

Farewell after almost 60 years at CFA



"We had the school and the hall in Wareek, so it made sense to have the station in that same area and when it came up that we would be getting a new station, I was instrumental in having the land arranged and site secured.

"Over the years a lot has also changed, the tankers in particular have become a lot bigger and are more efficient now — there's a lot more equipment on them than there used to be."

During his service spanning almost 60 years, Ken has seen many fires both locally and across the state.

He said he was introduced to major fires early as a volunteer when there were significant fires in Arnold in the 1960s and was involved in a potentially fatal incident where fire burnt over the truck he was in.

"I was involved in a burn over in the first major fire I went to in Llanelly. We were in a stubble paddock filling up with water and when we left that paddock and were heading down the road, the grass fire came over us," he said.

"We survived that alright but the Bridgewater crew that were there and had gone into the stubble paddock further down were worse off, their truck was all melted —none of them died but it has a long time until I recovered from that."

Ken also remembers the Avoca bushfire of 1985 which claimed the lives of three people and affected Avoca, Maryborough and surrounds.

"When we had the Avoca fire here I left the station with a quick fill pump and set up at Bung Bong when a taskforce came in and they didn't know where they were," he said.

"I went with the taskforce and was with them all night. I didn't get home for 24 hours from when I left."

In 2009, Ken served on a taskforce at the Black Saturday fires at Kinglake; something he said he will never forget.

"I will never forget the Kinglake fires because of the devastation they wrought," he said.

"I remember the ground was white, not black, because of the intense heat and all the burnt-out vehicles of people trying to escape in large numbers.

"It was challenging during times away on taskforces. My own family was left at home and the farm became neglected, so it did take a toll."

Announcing his retirement from 1st July this year, Ken said the decision stemmed from concerns around union involvement with the CFA and a depreciation of volunteers.

"I've resigned because of the way the unions have eventually gained control of the CFA and the handling of the organisation by governments in the past," he said.

"Volunteering has been a true Australian tradition now being destroyed, I feel, by union demands."

One of the district's longest serving volunteer firefighters, Ken Calder recently resigned after almost 60 years of battling blazes both locally and across the state.

Starting as a junior volunteer firefighter in Dunolly in the early 1960s, Ken became involved with the CFA as a way to give back to the community and after some 58 years as a volunteer, has certainly contributed his fair share.

"My brother-in-law was a brigade secretary which was one reason I joined, but I've always served the community and the CFA is a good one because you're there to help someone else," he said.

"You don't expect it, but you're pretty sure someone will come and help you in a crisis — what goes around comes around."

It wasn't long until Ken found himself in leadership roles, serving as the inaugural secretary of the then Dunolly District Fire Brigades Group, at a time when radios were first introduced to firefighting.

Transferring to the Wareek Bung Bong brigade after he was called up to serve in the army, Ken went on to become the brigade's president for a number of years and until his retirement this year, remained an active member.

During his time as president with the brigade, Ken was integral in having a new station built in Wareek — one of the many highlights.

"We were getting a new firetruck and it wouldn't fit in the station, which at the time was further up the road toward St Arnaud," he said.

Story by Riley Upton

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I had a strange experience last week. I saw a small creature on the floor of the kitchen. I thought it was a millipede until I had a really good look at it and got a big shock. The animal was only about two inches long and dead. It looked like a tiny snake — I found my magnifying glass and had a good inspection. It had a pointy tail and was dark on top and light underneath and its tiny mouth was open. It is definitely a snake. I was very watchful inside the house for a couple of days in case Mumma Snake was inside. The snake catcher assured me that snakes do not hang around to look after their babies. Still, it was a bit scary.

I have been told that the structure in my neighbour's front yard is a minion, not an emoji — so much for my knowledge of modern symbols.

My new car has a very loud voice for a small vehicle as I found out when I walked away and left the lights on. I was about six steps away when the braying started, startling me so much I didn't realise what it was for a second or two. I hope I don't do that again for a while.

The footy commentators are at it again. A player kicked the ball low and high according to the caller. Is that even possible?

I wonder how many footballers are injured by their fellow players by leaping all over them after they perform some important action on the field. Having a giant crashing into their back when they are not prepared for it must rattle their teeth.

Was watching Inspector Morse on TV during the week and it was set in Australia — real outback, not some made up scenery. One of the stars was John Jarratt when he was very young and lovely playing a policeman. Really enjoyed it.

Rosie

KEEP CALM — A birthday is just the first day of another 365 day journey around the sun. Enjoy the trip.

Anonymous

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Issues to address

Dear Editor,

There are many issues the new Council will look to address; growing the health, agriculture, service and education sectors in the Shire, along with optimising community transport, increasing rail services, and supporting business which will enable residents to improve their job skills, increase employment, and attract new residents.

Knowing the community, the important issue for me is a Council that embraces change, is responsive and puts the needs of residents first where practical issues such as community support, value for rates and maintenance of community infrastructure are valued. A connected community with trust and confidence between Council and the community which is achieved through communication and leadership.

Regards

Marion Da Costa

Vote 1 Marion Da Costa

Written and Authorised, Marion Da Costa,
16 Havelock St, Dunolly 3472

Thank you Marion Da Costa

Dear Editor,

The Dunolly Historic Precinct Committee wishes to publicly thank Marion Da Costa for her years of voluntary service to our committee and to our community as she takes leave to be a candidate for Flynn Ward of Central Goldfields Shire. Marion has been an essential member of our team for 15 years, mostly as Secretary, and has contributed mightily to our achievements, notably the Precinct restoration, the website and encouraging community use of the Precinct. Marion has also welcomed visitors to the Courthouse most weekends so hundreds of visitors to the town have had an opportunity to learn about and enjoy this important part of Victoria's history. The extent of Marion's voluntary work has also demanded considerable expertise in working with State and local government, which is a valuable asset for a prospective councillor.

The Committee will miss Marion's expertise and commitment and we wish her the very best for her candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Lindsay, President
Historic Precinct Committee

Something worth mentioning

Dear Editor,

As a resident of another Shire, I have no vested interest in supporting either candidate for Flynn Ward in Central Goldfields Shire in the upcoming election.

Something which should deserve a mention in Marion da Costa's campaign however, is all the years she was a dedicated volunteer, part of this time as sole Editor, at *The Welcome Record*. Her years at the paper spanned from 2006 to 2013 and her advice and knowledge were personally of great benefit to me when I first started there 11 years ago and throughout the rest of her time at the paper.

Jenny Scott

Question for Liesbeth Long

Dear Editor

I would like to ask a question in regards to Liesbeth Long, one of the candidates in Flynn Ward.

I would like to clarify her occupation. Is she:

- A farmer
 - A Primary Producer
- or
- An Apprentice Farmer i.e. receiving \$20,000 to \$30,000 pa from the Government?

I was given this information, but I haven't seen this stated anywhere.

Name and Address Supplied

Support for Liesbeth Long

Dear Editor,

Many of the good people from Flynn Ward will remember me well. I was myself the Flynn Ward Councillor from 2008 until I resigned due to ill health, resulting in a bi-lateral lung transplant in 2013.

Please take this election very seriously and select Liesbeth to represent you for the next four years on Council. Your choice at this election is most important as it will set the mould for many years to come.

This is your chance to direct the Shire's future for the citizens benefit; this is a time to start fresh. Liesbeth Long has all the attributes of a very competent Councillor. She has a pleasant nature, is educated and is well regarded in her community.

Liesbeth is married into a fifth generation farming family at Timor West and has lived in the Flynn Ward for 17 years. Many of you know the Long family. Terry Long from Dunolly, Liesbeth's father-in-law, was a respected Councillor in the Shire of Tullaroop.

Liesbeth most certainly understands the needs, wants and desires of rural community. I sincerely hope you will support her efforts to represent you for the next four years on council. Please spread the word about a wonderful person. My personal thanks and best wishes to you all.

Yours faithfully,
D John Smith

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More stories from Cynthia's Willy Waistcoat Saga

Off we go again following Billy's trail, here, there and everywhere. Keen to try out his new pride and joy, the Chevy V8, Billy decided to head up to New South Wales, towing his caravan. He had become friends with a girl named Kathy and when she heard where Billy was going she told him that her mother lived in Sutherland and she was shortly going to visit her, so suggested Billy come over there to visit. He decided to stay at Kiama and told Kathy he would drive over from there to see them.

Billy headed off and crossed the border at Albury/Wodonga. He spotted the famous crooked Ettamogah pub, which had been copied from the cartoon, and was surprised to note there were only about four cars in the large car park. Billy drove in, parked in front of the pub, then went in and ordered a beer. He told the barman that he owned the caravan out the front and would it be possible to leave it there overnight. The answer was "Mate, you are totally welcome. There are showers out the back; just make yourself at home. Do what you like." What a lucky stop that was. Then an old couple arrived and asked if they could stay too and got the same friendly answer.

So the three of them made friends, shared a few beers and had a counter meal. Billy decided on an early night so he could head off at the crack of dawn without a hangover. After a sound sleep, Billy was off and away by 6am, driving north to fresh fields.

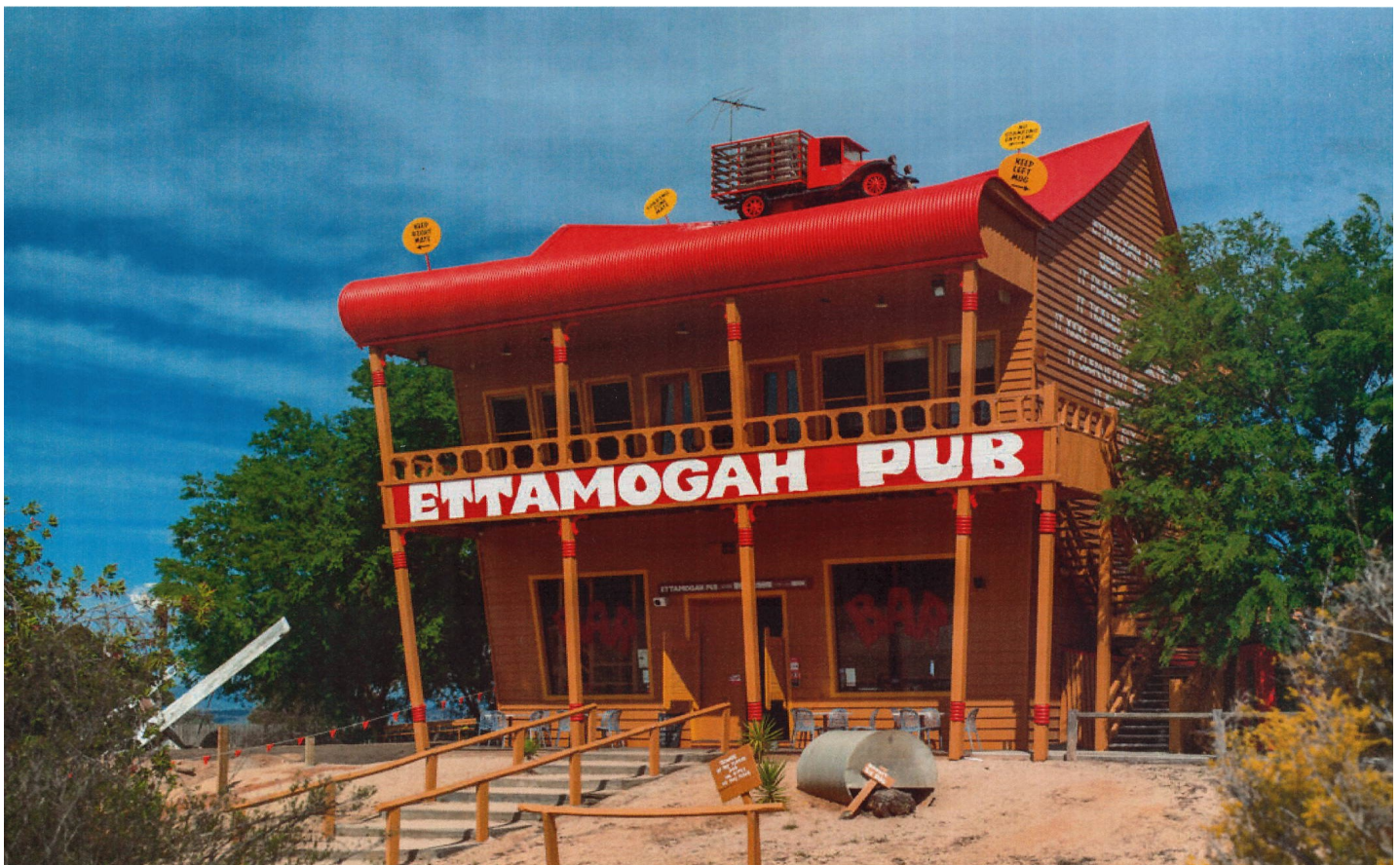
He hit the coast at Eden and arrived in Kiama a few hours later to admire the beautiful sea view. He booked into the Blow Hole caravan park and was given a spot right on the border of the park overlooking the seaport with all the little fishing boats. Just perfect for Billy! Then he went back to the office to pay and the woman said it was \$70 per week and Billy explained that he would be there for five weeks at a time and then five weeks at sea. "Oh", she said, "You are

in the Navy. Then I can't charge you that much when you are not here, so I'll charge you just \$35 a week." Once more, lucky Billy.

Once settled Billy set off for Sutherland to visit Kathy and her mother and was invited to stay for a few days. The mother happened to mention she needed to get her house repainted and you would have already guessed who offered to do it. Yes, Billy decided to help her out and do it for free. It turned out to be quite a big job as there was a lot of cleaning to do before painting could be started. In that time Billy and Kathy became a couple, but he stayed in Kiama and spent weekends in Sutherland. Kathy's mother was a high-ranking officer in the Salvation Army and ran the local op shop, where Kathy helped out. One day she talked Billy into joining her in the shop. When a man came in and brought over a pair of roller skates and asked the price, Billy said they were \$2 and the customer offered him a dollar as he only wanted one. Billy refused because who would want the other one and they finished up having an argument and finally Billy told him to "get stuffed". Oh dear! As a result Kathy told Billy op shop work was not for him. So that was the end of Billy's charity career.

We will have to do without Billy's adventures for a few weeks as he now embarks on his new adventure, a bone marrow transplant operation. He is at present at Peter McCallum enduring lots of tests, then a big dose of chemo; two days when his immune system drops to a low level and then he has his operation. Always cheerful, Billy accepts this big ordeal like embarking on another ship for a new adventure. We at *The Welcome Record* send our best wishes for a swift recovery and we are all thinking of you.

Cynthia Lindsay



DEB'S FUN FOOD FACTS

From around the world

Hello again fellow virtual travellers, I hope you enjoyed our little jaunt into Spain last week. We're off to the good old USA this week to enjoy some Tex Mex.

Burritos



Most people might think that this burrito was Mexican in origin, but in fact it is American and classified as Tex Mex cuisine.

There are many ways to make a burrito. I want to share with you my favourite. It may take a little longer, but I can assure you the result is well worth while.

Ingredients

- 1 kg chuck steak
- 1 tbs olive oil
- 1 large onion chopped
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 2 tbs lime juice
- 1/2 to 1 can of tomato soup
- 2 or more tbs chilli flakes (discretionary)
- 3 tsps. cumin
- 3 tsp paprika
- 3 tsps. dried oregano
- 1 tsp salt

For the Burrito casing

- Tortillas—1 pack
- Refried beans
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, grated
- Tomato salsa to garnish
- Sour cream to serve

Instructions

Add the onion, garlic, tomato soup and lime juice to your slow cooker. Then mix in your herbs and spices.

Place your meat in the mixture and cook until it is falling apart. Depending on your slow cooker the time will vary.

I take most of the day to make sure the meat is just right.

Now we need to assemble our burrito.

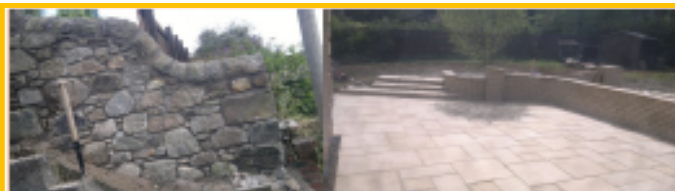
Take a flour tortilla and place it flat, then spoon some meat mixture onto the tortilla; remember to leave room around the edges to fold your burrito into an envelope shape. If you don't know how, most packets have instructions.

Next take some refried beans and place on top of the meat. Place the wrapped tortillas seam side down on a baking tray and top with salsa and cheese. Bake at 180°C for about 10 to 15 minutes or until the cheese has melted.

Serve with sour cream and rice.

A little tip with the rice: coat a cup full of rice in oil and place in a very hot oven. Cook the rice until it starts to brown. Add about 1½ tsp turmeric to the rice and it will take on a lovely yellow colour. Add about a cup of water. Cook in the oven on about 180°C. Keep an eye on the rice; if you feel that it needs more liquid, then add a little at a time, stirring in well each time. Be careful not to add too much liquid or you will have soggy rice, and no one wants that. Just right to serve with your burrito.

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**CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS
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This week we all should be getting in the mail the ballot papers for this upcoming Local Council Election to be held on 24th October 2020.

You will be sent the appropriate ballot paper for the ward you are currently registered in on the electoral roll. If you have shifted and not changed your address on the roll, your papers will be sent to your old address and you will be required to vote for candidates in that ward. Should you not receive your papers by the end of next week, it would be advisable that you contact the Victorian Electoral Commission and enquire as voting is compulsory.

Central Goldfields Shire Election Office phone number is 1300 112 717.

This election is crucial for our Shire's step forward, so please take the time to select wisely from the candidates who have nominated. Keeping an eye on who prefers who, those preferences should be available prior to the election, as well as the content of their Candidate statements.

Thanks to all the local newspapers for their coverage, and for those who use the internet, keep an eye on online comments by the candidates. Those who do not use internet please check the newspapers, especially your local papers and talk to your friends seeking information.

CGR&RAI has a Candidates' Corner Facebook group where most candidates have come in and commented on various questions posed to them by members of this group. Central Goldfields Shire 2020 Election Candidates Corner www.facebook.com/groups/4469573023067885.

Joining Candidates Corner to comment is required, but not should you wish to simply browse.

Another group is The Goldfields Group:

www.facebook.com/groups/maryboroughgroup. One thing we do ask is that you do your research well and put the right person in the right position.

For those who wish to have a good understanding of our present Council's condition, on 20th October the Council will be tabling the Draft 2019/20 Annual Report. This, read in conjunction with the Satisfaction Survey, will give you an extremely good idea of what issues are in hand. The agenda for that meeting should be online on the Friday prior to the meeting.

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/Council/About-Council/Council-Meetings

The Dunolly Mosaics: We have been informed the tile samples were taken last month and sent to Melbourne University for testing to assist in finding the cause of bad and increasing lifting of paint and grout from over most of the mosaics. They have been received at Melbourne University and when the next stage of restrictions are lifted on 16th October they will be able start the investigation. So once again it's the waiting game. The question as to who actually covers costs for the repair will depend on these results, and will be very keenly followed. The findings from the investigation is a key part to assessing the repair plan.

Carisbrook Flood Levee: Due to the weather alert released last week re rain in our area and our shire being in Caretaker mode, CGR&RAI have been contacting the State and Federal ministers advocating for more assistance for the levee completion, as Caretaker mode may prevent the shire from doing this. We will keep you updated as to the responses we obtain from the ministers. The shire had contracted a local company to raise

(slightly) and seal Pleasant Street to Church Street in Carisbrook. Our research tells us this has very little to do with the actual levee, therefore CGR&RAI are awaiting confirmation from the shire as to their actual plans and relationship of Pleasant St with the actual levee. They have stated this is part of Stage three, still needed are the culverts under the Pyrenees Hwy and Railway line, and also all of Stage 4. So this Pleasant St sealing is a very small part of the plan regardless of what is being reported out there. There are statements about saying we are near completion. The Pleasant St works is costing \$300K of a \$2.5 million dollar plan. So by any stretch of the imagination could this be seen as nearly complete. Thank you and stay safe.

Wayne McKail
President, CGRRA&I

Dunolly Housing Project Update

COVID-19 has not diminished the Dunolly & District Hospital Auxiliary's commitment to our housing initiative, now called the Dunolly Housing Project. Having such strong foundations in the Feasibility Report and extensive community, health service, Council and political support, the Working Group continued to keep in touch to map out our strategies. It was a great step forward to receive endorsement from Community Housing Limited and their expression of interest in taking on the Project if/when post -COVID-19 funding for innovative housing becomes available.

We put several months to good use by commissioning Philip Ashton to make a short film to promote the Project. People from the district spoke from the heart about their needs for safe and secure independent housing and their fears of housing insecurity. Philip did a wonderful job: in less than five minutes, the essence of our Project is made clear. Philip donated his time and expertise with great generosity and community spirit; Dunolly is so fortunate to have access to Philip's professional talents and experience. Circulating the film to relevant Ministers and politicians has brought an encouraging response and the media coverage just reminds the community and politicians about the importance of this Project.

A letter received 30th September from the Department of Health and Human Services commits the Department to "liaise with the Hospital Auxiliary and Community Housing Limited when future funding programs are open". I take that as an encouraging sign, so fingers are crossed for further developments.

If readers have not yet seen Philip's film, take a look on YouTube. The link is <https://youtu.be/6Nk44E-by-g>

Fiona Lindsay OAM
President,
Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary



Photo from Goldfields Community News Page



Financial support measures extended

Central Goldfields Shire Council will extend its financial support measures to assist ratepayers, businesses and community groups with the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

Central Goldfields Shire CEO Lucy Roffey said Council made the decision to commence a review of its COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy at the 11th August Council Meeting.

“Council is committed to doing what it can to continue to support the local community as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have an impact. In March we moved quickly to implement the financial support measures to support our community with the premise that we would review the measures by the end of September. Whilst restrictions have started to ease, we know that through conversations with our local community, particularly through the work of our Economic Response and Recovery Taskforce, some of our local businesses and community are still doing it tough. We want to do what we can to alleviate the financial impacts of COVID-19. These measures will provide some financial relief and help build a stronger economic future for the Central Goldfields.”

The following measures will be extended to 31st March, 2021 and will be reviewed again at that time:

Ratepayers experiencing financial hardship

- Suspension of all current debt recovery action to 31st March, 2021
- Updated COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy - effective 1st October, 2020
- Extension of rate payments to 31st December, 2020 on request, with no interest
- Waived interest on overdue rates and waste charges extended to 31st March, 2021
- For persons suffering financial hardship, waived pet registration fees
- Business support
- Updated COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy will also apply to businesses
- Waiver of 2021 registration fees for food, accommodation, beauty, hair dressing salons and various permits.
- Payment of local suppliers weekly to improve business cash flow continues
- Waived rent for businesses occupying Council buildings and facilities extended to 31 March, 2021
- Ongoing dedicated business contact officer within Council
- Ongoing dedicated COVID-19 business support page on Council's website www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/covid-19
- Ongoing access to Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry support in partnership with Committee for Maryborough

Permits

- Waived outdoor dining fees and a simplified and streamlined outdoor dining application process now in place
- Extension of expiry dates for septic, building and planning permits for 12 months at no cost to 31 March, 2021

For information see Council's website:
www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au



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Fitted face masks

Council would like to remind the community that fitted face masks which cover the nose and mouth, must now be worn when you are outside your home. Face coverings such as bandanas, scarves and face shields are no longer applicable. This change became enforceable from Sunday 4th October. For more information, visit the Department of Health and Human Services website www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-and-coverings-covid-19

Loddon Project update

Council staff and 186 community members have contributed to the first stage of the Loddon Community Vision. Four strong themes emerged from the consultation. The first two were a strong sense of community intrinsically linked to the identity of the Council area, and drive for greater prosperity through attraction of industry, business, and population. The two remaining themes were: natural environment which supports tourism, outdoor activities, agriculture, and a way life, and equity of access to infrastructure, services, and retail to support quality of life.

These themes will be explored in more detail during the next phase of the Community Vision engagement. This next phase will start after Council elections and will include the formation of the Community Reference Group, five community workshops (either in-person or online) and sending out reply paid postcards to seek further input from the community. For more information regarding the Loddon Project visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Community-Engagement

Let's Pivot

Loddon Shire has partnered with councils from around the region and the not-for-profit Make A Change Australia to bring a new program which supports community leaders, organisations, and individuals to change their strategy without changing their vision. Community and professional development will be delivered free of charge and provided entirely online. This started on 1st October and continues until 31st March 2021. It will deliver inspiration, information, digital connectivity, adaptation ideas, and real time support to wherever you work best. All members of the community are invited to participate in any way that suits; info-mailers, Zoom discussions, online community, resource toolkit and more. To find out more and to subscribe, visit <https://makeachange.org.au/lets-pivot>

A great time to Go Local First

With regional Victoria now on the Third Step of Victoria's roadmap for reopening, it is now even easier to Go Local First. This Third Step has included the easing of some restrictions for our local hospitality and tourism industries, making it an ideal time to explore our region and enjoy food and drink from local cafes and coffee shops, hotels and bakeries. The Go Local First campaign encourages communities to back small businesses by buying goods or services from them either in person or online. This campaign is part of the response to the impacts of COVID-19 on our small business sector. To find out more visit www.golocalfirst.com.au

The campaign is funded by the Federal Government and delivered by the Council of Small Business Organisations Australia (COSBOA).

COVID-19 business information and support is also available from Council's website www.loddon.vic.gov.au/COVID-19/COVID-19-business-support

Our Flynn Ward Candidates

Voting in local council elections in Victoria this October will be by post.

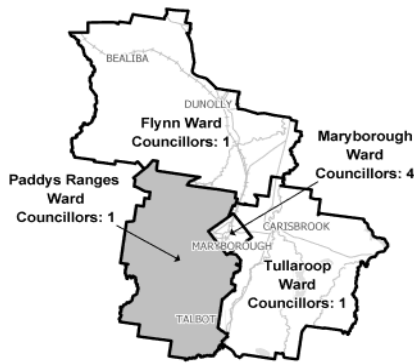
Ballot packs are being mailed from 6th to 8th October.

The ballot pack will contain:

- a ballot paper attached to statements and photographs lodged by the candidates in your council or ward
- voting instructions
- a ballot paper envelope with a flap
- a reply-paid envelope.

Before **6pm on Friday 23rd October 2020** you must: make sure your vote is in the mail* or deliver it in person to your local election office — Central Goldfields Shire Council Offices, 53 Burns Street, Maryborough.

* Local mail clearance times vary. Check your local mail clearance times so your vote is in the mail on time.



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- Preserve our rural lifestyle.
- Implement growth and reform through my experience and capabilities to produce thriving, actively engaged communities.



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Church News
No services at any churches
until further notice

Catholic Church

“The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray. He guides the humble in the right path; He teaches His way to the poor”.

Psalm 24

Today enrich your life. Take time to become better acquainted with God.

Helen Steiner Rice

R Mcreddy

St John’s Anglican Church

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

Rev Canon Heather Blackman
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 Maryborough. Phone 5460 5964

“Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus”.

Philippians 3.13b–14

Readings 4th October 2020
 18th Sunday after Pentecost
 Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3.4b-14
 Matthew 21.33-46

Esmé Flett

Uniting Church

This week the Church Council is having a meeting on Zoom on Thursday night at 7.30pm. This is a first for us as a meeting, but as you all know we use Zoom a lot in this church. We were so lucky to have Rev Gordon Wild set us up for this and we are getting better at it, but a few things have to be sorted out. Our op shop is still closed but we hope soon to open it again. Let’s keep our fingers crossed. We will join the Uniting Church Zoom on Sunday again at 10am anyone can join with us just by ringing Linda Pickering and she will tell you how.

Jean Richardson

Face Recognition

With the unprecedented times and circumstances (one of which is the wearing of face masks) have you had the problem recognising friends and people who speak to you? I have had someone shout “Hello” or wave or strike up a conversation and there is the moment when you wonder “Who are you?” These may be people you would instantly know normally, or acquaintances you see occasionally, but when met unexpectedly you are left in a quandary. It may make you feel a little less silly because there are others that this is happening to!

I feed a group of magpies in the grip of winter when food may be in short supply. They seem to know my voice and recognise me when I walk close to home. Imagine my surprise when walking the dog I was swooped twice by the resident birds. I yelled “Hey, this is me, your meal ticket!” The magpie perched on a branch and I could hear a fat, grey magpie baby calling to be fed. It was then when the adult magpie and I had an eye to eye I realised I was wearing my face mask. The bird had no idea who I was — a stranger. I recalled about magpies relying on face recognition to tell who is friend or foe. I lowered my mask from my face and on the return journey I was left in peace. The consequences of the ‘Virus’ is affecting more than just us mere mortals.

Helen Jesser



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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ACTIVE DUNOLLY VIRTUAL CHALLENGE
LET’S GET ACTIVE THIS OCTOBER

- 1) Join the Active Dunolly Facebook group.
- 2) Post photos or videos of how you are being active during October into the group.
- 3) Each photo/video you post = one entry into the draw. The competition starts on October 1st.
- 4) Photos can be emailed to lauren@sportsfocus.com.au if you do not have a Facebook account.
- 5) All entries will be counted and the winners will be drawn on Saturday October 31st.
- 6) Thanks to Central Goldfields Shire Council & Healthy Heart of Victoria there are some great incentives up for grabs. These include: Basketballs, Tennis Racquets & Scooters
- 7) Photos/videos utilising the new recreation spaces account for 2 points into the draw. (tennis court, basketball court etc).
- 8) Ensure all activity is compliant with current laws, regulations and restrictions.

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Amazing transformation

I have a different type of good news story this week. I hope you enjoy the change of pace.

I was approached by our local doctor, Dr Tang at Dunolly Medical Centre, who wanted to encourage others in the community who think that losing weight is the impossible dream. He had some success stories which he wanted to share with everyone.

So move over *Biggest Loser*, no need for those awful boot camps. This is weight loss done in a friendly way, that encourages and supports you all the way.

This is Trevor Young's story.

Trevor was not a well man; he was very overweight and suffering from many health problems, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Trevor was on insulin and tablets to control his diabetes and medications for the other health issues.

He described for me how for his daughter's wedding he had a shirt especially made because of his size, and how uncomfortable he felt. He said he doesn't like seeing the photos of that day; they made him feel ashamed of his size.

At probably the right moment for him, he was talking to a work colleague who told him about a lifestyle program he had been following successfully. This piqued Trevor's interest and he did some research. This investigation gave him hope so, he decided to give it a go. Well what a good decision that turned out to be!

The lifestyle he discovered involved portion control, low carbs, and eating every two hours, he also walked every day as part of the program.

So the result: after 20 weeks Trevor found he had lost 18kgs. Not bad at all, in fact quite an astonishing result!

He has gone from being 112cm around the waist to 92cm and his shirt size has changed from 4XL to L.



Trevor's mother-in-law, Margaret Rainbow Before and after

Trevor, his wife and mother-in-law are a part of a large group of people in the Goldfields area who meet regularly, via Zoom, to support each other as part of a buddy system, they weigh in and talk about their journey, they feel supported at all times.

This is a small part of the story that the doctor wanted me to share with you as an inspiration for those who might be struggling with their weight.

Story Debra Sealey

Photos Trevor Young and Debra Sealey



Trevor before and after

But there is an even more important result in this journey. Trevor no longer has to take medication for his diabetes. It is not an issue now and his blood pressure and cholesterol levels have also improved into the healthy range.

I'm sure you will agree with me Trevor's weight loss journey has been nothing short of phenomenal and that he is truly inspirational. His story needs to be told.

Trevor also took his mother-in-law with him on his journey. She is also an inspiration, going from a size 22 to a size 18 since February this year. Her doctor is very pleased with her health at this moment and she hopes to be able to finish with her medications soon too.



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Brigades issue chimney warning after incidents



Local fire brigades are warning residents to ensure their chimneys are regularly cleaned and to watch the type of wood they're burning after receiving two call outs for chimney-related incidents in one week.

The Dunolly brigade was called out to a local property at around 3pm on Monday last week and discovered the flue of the home's chimney had become blocked.

Brigade captain Ken Duell said firefighters had no trouble bringing the incident under control but urged residents to keep an eye on their chimneys, even at the end of winter.

"The flue had heaps of creosote build up in it which had fallen down and blocked off the flue so the smoke was coming out the front of a heater," he said.

"It wasn't much of a fire and we had it under control straight away but they're lucky they were home and the fire didn't get into the chimney. It can be a pretty scary thing for the occupants. It's a bit unusual, normally you get chimney fires at the start of the year when people light up their fires for the first time. But having said that, you can get them this time of year because the heaters have been used all year and there's been a build up."

Captain Duell said the incident was a reminder to keep an eye on chimneys as well as the wood being used, and the importance of smoke detectors.

"We looked at the wood they were burning (at the Dunolly incident) and it was a bit too green, so just ensure what you're putting on the fire is dry," he said. "We also noticed there were no smoke detectors in the house so we gave the occupants a firm recommendation to install some. Smoke detectors are really important, they're not that expensive and could save a life."

The Maryborough Fire Brigade received an eerily similar call out just days later on Thursday afternoon last week to an Arthur Avenue property. Captain Darryl Wagstaff said it was "fortunate" the chimney involved was well built, allowing the fire to burn itself out with little issue.

"When the owner reported it to us there was about three feet of flames coming out the top of the chimney but it had died down when we got there," he said.

"The kitchen stove had been lit and some green wood had been used, which then ignited the soot in the chimney. The owner said they'd had it cleaned out but obviously the soot had built back up.

"We were very fortunate because the chimney was very solidly constructed, there were no gaps, breaks or missing mortar so we were able to let it burn itself out.

"It's a timely reminder for people to have their chimneys cleaned out. Different types of wood will have different effects on chimneys in terms of build up."

Story by Christie Harrison
Courtesy *The Maryborough Advertiser*

Active Dunolly Challenge

Who can believe it is October already? With the weather warming up, now is the perfect time to get out, enjoy the sunshine and be active.



This month, Healthy Heart of Victoria is launching the Active Dunolly challenge to encourage Dunolly residents to remain active and healthy.

To be part of the challenge, simply join the Active Dunolly Facebook group and post a photo or video each time you're active during this month. Every time you upload a photo or video is one entry to a prize draw.

Photos and videos might include:

- Work out selfies
- Working out in your backyard
- Bike ride
- Screen shot of your activity app
- Exercising in the lounge room
- Using Dunolly's basketball or tennis court
- If you enter photos and videos using the new basketball and tennis courts in Dunolly, these equal two points into the prize draw.
- There are plenty of incentives on offer — two basketballs, two tennis racquets and balls and two scooters with winners drawn on October 31.
- If you don't have Facebook, you can email your photos and videos to lauren@sportsfocus.com.au.
- For more information, visit the Active Dunolly or Healthy Heart of Victoria Facebook pages.

Noel Harvey, Administrator Comment
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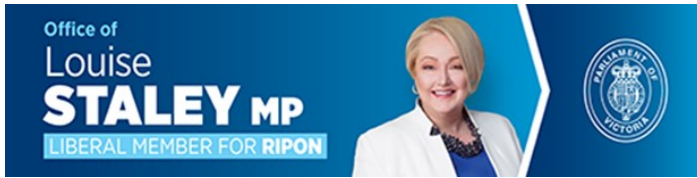
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Liberals to Rebuild the CFA

Liberal Member for Ripon, Louise Staley, and Shadow Minister for Emergency Services, Nick Wakeling, today launched the online consultation process with local CFA brigade members and volunteers to Rebuild the CFA.

This consultation process is part of the Victorian Liberals' Plan to Rebuild the CFA, with direct input provided by local CFA brigade members and volunteers as to how the CFA can be improved.

The Liberals' Plan to Rebuild the CFA will introduce legislation to restore the CFA's power to select, recruit and manage its own staff and wear the CFA uniform. This legislation will enhance the CFA's powers and responsibilities for the ongoing delivery of fire services in current CFA areas.

The Michael O'Brien led Victorian Liberal team will be consulting with Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV), CFA brigades and volunteers across Victoria to identify the essential powers, people and resources that are needed to rebuild and restore the CFA.

CFA volunteers are being asked to provide their direct input on how to best rebuild the CFA and can do so now via the website www.rebuildthecfa.com.au/volunteer/. Local in-person consultations will commence when it is safe to do so.

Community members wishing to show their support for their local CFA volunteers are also being asked to sign the petition at www.rebuildthecfa.com.au/.

Comments attributable to Member for Ripon, Louise Staley:

"The Liberals believe that the Andrews Government has undermined the CFA as an independent, volunteer-based firefighting service with the commencement of the new union-led organisation, Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV).

"We are deeply concerned that over recent years that thousands of CFA volunteers have left the service since Labor started this war against the CFA. Local lives, homes and businesses are at stake if we let our local CFA community crumble apart.

"That's why the Michael O'Brien-led Victorian Liberal team have a plan to REBUILD THE CFA.

"We want to hear from CFA volunteers about what works and what could be improved with our current system.

"I'm also asking community members to stand with our local CFA volunteers and show their support by signing the petition at www.rebuildthecfa.com.au/

New businesses in town

It is very exciting to welcome a new retail shop in our area — Yellow Dog Retail.

Linda Vater has a unique artistic flare and a keen eye for the unusual. She has livened up our lovely pocket on Broadway, especially as COVID-19 has been so trying on each and every one of us. We very much look forward to happier and stress free times with our valued locals and visitors.

As this is being read, we are all witnessing Ned Callow's transformation with a fantastic shed being built by the locals. This will become a tremendous drawcard when it is finished.

We are so very blessed to be part of our magnificent hamlet in Dunolly. May we all continue to support and above all unite with each other to enable Dunolly to grow and prosper.

Thea and Mal Hillier

Gold & Grain Re-opens

Such a pleasant surprise to discover the popular Gold & Grain café is now open for lunch and dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at present closing at 8pm. Linda and Georgine invite all regular customers and everyone else back to enjoy the excellent cuisine and great service.

It's hard to deny yourself dessert when you see the glass case brimming with luscious cakes. A glass of wine is always a pleasant accompaniment to a good meal and the café has a full liquor licence.

One can't go past the delightful ambience with the sun streaming in by day and the cosy evening atmosphere. You may prefer to sit out on the decking in this balmy weather and enjoy the surrounding garden. Take-away meals are also provided. All COVID-19 regulations are strictly adhered to.

Cynthia Lindsay

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Nancy chatted with Director of Nursing Donna Bell and expressed interest in donating the funds, as her way of honouring the officers who were killed in the line of duty.

Nancy said, "All the police officers do a wonderful job and I am very sad they went to work and were killed doing their job"

Pictured is Nancy Beasley handing over the cheque to our resident police officer Barry Taylor

Supplied by Tara Cramer MDHS



DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

Very warm conditions greeted the 20 players who competed in the first round of the Brian Watts Matchplay. Spirited competition was in evidence, and most of the matches were closely fought. The eight winners will compete in the second round this Saturday, so good luck to all of you. The Ladies division will take place from this Saturday also.

This Saturday will also see us conduct the Bill Willmott Memorial Trophy, a Stableford event for Men and Ladies which has been held for many years in memory of the Willmott family, who were great supporters of DGC for many years. This is a board event which is an important part of our calendar, so I would encourage as many players as possible to attend.

The overall result last week saw Darren Hunt on 38 points winning the Men's division, from Cooper Polinelli and Ian Arnold on 36. The Ladies winner was Shenae Hunt with 37 points.

Faye Arnold

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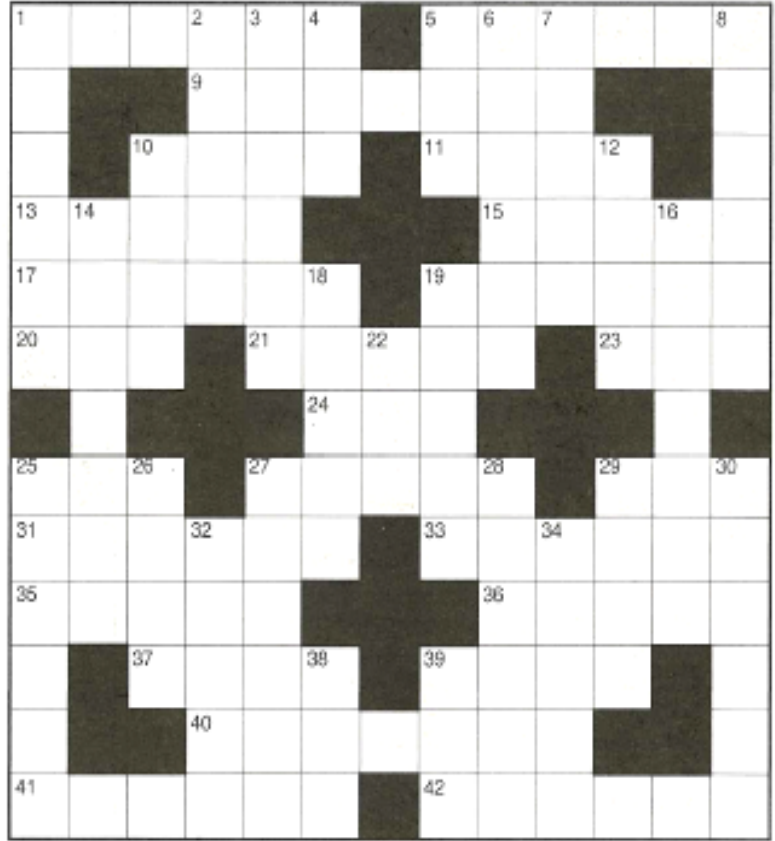
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- Across**
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 5. Resulting outcome
 9. Inflammation, especially of respiratory tract
 10. Small flower bunch
 11. Nigh
 13. Explode with rage
 15. Travelled in plane
 17. Glossy fabric
 19. Re angrily agitated
 20. Active insect-eating bird
 21. Detection system using the echo of radio waves
 23. As slippery as an _____
 24. Liquid distilled from wood or coal
 25. Fasten with thread
 27. Moroccan capital
 29. Use sense of sight
 31. Yarn used for embroidery and tapestry

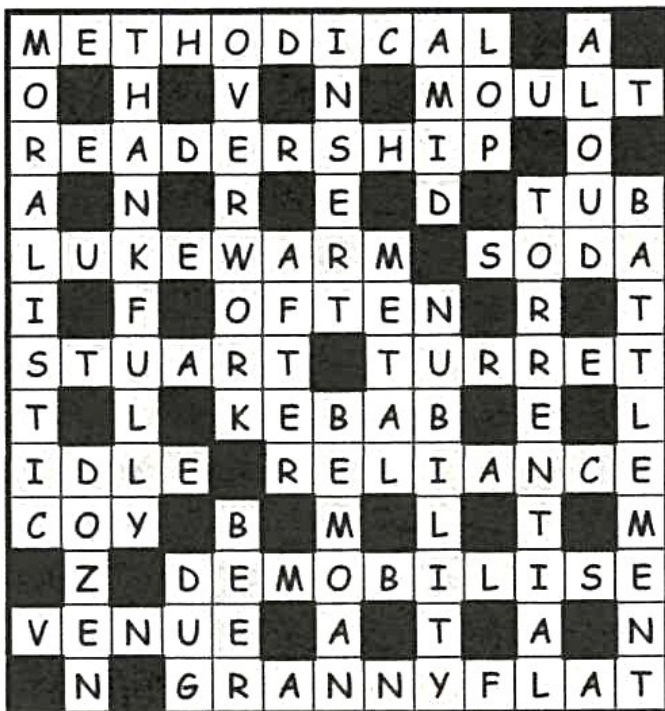
33. Book of holy songs
35. A Laotian, eg.
36. Short break
37. U.S. actress, _____ Hayworth
39. Singer of *White Christmas*, _____ Crosby
40. Fine wood particles
41. Frantic activity, hustle and _____
42. Flower's pollen-bearing organ

- Down**
1. Trustworthy
 2. Range covered by subject
 3. Chilean dependency in South Pacific, _____ Island
 4. Pig pen
 5. Container for hot drink
 6. To like better
 7. Rock formed from compressed clay
 8. Dig underground passage
 10. Golfer's short stroke
 12. Memorisation by way of repetition
 14. NRL team, Canberra _____
 16. But on the other hand
 18. Pertaining to birth

19. Aust. supermodel, _____ Murdoch
22. Pat with damp substance
25. Black beetle
26. Dam across river or canal
27. Amount paid to landlord
28. One who operates text-generating machine
29. Close-fitting
30. 1100 per cent
32. Slender part of torso
34. Fish with large fins
38. Overwhelming admiration
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The Collecting Bug – The Changing Face of Op Shops

In some of my previous articles I have made reference to a few of my op shop purchases, some of these made very early on in my collecting career.

The subject of reselling of goods bought from a charity has always been contentious; everyone has an opinion, but for me, with 45 years of op shop purchases behind me, there is no dispute.

As we all know, the focus of many of these shops has evolved over recent years, changing with the times, with many being upgraded into commercial operations, with little emphasis on the charity. Many are now targeted at the new generation of buyers, especially in designer clothing and homewares, often with inflated prices to match.

When I made my first purchase of a depression glass lemon squeezer, at a Salvation Army store in Wollongong NSW, in 1975, it was purely from a nostalgic perspective, being able to buy one like my mother used to own; I kept that and many subsequent purchases for many years.

As part of my position managing a charitable organisation in NSW in the 1980s, I also ran an op shop; a large operation, with over 20 regular volunteers. I do admit to purchasing a few items from the shop, but only after they had been priced; I still have most of these, so they were not for the purpose of resale. Even in the 1980s, our op shop had made a regular profit of around \$12,000 pa, a substantial amount for those days.

When I opened my first collectables shop in 1991, I did purchase some stock from Canberra op shops on occasions. In those days the general public did not have much of a clue as to what things were worth, so it was inevitable that I bought some items which ended up making a substantial profit. Reselling was not considered a problem in those days anyway, nobody really cared what you did with it (most was considered 'junk' or just what the volunteers' parents had owned, so they didn't attribute any value to it) their main object was to make whatever money they could for the charity.

The shops fulfil many roles within any community and many of these were covered in an article I wrote on our local op shop some time ago. Apart from the fundraising aspect and the provision of low-priced clothing and household goods, they provide material for the upcyclers and repurposers who haunt the op shops with a view to expressing their creative talent through their purchases. Many internet empires are built on such artistic ventures. Back to the subject of collectables. A friend and I have made many trips to shops in other country towns over the past few years and I always have come home with boxes of treasures, both for my own collections and for resale. I also frequent the local shops and others when I am travelling. My pet hate is the trend these days for many op shop managers to research potential 'collectable' items, by viewing the selling prices on eBay. They then base their pricing on some figure that a prospective seller has plucked out of the air, not on the actual price for which it has sold. This has led to the trend of overpricing in many shops, resulting in slower sales. To me, having been an op shop addict for many years, it seems to me to be common sense to price things reasonably, where they will move on at a faster rate. Of course, even then, most volunteers will let valuable items escape their notice at some stage, but to

me, as long as the charity is receiving money for the donated goods it should not be an issue.

On the other hand, I have often advised volunteers to increase the price of an item, as I know it will be in demand.



I have been an eBay seller for 20 years now and have always followed the trends in a variety of areas, often advising others of the best way to sell their own purchases. Many bargains are to be had in op shops, as volunteers can hardly price a single fridge magnet or a resin Smiley Face napkin holder at over \$50, which is what it may realise on eBay or on a Facebook selling group. I have often bought some of these more popular, but hard-to-find fridge magnets for a dollar or two, watching them reach \$50 or \$100 online; most magnets however are barely saleable, even at 50 cents! It is just a matter of knowing what you are looking for I guess!



So many people have now turned to selling online and they rely on op shops as one of their main sources of stock, so the ethical debate has now lost momentum. The many Facebook Op Shop groups are growing by the day; one even has 60,000 members. The buying trends in many of the Facebook collecting groups are heavily concentrated on anything retro, kitsch or plastic, with canisters and resin items being some at the top of the list. Older Australian pottery is also highly sought-after and these groups also have many thousands of members.

In my opinion, shops who overprice their goods are only limiting their market and with the expected deluge of stock from people who have been piling up their cast-offs during the lockdown period, it will be in their interests to keep their prices low and move on their stock. At least that way it is not ending up in landfill.

Having said that, our favourite Dunolly op shop has always been exemplary in all regards, with well-priced goods and a friendly environment for both volunteers and visitors alike. We are really looking forward to the time when it reopens – a little bird tells me that it might be fairly soon!

Jenny Scott

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Dunolly's Queen Victoria, with her Union Jack flagging in a welcome for the high wheelers as they roll past the Town Hall.



LEFT. 'Queen Vicky', Rachel Buckley, at the memorial built at Gordon Gardens, during the event's run lunch stop. This memorial was built in 1887 to celebrate Queen Victoria's 50 years on the throne. Dunolly was a very important gold town at that time, with many patriotic British miners, business people and locals who financed and erected the memorial.

This was The Veteran Car Club of Australia's 14th Bi-Annual Rally, held in October, 2019, and this time, it was based at Maryborough, Vic. We caught up with them at Dunolly, 22km from Maryborough, at lunchtime on the Saturday, when they drove into town and parked at Gordon Gardens, just off the main street, for a prepared lunch.

Local identity 'Queen Victoria', Rachel Buckley, a retired show business identity and opera singer who plays the queen, welcomed the tour group into town and entertained them at lunchtime. She pointed out in a welcoming speech, "These newfangled contraptions will never catch on and will never replace the horse and carriage." Later in the day, she was taken for a spin around the block in one and that may have changed her mind.

The rally attracted devoted entrants from most states, including two from Western Australia, as well as visitors from Wales. The horseless carriage or motor buggy vehicles were mainly American and were well suited to the unmade roads of the American west, as found here in Australia in the first 20 years of last century.

There is a very good video clip on YouTube of the Dunolly visit. Check it out on The Veteran Car Club of Australia site.



A 1910 International Auto Buggy from Western Australia. They were very popular, selling through their established farm equipment agencies.



ABOVE. A Sears Motor Buggy, sold by the American chain store company Sears & Roebuck.

RIGHT. A Schacht Motor Buggy heading the line-up. Some 8,000 were built in Ohio, USA, from 1904 to 1914.



All rugged up in their Schacht Motor Buggy, coming into the township of Dunolly.



An International Auto Wagon. From 1912, the only truck-based models, discontinuing the wheeler models in 1917.



Starting up from the side crank is unusual.



Out in the elements, heading down the highway primitive as they appear, they can make good over long distances.

