the United States. With the production of triploids such as "Golden Spur", in the late nineteenth century, and in the beginning of the 20th century, tetraploids like "King Alfred" (1899), the industry was well established, with trumpet daffodils dominating the market. The Royal Horticultural Society has been an important factor in promoting *narcissi*, holding the first Daffodil Conference in 1884, while the Daffodil Society, the first organisation dedicated to the cultivation of *narcissi* was founded in Birmingham in 1898.

Sourced from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Narcissus_\(plant\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Narcissus_(plant))

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Put the unity back in our community

By all means have your opinion. By all means voice your opinion. Please respect other people's opinions and find an amicable outcome. Working together and finding that compromise is the key.

Discussion, respect and common goal is the answer.

Listening post

Another well done to the Shire for the Listening Post which was live streamed on the Council's *Facebook* page: <https://www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields/videos/896483350836923/>

This was well received and great to have some form of community involvement again.

In this Listening Post, the issue of Freedom Of Information was raised and the administrator's answer was, "we try to adhere to the regulations" and "there is another Shire which spends half a million dollars on FOI requests". Does this justify our Shire using FOI as a tool to withhold or make the search for information more costly and difficult?

Most of the information CGR&RAI has applied for under FOI is information which should have been made available throughout the consultation period. CGR&RAI asks for adequate public consultation and that the Shire to follow its own Service Charter, offering processes and transparency. That will improve most issues across the board.

We are happy to work with the Shire on this issue. After the release of the 2020 Satisfaction Survey, our Shire stated that "they were surprised in the decline in areas", and went on to say that "they intend to maintain their direction and strategies they set".

We ask they modify or improve those directions and strategies as their prior direction was the reason for the result. An increase in one area is far from good enough. One increase in three years is far from adequate. That increase was with last year's survey.

Public comment

Very pleasing to see the Shire has moved to investigate the erosion or damage to the recently installed mosaics in Dunolly. It will be very interesting to see the report and action taken to repair the problem.

There are still several issues — budget, sale of the old skate park site and a few more available for public comment. For best search results we recommend you search for these on the Council's *Facebook* site:

<https://www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields/>

It appears the Shire only has these on their website until closing date then removes them. You can submit on any issue right up to when these are tabled.

Candidates workshop

Only three weeks to the Candidates Workshop and compulsory training. Still we have only two potential candidates who have expressed interest in standing for the election. Time is drawing very near, and with the Covid situation upon us a well planned campaign could possibly be more beneficial. Well done to those two who have already nominated and good luck. The Shire has now put a dedicated page for candidates and the election. At:

[https://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/Council/Council-Election-2020?](https://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/Council/Council-Election-2020?fbclid=IwAR0zperCPyRan6QEChMiMKfiKyDoK7Pi_GAHCpXQFnCNGUWsXi0z5kFxiEq)

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COVID-19

The COVID-19 situation is still very alive, and with the Don KR Castlemaine confirmation we must be on our best game. The way to prevent this from spreading through our community is for us all to do what we have been asked to do. This next few weeks is a very crucial stage and please we ask all maintain what is asked. We may not all agree with it, but it's a small ask which will not harm any one of us. Stay Safe.

Wayne McKail
President CGR&RAI



Three tasty recipes for you Savoury Chops

6 large pork chops
3 tbs. flour
2 tbs. brown sugar
1 cup stock
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon curry
salt, pepper
4 tbs. tomato sauce 3 tbs. vinegar chopped parsley
1/2 teaspoon mustard
1/4 teaspoon mixed spice 1/2 cup chopped celery

Method

Place chops in buttered ovenproof casserole. Pour mixture over, leave for 2 hours. Bake 1 3/4 to two hours in slow oven.

Mrs B. Bell, Marysville, Vic.

Sizzling Cheese Sausages

500gm pork sausages
125gm grated cheese (cheddar)
1 egg
1 teas. ready-mixed mustard (or chutney or relish)
1 tbs. butter

Method

Place sausages in a saucepan of cold water, slowly bring to boil, drain and place on griller tray, grill 10 minutes; meanwhile prepare topping, melt butter and remove from heat. Add grated cheese, egg and mustard.

When sausages are cooked, split and spoon topping over. Place under grill until golden brown. Serve with fluffy mashed potatoes and grilled tomatoes. Serves four.

Mrs Dorothy Prior, Cohuna, Victoria

Pork Chops Teriyaki

4 pork chops
2 medium size apples, 2 tbs. tomato sauce
1 tbs. lemon juice
2 medium size onions, salt and pepper

Method

Place pork chops in baking dish, cover with foil and bake in moderate oven for 30 minutes. Drain off excess fat. Cover with thinly sliced onions and apples. Sprinkle lemon juice and tomato sauce over, salt and pepper to taste. Cover with foil and bake in moderate oven a further 30 minutes. Uncover and continue cooking further 30 minutes.

Serves 2 to 4.

F. Castle,
Boree Creek, N.S.W.
Courtesy of Weekly Times Recipes



Garden Club

Apologies for the late cancelling of our Garden Club Bonsai event but at times this will happen. Sometimes, especially now, circumstances are beyond our control!



Creative writing course for everyone



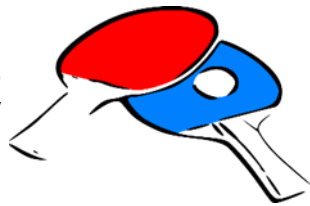
There are still a couple of places left for this!

A six week writing course will start on Tuesday 4th August at 2pm. At The Arts Hub, Thomson Street and will run for two hours.

This course will have a theme and you will expand on it each week. At the end of the six weeks you should have a short piece of writing that you will be satisfied with. The cost is \$18, paid in advance for the whole course. On payment you will receive a course outline detailing each week's elaborating on the theme. Ring the Neighbourhood Centre on the number below to reserve your place. Bookings are essential as spaces are limited.

Table tennis

A group of enthusiastic table tennis players are getting together for a game or two every Monday at the Dunolly Golf Club rooms. They started on Monday 20th July at 10am till 12 midday. Games are weekly.



A great workout in a lovely setting. \$3 per person per session plus a contribution for morning tea.

Rules and regulations include:

- No more than 20 people can gather in a public building as long as the building/room/hall is big enough to practice social distancing of four square metres between each person.
- Social distancing applies at all times!
- Hand sanitiser is provided.
- Thorough cleaning of our premises is being done prior to and after use.
- Hand washing is encouraged
- Please if you are unwell for any reason —



Thanks so much for your understanding.

Want more information? Ring 54681511 or email: admin@dunnhc.com.au

Sharon Hiley Coordinator



Helping local leagues and associations survive and thrive

Community sport in the Central Goldfields Shire has been given a further boost thanks to a grant from the Victorian Government aimed at helping local leagues and associations ride out the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and come back ready to play.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today announced the Midland Zone Pony Club Victoria has received a \$3750 grant from the associations and leagues tier of the Government's Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Short-term Survival Package. The pony club joins 25 clubs in the Central Goldfields Shire have received \$1000 grants in recent weeks.

This will help the leagues and associations to help meet fixed costs to ensure they can remain operationally viable and provide a valuable boost for their clubs and membership.

Since the start of the coronavirus shutdown, the community sport and active recreation sector has suffered significant revenue losses, putting sporting associations, leagues and clubs at financial risk.

The Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Short-term Survival Package is rolling out grants in four categories: grants of up to \$350,000 for large state sporting associations; grants of up to \$200,000 to smaller state sporting associations, regional sports assemblies and academies and other state sport and recreational bodies; grants of up to \$15,000 for associations and leagues; and grants of \$1000 for individual clubs.

There are now 200 local leagues and associations across the state which have scored a share in more than \$1.4 million thanks to the Victorian Government's Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Short-term Survival Package.

The grants are part of the Government's strong investment in supporting community sport and active recreation in these challenging times.

The Victorian Government is also investing \$68 million in shovel-ready community sport and active recreation infrastructure projects across the state, to stimulate jobs and economic activity, and deliver fantastic new projects to local communities as part of the new \$2.7 million Building Works package.

"Ensuring community sport and active recreation organisations survive this crisis and come back better than ever is critical to our economic and social recovery, and to our community's physical and mental wellbeing," Ms Pulford said.

Media Release



Midland Zone Clubs across the region are:

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|-------------|-----------------|
| Ararat | Bealiba |
| Beaufort | Bendigo |
| Castlemaine | Charlton |
| Donald | Harcourt |
| Horsham | Loddon |
| Maldon | Mandurang South |
| Maryborough | Neanger Park |
| St.Arnaud | Stawell |



Council is very pleased to have appointed two new staff members to the Strategy and Economic Development team. Catharine Densley and Steve Barnes are joining us for six months under the Working for Victoria program to assist with local recovery from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Steve and Catharine both have extensive business experience in a range of contexts. Their roles in supporting adaptation and recovery by local businesses will include:

- Developing targeted marketing campaigns to encourage the community to 'support local' when shopping for goods and services, as well as encouraging visitation and relocation to Central Goldfields
- Helping set up a small business hub providing co-working space and incubator-style support for starting and growing a business
- Building communications and partnerships with local businesses and networks
- Helping local businesses access grants, skills training and other external sources of support
- Implementing actions from the Economic Development Strategy and the Economic Response & Recovery Taskforce

A key project for Catharine and Steve will be the Jumpstart High Street Maryborough project which will be kicking off soon, working with local traders in and around the Shire's main shopping strip to encourage the community to keep its spending local. More information on this initiative will be coming in the next few weeks.

Information and opportunities

Jobkeeper Payment 2.0

The Government has announced the JobKeeper Program will be extended beyond September 2020 to March 2021.

However, to receive the new JobKeeper Payments from Friday 28th September 2020, the eligibility will be based on actual turnover change rather than projected change which was used when businesses first applied.

Stage 3 restrictions — the restrictions may impact you as a business or tourism provider

One of the main components of the new Stage 3 restrictions is the directive not to travel and not to leave the house other than for one of the specified reasons. A new obligation requires businesses outside of metropolitan Melbourne to check identification and refuse service to those who reside in metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire LGA. The businesses which are required to keep records are:

- A physical recreation facility including those exclusively used by a single professional sporting team.
- A community facility.
- A venue that is hosting a wedding or a funeral.
- A library or other community facility.
- An arena or stadium being used exclusively for training by a single professional sporting team or providing a venue for a professional sporting event .
- A place of worship that is hosting a wedding, funeral or ceremony.
- A hairdresser, beauty service and a barber shop.
- A residential property at which there is an auction or an inspection.

- An outdoor personal training facility.
- A restaurant, pub, bar or café.
- An auction house.

For additional information on the record keeping requirement please visit: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/record-keeping-contact-tracing-covid-19>

and for general information:

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/disputes-disasters-and-succession-planning/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-business-support>

Recognise young people

Living in regional Australia and up to something great? Apply now to be a Trailblazer! Trailblazers offers young people who are making a difference in regional areas a chance to have their work shared nationally on the ABC. Participants in the program will have an unparalleled opportunity to share their stories of strengthening their communities with a massive national audience. For more information here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/triplej/trailblazers/>

Grants and support services Australian Government grants for arts and agricultural shows

Two new packages have been announced by the government to stimulate activity and create jobs in the arts sector, and to support agricultural show societies to recover from the effects of COVID-19.

For more information click here: <https://www.arts.gov.au/covid-19-update>

Tourism accommodation support program

As announced on Tuesday 30th June 2020, specific postcodes in Victoria will return to Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The return to Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions mean some residents within these hot zones will have to cancel travel bookings to regional Victoria during the period, placing additional strain on accommodation providers. Accommodation providers in regional Victoria impacted by these cancellations will be able to apply for direct financial support of up to \$225 per booking per night through the new Tourism Accommodation Support Program. Register here: <https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business-support-package/regional-tourism-accommodation-support-program#Register>

Stay connected fund

The Victorian Government is helping communities to stay connected during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and beyond with the Let's Stay Connected Fund. The fund provides grants between \$5000 and \$200,000 to support community-led initiatives.

Initiatives could include helping community groups continue to operate by adapting the way they deliver programs or events, including through online forums.

Other possibilities include support for communities to improve digital skills and access online communication channels, or new ways for people to continue volunteering within their communities while maintaining physical distancing requirements.

For more information:

<https://djpr.vic.gov.au/what-we-do/precincts-suburbs-and-regions/lets-stay-connected>



MAYORAL COLUMN

COVID-19 updates

A few days ago it became mandatory for people living in the metropolitan areas and Mitchell Shire to wear a face covering when leaving home. This follows a concerning increase in coronavirus cases in recent days, particularly where people are working closely together.

Face coverings in regional Victoria continue to be recommended in situations where maintaining 1.5 metres distance is not possible. However, regional Victorians who visit the metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire areas for a reason which meets the restriction requirements will have to wear a mask.

The State of Emergency will also be extended until 11.59pm on 16th August 2020, allowing for the enforcement of this direction and other vital public health directions from the Chief Health Officer. For further information visit www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Jobs skills package

The Federal Government has established the JobTrainer fund which will provide access to free or low cost vocational education and training in areas of defined need.

The fund will provide additional training places to help school leavers and job seekers access pre-apprenticeships, short courses and full qualifications to develop new skills and create pathways to more qualifications.

The apprenticeship wage incentive scheme has also been expanded to support both the apprentices and the small and medium sized businesses which employ them.

The JobTrainer package is a vital part of the national recovery efforts from COVID-19 by keeping apprentices in jobs and ensuring which businesses are able to get the skilled workers they need.

Community connector

As mentioned in last week's Mayoral Column, physical distancing, stay at home restrictions and work-related isolation have led to feelings of loneliness and disconnection in the community.

In response, the Victorian Government has established the COVID-19 Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative to help people maintain and build social connections in their local communities.

An important element of the initiative is a community connector who liaises with the people who contact the hotline seeking assistance. The connector links people to local support and service agencies or groups, depending on their need. In Loddon Shire, the community connector work is being undertaken by the Bendigo Loddon Primary Care Partnership.

If you are distressed and needing someone to turn to, a friendly listening ear and caring voice, to link you into local supports or give vital information, then call the coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.

Farm Safety Week

National Farm Safety Week 2020, starting today, will focus on educational programs to help make farms safer, especially for children.

Children in Victoria's outer regional areas aged younger than 15 are four times more likely to die due to injury than children in major cities. Drowning is the leading cause of death of children on farms.

Two programs to take place in Victoria will target primary and secondary school students to increase awareness of known injury hazards such as dams, farm equipment and off-road motorbike use.

Teaching children about farms as workplaces is a vital part of changing attitudes, with information showing children influence the decisions their parents make, in turn improving farm safety for the whole family.

Stay connected

On the subject of being connected, the Victorian Government is offering grants for community organisations, incorporated not-for-profit and industry groups through the "Let's Stay Connected Fund".

The fund offers eligible groups between \$5000 and \$200,000 to support innovative, community-based initiatives build connection, reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation and can also be implemented quickly, in order to provide much-needed support across the state.

The funds could help groups adapt the way they deliver programs or events, improve their digital skills or help develop new ways for people to volunteer while maintaining physical distancing.

The funds will boost communities and support them to develop new ideas to stay connected, highlighting the link between social connection and community wellbeing.

Applications for the Let's Stay Connected Fund are open until 31st August and applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible at:

www.djpr.vic.gov.au/lets-stay-connected

Loddon Mayoral Column
7th July 2020

Poetry

The World is now as Mad as A Hatter

Some travel first class on the ocean
some, second class must go
but to me it causes no commotion
for those old days still have a glow.
I have travelled the highways to ring-em
and I've never been rich or poor,
I guess I am happy in steerage
behind the glass on the floor.

Long roads and wild my - imaginings
as my eyes over paddocks are cast
as I look at the end of beginning
and I struggle to hold to the past
Oh, the pride that we took when outriding
and the times when men were men
our courage then was not in hiding
I want to live them again.

Now the world is rattled and wrong
and the fools with their feet have trod
and cursed with the voice of their song.
as they worship their god
Where's our pride in the things that matter
gone like a dying bell
and the world now is mad as a hatter
and its chorus is down into hell.

Ken Peake



Catholic Church

We had almost the limit of 20 attendees at Mass on Sunday. We were wondering what we would do if another person turned up.

There will probably be a cuppa at the next mass on Sunday 9th of August — bring your own mug for this occasion.

Assembly at St. Mary's on Sunday 2nd August at 9.30am.
R Mecredy

*Anxious hearts are very heavy,
but a word of encouragement does wonders.*
Proverbs 12: 25

St John's Church

Church Services have been suspended for the time being.
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Readings 26th July 2020
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 29.15-28
Psalm 105.1-11
Romans 8.26-39
Matthew 13.44-58

Esmé Flett

*Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

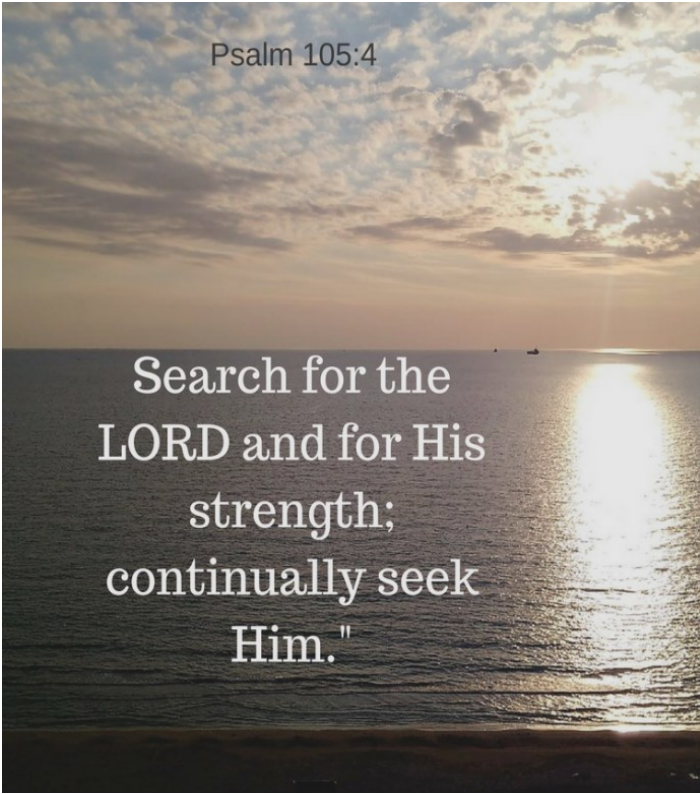
Romans 8.38–39

Uniting Church

Rev Cris Venning will lead us in Holy Communion this week Sunday 2nd of August. Heiner will come the next week. Rev Cris Venning the third week. John Moir the fourth week and Jan Watts and James the last week of August.

We are sad to say the Opshop will not be open for a while so please bear with us it is not our choice. We would like to thank *The Welcome Record* for the \$200 to help with the Opshop to reopen. It is very much appreciated. These are very hard times at the moment. We are lucky to live in this town for we all pull together and help each other. KYB is meeting this Wednesday at 11am in the Church.

Jean Richardson.



Sullivan The Bushranger

Joseph Thomas Sullivan left Victoria and became a member of New Zealand's first bushranging gang. For New Zealand this gang was the country's most bloodthirsty. He was probably also Victoria's most murderous bushranger but as he never got caught in Victoria he doesn't even get mentioned amongst the Victorian bushrangers. Here then is the story of a new Victorian bushranger.

Sullivan was born in London about 1821. His real name was Joseph Clark. He worked for a greengrocer and was also paid as a prize fighter. In 1841 with James Brinksworth they were found guilty of breaking a window in a chemist shop and stealing eight scent bottles valued at 5/-. They were both 17. Joseph Clark got ten years and Brinksworth got 15 as it was his second offence. In Brinksworth's previous offence his accomplice had got away without being identified. Clark was sent to Tasmania. He was assigned to John Crookes of Launceston where he worked as a carter. In 1848 he married another convict, Frances Cecelia Nicholls.

Soon after that they came to Port Phillip. Here they changed their name to Sullivan and had two sons.

One account states he was recaptured and sent to Port Arthur for breaching the conditions of his ticket of leave. Released in 1853 he again headed for Victoria. At Bendigo he opened a grog shop and boxing saloon, which was also a place where drunken or unconscious patrons were robbed. Sullivan was supposed to be a friend and companion of the bushranger Black Douglas. Fearing he had come to the attention of the police Sullivan kept moving. He was at Korong (Wedderburn), Fiery Creek, Ararat, Inkerman near Dunolly and then back to Wedderburn. Here he opened a dubious hotel on the outskirts of town.

He has been a difficult character to research as he used so many different aliases. These include:

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Joseph Thomas Sullivan | John Joseph Sullivan |
| Thomas Sullivan | Flash Tom |
| Mr Williams | Mr McGee |
| Mr Morrison | Mr Gately |
| Frank Clark | Joseph Clark (his birth name) |

In September 1856 Sergeant McNally of Ararat was shot and killed whilst trying to arrest the bushranger Gipsy Smith. A few weeks later, Gipsy Smith and his gang held up and robbed a number of travellers at Moliagul where the road from Wedderburn crosses the spur of Mount Moliagul.

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- Adhere to the times of the conference and leave promptly when finished
- Surface cleaning will occur in between each conference

Mr Hutchins — interviews Wednesday and Thursday in the meeting room — enter via the front office when instructed to do so

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More stories from Cynthia's Willy Waistcoat Saga

Now settled back in Melbourne, having said goodbye to the Apple Isle, Billy joined a ship called the *Wiltshire*, a gas tanker going between Sydney and Westernport Bay. Not long after this the refineries closed down for repairs, so they were given orders to head off to the Philippines, to a place called Batangas. Most of the crew hadn't done any overseas trips so they were very excited, but it was old hat for that intrepid sailor, Billy, as we well know. They prepared the ship in Sydney, their setting off point, and sailed away. When they crossed the Equator, the traditional crossing ceremony was held, a great novelty for most of the crew who were smeared with flour and other messy stuff from the galley. One dressed up as Neptune and the bosun and Billy dressed as his guards with big, silver swords, and eggs and flour were hurled at the rest of them. The captain seemed to have the most fun, madly hurling the eggs and flour.

Back to normality they were now heading for the North China sea and the captain warned the crew this was a dangerous area for pirates so he gave instructions on what to do if any of them came alongside to prevent them boarding. Billy suggested to the captain that he should let them board and as he had a gun, just shoot them as they arrived. Funnily though, the captain did not agree with Billy. When they arrived at Batangas they put down the anchor and the captain told Billy to instruct the crew in no circumstances were they to put the gangway down, which was not normal procedure. Later that day when Billy was on watch, a boat came alongside and Billy spotted about 10 women on board and they were calling out, "Put the gangway down, put the gangway down." So bad, bold Billy let down the gangway as quietly as possible for the ladies to board and quickly brought it up.

The ladies headed straight for the bar, which cheered the men up no end. About half an hour later the captain called Billy up to the bridge and asked him who let the women on board. Billy replied innocently, "What women?" "Don't give me that, but whoever it was I can thank them because it's relaxing the men and they're having a good time." Phew. How lucky was he!

It was decided to allow some shore leave so the men were ferried over in a pilot boat and headed for the nearest bar. Billy was enjoying a beer when he saw a small boy come in with a basket of eggs. They were only a few cents each and they were still hot but the boy couldn't find any buyers so Billy went around the bar and gave everyone an egg. Then Billy paid the little fellow and he went away with a smile on his face. Billy then decided to try his egg when he noticed a woman opening hers and tipping out black water, which was odd, and when Billy opened his he also found black water inside and then saw a little duck. "Here goes," he said and swallowed it down. It was a bit crunchy so he washed it down with beer. Then a woman who had been watching came over and asked did he eat the white bit because you are not supposed to. Oops. More beer before the little duck came back. He was told they call it buta.

Recovering from that little feast, Billy was astonished when he was approached by a woman with a very young baby and she offered to sell the baby for \$200! Billy was speechless but then he realised how impoverished and desperate these people must be to have no choice but to try to sell a little baby in a bar. That was something Billy can never forget and he heartily wished he could have helped the young mother.

Cynthia Lindsay

Crossing the equator ceremony.
Bill with silver sword standing next to king Neptune.





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A History of the Gold Reefs

Part Three

Calvert's or Windmill *(continued from last week's paper)*

The stamps gave a convulsive rattle in the box and stopped dead, nor was it ever made to work. The effigy of Randall was tied high on the sails and "Randall's Folly" remained for many years, and Windmill Hill it is today. The wooden stampers were tried out later under steam power, but the result was the same. In July 1862, the same crowd calling themselves the "Enterprise Association" worked the mine with new machinery, but were driven out by water whilst the reef was producing six ounces to the ton. In 1879, York and party collected some of the original "Windmill" party and took up the reef again, but there was no published report of the result. Calvert was well-known in the district and at a later date had Star Reef. Windmill Reef was composed of pink quartz and had some traces of copper.

Exhibition — In Quaker's Gully, discovered by F.H. Ewer in 1863.

Garibaldi — On Sydenham Hill about 12 chains west of the south end of Bet Bet Reef. Discovered in 1859, and worked for a considerable time and was very rich, but was abandoned by the first party at the end of 1860 and was taken up by Mather and party who average one ounce to the ton. In August 1863, it was taken up by James Wilson.

German — One of the numerous "German" Reefs about Dunolly through the years. In Quaker's Gully in 1862, specimens picked from the reef went 104 ounces to the ton. Another German Reef was reported in Munster Gully, another in 1868 near 'the reservoir'. In 1857, it was reported that German Reef behind the Royal Oak Hotel was being worked by 12 parties.

Haddington — Reported working at Burnt Creek in 1864. No details.

Inchcliffe — At the time of discovery this reef was called the Hinchcliffe. Between Dunolly-Maryborough road and the Sydenham Reef in Quaker's Gully. Discovered by Thomas Johns and W. Leck along with another reef on 27th December 1861, at the height of Burnt Creek Rush. Worked by the Sydenham Company in 1876-79 and averaged one ounce to the ton. There was a Thomas Inchcliffe in these parts and it is most likely he was the actual prospector of this reef.

Quaker's — Discovered in 1857, at Christmas time and was worked with good results but was abandoned owing to the high price of crushing at the time, but was re-opened on 30th March 1859, and was doing well. Leck and Johns re-opened it again in 1861 and it yielded 2½ to 3 ounces to the ton to this party in June 1862. In October of that year, Johns got 101 ounces from 48 tons of stone. After being again abandoned, new arrivals worked the reef in November 1864, but at this time the vein was thin and the water difficult. In August 1865, the S. Davids Company took over the reef and installed machinery, their lease extending to 1868, but before this time the company, of which J.C. Patterson and Chas. Perry were directors and in which Frayne was interested, had closed up. It was reported in 1896, that this reef originally yielded 10 ounces to the ton. The Yorkshire Reef (two ounces to the ton), the Holy Joe's Reef (10 ounces to the ton), and the Jasmine Reef (one ounce to the ton), are close to Quaker's Reef.

They were included in a later lease of this area in Quaker's Gully. Quaker's Reef is near the Sydenham Reef and to the east. In 1868, Leake and mate worked Quaker's Reef, north of the St. David's Company's site and a party — the "Working Miners' Company's," were getting 1½ ounces to the ton at 120 feet on Quaker's.

Sydenham — In Quaker's Gully, discovered by Sydenham and party about 1st December 1861, between the Inchcliffe and Quaker's Reefs, was yielding 1 ounce to the ton in February 1862, and 242 ounces to the ton later in that year. The well-known Sydenham Company leased this reef first on 31st August 1869, the 19 acres leased including Quaker's Reef also, which this Company worked. In 1879 Wigham and party worked north of the Sydenham Co., but the reef here was generally poor. The Sydenham Co. in 1887, was getting two ounces to the ton and they worked the reef for 500 feet continuously along the surface and 200 feet deep, the reef itself being about nine inches wide and contained prytes.

Murphy's — (later called German Reef) was discovered in Quaker's Gully by Murphy in 1856, and for three years he worked it quietly and made a good living. He sold out early in 1859, at which time he was working about 40 yards of the 14 foot reef and getting about an ounce to the ton. In 1859, a certain Dennis Boyle was advertising a share in the prospector's claim for sale and about 16th June, the reef was rushed, but the following year it was abandoned. A party of Germans took it up in July 1862, after being idle for two years, and the first 25 tons yielded 25 ounces. They renamed it German Reef. In November following, this reef was yielding two ounces to the ton to a party next to the Germans on the south side.

In 1994 — Submitted by Anne Doran Eddington

Photo below is from <https://www.goldfieldsguide.com.au/blog/19/abandoned-mines-of-the-victorian-goldfields>



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The other men involved in this gang at Moliagul were William Twigham, German Jack and Joseph Thomas Sullivan. Gipsy Smith and William Twigham were captured a few weeks later. As Sullivan's name was not connected with the robbery at the time he returned quietly to his hotel at Wedderburn.

Sullivan moved to a better location in the main part of Wedderburn. He purchased three blocks, two under the name of Joseph Sullivan and one by Thomas Sullivan. Years later after Sullivan had become known as a murderer, a neighbour recalled when Sullivan used to dig holes in the backyard at night time. In retrospect he now thought he might have been burying bodies. The police never investigated this. The site is now a supermarket.

In 1858 the deaths were reported of two Jewish hawkers, Raphael Caro and the boy he had working for him, Solomon Levi. They disappeared west of Charlton in January 1858 and their bodies were not discovered until June of that year. Initially it was assumed they had died of thirst and they were buried nearby. Rumours were circulating that their deaths were suspicious and a petition started by Julius Vogel from Maryborough was handed to the attorney-general. As a result a magisterial inquiry was ordered to be held.

Mr Templeman held this inquiry at West Charlton in early August. The bodies were not disinterred, no new evidence was forthcoming and Templeton concluded that the men had died of thirst. Julius Vogel was a Dutch Jew and also editor of the *Maryborough & Dunolly Advertiser*. He wrote about the inquiry, "extraordinary that they should have the obtuseness to suppose that two men with a horse and cart could die of thirst, when they were on a beaten track, only 11 miles from an inhabited station."

The next event was when Detective John Williams from Melbourne arrived at Avoca. He went with Jacob Caro, brother of one of the deceased, to West Charlton.

They retraced the hawkers' original journey and collected statements from people on the way.

It was apparent Raphael Caro was carrying about £300 which was not on them when the bodies were found. The bodies were disinterred and brought to Maryborough for a post mortem by Dr Robert Dunn. Dr Dunn was not able to conclude a cause of death. Some of the evidence given stated that at their last camp there were two others, Joe and "Walk-about-Murray" who gave the hawkers wrong directions before disappearing themselves. We can assume these men were Joseph Sullivan and his mate James Murray. This inquest recommended a large reward be offered to solve the mystery. *The Victorian Police Gazette* of 7th December 1858 announced a reward of £100. It was never claimed.

On 4th January 1875 the West Coast Times in New Zealand printed an account by an anonymous person who claimed to be an acquaintance of Joseph Thomas Sullivan, a convicted murderer in New Zealand. He implicated him in the West Charlton murders of 1858. Furthermore, Sullivan in describing two of their New Zealand murders said they were strangled and left sitting against a tree to look as if they had died of exhaustion. The Jewish hawkers at West Charlton were also found sitting against a tree and it was first thought they had died of thirst.

John Tully



Sullivan in 1866



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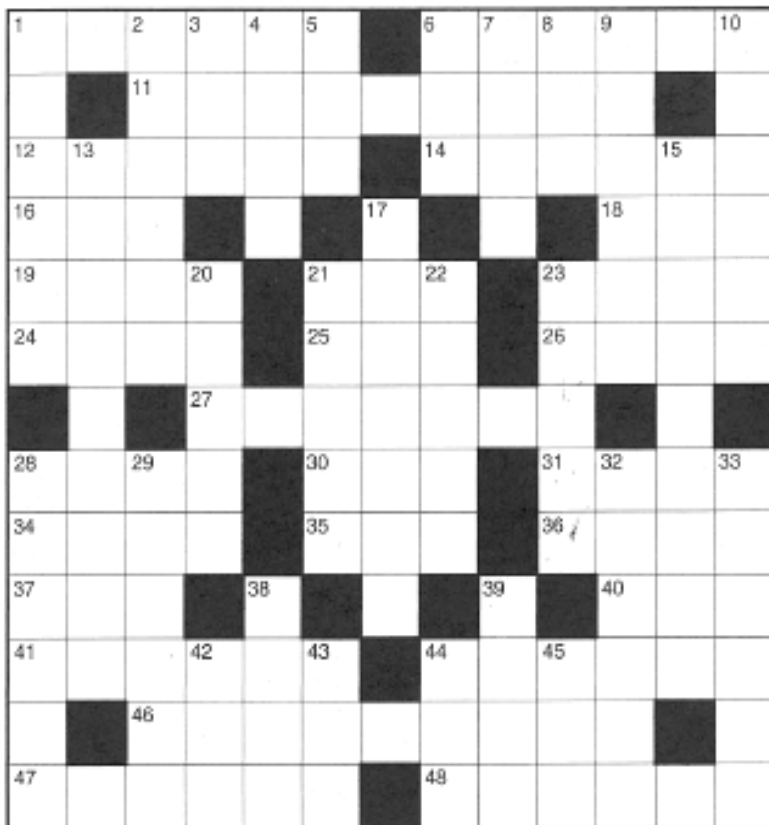
- 1. Type of fruit, anagram of 'rustic'
- 6. Marsupial of types brushtail, honey and ringtail
- 11. Best part of event
- 12. Hard limestone used in sculpture
- 14. Exasperating
- 16. Late Aust. outback painter, ___ Hart
- 18. Confuse (as in 'don't ___ the issue')
- 19. U.S. state bordering Nevada and Wyoming
- 21. Small area of ocean
- 23. In addition
- 24. Piece of land as location for something
- 25. Wildly enthusiastic (about)
- 26. Excluding packaging (of weight)
- 27. Towards the sheltered side (nautical)
- 28. Inducement
- 30. Section of journey

- 31. Aust. rugby great, Mark ___
- 34. Geoff Gallop's successor as W.A. premier, ___ Carpenter
- 35. Mound from where golfers hit off
- 36. Information placard
- 37. Detachable lid (of bottle, eg.)
- 40. Word used to verify accuracy of printed word
- 41. A support or stool with three legs
- 44. Irregularly shaped spot or stain
- 46. Agitator who appeals to the passions of the people
- 47. A traditional practice
- 48. Accumulate

Down

- 1. Grounds of university
- 2. Front of neck
- 3. Curved bone within the chest
- 4. Not attractive
- 5. The woman
- 6. Large hole in ground
- 7. Giant in folklore
- 8. Bashful
- 9. Suppress
- 10. Legless larva of insect
- 13. Of the joints
- 15. Having a yearning for the past
- 17. Algae of ocean
- 20. Jenny Shipley's successor as N.Z. P.M., ___ Clark

- 21. Perceived a scent
- 22. Old saying
- 23. Mountains which extend the entire length of Chile
- 28. Of milk
- 29. Speedy section of river
- 32. Make an effort to hear
- 33. Final competitor in relay race
- 38. Species of humans, ___ sapiens
- 39. Plant growing in water or moist ground
- 42. Animal friend
- 43. Animal's female parent
- 44. Soft waterlogged ground
- 45. Possessed by my group



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STRAHAN Rodney (Rod)

We would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy and support following Rod's unexpected death on 8th July at the Box Hill Hospital.

We would especially like to thank Donna and all the staff at the hospital for the dedicated care for Rod over these past eight years. Thanks also to Phelan's Funerals, Canon Heather Blackman and the people of St. John's church for preparing so kindly for Rod's funeral.

We are also grateful to the Railway Hotel for preparing the wake. Please accept this message as a token of our valued thanks and appreciation.

Merril, Rosalie and Rod's extended family.

Postponement of the Lesser Known Places of Dunolly Tour

The date for the tour has been changed from 20th September to Monday 19th October 2020, providing regulations allow.
 John Tully

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DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

Last Saturday was a beautiful day for golf, and some great golf was in evidence.

Josh Britten, one of our newcomers, had a day out and won the day in the Mens' Section with a fantastic 46 points, closely followed by Mark Lovel on 41, with Joe Eddy next on 40.

It is great to see some new faces at the top of the leaderboard.

In the Ladies' competition, Shenae Hunt came out on top with 39 points, from Cheryl Lovel in second place.

Nearest the Pin winners were Greg Dobbin on the 8th, Rick Lovel on the 13th, and Captain Rob Scholes on the 16th.

This coming Saturday sees the first round of our Annual Championships. The course is in great nick, and all golfers are encouraged to come along and participate. Because of our increasing numbers, we will be having A and B Grade competitions in the Mens' division, so there is an opportunity for all to aspire to a championship win. See you there!

A reminder that we begin our Maldon and District Community Bank junior golf clinic this Saturday.

The program runs each Saturday between 11am and midday from now until the end of August. The program is open to all aspiring golfers between the ages of five and 16, and will be run by Jamie Polinelli, our Junior Development Officer, along with several other members of the club.

Whatever your level of ability, come along and we will help you develop your skills. The cost is only \$2 per player for the entire program.

Ian Arnold

Students in grades 4-6 are working on stitching projects in art. Last week we created our base and prepped it, this week we started stitching. We can't wait to see how they look when they're finished!





The collecting bug Salt and pepper shakers

I actually can't remember when I first started collecting salt and pepper shakers, although it was probably during the 1970s, when my mother brought me some home from her cruises. At that stage, I was going through the dinner party phase, so these were more in the traditional style, with the exception being two sets of silver-plated birds on branches. These were great talking points, in addition to being functional. I still have one of those sets, although my huge Newfoundland/Labrador cross took a liking to the other set and I found it chewed to bits under the stairs in my Canberra house. From then on, as I started my addiction to visiting "Trash & Treasure" markets, I came across all sorts; some, such as the bakelite picnic sets, I collected from a nostalgic interest, but when I discovered the diverse range of figural, anthropomorphic and themed shakers available, my collection quickly expanded.

My sister started collecting not long afterwards and so I gave her many of mine; she ended up with around 1000 pairs, which were on display on shelves in her shop, until she dispersed the collection some years later.

I have come across many shapes and sizes of shakers in my travels, also through online sales sites and [Facebook](#) groups, however I now limit my collecting to the most quirky or older sets produced by Australian potters, or those with an Australian theme. I do attempt to sell rather than buy these days, but I did see one quirky set for sale on a [Facebook](#) group just yesterday and of course just couldn't pass it up!

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