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Now situated at Thomson Street, Dunolly

Dennis Lummis is a very local local, whose family span six generations, counting his two small grandchildren. Dennis has been my motor mechanic, and later his son Chris as well, for many years. Until recently they operated in their big workshop on the Lummis property on Goldsborough Road but have recently moved to

Thomson Street, next to Brett Shrubsole's erstwhile panel beating shed, now another Ned's shed.

Dennis' great grandfather bought the Goldsborough property in the mid 1800s, making him one of Dunolly's early pioneers. Dennis served his apprenticeship as a teenager at Hall's Garage in the 70s and established his own business in 1994 in Goldsborough Road.

When I visited Dennis the other day I was transfixed by the amazing job he and Chris have done, a work in progress over the last five years. They have converted a run-of-the-mill shed into a state-of-the-art-affair. In the big car park there are labelled spots for clients' cars; then at the front a very smart office with a timber customer counter, chairs for waiting, and shelves of motor parts for sale. Behind this, there is a fully equipped kitchen, where we did our interview. There is a huge workspace for carrying out motor repairs on cars, tractors and trucks.

Chris also has a mobile air conditioner service. Anyone who has heard about my air conditioner woes will envision me clutching my head in despair when I discovered a solution was right on my doorstep, however, I went further afield to only to find more disasters.

Do have a look at the new Lummis premises and you will be most impressed.

Cynthia Lindsay

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Some restrictions have been lifted, and more people can get out for longer. Must be a great thing for city people who have been really shut in.

Came out the other morning in search of breakfast and noticed a strange deposit on the kitchen floor. What creature had left that behind? It must live in the house as all the doors are locked at night. Closer examination revealed what it was—a piece of chocolate that had fallen off the mini ice cream I had eaten for supper the night before. There is nothing wrong with my eating habits .

Had another glimpse of the life of ducks at Princes Park. Just after some people who had been eating at one of the tables left, two domestic shaped ducks came belting along from the lake and began to clean up the scraps around the table. Next thing, a small army of similar ducks swept in and the original two left, having eaten most of the left-overs. (By domestic ducks I mean Khaki Campbell type - they stand upright to run)

I've been treating myself to a bunch of lilies every couple of weeks — the tight buds open slowly, and give me a week or more of beauty. I have had pink lilies, apricot lilies and this week's are a lovely terracotta colour. I also have been picking the sweet peas, trying to keep up with the flowers as they bloom.

I have found a new book to quote from — it has drawings of birds and animals with amusing comments. Some need the picture with them, but others stand on their own. I hope you enjoy them.



Keep Calm

Do I exercise?

Well I once jogged to the ash-tray.

Will Self

Furry Logic

I always try to go the extra mile at work, but my boss always finds me and brings me back.

Jan Seabrook

Defibrillators available at —

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

In case of emergency, the defibrillators can be accessed at the above venues when they are open. The unit at the Town Hall is located in the breezeway outside and can be accessed at any time.

Important telephone numbers

Police: 000 Fire: 000

Ambulance: 000

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



LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor

Bring back civility and mateship

On reading Fiona's letter in last week's Record I decided that it was more than a coincidence that we share the same surname because the sentiments Fiona expressed were exactly mine.

Dunolly has been my home for the last 33 years. Mike and I were so happy, that we decided to buy the Licensed Grocers on Broadway, when we discovered what a friendly, little close-knit town we had chosen. Owning a business enabled us to meet so many people in quite a short time — townspeople, farmers, weekend prospectors, and we learned so much about the Goldfields district from our customers.

In all those years I cannot remember any hostile groups of people or factions dividing the town. Of course there are always a few disgruntled people whose complaints are usually fairly trivial, but the general feeling in Dunolly has always been a friendly one where everyone supports each other in times of need.

This is the first Council election I can recall where there have been false accusations and abusive threats levelled at people with no foundation. I sincerely hope that when the 2020 election is over and done with, Dunolly will again become that happy, friendly town we all love and deserve and the people responsible for the aggressive and divisive behaviour will creep back into their shells, where they rightly belong.

Cynthia Lindsay Dunolly

Dear Editor

Firewood dispute

There is absolutely no need for name calling. Rick has been going out to collect our fire wood for the past 17 years. He gets enough wood to fill our wood shed.

This year he has had to get extra because we used a lot, and are still burning wood. Like everybody else, we have gone through more wood than any other year.

Two years ago we had a complaint Rick was making too much noise cutting the wood so last season we got someone in with a bench saw so it was nice and quick. Now, this year, we have had a nasty threatening note left

on our windshield saying — "Stop taking so much firewood you "expletive". Leave some for others. I will report you."

The only way to see our wood pile is to come into our back yard or have extra long legs to see over our fence.

Carol Dodson

Poetry

Goldfield Pipe-dreams

I'm walking for the last time Out among the ironbark trees. I love the sounds of magpies And of busy working bees.



I see the holes of the goldfields
Where men dug for that longed-for find,
And there're signs of family living
All over where folks mined.

There're jars and tins and china, Tin baths and fire pots, too. Rusted cans and pans and junk, To name them --- just a few.

So I let my mind just wander --I hear children and their mothers call,
There're horses and dogs and goldfield noise
Among the ironbark tall.

I wonder what it'd been like back then?
The hardship and the cold,
Often not even enough to eat --All for the sake of gold!

I'm a happy little goldfield dog Walking with my dreams, And Dad just swinging the detector Over all the old goldfield seams.

To me it's just a pipe-dream; He never gets that 'find.' But I guess it keeps him happy And fills his retirement time!



Poems by Pebbles, An Educated Dog! Pen-pusher Mardi Smith Published 2014

October is Planning Month #2 What have you packed in your Emergency Kit?

Your Emergency Kit should contain essential items like:

- ⇒ important documents
- ⇒ Water
- ⇒ a mobile phone and charger
- ⇒ medicines
- ⇒ a change of clothes

For more suggestions see:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/what-to-take-with-you Stay tuned at the end of next week for October is Planning Month #3!

Paul Tangey Community Engagement Coordinator



Be COVID safe and don't forget to include face masks and hand sanitiser





Time to allow indoor services in regional churches

Churches and places of worship in Ripon and across regional Victoria must be allowed to recommence indoor services with COVID-safe plans, Member for Ripon Louise

Religious organisations have been prohibited from holding indoor ceremonies with worshippers for most of the period since the COVID-19 pandemic started in March. Now with case numbers at zero for nearly all of regional Victoria, it is time to allow indoor religious services for worshippers to recommence.

"Right across Ripon, religion is a hugely important aspect of many people's lives," Ms Staley said.

"As most of regional Victoria has been COVID-19 free for many weeks now, it is time to allow people of faith to attend indoor services at their local church."

"I've been contacted by both individuals and leaders of faith communities. They are all asking when they will be able to come together indoors to worship and celebrate their beliefs," Ms Staley said.

Ms Staley said it made little sense for hospitality venues to accommodate customers indoors with density limits but not allow the same for religious gatherings.

"Church leaders have assured me they are ready to hold ceremonies with their communities in attendance again, in a COVID-safe way."

"If we can support local pubs, cafés, and restaurants by allowing them to have people indoors with density limits of one person per four square metres, why can't we allow religious gatherings to do the same under the same rules?

"This is a time when many people are starting to lose hope. Reconnecting with their faith communities will allow people to support each other and rekindle that hope. It's time to let faith communities welcome people into their churches safely."

From the office of Louise Staley MP



St Johns Church December 2015 Picture sourced from: https://dunollymuseumsite. wordpress.com/churches/



Community Bank Maldon & District



Highlights from another strong year

Hot off the press is Maldon & District Community Bank's 2020 Annual Report. It has all the news and highlights of the community projects, programs and events that shared in \$120,000 of community partnership funding in 2019/20. Look out for photos and stories of your community group; and find out how the profits from local banking and financial services have supported community groups, sporting clubs, schools and health services throughout the region. It's a simple way of helping your community, just by people and businesses banking locally.

"This year's Annual Report celebrates another successful year, despite the challenges experienced during COVID-19," said Branch Manager Adam Balzan.

"The Maldon & District Community Bank, and our branches in Dunolly, Maldon and Newstead, have continued to achieve great results in the last 12 months, ensuring that we can continue to empower our communities and have far reaching community impact through our community partnership program."



This year's front cover features Anders from Dunolly Primary School. Anders is keeping warm in his new school beanie thanks to the Community Bank's 2020 Spark Grant.

Strona business enabled the Community Bank board to set aside \$125,000 for a grants program in 2021, to assist community groups and clubs as they emerge from COVID-19.

Funding in 2019/20 supported safer young drivers with 30 people participating in the bank's learner driver courses. A new business action plan program was initiated in 2020 to support local businesses navigate through the changed COVID-19 landscape. The 19 businesses that graduated from the program have gained confidence, and developed skills and knowledge to strengthen their businesses. And funding to local primary schools through the Community Bank's Spark Grants Program has provided a boost to our students during a difficult year.

You'll find more great stories and community impact in the Annual Report which can be accessed via the bank's website: www.maldoncb.com.au.

You can also hear more at the Community Bank's Annual General Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 28th October. The AGM will be a virtual meeting this year, which means you can "attend" online via Zoom.

"In what has been a year like no other, the Maldon & District Community Bank branch and board would like to thank the community and our customers for their continued support of the local Community Bank that services communities and businesses throughout the Dunolly, Maldon and Newstead districts," said Adam.

If you'd like to view the AGM please contact Executive Karly Smith on 04784 435 110 execuitveofficer@mdcb.cm.au to receive a formal invitation.

> Karly Smith **Executive Officer**

Saturday 31st October 2020 Have a Colourful (not Creepy) Happy Halloween!



There's no doubt about it, this year has had its own dose of scariness, so why not add some cheer to Halloween this year with some colourful, not creepy, craft ideas with fun themes and bright colours.

Shannon Wong-Nizic, craft expert and owner of ohcreativeday, an online parenting resource, said that little children can often find Halloween symbols and imagery quite frightening and so lightening it up with fun colours and getting immersed in non-spooky craft can help ease their fears.

"Craft can be so much fun for little ones and you don't have to go crazy buying up half a craft shop – just a few simple materials are all you need," she said.

Here are Shannon's top tips for colourful, not creepy Halloween crafting:

- **1 Process not product** when children get creative, it's powerful to let them have ownership over their project. Try to avoid micro-managing the process and let them create as they please.
- **2 Get stuck in** roll up your sleeves and have a go alongside your children. Just create what is in your mind and let them create what's in theirs. It can be incredibly bonding and it's a great way to have fun and connect with your kids.
- **3 Comfort zone** if the thought of craft sends shivers up your spine then stick to the basics. Forget multiple fabrics, glitter and textiles just go with the low mess option. Colours, glue, scissors and card are really all you need. I really love Pilot's Pintor Paint Markers. They have 24 amazing colours including metallics and pastels so you can get even more creative. I have used them this Halloween to develop a Bat Mask, Trick or Treat Bag and a colourful Ghosty Mask and I'm sharing these on my *Instagram* page, ohcreativeday
- **4 Boost confidence** if your littlies ask for help, try and use open-ended questions such as: "How can I help you?" or, "Where would you like me to cut/glue/ stick?" That means even though I'm helping them with parts of their projects, they still have full control over the process which encourages confidence.

Shannon Wong is a teacher, mum of three and avid crafter. An enthusiastic fan of pom poms, PVA and paint, she runs popular blog and online parenting resource dedicated to all things creative, https://ohcreativeday.com/ and has more than 30,000 followers on Instagram.

To download Shannon's Halloween Pintor craft templates, visit: www.pilotpen.com.au/activities

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News from

the Dojo

It's been a while since we have had any news to report. COVID has basically put training on hold for the past six months for our members, but we are very grateful that we have been able to resume training again.

The current COVID restrictions means only small groups can train and it has to be outside training.

Admittedly every Monday we cross our fingers (and toes) and pray for good weather. So far we have been blessed with nice conditions to train in, and it's been a pleasant change to get outside — and it will only get better as the weather warms up.

It's nice for the Karate students to experience outdoor training, traditionally when karate first began there were not the comfortable dojo buildings we have these days. It was hard intense training outdoors.

Although we've been forced to change our class structure because of the COVID guidelines, it's fantastic to see almost all of our students have returned.

Even some past students have decided to come back and start training again.

Now is a terrific time for any past students to come back, because if they are worried about being "a little bit rusty" Don't worry! After almost six months of little to no training most of us are a little bit rusty and out of practice.

This term there won't be a grading, instead we will help everyone get their Karate skills back up and most importantly set some fitness and Karate goals.

While there are several different styles of martial arts, there is only one Karate School here in Dunolly.

Karate is fantastic for all ages and fitness levels, and has a significant mental and physical benefit .

For anyone looking at starting Martial Arts, we highly recommend:

Visit the DOJO (training Centre).

Meet the instructor! Make sure you feel comfortable with the instructor. Here at our Dunolly Dojo, your Karate instructors are Troy Hoban and Andy Guelen.

(Two local fellas! So you may already know them) These two qualified coaches are the instructors here at Dunolly

The dojo should be a safe and friendly environment, with only qualified instructors.

Our instructors are black belts with accredited coaching certificates.

Your instructor must have first aid.

Your instructor must have a current police check and working with children check (Which can be shown upon request).

As a reputable dojo, we are affiliated with the Australian Karate Federation and pride ourselves on our high standards

We train Monday nights (except school holidays and public holidays). And members are welcome to do extra training by attending our Maryborough dojo on Wednesdays.

You can find us on *Facebook* by searching Dunolly Karate DOJO.

Free trial for all new members, and family discounts available. For more information -

https://m.facebook.com/kokorokaikaratedunolly/posts/?ref=page_internal&mt_nav=0

Troy Hoban Dunolly Karate Dojo

Media Release



Central Goldfields Business Community recent information from Council, recovery opportunities and assistance

Free posters for shops

Our Economic Development Team has come up with a short run of posters to assist our shopkeepers. Given the current restrictions on visitors from areas with a tighter lock-down, we wanted to help our retailers tell visitors "We Love You!", but to secondly broach the question of where they came from, that we may need to ask their postcode and see their drivers' licence. We have deliberately used language that invites them back when it's appropriate for them to be here.

Posters are being dropped off at most hospitality businesses in Maryborough; but we are also leaving some at the NewsXpress newsagent in Maryborough and the Dunolly Bakery so you can easily collect one. More resources may be found at an Australian Government webpage. It has a lot of assets in it! Take a look at https://www.australia.gov.au/covidsafe-resources

Premier's statement Sunday18th October 2020

From the Premier:

"From tonight, regional libraries and toy libraries will be able to open to a maximum of 20 people indoors.

People will be able to hold outdoor religious gatherings with up to 20 people – and 50 from 1st November.

And in good news for our regional hospitality businesses, they'll be able to host up to 40 customers indoors and up to 70 outdoors from 11:59pm tonight."

Read the Premier's "Summary of easing of restrictions at 11:59PM on Sunday 18th October and Sunday 1st November" https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-10/Regional%20VIC_Easing%20of% 20Restrictions_.pdf

For more detail and information visit:

ww.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19

To get a fuller idea of what Council is doing is response to COVID-19 to help businesses recover visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/Council/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Information/What-is-Council-doing-in-response-to-COVID-19

Council Election and caretaker period

Central Goldfields Shire Council Election will be held on Saturday 24th October, 2020 and is run by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Councils must comply with special arrangements in the lead up to the elections, known as the caretaker period. This is in accordance with the Local Government Act. For the 2020 Council election, the election caretaker period will be from 12 noon, Tuesday 22nd September to 6pm, Saturday 24th October.

SunRCS "Rural business connections" Program and councelling Services

Business Connections Program

SunRCS offers a Rural Business Connections program that assists clients with starting and growing their small business or community initiative.

Rural Business Connections provides business information in easy to understand language, identifies options available to business owners and assists them to develop an action plan to help them take control of their business. There are webinars available as part of the program.

Website - ruralbusinessconnections.com.au See www.facebook.com/ruralbusinessconnections/

Counselling Service

SunRCS offers a financial counselling service to help get your business through the pandemic, rather than a personal counselling service for mental health. SunRCS has been funded by the Victorian and Commonwealth governments to expand their service at this time. Website - www.sunrcs.com.au

See https://facebook.com/RFCSVictoriaNorthWest

\$3 billion Package for business survival and adaption

The Victorian Government is investing \$3 billion to help businesses impacted by ongoing restrictions and prepare for COVID Normal business.

\$3 billion in cash grants, tax relief and cash-flow support will be delivered to Victorian businesses that have been most affected by coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. The package will help businesses survive and keep Victorians in jobs.

CGSC News



AGM Notice

The Dunolly & District Neighbourhood Centre's AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 11th of November. By 1st of November we will be able to open with limited numbers inside. So get your mind set and get out of lockdown mode! Wouldn't that be nice?

As the end of the year is rapidly approaching the Committee will make some decisions on what we can operate from the centre and what we can't. But rest assured 2021 will be full on!

There will be more details as and when I get the right information.

Take care and stay safe! Want more information?

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

Sharon Hiley Coordinator



A conundrum English

I know I am getting older and technology has advanced faster than I can comprehend; now I find that English has changed and I don't know how or when.

I was taught that the possessive case came before a gerund (the noun ending in 'ing' acting as a verb) e.g. our going overseas; his coming home; you're reading this; my having used.

These days I read and hear the objective case's use e.g. us going; him coming; you reading; me having.

Has the English language changed or is it being misused? When if ever did this change happen?

Carolyn Butler

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOC. INC.

All ballot papers should have the post date 23rd October 2020 stamped on them or earlier, or delivered to 53 Burns Street election office by now. We wish all candidates every success and welcome our own elected Councillors for the next step in our development.

CGR&RAI has not advertised or supported any individual candidate or candidates, we have offered our assistance to all candidates and will work with the newly community elected councillors. Individually each member has their own preference which we respect, but as an organisation we have endeavoured to remain completely neutral. One of the big indicators of assessing the direction of our Shire is the Annual Report. Due to the COVID-19 situation last year's Annual report has been allowed to be submitted in November 2020.

Our draft Annual Report was listed for tabling in September 2020, then deferred to October 2020 and was not listed in the October agenda as of Sunday 18th October 2020.

In an Annual Report is a summary by our CEO of their interpretation of the Shire's development progress, achievements and growth in the past year. One huge part of our development is planning, for our Shire to attract growth, industrial and residential, the efficiency and smooth running of our planning department is crucial.

Confidence in our planning department by developers is the key here.

The following figures and statements are from page 39 of the Central Goldfields Shire Annual report 2018/2019

Year of 2016 2017 2018 2019 report

Planning – Central Goldfields Shires Planning Performance Cost

\$1584.96 \$1915.36 \$1980.65 \$2875.51

(Direct cost of the statutory planning service / Number of planning applications received)

Days for decision

55 74 57 93

(Number of regular planning application decisions made within 60 days)

Applications approval

57.65% 62.58% 51.61% 32.11%

(Number of regular planning application decisions made within 60 days)

Our CEO began in March 2018 and now has had two full years in charge of our Shire.

Council's reasons for blowouts across the board. There has been an increase in complex applications over the past two reporting periods. There has also been a high amount of staff turnover and recruitment change in Council's planning department which has affected Council's ability to decide planning applications within the required timeframes.

Our councillors rely on reports like the Annual Report and the Satisfaction Survey to give them an indication of how the Shire's direction and management is travelling. The figures indicate a downward direction with our Planning and in 2018/19 almost a 100% in a non productive direction. With the 2020 Satisfaction Survey and the 2030 Community Workshop results all highlighting major concerns in planning, one could not anticipate what effect those reports would have on the 2019/20 Annual Report. Waiting to see that report. There are so many aspects to the successful progression of our Shire. This is just one. We hope this gives the community a tiny insight into just one aspect of the running of all Shires.

Regards Wayne McKail President.



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Dunolly Arts Hub Virtual Arts, Crafts and Photography Exhibition 2020

This year has been a pretty challenging year for everyone and I for one as the volunteer coordinator of the Dunolly Arts Hub have been missing the events that I usually arrange throughout the year. We are trying to do the right thing, so this year I thought we could mix it up and have a digital virtual Arts and Crafts and Photography Virtual Exhibition for 2020.

I have put together this information guide to assist you in understanding the process that has been put in place to make this a safe, COVID free event.

The Arts and Crafts and Photography Exhibition will be put online on the Dunolly Arts Hub and Neighbourhood Centre Facebook pages for folk to see, there will also be copies of all artworks put on to USB to be viewed at Neighbourhood Centre and RTC. You the public will be able to vote online on Facebook pages (by clicking LIKE) or you can fill out a paper voting form that will be available at each viewing station, each entry will be numbered so you can record the number on the paper voting sheet.

Please bring your artwork or craft to the Arts Hub on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November between 9am -3pm.

I will be take photos of the entries on these days to upload to the online exhibition. Photography, in jpeg format., can be emailed to email address below, or bring the photo along and I will photograph it. All safety protocols will be observed — social distancing and masks will be worn.

The exhibition will be online for 10 days in November and December.

The cost to enter the exhibition will be a gold coin donation for each item entered. There is a limit of three

There will be "People's Choice" cash prize awarded at the conclusion of the exhibition, after we count all the votes.

Anyone who can not come to those photographic sessions can contact me and I will come to you to record your

If you have any questions, please call me to discuss options.

This exhibition is for all forms of art, craft and photography (ipeq files can be sent)

We want to see and share what the talented local goldfields folk have been doing during the COVID-19 lockdown

Please call or email Lynda Vater 0418 875 453 or lynda.vater@gmail.com

Lynda Vater

Dunolly Arts Hub

Arts and Crafts Virtual Exhibition 2020

Entry Form

Please bring this entry form with you to the Arts Hub on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November between 9am - 3pm

Entries can also be filled out on the day at the Hub.

Entry fee is a gold coin for each item.

There is a limit of three items if you have any questions, please call me to discuss options.

This exhibition is art-craft-photography. Photos can be sent in as jpeg files; art and craft can be in all forms. We want to see what the talented local Goldfields folk have been doing during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Lynda Vater 0418875453 or lynda.vater@gmail.com

Name of entrant	
What category? Artwork/craft/photo?	Please supply a short description of your work or what inspired you below
1.	
2.	
3.	



No services at any churches until further notice

Catholic Church

Still no opening up for indoor religious services.

R Mecredy

Lord, You have examined my heart and know everything about me -— you both precede and follow me, and place your hand of blessing on my head.

Psalm 139

Today plead for the Lord's guidance to show you what he has in mind for you to accomplish.

Helen Steiner Rice



Uniting Church

Zoom for the whole of this area right up to Swan Hill is getting better and better and more people are coming on board.

When we can go back to Church we hope to be able to see it still from our big screen. This is if they are still holding it.

No news when our op-shop will be open but we are frustrated when we see most of the other op-shops in our district are open! I cannot understand why small Churches in the region cannot have a service but that is just my opinion . I love this town and want to protect it too but... any rate that is all I will say. It was lovely to see Rev Bruce Gallagher zoom into our Church council meeting and we hope to see more of him. God Bless all of you Jean Richardson

St John's Anglican Church, Dunolly

Services have been suspended for the time being.

Rev Canon Heather Blackman Parish Office, <u>6 Nightingale Street</u>, Maryborough. Phone 5460 5964.

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. Matthew 22.21

Readings 18th October 2020 20th Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 33.12-23 Psalm 99 1Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-33

Esmé Flett

Stories from Cynthia

Continuing with my car saga, when I drove happily around in my Austin Healey Sprite I hankered to take it further afield and explore the northern coast and enjoy the warm weather. Two friends, a couple, decided they would like to come too, so away we went. We stopped in Sydney to visit the parents of one of my friends, and finished up collecting another passenger. He turned out to be a bit of a disaster but we liked him, crazy as he was. It was a tight fit for the ones in the back of my tiny car, so we all had to take turns. We settled in Cairns and rented a beach shack. Next thing I was being blandished by a champion water skier and I can even remember his name, Frank Van Ruth. Of course I thought I was the attraction but it turned out it was the car. One day Frank borrowed it and smashed it. In those days car parts were hard to find in Northern Queensland for anything but standard makes, so parts for my car had to come from Brisbane.

As a result I had to find a job and saw less and less of Frank. I realised then that the Sprite was the main attraction.

Back in in Melbourne I sold that car, as it was never the same after the accident.

When I got married, Dick and I bought a little Morris Minor with a hood and removable windows, very cute.

When our first child could talk she asked the car's name and her father told her it was a Morris, "Oh Mooris", she said, so from then on that car was Mooris. Many years later. I had a red Mazda station wagon, which I named Delilah, which was a terrible mistake because it behaved true to its name. My kids were teenagers at the time and more than once I noticed mud on the sides and wheels when leaving for work in the morning. I puzzled as to how I had managed this but as we lived on a dirt road dismissed it. Then one morning the keys were not on the hook by the door. My son was sprung as the keys were on his bedside table. It turned out that he had been going out late at night when everybody was asleep and taking friends for a joy ride. Shortly after this, I hit a big rock which made a hole in the floor in the front of the car and as luck would have it, the next day, the creek which ran across the road that I often took was flowing fast after the rain. In trying to ford it I got stuck in the middle and water came gushing in around my feet. I had to wade out and seek help at the pub. Good old Delilah!

When we moved to Dunolly, Mike and I bought a brand new Toyota Camry wagon, and that was a brilliant car. Travelling regularly interstate and weekly to Bendigo, we racked up a huge mileage, but always had it serviced on time and it gave us wonderful service for over 20 years.

Then, the year Mike died I was driving to Melbourne and halfway there a gasket blew, and that was the end of that great car. Prophetic!

Cynthia Lindsay



THE WELCOME RECORD

Dunolly Historic Precinct Committee Annual General Meeting: 28 th September 2020 **President's Report**

We have experienced a "Sleeping Beauty" year for the Historic Precinct: all plans for activities and public use have been in abeyance while COVID-19 restrictions are in place. However, we are fortunate that Council continued to contribute a Maintenance Grant of \$4,000 for this year and the Welcome Record has been able to continue publication a significant achievement in itself. Our income has enabled us to sand and seal the Town Hall floor and to paint the exterior of the Police Station. The painter assessed that the doors we thought required painting at the Town Hall could safely wait another year. Annual inspections of the emergency and exit lighting has been completed and several components required replacing, reminding us that this task is important.

We had anticipated that by this year's AGM the library would be operating in the Police Station. However, even Council projects can encounter delays with the Planning Department and this project is still waiting for a soil report. The HPC has scrutinised carefully the plans and process for the library to ensure:

The design and materials are sympathetic with the building,

- Interior modifications can be undone, if required,
- The garden is replanted.
- · Items removed in the redesign process are securely stored for their future re-use.

We are looking to use the upstairs storeroom of the stables for this purpose]

We appreciate Martin's commitment to being the bridge between Council and Committee for the Library Project and we welcome his support and presence at our meetings. We have also appreciated the involvement of the Shire's Administrators, especially Karen Douglas, for her enthusiasm for the Library Project.

Committee members had also hoped that the Court House would host the Tiny Towns art exhibition by this time and may even be ready for a second exhibition before Christmas. However, all that is on hold, though we do anticipate hosting one exhibition before year's end.

Similarly, there has been very limited visitor activity at the Historic Precinct this year, though our republished and updated Dunolly brochure is ready for distribution.

The review of guidelines is not yet completed for what have been Section 86 Committees under the former Local Government Act. This Committee is of the strong opinion that the category of Community Assets Management Committee in the new Local Government Act best covers our role and responsibilities and we look forward to reviewing a draft document to be prepared by Council.

The HPC also understands that Council is soon to receive a Victorian Government grant to improve nominated Council assets, such as the Historic Precinct, notably the Town Hall. We are not sure if the criteria can be extended to include the rest of the Historic Precinct as we have not viewed the guidelines for the grant. However, we have nominated projects in the Town Hall that are ready for completion. These are:

- To complete the stage lighting project,
- To sand and seal the Town Hall stage and balcony,
- To paint stage walls and clear away superfluous hanging equipment.

Additional work for the stage in terms of preserving and upgrading side panels and purchasing new side and rear drapes can wait for a further grant application.

The HPC has a long history of working effectively and transparently with Council to manage historic assets of State significance. We hope this will continue as new Councillors are elected and new Council staff are employed.

The HPC has offered to host orientation sessions for old and new Council staff to learn about the unique value of the Historic Precinct. We are concerned when plans or decisions are made about the Historic Precinct or that affect the Historic Precinct without the Committee's involvement from the beginning. Unfortunately, we have had no response to this recommendation. Similar on-site orientations are important for staff and Councillors not only in Dunolly, but across the Shire.

A recent addition to the Court House is what is said to be the original police desk from the first police station. It is now restored and located in the police room at the Court House.

A recent small community grant round funded by the Federal Government focussed on improving conditions for volunteers. Consequently, we submitted a proposal to purchase additional portable heating and fans for the Precinct and we hope to have some success.

This year is also a transition time for our Committee; Marion has taken leave from her offices as Secretary and Treasurer as she is a candidate for the forthcoming Council election, for which we wish her well. I propose we add positions of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer to see the Committee through the next couple of months so there will be people ready to carry on these important roles into next year if Marion is elected to Council. I am also retiring as President as I am leaving the district in December. I propose the Committee also adds a position of Vice President who can work with me over the next couple of months and then be comfortable about taking on the President's role from

Between now and December the Committee will have the annual review of hire fees and rent and will undertake a maintenance audit of the site to identify what, if any, work may be required in the coming year. Andrew Scott has regularly checked and cleaned spouts and down pipes on both sites and this work needs to continue.

As I come to the end of my tenure as President of the Historic Precinct Committee, I wish to express my appreciation for the many people who have been part of this Committee and have made so many contributions to our shared success. We have counted crockery, catered, cleaned, set up the hall, reviewed plans and budgets, hosted visitors and worked hard to encourage our community to use and take pride in the Historic Precinct. The Historic Precinct can be the heart of future tourism and cultural activities for decades to come.

To Marion, Jan, Judy, Jenny, Kath, Joe and our newest member, Tenar, my thanks for being such a good-spirited and committed team. You know I am only a phone call away if you need a hand.

> I table my report for 2020 Fiona Lindsay OAM



Old Court House, Dunolly Photo by Jenny Scott



Around school this week

2020 Parent Opinion Survey
We want our parents to tell us what they think

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents have been invited to participate in this year's survey via email. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 12th October to Friday 13th November.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek. The results will be communicated to parents through the annual report, *Facebook* updates and newsletter. Please speak to Tracey in the office on 5468 1111 if you would like more information.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 – Addison Thursby Year 5/6 – Eliza Condie Principal's – to be announced

Camps Sports and Excursions Fund 2020

Changes have been made to the 2020 Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to help support more families in need.

As many families are now facing financial difficulty due to COVID-19 the eligibility date has been extended from April 14th to October 5th. Parents who were not eligible at the start of the year but now have an eligible card can make a claim and receive 50% of the standard primary student rates.

Any parents who now have a valid means-tested concession card (e.g. healthcare, pension) can put in a claim for the CSEF.

If you did not claim the CSEF at the start of 2020 and now have an eligible card please call the school and ask Tracey to send home a claim form with your child.

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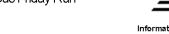
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Fire prevention inspections to start

Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (MFPO) will be starting fire prevention inspections throughout the Loddon Shire starting this Thursday 22nd October.

These fire prevention inspections are designed to help create a safer community by identifying and managing fire risks as we start to head into the warmer months.

The MFPO will inspect properties to assess whether landowners are maintaining appropriate levels of vegetation and reducing fuel loads – particularly in high-risk areas.

Property owners who have excess vegetation (for example large amounts of branches piled up, long grass or debris) will be issued with a fire prevention notice.

A fire prevention notice is a reminder for the property owner to reduce the fire risk. Residents have 14 days to comply with the notice or get in touch with Council to discuss the issue.

If the fire hazard is not removed, Council can organise for a contractor to enter the property and remove the hazard. This is done at the property owner's cost, plus a Council administrative cost.

A \$1,652 penalty infringement notice can also be issued to the landowner for a failure to comply with a fire prevention notice.

Residents are urged to help keep our community safe over the summer months by preparing your property now. This includes clearing long grass, leaves and branches, undergrowth and vegetation, ensuring gutters are clear, and removing rubbish and other flammable material lying around your property.

You can find out more about how to prepare your property by visiting www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

For more information regarding fire prevention inspections contact Council on 5494 1200.

Get Online Week

Goldfields Libraries is hosting a series of free online sessions this week as part of Get Online Week (19th to 25th October).

The sessions, which are small and beginner-friendly, will help to develop the skills needed to explore what's on offer online, including connecting with others.

The first session *Get Started with Zoom*, will be held on October 22nd 2pm to 3pm.

Connecting to Others (22 October from 10am to 11am). To find out more and to register go to www.facebook.com/pg/GoldfieldsLibraries/events/

Voting reminder

A reminder that completed Loddon Shire Council election ballots must be in the mail or hand-delivered to the election office by 6pm, Friday 23 October.

The election office is located at the Council Chambers at 37 Peppercorn Way, Serpentine.

With the elections being conducted by post, the VEC is urging voters to complete and return their ballot material as soon as possible to make sure their vote is received in time.

As the election for Terrick Ward is uncontested, voters in this ward are not required to vote.

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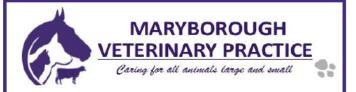
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- 6. Allay anger of
- 11. Starch used in making puddings
- 12. Weep loudly
- 13. Picture formed in mind
- 14. System of underground railway
- 15. Small Spanish meals
- 18. Hotel
- 19. Works properly
- 21. Spoil
- 22. Loud cry of donkey
- 23. Capable of being stretched
- 26. Start again after interruption
- 28. Hard mineral, source of zirconium
- 30. Legal right to take care of another
- 32. Financial institution

- Electrically charged atom
- 35. Lengthy
- 37. Exploit another for one's own gain
- 38. Unoriginal and hence boring
- 40. Californian port city, San
- 41. Exactly what is required
- 44. Object of religious worship
- 45. Abrupt increase
- 46. Reduce to subservience
- 47. Actor in Aust. from age 10, ____ Finch

Down

- 1. Part of hornet, eg., which inflicts wound
- 2. Back of the thigh
- 3. Swiftly
- 4. Manipulate in dishonest manner
- 5. Creator of verse
- 6. Argentinian plains
- 7. Weapons collectively
- 8. Up and about
- 9. Violent whirling wind
- 10. Hard dark wood
- 16. Loss of memory
- 17. 48th U.S. state
- 20. Attached with adhesive
- 22. Mineral of which the
- emerald is a variety

- 24. Large flightless bird
- 25. Raise one's hat respectfully, dip one's
- 27. Act of avoidance
- 29. Persistent faultfinder
- 31. Remain silent, hold one's
- 32. Cause to move (something) slightly
- 33. Requisites
- 36. Not concealed
- 38. Initiation rite of Aborigines
- 39. Defect in speech
- 42. Payable immediately
- 43. Length of existence

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Last Saturday saw a Stableford event played in excellent weather, with Shenae Hunt coming out on top of the Ladies Section, with Ian Arnold winning the Men's event with 41 points, from Patrick Pritchard on 36.

The semi finals of our two Matchplay competitions were played in conjunction with the regular event. The finalists of the Brian Watts Matchplay are Jamie Polinelli and Darren Hunt. Jenny Lovel and Shenae Hunt have made it through to the final of the June Lovel Matchplay.

The final of both events will be fought out on Friday, weather permitting. These two events are very important components of our annual golfing calendar, and I would like to wish the four players the best of luck in their respective finals.

This Saturday sees one last Stableford event for 2020, so please come along if you can and make it a great day.

The following Saturday, October 31st, will be our last day of golf, when we will play an Ambrose event to finish off the year. We will plan to finish play as early as possible, and have a BBQ and refreshments afterwards, adhering to COVID-19 regulations of course! We invite all members, social members, families and friends to come along and help us celebrate what has been a successful year, conducted in very trying circumstances.

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Spoonvilles — all the rage across Australia



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If you're very observant you might have noticed a little something extra has popped up in the Rene Fox Garden. I won't keep you in suspense. Spoonville has come to town.

What is Spoonville? I hear you ask. Well to those who asked that question Spoonville is an international movement started during this pandemic as a way Dunolly Rene Fox Garden to help the mental health of the community.

Spoonville originated in the English village of Winnersh and has spread across the world to become an international phenomenon. Spoon villages are popping up in the most unexpected places.

During the first lockdown we saw teddy bears and rainbows appear in windows, now in lockdown 2.0 there is another activity for children and communities to help them out of their doldrums. It is also a fun activity to do as a family, it gets people off their screens and into a more creative family space where you can communicate with each other without the distraction of technology.

People, and this includes the whole community, not just children, decorate spoons. What a wonderful idea during a time when people have been so isolated.

I stumbled upon a Facebook post a couple of weeks ago about a local woman who had started her own Spoonville in our area. We met and chatted about her contribution to this happening. Her name is Kristina Greenwood and her little event is on the corner of Kicks Lane and Dunolly Timor Road. It's been completely created by her and her teenage son, who have enjoyed the creation and planning of this experience and said that she is planning on starting another on the Maryborough end of Kicks Lane where there is more traffic to see the spoons. Kristina also said that she would welcome others contributing to her Spoonville.

When I left I couldn't help thinking that although Spoonville is worldwide, this little patch in Dunolly was one woman's symbol of hope during this dark time, she truly embodies the spirit of Spoonville.

Maryborough and Inglewood have already started their own little Spoonvilles, they have become quite popular.

So, people of Dunolly, let's show them our community is made of people who care and let's take the baton which is being passed on and run with it. Our community could do an awesome job of this it would be wonderful to see a veritable field of spoons in the Rene Fox garden.

Article by Deb Sealey

Photos from Deb Sealey, Kim Davies and Facebook For more information visit this website:

Originating in the English village of Winnersh, the trend was brought here by Junelle Wilson after she spotted her friend, Helen, create a Scottish Spoonville on the Isle of Mull. Wilson then soon began sprouting spoon villages in her hometown of Longwarry, Victoria.

https://www.beat.com.au/spoonville-the-new-phenomenon -reviving-community-spirit-all-across-melbourne/



Kicks Lane Dunolly Timor Road Spoonville







Inglewood Spoonville

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