



Dunolly farmers spice up local kitchens

A Dunolly based saffron farm is going from strength to strength, sustainably growing what's known as the world's most expensive spice.

Making a tree change to central Victoria in 2014, Rosie, and her partner Drew, took on the task of growing saffron on their 10 acre property in 2017 and haven't looked back, creating the Squirrel Gully Saffron Farm.

A chef for more than 20 years in Melbourne, Rosie had always wanted to do something food related with their property and looked to saffron as it met the couple's energy requirements due to the farm being off the grid.

"We needed something that didn't need a high energy requirement, and given the size of our property we knew we didn't have enough room for livestock or large acre crops — saffron really suited what we were looking for in terms of energy use, it's also very versatile in the kitchen. It really ticked all our boxes," she said.

Starting off with a small crop of 300 corms (bulbs) in their wicking beds, Rosie and Drew this year planted more than 2000 corms and currently supply local cafés and restaurants, with plans to expand their business in the future.

"We're slowly planting more and more," she said.

Due to the effects COVID-19 is having on the local hospitality industry and stopping farmers' markets, Rosie said Squirrel Gully has got creative during 2020, turning their focus on the home cook.

"We can send our product via the post because it doesn't need to be refrigerated or anything, so we've taken the opportunity to focus more on our online sales, including at-home paella packs and recipe cards which come with our 100 milligram vials," she said.

Costing roughly \$650 per 100 grams, saffron is a bright red-coloured spice used for its flavour, aroma and colour, often found in Mediterranean and Asian cuisine.

Rosie said despite its price point, only a small amount of the spice is needed for most dishes.

"You really don't require a lot of saffron to get what you need out of it and to get the most out of what you use, you steep it like a tea," she said.

"It's so versatile, it can be used in both sweet and savoury dishes and I've been experimenting a lot with it."

Grown from a flower known as the saffron crocus, the saffron spice is the stigma of the flowers (the red filaments or style), with 150,000 to 250,000 flowers required to produce one kilogram of saffron.

At harvest the whole flower is removed from the plant and later the stigma is separated from the flower and dried, a process Rosie said can be done in roughly one day and completed entirely on site.

"Saffron only flowers once a year — when they're in bloom I go out constantly during the day and pick them as they are ready," she said.

"We then have a drying shed specifically for the saffron where we use a dehydrator. We dry the stigmas the same day we pick them and sometimes pack them that day or in the next day or so, but like a good wine, saffron develops a deeper flavour if it matures for a couple of months."

Also offering saffron dyed silk scarves, Rosie said the couple have a number of other projects in the pipeline, including currently looking into collaborating to create a saffron and bush blends tea.

"Next year we will also be planting more corms — each year we are planning on growing a little bit bigger," Rosie said.

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That was a very nice day or so of rain. I always have to remember to water the plants on the verandah after rain. It is easy to forget them when the ground is so wet.

I had a funny experience with a phone call last week. Wanted to pay for raffle tickets by card, so carefully dialled the number. Second ring and a man answered, so I launched into my request to pay for said tickets. When I drew breath, the answerer said he thought I had rung the wrong number. I asked who (or whom) I was talking to. To my great surprise he replied I had got through to the government IT desk. I apologised, but he laughed and thanked me for brightening his morning.

I watch the Premier's press conferences, along with half the state the other day. One woman kept asking the same question in different words several times. She was obviously trying to get an answer that would make a great headline, or to get him to "spit the dummy". Did not happen! No matter what your politics, I feel the leaders are doing the best they can at the time. The real experts on any subject are always those who are on the outside looking in.

Received my new pension card the other day, along with a form for travel vouchers — they are no longer automatically issued with the card. Duly filled in the form — never know one's luck about travel — and then checked the expiry date. Form had to be in by the end of July for this year—it arrived the first week of August. That means that in the unlikely event that I wanted to use the vouchers, I'd have to wait until next year.

Just had a very pleasant break — Daughter Ramble the younger, rang from Western Australia. Lovely to talk to her and the girls.

After the lights came on again the other night, I waited a while then reset the clock radio in the bedroom, and the microwave. About two minutes later, the lights went out again! Waited a good while longer before I did the clocks again. Keep safe.

Rosie



KEEP CALM —

I've finally reached the age where my wild oats have turned into All-Bran.

Tom Wilson

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Commencement of exploration drilling

Ironbark Mining Pty Ltd would like to advise the community of Tarnagulla and surrounds of the intent to commence Diamond Drilling operations at Tarnagulla on Tuesday 18th August.

Following a restructure of the parent Company, Castlemaine Goldfields Pty Ltd (operator of the Ballarat Gold Mine) earlier in 2020, there has been a renewed focus on the exploration projects of Ironbark Mining. This has resulted in the Company undertaking office-based research, surface mapping, and a soil geochemical program in the Tarnagulla region, that has seen employees of the Company collect more than 10,000 soil samples, which have been prepared and tested for gold, and other elements at our office located in Maryborough.

As a result of this completed work, Ironbark Mining has decided to commence exploration drilling at Tarnagulla with the aim of identifying additional gold mineralisation that could lead to the re-opening of the underground decline workings situated to the southeast of the Tarnagulla Township.

Ironbark will initially undertake drilling on a small parcel of freehold land owned by the Company at the Crystal Hill decline mine site, aimed at further assessing the gold potential associated with the famous Poverty Reef, successfully mined during the 1800s and later 1990s. It is expected that as the exploration program develops, drilling will be undertaken at other sites in the near proximity to the underground workings.

Ironbark Mining appreciates that there may be community interest in the operations, and requests that for anyone interested, could they please approach the Company and further information can be provided. We request that people refrain from arriving unannounced at the drilling operations for the health and safety of employees, contractors and the community.

Ironbark Mining understands the concerns regarding the current COVID-19 situation we all find ourselves in. The safety and wellbeing of the communities in which we operate, our people, contractors and their families remain a priority.

Should anyone seek further information on the current and planned operations of Ironbark Mining, please contact the Manager – Jason Fothergill at jfothergill@cgt.net.au, and your enquiries can be further addressed.

Jason Fothergill



Virtual Town square Question and Answer Forum

If you want to know more about our candidates' policies and opinions, please take this opportunity to ask those burning questions you have been wanting to ask for ages.

Email: *The Welcome Record* at:

welcomerecords@inet.net.au and ask away.

We shall print questions in next week's paper and publish answers in the following week.

Please be polite, clear, and make your questions constructive.

The Editor TWR

Food Hampers Help



Dear Editor

We are a small family owned farm business called The Agri-Food Network located in Arnold in central Victoria. Under the umbrella of our business, which closed back in March this year, we have organised and coordinated a free initiative called Mental Health Gift Hampers, where we deliver \$50 worth of products to members of six shire areas who are facing mental health issues caused by drought and/or COVID-19.

As farmers directly impacted by continuing difficulties facing our industry, the delivery of our hampers to the wider community is a project we feel very strongly about. A project we started back in March after we nearly lost a good friend and fellow farmer to suicide. We see so much value in assisting all of the business owners who support our initiative, with their products to:

- 1) keep their businesses on the fingertips of the wider community during this challenging time;
- 2) to assist those business owners to seek extra avenues of revenue sales from our free marketing and advertising agreement which we offer in exchange for in-kind donations; and
- 3) to offer our free \$50 hampers to those who need it the most. Every one of our Mental Health Gift Hampers come complete with mental health information from our major supporters, Beyond Blue, Headspace and Murrayphn.

Our Hampers are made up of \$50 of retail value based upon what is in stock at that time. We always add a gift into each hamper which comes to us from Catherine from Fusspots at Inglewood or what we ourselves buy out of our own pocket. We feel it is important to add something small into each hamper. As of 3rd August we have delivered 328 hampers worth more than \$16,000.

In exchange for every business and corporate supporter who gets on board, we in turn market, advertise and promote their services and products for free across our social media sites, through our stakeholders and for some, help to move their business online at no cost as well as seek avenues to boost their revenue by finding new suppliers for their product.

We now support and promote 67 business owners and have the support from 16 stakeholders.

We are writing today asking if we could please place a "Thankyou article" in your newspaper, to give back to those who have supported us along our journey. For without the help of our amazing volunteers like Helen, Suzie, Justin, Emma, Jane, Sarah, Deb, Harry, Joseph, Vanessa and Ruth Barkla, Rural Outreach Chaplain for the Salvation Army branch in Bendigo, our business owners and stakeholders, we would not be able to assist those within our communities struggling with mental health stress due to coronavirus.

Kind regards
Darren and Carly Noble

More stories from Cynthia's Willy Waistcoat Saga

As we continue on, following Billy on his adventures, we find him still visiting his family in England, now that Australia has become his home. He decided to visit his old childhood home in Middlesbrough in the dock area. He and his little sister, Sandra, were born in London and moved to their grandfather's house in Middlesbrough when very young. It was a typical English house, two up, two down and no hot water and no electricity. There was one gas lamp above the fireplace in the lounge room and his mother would always be found here sitting by the fire, knitting.

One evening Billy's Dad was at the pub, and Billy's mother called him in and gave him a lemonade bottle. She told him to go up to the pub and ask his dad to fill it with beer. Billy would have to go up the street and through big arches where the horses were stabled, in order to get there. When he arrived at the pub he knocked on the door as he was not allowed in, and the publican wanted to know what he was up to. Billy asked for his dad. When he came out Billy explained his errand and duly received the beer and went back through the arches. Now Mum could sip on a beer while she knitted, but later on Billy marvelled at the fact that a five-year-old boy could go out alone at night to collect beer from the pub. How times have changed. In order to go to bed, Billy had to take a candle and climb some very steep, narrow stairs.



Childhood memories of the lamp post

At the back of the yard there was a gap between the houses and there were two archways. Sometimes Dad would get Billy and Sandra to stand at the end of each archway and if they saw any police coming they were to run in and warn him. The poor kids often stood there for hours and one day they did see police, so they ran in and warned dad. Next thing a lot of men came running through their yard, into the kitchen, past Mum knitting by the fire, and out the front door into the street. The kids probably thoroughly enjoyed that strange event.

Out at the front of the house there was a lamppost with a gaslight and a rope hanging down. Billy and Sandra would sit out the front in the evening and wait for the gas lighter. They would see him coming around the corner on his pushbike, carrying a long pole. He would stop at their lamp, pull open the lamp door and light the lamp with his pole. Such romantic times all gone with modern science.

One day the children were playing downstairs when they heard a scream and a bang, then bump, bump, bump, bump. They ran out and found their Grandfather had fallen down those awkward, narrow stairs and landed between Billy and Sandra on the kitchen floor with blood coming out of his mouth. Such a horrific thing for children to witness when they realised their Grandad was dead. Billy learned later that the cause of the bleeding was burst lungs.

Something Billy and his mates used to do was to go up on the Transporter Bridge over the river. They had to pay a penny to go over it and they used to throw pebbles down at the passing ships, aiming for the funnel. If they scored, soot would pour out of the funnel. Naughty boys.

Cynthia Lindsay



Transporter Bridge (also known as a Ferry Bridge) over the River Tees. It's a movable bridge which carries a segment of roadway. This one opened in 1911. There are a few left in the world, Another is in Newport, Wales.

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DUNOLLY COMMUNITY GARDEN

They quietly go about their business of growing vegetables and beautiful fruit trees.

There is no monetary gain for them, just the love of gardening, learning from each other and sharing the bounty of the garden with the community.

A new structure has just been erected using recycled materials; this will be their potting shed and a safe place for tender seedlings.



Last Sunday they had lemons at their front gate for people to take as needed; they were gone within 24 hours.

In season they will have vegetables and fruit for people to take and use, also seeds are shared at the gate, as they become available, so people can grow their own.

Maybe if people around town have surplus to their needs, in the fruit and vegetable department, they may think about sharing with others in their community; you never know what a difference you may make to someone.

Another project under way is a succulent wall using recycled cans as planters, they will also be adorning the front fence of the kindergarten with which they share space. A good project to undertake during the winter months when the ground is too frozen to dig and there is not that much to do in the garden.

I probably should add here that normally visitors are welcomed to the garden, but as we live in these times, they have had to limit garden access to members only, for the time being.

Community gardens have sprung up in many towns; they come in all shapes and sizes, but the one thing they share is a love of gardening, caring for the environment and fostering a sense of community. Maybe when travel restrictions are lifted you can take a tour of our beautiful community gardens.

Graphic and picture courtesy of Dunolly Community Garden Facebook Page.

Debra Sealey

DEB'S FUN FOOD FACTS

CARROT AND GINGER SOUP

Hello again, I hope you enjoyed the last recipe and as I said before, I will have budget friendly, nutritious recipes to share with you.

This time, as a nod to the fact we are still in the grip of winter, I thought an amusing little carrot soup might liven up your day.

This soup can be cooked in a very short time, so it is good for when you don't want to wait all day for your soup.

Now here's the bit where your eyes glaze over but I'm going to say it anyway: carrots really are good for your eyes, the antioxidants and potassium are good for your heart, they have vitamin C to help boost your immune system and last, but not least, they contain fibre.

Ginger can help your digestion in many ways and can also help fight infections.

So to sum up — a good soup to help boost your immune system.

If you want to make this into an even more super soup, you could consider adding some red lentils; they are full of fibre and are a good source of plant based protein. And back to the recipe.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 brown onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 5 cm piece ginger, peeled and chopped
- 1 kg carrots, chopped
- 1 litre chicken or vegetable stock
- Sour cream to serve



Method:

1. First, heat your oil over a medium heat. Add onion, ginger and garlic, reduce heat to medium low. Stir occasionally until the onion is soft.
2. Add the carrots and stock to saucepan.
3. Simmer, partially covered until the carrots are very tender (if during the cooking time you feel that there isn't enough liquid you can add a little water) about 35 minutes.
4. If you have a food processor, when it has cooled slightly you can then blend it until it is smooth.
5. Return the soup to the saucepan and stir over a low heat until warmed through.
6. Ladle soup into bowls and top with a dollop of sour cream and if you feel like it maybe some dill. Enjoy!

Note:

Just a little amendment to last week's recipe; there was a mistake in the ingredients. It should be 125gm melted butter and 115gm plain flour. I hope that clears up any confusion.

*Picture courtesy of Pinterest
Debra Sealey*



COVID-19 community information

For detailed COVID-19 community information, including changes to Council services and facilities due to Stage Three restrictions, please see the dedicated COVID-19 section of our website at: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/covid-19

New number for Maryborough Regional Library

The Maryborough Regional Library has a new number. You can contact the Library team on 5461 9111.

Council Election

The 2020 Council Election will be held in October and is run by The Victorian Electoral Commission.

We have put together a dedicated 2020 Council election page on our website which includes information about key dates, candidate training, wards and enrolling to vote. You can visit this page at:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/councilelection2020

All other enquiries should be directed to the VEC — <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/>

Kinder enrolment

Families looking to enrol their children in three and four-year-old kindergarten in 2021 can do so now through the new online central enrolment system until 31st August, 2020.

To find out more, including specific information on our seven local kindergartens and session days and times, visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on our recent Have Your Say items – Draft Governance Rules, Public Transparency Policy, Proposed Budget for 2020/21, Flood Study amendment for Carisbrook and Dunolly and the Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy.

For more information on these items, including the next steps, visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Blue Green Algae

Goulburn-Murray Water has issued a warning for high levels of Blue Green Algae at Tullaroop Reservoir.

Residents are advised to avoid direct contact with the water and signage has been placed at the site.

For more information, visit Goulburn-Murray Water's website www.g-mwater.com.au/news/bga

New community safety lighting installed

We recently installed new LED security lighting at the Maryborough Resource Centre to improve community safety. The project was made possible thanks to \$8222 in funding from the State Government Community Safety Fund 2019-20.

Works update

Our Operations team have recently carried out the following works:

- Replaced shot and stolen townships signs around the Shire, including the Alma and Wareek signs.
- Road grading works at Andersons Road — Bowenvale, Bet Bet Creek Road — Timor, Norwood Road — Timor West, Freemantle's Road — Betley, Timor-Bromley Road — Timor, Meltons Lane — Bromley and Carisbrook-Betley Road — Betley.

Families may have noticed the main slide missing at the popular Station Domain playground recently. Although structurally sound, the coating on the surface of the fibreglass slide was starting to deteriorate which makes the slide less slippery. As part of our playground maintenance program, the slide was sent away for coat resurfacing. The slide has now been reinstalled and will be available for use after the Stage 3 restrictions end.

CGSC News

Stage 3 restrictions

Last week regional Victoria returned to Stage 3 restrictions for six weeks. This means there are now only four reasons to leave your home: shopping for food and essential items, care and caregiving, to exercise, and work and study (if you can't do it at home).

These restrictions also mean you can't have visitors to your home, and schools have returned to remote learning.

Businesses will also return to Stage 3 restrictions – this includes the closing of pubs, while cafés and restaurants are take-away only.

Unfortunately these restrictions also mean the closure of our parks, playgrounds and outdoor gym equipment.

Council's Wedderburn and Serpentine customer service offices continue to remain closed to the public. However, you can call our customer service on 5494 1200, or email loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au.

All Goldfields Libraries branches and agencies have closed and are expected to remain closed until at least Sunday, 13th September (in line with the Victorian Government's anticipated easing of Stage 3 restrictions).

The Goldfields Library teams will still be hosting online programs and events – including Storytimes (via Zoom, YouTube and Facebook). You can also enjoy a range of online library services, such as eBooks, audiobooks, digital magazines and newspapers, family history and learning at home resources, movies and television, children's activities and wellbeing activities. Visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/to-find-out-more.

If you have any queries or would like more information, please email or give your local library a call and leave your details. A staff member will then give you a call back. You can follow any Council updates on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/LoddonShire as well as our website www.loddon.vic.gov.au

For a full list of Stage 3 restrictions, as well as updates and advice about COVID-19, please visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Going back to Stage 3 restrictions will no doubt be challenging for many of us. Please ensure to support those around you however you are able – be it a phone call, video chat, a text or through a message on social media.

As we saw the last time we faced these restrictions, I am sure our community will once again work together and help each other out during this time.

Rates and COVID-19 Hardship Policy

With the distribution of rate notices from late last week, I just wanted to remind our community that Council has implemented a COVID-19 Hardship Policy. This policy helps ratepayers experiencing difficulty in meeting rate payment deadlines – whether you pay your rates by instalment or in full. For people suffering financial hardship, Council can help by discussing payment plans for rates and charges are tailored to suit a ratepayer's individual needs. Deferments of rate payments for a short time can also be negotiated.

If you're paying your rates by instalment, the first instalment is due on 30th September 2020. If you choose to pay your rates in full, the payment is due on 15th February 2021.

You can also now receive your rates notices electronically via *EzyBill*. This safe, securely hosted and easy-to-use system lets you receive future rate notices electronically to your email address. You will just need a copy of your latest rate notice to register.

If you have any questions regarding your rates notice or would like more information regarding Council's COVID-19 Hardship Policy, please call the rates department on 5494 1200.

From the office of Cr Cheryl McKinnon, Loddon Shire



Our future is in our hands; not only with the COVID-19 situation, but also the direction and development of our Shire. We all must take more interest, and also participate in all decisions. If we elect councillors who listen to the community, it is then our task to assist them. Our participation may not always be incorporated, but possibly used to formulate the outcome. This report is to inform prospective councillors of concerns we (CGR&RAI) have received. If we are going to move forward as a community we have to be:

1. Allowed to be a community
 2. Participate as a community.
 3. Treated with respect, accountability and transparency.
- Recently there was media coverage about staff retention in our Shire. We did expect after the sackings of our former councillors, there would be considerable turnover in staff, as assumed there will also be after the election. However, we didn't anticipate the continual turnover in new staff. CGR&RAI understands a lot of processes and regulations needed to be written and incorporated.

What we didn't expect was the failure of our Shire to adhere to those very processes and strategies they wrote themselves. For example:

- We have planning questions going back to March 2018 which have not been replied to, nor even attempted to be replied to, and therefore we are still pursuing these matters.
- Requests for viewing the building assets going back to November 2018, now headed to FOI.
- Information regarding the airport decision going back to October 2019, now also with FOI.

It must be extremely hard being a new eager employee with so much secrecy and hidden strategies surrounding decisions.

The 2030 Our Community study and the Satisfaction Survey Results 2020 should have spelt it out to all.

We look forward to that message being heard and transparency and accountability can be incorporated across the Shire where trust and respect hopefully will be earned. The recent Council Priority projects were rolled out last council meeting. Great to see that. One thing we do question is the research behind the decisions of priority? Our community has been screaming out for industrial development, support for local businesses plus tourism and heritage development.

Transparency, accountability and trust are the key issues; a contact with the Shire should be a good experience and we all should not finish that discussion feeling intimidated or unsatisfied. Community consultation (which was highlighted in the previous report results as inadequate) must be used and transparency displayed where possible.

The past few years under administration has been an extremely valuable period for our Shire. If we do not learn from this past administration and act on the findings we feel the outcome for our Shire could be dire. We do thank our Administrators for their time at the helm. During this time we have learned from their endeavour. It is far beyond anything we imagined.

With the COVID-19 situation being Stage Three restrictions for country Victoria, our Shire is surrounded by shires with far larger cases detected. These next few weeks are crucial for each and every one of us, if not before. Now playing the game for a few more weeks. All of us working together with this could be the initial step of our recovery, not only from COVID-19, but the future direction of our Shire. Stay safe and thank you.

Wayne McKail
President CGR&RAI



Closing Temporarily



We are so sorry!

The Neighbourhood Centre is having to close its doors once again!

So all of our programs and activities are suspended for the time being.

We hope that you are all well and continue to stay that way.

In the meantime we will be working on new programs, activities and events for when we all get back to "normal".

Golly gosh what a time we are having!

Thanks so much for your understanding

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**Community Bank sparking ideas
at Bealiba Primary**

A \$500 Spark Grant is on its way to Bealiba Primary School thanks to the Dunolly Branch of the Maldon & District Community Bank.

Bealiba Principal Carol Taylor reported the students' excitement at their inclusion in the Spark Grants program for the first time.

"The students have enthusiastically planned and researched how best to use the grant. Our students brainstormed ideas, with grade 6 student Geordan chairing the vigorous discussions," said Ms Taylor.

According to Geordan and his classmates, science and STEM activities were chosen "because science is cool, and it is a great way to learn about our world. We have lots of resources for other areas but not that many science ones. The new equipment will let us experience and learn about new things, like looking at bugs close up."

A list of resources was developed and the students prioritised their "wish list".

"The students successfully and enthusiastically negotiated with me to match the Spark Grant funds with school funds. A big thank you to the Maldon &



Grade 6 student Geordan leading the brainstorming.

District Community Bank for your support. It is greatly appreciated," Ms Taylor said.

The Spark Grants are a special funding program developed by the Maldon & District Community Bank to inspire local primary school students to dream up ideas to improve their school or community.

Community Bank Branch Manager Adam Balzan is impressed with the team work demonstrated by the students.

"The grant is all about empowering the students to work together to develop projects, to come up with a great idea and deliver a project. The Bealiba students are well on their way to achieving this.

"Although Bealiba is a small school with 10 students, we know the students have big ideas. The Community Bank is thrilled to support them with the Spark Grant. The science and technology resources will be a great asset, and something for the students to look forward to when they return to school after the current round of remote schooling," Adam said.



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Developing ideas for the Spark Grant.





No services until further notice

Catholic Church

There will be no Mass or Assembly at St. Mary's Dunolly for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19 restrictions.

R Mcreedy

*Rise up, O Lord, and come and help us.
Save us by your constant love.*

Psalm 44:26

St John's Church

St John's Dunolly
Church Services have been suspended for the time being.

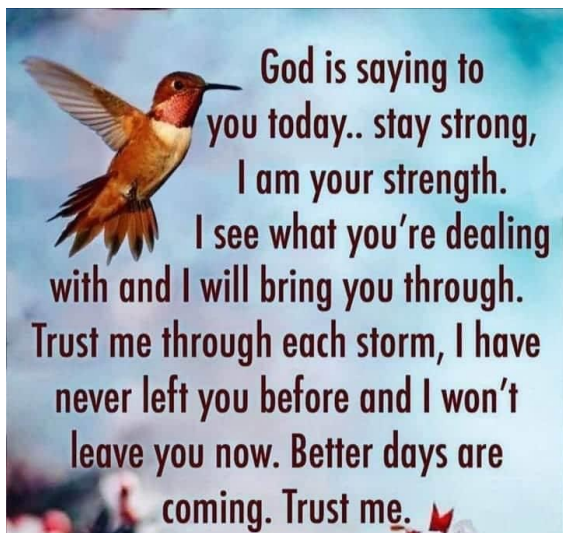
Rev Canon Heather Blackman
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Readings 9th August 2020
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22
Romans 10.4-15
Matthew 14.22-36

"They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Matthew 14.26-27

Esmé Flett



Uniting Church

No service will be held in the church this week. We might have Zoom Presbytery has said. If we do not have Zoom, you can go to loddonmallee.unitingnow.net for the service there.

Jean Richardson

Light saber from the God of Light – Apollo

Last week while gardening, a ray of sunshine hit my crown and looked like a spear embedded in my head. Jason captured it on camera while I tried to grab it; he said it was a sword from God. I called it a light sabre from the God of Light – Apollo.

Greek mythology takes many forms, from religious myths of origin, to folktales and legends of heroes. In terms of gods, the Greek pantheon consists of 12 deities who were said to reside at Mount Olympus: Zeus, Hera, Aphrodite, Apollo, Ares, Artemis, Athena, Demeter, Dionysus, Hephaestus, Hermes, and Poseidon.

Apollo, son of Zeus, is the Olympian god of the sun and light, music and poetry, healing and plagues, prophecy and knowledge, order and beauty, archery and agriculture. He is harmony, and reason, a perfect blend of physical superiority and moral virtue. His symbols were the lyre, bow and arrows, the laurel wreath, the python and the raven.

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Sleep deprivation

The time between getting into bed and going to sleep can be very relaxing. It is when you can allow your mind to slowly drift back over the day, picking out highlights or puzzling over little questions raised. It can also be a forward planning time for tomorrow's activities. As you drift in this space you can often just gently fall asleep.

Last Friday, as I was gently drifting towards sleep my whole body jerked awake. It took a moment to realise what had happened. My bedroom light had snapped on with a loud click! Even the dog was looking up from her blanket in surprise. For a few seconds I lay there thinking "Haunted house?" "Intruders?" "Aliens?" "Gremlins?" and the list kept rolling until it got to "remote control".

Of course! The ceiling fan and lights operate from a remote control. After there is a blackout and the electricity comes back on the hard-wired switch takes over and turns the light on. You then have to manually turn the remote off and all goes back to how it was. I always leave the remote control on for convenience. It was a relief to identify the problem, get up and turn the light off and get back into my warm bed. Lying in the dark and congratulating myself on being level-headed enough not to get panicked by the incident, it happened again.

Grumbling to myself I got out of bed, once more, and turned the light off, again once more, reset the electric clock, once more, and climbed back into bed, once more. I had just finished reading a sci-fi book about ball lightning

and mused on the possibility of a mad scientist taking over our electricity grid and shutting down Victoria. Next thing my eyes were wide open, once again. It had happened for an unbelievable third time. But now It was about 3am, and I groggily stumbled around turning the light off. This time my brain must have been very annoyed because it turned the power off at the wall, which I should have done in the first place, so no more unwelcome lights could wake me in the night.

Lying there, waiting for sleep to claim me once more, I reflected on all the stories of cruel and inhumane treatment and torture dished out to unfortunate prisoners over the years, and sleep deprivation is right up there as a cruel torture. I wondered if flicking lights on and off is one way to achieve sleep deprivation. But I came to no answer and the next thing I knew it was morning and the dog was grumphing at me to get up.

Vicky Frizzell



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Win for Ripon as Environmental Assessment for transmission project required

The Victorian Government has heeded calls from affected communities and the Member for Ripon, Louise Staley, to undertake an Environmental Assessment for the Western Victoria Transmission Network Project.

On Thursday, the Planning Minister, Richard Wynne, announced an Environment Effects Statement would be required for the project, which proposes to construct 200 kilometres of high-voltage powerlines. A large section of which will go through parts of Ripon, starting in Bulgana in the west near Stawell to the very eastern edge of the electorate near Dean and Blampied.

"I am pleased the Planning Minister has finally acted on my call to him from 7th July to require an EES for the Western Victoria Transmission Network project. I am only sorry the communities were left in limbo for so long while he made up his mind," Ms Staley said.

"It was clear from the beginning that this assessment was necessary. The Western Victoria Transmission Network Project proposes to construct high voltage powerlines across large areas of Ripon. The community deserves a proper and full assessment of the environmental and cultural impacts of this project.

"This is a win for these communities. I will continue to advocate for communities in Ripon throughout this process."

From the office of Louise Staley MP

Greetings from Central Goldfields Art Gallery

Central Goldfields Art Gallery closed from 6th August for the next six weeks in line with Stage 3 restrictions for regional Victoria. But, as always, our virtual gallery services are ongoing. You can stay connected with us through our *Facebook*, *Instagram* and our website.

You can even email us direct on:

cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au all these links are available here.

We all know art lifts our spirits, can transport us to "other places" and can provide a sense of calm. We will continue to share insights into our exhibitions, collection and nurture the creativity in us all during this time. As Vanessa Parker, Executive Officer for the Committee for Maryborough said, "stay well, masked and smile with your eyes."

CG Art Gallery



Jeff Makin – Acacia and Blackboys, 24/60, 43 × 59cm, etching, 2004, Central Goldfields Art Gallery. Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Jeffrey Makin and Elizabeth Makin.

Support small business Go past page one on Google

Want to support small business during this time of upheaval? Like really support them?

Then, head past page one on *Google*.

In fact, about page six or seven is where you find the gold when it comes to small business.

Small business owners, rural, regional, metropolitan, all wear so many hats.

They are buyers, sellers, accountants, bookkeepers, marketers, social media experts, bosses, mums, dads, uncles, aunties, sons and daughters, and the list goes on.

Just getting online is a struggle, let alone ensuring their website has all the right keywords, all the right meta tags and all key-worded headings to come in on page one.

Oh, and don't even start on back links! In fact, for many, it's almost impossible.

Like the accommodation industry – the tourism industry – one of the industries hit the hardest during COVID, it's almost impossible to compete with large industry bodies for page one *Google* space.

New websites have sprung up in the tens of thousands since February 2020, since the panic of COVID-19 and lock downs.

Many small business owners had a website on their "rainy day list" and, well, the rainy day came — in the form of a pandemic in 2020.

However, as many have discovered, getting a website up, products on and shopping carts attached, is just the start of what is needed to be found on *Google*.

Getting traffic to the website requires a whole new set of skills. Getting customers to come back again and again, another whole set of skills.

Within the addition of thousands of new websites popping up in the Australian landscape, there's been a rise in "marketplace" websites too.

Websites built to take away the challenges to small business owners of getting traffic to their website, and in turn in getting a return on the investment into their own website.

Marketplaces like *Spend With Us – Buy From a Bush Business Marketplace*, that offers web stores to small rural and regional business owners for free or for a small investment, is one of the Australian marketplaces changing the game for small business.

Giving shoppers a simple and memorable shopping experience and giving rural and regional small business owners the exposure, they need to get more sales, without the worry of having to be an SEO and website expert.

Marketplaces, like *Spend With Us – Buy From a Bush Business Marketplace*, spend time, energy, money and resources ensuring their website has a consistent flow of traffic for all the small businesses on their platform.

It's a match made in heaven. Small business owners who have the products that customers want but not the know-how or people power to ensure a consistent flow of traffic, can open a store on a marketplace website, manage their stock, and not worry about all the complicated tech needed to make sales online.

If you're a regional or rural small business owner, struggling to get traffic to your website, struggling to get sales, struggling to come up on page one of *Google*, perhaps consider a marketplace like *Spend With Us, Buy From a Bush Business Marketplace*, as the home of your online sales.

Check them out here: www.spendwithus.com.au

Media Release

Lost time



Now, when we supposedly have less to do, I find time goes nowhere!

I have searched high and low and it just evaporates. The days are shorter during winter, and mornings colder, but I am running out of excuses. I try to plan the day, but keep getting distracted by the jobs I have previously delayed.

Walking the dog is

exercise and enjoyable, keeping in touch with the changing season, but I find recovery time is longer. Have a cuppa, perhaps a muffin; oh really is that the time?

Housework is an easy one to avoid, but the evidence is trailing behind you giving you a guilt complex.

Squeezing in a "Nana-nap" has a lot to answer for (as if the TV is worth staying up later for). Avoiding the nuisance phone calls just when you are warm and snuggly; suddenly an hour has passed, all the while telling oneself: "I'll get up in 10 minutes".

Time spent in the garden is easier to ignore, but knee-high weeds just don't seem to be the look. Bring on the summer — at least they will die.

Tomorrow is a great saviour or "Manana" but then the week has gone, the month, then the year. Where am I rushing to? I guess it doesn't matter!

Helen Jesser

Dust if you must

By Rose Milligan

*Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
to paint a picture or write a letter,
bake a cake or plant a seed,
ponder the difference between want and need.*

*Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
with rivers to swim and mountains to climb,
music to hear and books to read,
friends to cherish and life to lead.*

*Dust if you must, but the world's out there,
with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,
a flutter of snow, a shower of rain.
This day will not come around again.*

*Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go - and go you must -
you, yourself, will make more dust.*

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BOOK REVIEW



THE MINING EXPERT

Phillip Davies, 1831 - 1898

Robert WP Ashley has gone to great lengths to trace the life of Phillip Davies who was born in Llansamlet, Swansea, Wales.

Davies began his working life in the coal mines at six years of age, he being an "air-door boy", then a "hauler" driving the horses which pulled the tram from the coal face to the mouth of the level. He was expected to look after his horses, taking them home each night.

Davies survived the massive explosion on New Year's Day 1844; however, this got him wondering about a better lifestyle. As a result, Davies emigrated on the *Deborah*, arriving in Melbourne on 15th September, 1852. It was not long before Davies was at the Forest Creek diggings followed by the Cape Patterson coal field, but by 1854 he was employed as a mining manager at Ballarat.

Davies was next involved with The Pioneer Company at Linton Park; however, he was soon attracted to the Imperial Company on Hiscock's Reef at Buninyong. Incidentally Thomas Hiscock discovered gold in the Ballarat district in August 1851; the site now marked with an obelisk.

Davies resigned as manager of the Imperial Company. He eventually becoming the manager of the Grand Junction Company at Yandoit, but as that soon lay idle, he moved onto the Sons of Justice Company at Bald Hills, followed by the United Working Miners' Company at Sebastopol. Davies soon become involved in several mines as well as public life.

On 13th October 1865 Davies was appointed as the underground manager of the Prince of Wales Company at Sebastopol. It was at this mine that Alfred, Prince of Wales, was taken underground.

The Bonshaw Freehold Gold Mining Company alleged Davies had encroached on their claim. This resulted in the now famous court case which saw Davies jailed for 12 months much to the dismay of most everybody, except the judiciary. Such was his popularity that he was released after 30 days on 14th January 1870.

Davies quickly moved on to Llanelly, originally known as New Chum and Maidentown, where he was among his fellow countrymen by 5th February 1870.

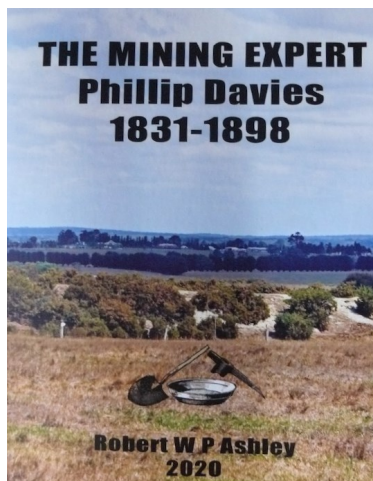
It was not long before Davies was the mine manager at the Cambrian Gold Mining Company; however, he soon had underground water problems. Davies also had control of the Victorian Pyrites Company but after just two years in the township, Davies moved onto the Dayspring ground at Currajong, near Bushman, now Parkes by October.

Although Davies had successfully managed the mine, he moved onto the New Consolidated Mine at Lacmalac mine near Tumut in March 1876, where he remained until around November 1877 when he set off for the Grenfell Consols mine at Grenfell, but the following August he moved onto Forbes.

Davies continued to move from one gold field to another, often meeting up with his brother Richard who seemed content to try his luck by persevering.

In his later life Davies is known to have been involved in mines in Queensland, Northern Territory, Western Australian and South Australia.

This book of 398 pages has many maps, historical photographs and current day colour photographs, along with many excellent reports from around the many goldfields the author has visited whilst compiling this book.



As the print run of this book is limited to 150 copies it will probably sell out quickly once you have handled a copy. The cost is \$87 plus \$13 postage. This book, like most historical works, was a "labour of love."

Enquiries should be forwarded to Robert Ashley email :ashley.rwp@bigpond.com

Review by Ken Arnold

STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS			UPDATE BY MELINA BATH MP 04/08/20
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Central Goldfields Shire Council postal election

Your council, your vote



You must be enrolled to vote

A general election will be held for Central Goldfields Shire Council in October 2020. To be able to vote in the election, you must be enrolled by the close of roll at **4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**. Two categories of voters can be enrolled to vote in the Central Goldfields Shire Council election: State-enrolled voters and Council-enrolled voters.

State-enrolled voters

Am I enrolled to vote?

You are automatically enrolled for this election if:

- you will be 18 years of age or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 **AND**
- you live in Central Goldfields Shire **AND**
- you are on the State electoral roll for your current address.

You need to enrol if:

- you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 **AND**
- you live in Central Goldfields Shire and you are not on the State electoral roll **OR**
- you have lived at your current residential address within Central Goldfields Shire for at least a month and have not yet updated your enrolment details, including any changes to your postal address.

How do I enrol?

You can enrol online at vec.vic.gov.au

You can also download an enrolment form from the website.

All enrolment applications must be received by the Victorian Electoral Commission by the close of roll at **4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**.

How can I check my State enrolment?

You can check your enrolment details online at vec.vic.gov.au at any time, or call 1300 805 478.

Thinking about standing for election?

Candidate requirements have recently changed. To nominate as a candidate for Central Goldfields Shire Council, you must:

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for Central Goldfields Shire Council **AND**
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For further information, visit vec.vic.gov.au

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Authorised by W. Gately, AM, Electoral Commissioner, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

Council-enrolled voters

Am I enrolled to vote?

To be a Council-enrolled voter, you must be:

- 18 years of age or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 **AND**
- not a State-enrolled voter within Central Goldfields Shire.

You are automatically enrolled for this election if you were enrolled as a non-resident owner at the most recent election for your local area. This includes any by-elections held since the last general election.

If your circumstances have changed since the most recent election and you are no longer a non-resident owner of that property, you will not be automatically enrolled for this election. Depending on your circumstances, you may still be eligible to apply to be enrolled as a Council-enrolled voter.

Who else can enrol & vote?

You may also apply to enrol if:

- you have purchased a rateable property in Central Goldfields Shire since the last election or by-election and you are not automatically enrolled **OR**
- you are not an Australian citizen and you live in, and pay rates for, a property within Central Goldfields Shire **OR**
- you pay rates on a property you occupy in Central Goldfields Shire, for example you are a shop tenant and pay rates to the Council for the tenancy, and you have no other voting entitlement within Central Goldfields Shire **OR**
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How do I apply to be a Council-enrolled voter?

If you meet any of the mentioned criteria and wish to enrol, contact Central Goldfields Shire Council on (03) 5461 0610 for a council enrolment form. Council enrolment forms must be received by the Council by the close of roll at **4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**.

How can I check if I am Council-enrolled?

You can check your enrolment details by contacting the Council on (03) 5461 0610.

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QUICK CROSSWORD 30

- 34. A side issue
- 35. To bleat
- 36. Coiffure
- 38. Division of baseball game
- 40. Immature female reproductive cell
- 41. Heavy fall of rain
- 42. Public road

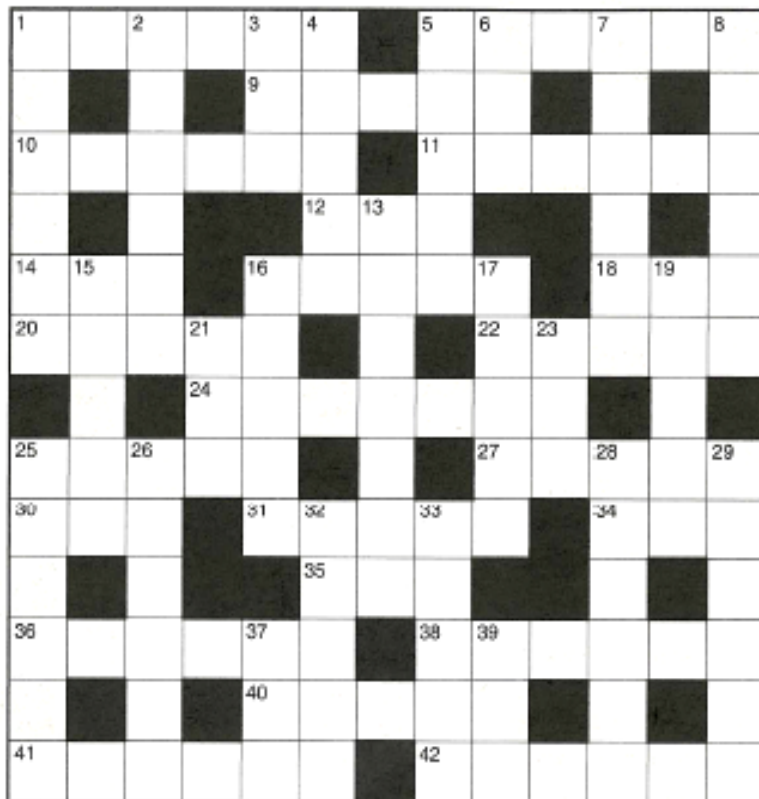
- 21. Prevent (another) from expressing opinion
- 23. In favour of
- 25. Formed (something) into a curved shape (as in 'he ___ his back')
- 26. One 'A' of 'QANTAS'
- 28. Require to do (by law, eg.)
- 29. Measure of vertical distance

- 32. Situated over
- 33. Mammal's claws
- 37. Labrador, eg.
- 39. Lacelike fabric

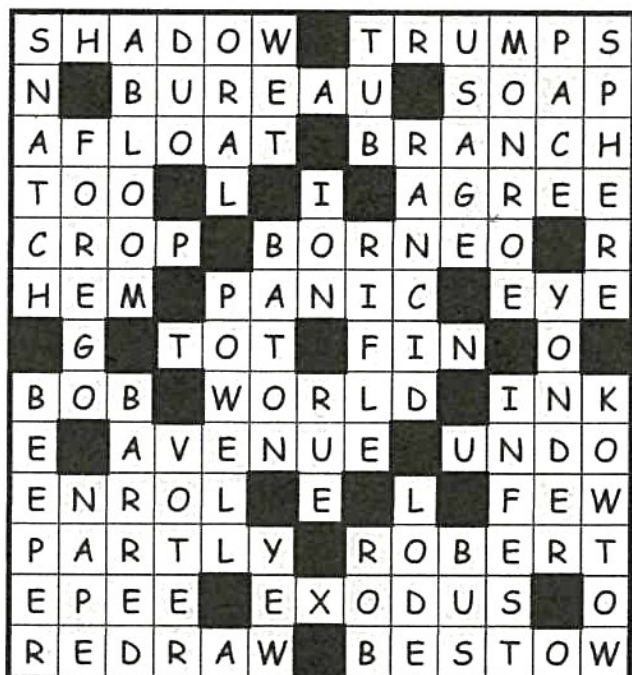
Down

- #### Across
- 1. Aust. explorer in 1840s, ___ Leichhardt
 - 5. The 'F' of 'RFDS'
 - 9. Item's worth when compared to its price
 - 10. One who suffers on behalf of a cause
 - 11. Chewy sweet containing nuts
 - 12. Plead
 - 14. Ram's mate
 - 16. French teacher of the blind, ___ Braille
 - 18. Item of footwear used on snow
 - 20. Slight colouring
 - 22. Communications line using pulses of light, fibre-___ cable
 - 24. Aircraft operator
 - 25. Proverb
 - 27. Cuspid, eg.
 - 30. Cereal grain used in bread
 - 31. Showery

- 1. Marine mollusc which clings to rocks
- 2. Make less bright
- 3. Climbing plant
- 4. Swedish actress, Greta ___
- 5. Mould, eg.
- 6. Name of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's lion
- 7. Take (food, eg.) into the body
- 8. One whose black hair, black clothes and heavy make-up often create an eerie effect
- 13. Land mass encompassing two continents
- 15. Blowy
- 16. Machine-operating handle
- 17. Black with carbon produced by combustion
- 19. Name shared by gamblers' pool of money and a target in certain sport



Solution for No. 29



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DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

We were due to have the second round of our championship last Saturday, but this did not go ahead due to the COVID-19 restrictions which are now in place. All official competitions are not permitted whilst Stage 3 restrictions remain.

Golf courses can remain open, and play can take place as long as players are in pairs, or play individually. Masks must be worn, and the clubhouse is restricted.

We will still play at 12.30pm each Saturday, and the 12 players who braved cold conditions enjoyed the round and the opportunity to practise those skills which need a bit of work.

The final two rounds of the championships will be played in September, provided the restrictions are lifted — here's hoping!

Ian Arnold



With the initiative backed by the NRL, Hockey NSW, Netball Australia, AFL clubs and key community clubs, Australia's iconic and much-loved online shopping event, is officially introducing a brand new event, Click Frenzy Sports. Launching on Thursday, 20th August, at 7pm, this new initiative is purely focused on lovers of sports gear, active wear, sneakers and team merchandise. The Click Frenzy Sports event will feature a wide range of stunning online sports deals from major Australian and international brands, plus special offers from NRL, AFL clubs, NBA, NBL, A-League and plenty more to be announced closer to the event.

Not only will Click Frenzy Sports feature all the hallmarks of a Click Frenzy online mega-sale (hundreds of deals, massive savings, quality brands, the ticking clock and insane promotions), the sports event is dedicated to uniting sport and giving a major boost to struggling community clubs. With a recent report by the Australian Sports Foundation suggesting that as many as one in four clubs across Australia may not survive the pandemic, clubs are in desperate need of support.

"Millions of Australians are connected to a sports club in some way, as an athlete, official, supporter or via family," says Grant Arnott, Managing Director of Click Frenzy. "Community sport is an essential component of our social fabric. The pandemic has ruined sport for 2020, but how many clubs can survive into 2021 is a serious concern. We can't let that happen."

To help sporting clubs across Australia, Click Frenzy Sports will launch the first "Click Frenzy Virtual Canteen", with every community sporting club in Australia invited to participate for free. Every club which registers will be given their own *Virtual Canteen* page, where members of the local community can buy a "virtual pie", a "virtual sausage roll", and certainly some "virtual veggie" options as well. Proceeds from every virtual snack bought will go towards that community club, and Click Frenzy will be putting its substantial marketing engine behind promoting the initiative, with support from the Australian sporting industry.

"Sales of snacks at local games is one of the drivers of revenue for community sport, and that has been severely impacted this year," said Arnott. "We've created the

Virtual Canteen as a substitute, and we're calling for clubs to jump on board and register so they can benefit. Based on our projections, we're looking to generate millions in revenue to assist community sporting clubs across the nation. It'll be Australia's biggest ever Pie Night — and could be the difference between survival and extinction for many clubs.

"The buy-in has been terrific, and the NRL, Netball Australia, a number of AFL clubs, Hockey NSW and others have been huge supporters of the initiative, so we thank them for that. We're in discussions with multiple sporting bodies as well who are supportive of the concept, and we'll have plenty more to announce closer to the event."

The NRL is supporting the initiative with a spokesperson saying, "The NRL is excited to partner with Click Frenzy Sports to provide a seriously-needed boost for community sport across Australia. Every club who registers stands to benefit from this so we're encouraging all to jump on board and make 20th August a massive night for community sport!"

Gerard Whateley, renowned sporting journalist, spoke about the Click Frenzy *Virtual Canteen* on SEN Radio, saying: "At a time when many sporting clubs are closed, how can you generate a little bit of revenue? The *Virtual Canteen* shapes as a beauty and I'm sure it will be welcome in grassroots sport."

Another advocate is David Thompson, CEO of Hockey NSW as he says, "COVID-19 had an awful impact on our grassroots hockey community and many of our clubs and associations will really struggle this year with reduced participant numbers and cancelled competitions. Smaller sports such as ours rely heavily on registration revenue, and this will understandably be hard to come by this year. Grassroots hockey is where our future Hockeyroos and Kookaburras are born and bred, so it's really important to have as much support as possible for our 27,000 players across NSW."

David continued, "Sport is such a critical part of our social fabric, and we'd love to see hockey clubs take up this opportunity but more importantly, see local communities get behind their local sporting clubs and for a few bucks on a virtual pie or two, make a big difference."

On a local level, Lee Hartman, CEO of Southern Football Netball League says, "It's a great concept. We have 37 clubs in the Southern Football Netball League and we're encouraging them all to get on board. Leagues are doing it tough and clubs are doing it tough - we're working hard with them all to ensure they'll be around next year and it's initiatives like this which will help make it happen."

For more information on Click Frenzy Sport, or for interviews with the founders and participating retailers, please contact: Amelia Watson at Agent99 Public Relations on 02 9779 0999/ 0408 693 676 or amelia@agent99pr.com.

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Media Release



The Collecting Bug – Advertising Memorabilia

The search for advertising memorabilia, as with many other collections, often stems from childhood memories.

When we come across an old container from one of our favourite foods, or something that brings back memories from Grandma’s house, it can often bring about the desire to acquire it, thus giving us something tangible to cling on to from times past.

Others however, possibly with the same motivation, often have set up rooms full of vintage advertising, recreating an old-fashioned general store theme. The spirited bidding on online sales sites indicates there is no less interest these days, even with people from generations who would have no actual memories of some of these items. I must plead guilty to acquiring vast amounts of such memorabilia over many years, although much has now been dispersed.

Vegemite containers and the associated marketing products, due to their mass production, although collected by some, have never realised the high prices or demand achieved by other brands. There are exceptions however,

with some limited editions having some fluctuating interest. One of these, such as the much-publicised new product, eventually named Cheesy-Mite, led to deliberate marketing ploys by the company such as the “Name Me” jars, followed by the i-Snack 2.0. Of course, their marketing ploy was successful, as so many of us went out and bought multiple jars bearing both labels which will never have any hope of being a future valuable collectable.

Currently, the limited edition jar in its box, which I purchased in recent years, is gaining some interest in the market, but again, these, along with the multiplicity of playing cards, plates and other associated products will only ever attain mildly collectable status.

For me, the jars I like the most are the old milk glass ones I have found in the bush; these have much more character and are of more value to me due to what they represent: remnants of long-gone times and people.

Jenny Scott

