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Dunolly Uniting Church Op Shop reopens



In last week's *Welcome Record*, the community was advised that the long-awaited reopening of our favourite Op Shop was to happen during the week. A great many flocked in during the first and second days, searching for bargains in their favourite categories, but also enjoying the familiar ambience of the surrounds. As I have mentioned in my previous articles, our Op Shop in particular, has become a hub in the community, providing a relaxed and friendly social atmosphere for both volunteers and visitors.

I have also highlighted the increasing markets for which such shops now provide and these will only continue to grow. With us all now a little older and possibly wiser, after the past months of restrictions and isolation, I will no doubt echo the thoughts of many in the community, in welcoming the return of the dedicated volunteers, together with others who are just about to join the team.

Summer clothes will be on the racks this week, together with a huge variety of bargains for all! The shop will be open from 9am to 2pm on Tuesdays, and 10am to 4pm on Thursdays and Fridays.

Story and photos Jenny Scott



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The Welcome Record aims to present the diversity of viewpoints which reflect the concerns and interests of our community. It will not print contributions which are defamatory or being used as an alternative to a personal approach in dealing with a personal issue. The opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of *The Welcome Record*.

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Well, now that the "wall of steel" is down, can we really expect a wave of city people escaping? Maybe it will be like coming out of a dark place, and time will be needed to adjust to the light.

I went up to the TAB to make my annual donation on Tuesday. Picked my horses in a very knowledgeable way — family birthday dates. Somehow number six got into the mix and it won! Didn't make a fortune, but got my money back and a little bit over. Talk about mug's luck.

The bottle-brush trees are in bloom and I had lovely lorikeet visitors in the back yard the other day. They don't usually come there, but stay in the other part of the garden to feast on the blooms. When they are close up, it is easy to understand why it is so difficult to see them when there are dozens of them in a tree. Their colours are so vibrant, yet they blend in the trees perfectly; invisible but really, really noisy.

Every time I go through Tarnagulla I wonder how that big bus was manoeuvred into the front yard behind the palm tree. Some fancy reversing was surely needed to get it in there — or perhaps just an expert driver.

Was watching *Victoria* (the Queen) on the ABC on Saturday. She wasn't speaking to her husband, and a footman was flat out going backwards and forwards between them with terse notes carried on a gold platter.

Think of the difference *Messenger* would have made to them. Only thing is — the footman would have been out of a job.

I have a mystery note on my desk — something to do with a cross cat, a microwave oven and an explosion. Obviously something caught my eye, but I have no idea what.

Rosie

FURRY LOGIC —

I saw it, wanted it, threw a tantrum, GOT IT!

There are few things more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.

Jane 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



Congratulations to Liesbeth Long Our new councillor for Flynn Ward

Thank you Flynn Ward

It is with much pleasure that I am able to announce that I have been elected as councillor for Flynn Ward in last month's Central Goldfields Shire Council election where I received 68.56% of first preference votes.

My victory was won on the backs of many, after months and months of continuous work. I would hereby like to openly thank everyone who has supported me and helped out.

I would also like to thank everyone who voted for me. I am humbled beyond belief by the sheer number of votes that came my way. I am filled with gratitude for the confidence you have shown in me and I plan to fulfil all of my responsibilities to the best of my ability.

I will take the oath of office next Tuesday 17th November night and am excited to start because there is much work to be done. Flynn Ward and the Central Goldfields are bursting with potential, and together I would like to make our community the best it can be!

To my opponent Marion Da Costa, as difficult as this campaign has been, my respect for your ability, perseverance and willingness to put yourself forward ready to serve the residents of Flynn Ward. I applaud you for it and I wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

Liesbeth Long

Councillor Elect, Flynn Ward, Central Goldfields Shire
Ph: 0447 104 644

FUNNY FILLS

- Did you hear about the price of duck feathers? So now even down is up.
- Did you hear about the man who stole a truckload of eggs? He returned them. Apparently he only did it for a yolk.

Council and Climate

The Maryborough Climate Action Group congratulates all seven newly elected CGSC councillors along with the fine field of candidates.

The climate group worked actively with all candidates prior to the election and was excited with the strong support shown by the vast majority of candidates for climate action.

The group is looking forward to working with both the councillors and the soon to be appointed CGSC Environment Officer to further reduce emissions, create a healthier environment while at the same time looking for local economic and employment opportunities.

We know these opportunities will present themselves to regions as the government steps up the economic recovery.

The Helen Haines led "Local Power Plan" has been launched and put as a Bill to the federal government to encourage regional and rural communities to pursue renewable energy options.

As Anne Webster recently indicated to the climate group, our councillors need to be on the front foot to help us to become leaders in climate action and build on the work already started.

We all have good reason to be optimistic for our safe future if we work together, but we need to start now.

Tony Macer

Maryborough Climate Action Group

Register your burn-offs

It is very important that people wishing to have a burn-off on their property follow the correct procedure.



- If you are in Dunolly you must have a permit. Check with the Shire if you are unsure.
- If it is a Total Fire Ban day — NO fires. Check on a CFA "Can I or Can't I" brochure.
- If in the Fire Ban Period — you MUST have a permit.
- At other times before lighting a fire it is extremely important that you register your burn with the CFA Phone 1800 668 511.

This registration allows the burn-off line to notify the relevant Fire Brigade that the burn has been registered, in case someone does ring 000 about your fire. It also helps if your burn does get away — the Fire Brigade will know exactly where to go. Please be very careful and follow all the rules for fires.

- Have on site at least 10 litres of water; keep an area around the fire clear of litter.
- Have people to help, especially if it is a big burn-off.
- Have your phone with you.
- Never leave the fire unattended.
- Make sure it is out and safe before you leave.

The Dunolly Fire Brigade wishes to remind everyone that if you have a fire and the Brigade is called, can the trucks access your property safely.

The trucks are big — are your gateways wide enough? Are there overhanging branches and limbs that prevents access? Please think about these issues. Unfortunately fires do happen and when they do occur, it is too late to widen the entrance or prune trees and shrubs.

Dunolly Fire Brigade
Community Safety Coordinator
Rosemary Williams

Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary President's Report 2020 5th October 2020

I am pleased to present a brief report on behalf of the Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary to review our activities over the last 12 months and to indicate our priorities for future work.

There was nothing usual about this year to report: the impacts of the COVID-19 affected our small committee and its activities, just as it has done through all communities. Of greatest concern has been to ensure the wellbeing of residents in the Dunolly Residential Aged Care home and staff have worked hard all year to help residents maintain a good quality of life. Restricted access has meant families and volunteers could not visit for several months; however, more workable arrangements have been introduced, thanks to the innovative practice of staff. For instance, a gazebo on the boundary of the garden has enabled residents and families to interact safely. Our Auxiliary members (and a couple of children) wrote to every resident, at Donna's suggestion, and I have maintained regular phone contact with Donna to see in what ways the Auxiliary may be able to help. Restrictions even meant the 150th Rheola Carnival was cancelled and our usual presents for Easter and Mother's Day were not permitted. Let's hope this will ease for Christmas. Unfortunately, the Auxiliary has not been able to raise funds during the year, but the raffle books will be out again when this is considered OK. We had set ourselves the task of raising \$1500 for the year, which is now, sadly, impossible.

Our revived Red Cross Garden is flourishing and ready to welcome strollers on fine days; however, Terry's commitment to employing a gardener for two days a week has not materialised, and this was brought to his attention on his departure. As we have not had the support of Community Corrections teams this year because of COVID-19, and as Troy is very busy with maintenance work, gardening in the Red Cross Garden has depended on volunteer goodwill, largely Marion and myself. This is not a sustainable situation and will be brought to the attention of the new CEO.

Our Scholarship recipient for 2020 was Billie Goodwin, who was thrilled to have some assistance to meet the costs of her nursing diploma course. She will complete the course this year and is seriously considering applying to study for a nursing degree. Billie loves all opportunities to care for residents on the Dunolly Campus. Our second annual educational award is the Encouragement Award (now called the Shining Star Award) for a student at the Dunolly Primary School. Several Auxiliary members attended the School's final assembly and presented the award to Lachie Condie.

COVID-19 has not diminished our 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. Receiving the endorsement of our project from Community Housing Limited and their expression of interest in taking it on if/when post-COVID-19 funding for innovative housing becomes available, was a great step forward.

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 a positive sign.

I wish to thank my Auxiliary colleagues for being such a wonderful warm-hearted and committed bunch and we have enjoyed welcoming another member, Carol Dodson. Our current membership is Carol, Rosemary Mecredy, Joyce Vater, Barbara Coupland, Faye Nicholson (Treasurer), Kath Ryan, Marion Da Costa (Secretary) and myself as President. We sadly farewelled Trina Kay as she and Gary moved to Bendigo. Trina was Treasurer and chief cake stall cook for many years. Rosemary also retired as Secretary after a wonderful innings, but her little brown suitcase lives on in The Dunolly Hospital Archives. Changes are now required for Executive positions as I am moving from Dunolly at the end of the year. I will, however, remain committed to seeing the Dunolly Housing Project through to what we hope will be an exciting transformation in housing for older people in our community in the capable and experienced hands of Community Housing Limited.

It's a mark of the solidity of our Auxiliary that we have stuck together during a very challenging year.

Fiona Lindsay OAM
President

Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary



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Recycle Week

This week is Remembrance Day. We need to honour our fallen war heroes and those who came home. There are so many ways to do this, I'm sure I don't need to tell you.

One way to pay your respects to these wonderful men and women, is by having respect and care for our environment. Let's look after the world they left us. They fought for our freedom; let's use that freedom by looking at what we use in our houses and what is left as rubbish or recycling materials. That being said, this week it is Recycling Week, 9th — 15th November.

Possibly you have never wondered what happens to your recycling materials once they are loaded onto the trucks. Our recycling products in this area are trucked to Carisbrook and sorted for delivery to other depots. They are then sorted for delivery to other facilities to be recycled, and sorted for repurposing.

I was fascinated to learn the Central Goldfields Shire does not run our local transfer stations: they are run by a company called Veolia, which it seems is a worldwide business. I looked up their mission statement and part of it states:

"As natural resources become scarcer, and we face growing challenges of urbanisation, consumerism and climate change, we need innovative models that support growth and sustainability. Today, water, waste and energy can all be recovered. Our solutions transform what is discarded by some into valuable resources for others." I'm sure this is a very noble sentiment from a huge conglomerate.

A visit to our local transfer station in Dunolly was interesting. It was surprisingly neat and clean, very well organised, much different to the tips of my childhood remembrance. An extremely helpful man explained the workings of the transfer station, things I hadn't been aware of before. It is here I learned of the journey our recycling takes.

Our cardboard is taken to Echuca where it is compressed for further use by the recycling industry. Our paper and glass are taken to Bendigo where they are sorted and prepared for further use. This gets me to the circular economy. What's that you say?

Today's dominating economic model is linear: We take virgin natural resources and make products from them which we then discard once we're done using them — often after a relatively short time. Sometimes the short lifespan is due to planned obsolescence where products break easily and are difficult to repair and upgrade.

Our current, linear way of producing and consuming products is ruining fragile ecosystems, causing the loss of valuable natural resources. The circular economy brings more sustainable solutions where products are in use longer and materials are reused to manufacture new products.

The linear model leads to a number of problems.

Virgin materials are extracted at a faster rate than they can be replenished. Once discarded, products are treated as waste and are often incinerated or placed in landfill, leading to the loss of valuable and scarce natural resources.

Unsafe ways of handling waste also lead to hazardous substances leaching into soil, water and air. Both the manufacturing and transportation of products lead to pollution and extensive energy use that can be avoided in the circular economy.

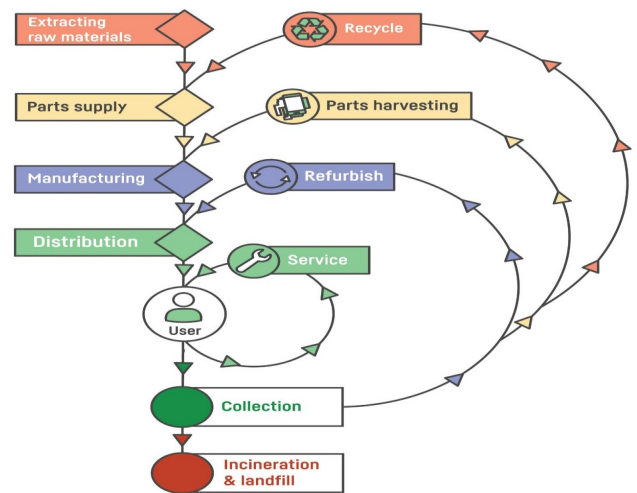
Reserves of some natural resources are already running low and the problem will increase as the world population grows and economic prosperity reaches more people. Resources are re-used in the circular economy.

The goal is to extend product lifetime and recirculate all materials without producing any waste. Product reuse is more resource efficient than recycling, since most materials lose value every time they are recycled. Therefore, extending product lifetime is the best way of lowering its environmental impact. In a circular economy, products are built to last.

They are durable and can be upgraded and repaired. Parts can be replaced — for example batteries, since functioning products often are discarded just because of worn out batteries. Once products have reached the end of their usable life they turn into valuable resources, used to manufacture new products. The need for extracting virgin materials is therefore minimized in the circular economy. Product and material life are considered already in the design phase — components are made easy to separate and contain no hazardous substances which makes them unsuitable to recycle and use in new products.

Okay, so that was a quick tour of how things work. Maybe we need to look back to how our forebears used commodities such as cleaning products and rethink our consumption by making our own, thus reversing some of the plastic use in our households. That's just one example; I'll leave it to you to think of others.

Sources; TCO — The Circular Economy Certified
Veolia Australia New Zealand
Infograph of a T-shirt Debra Sealey
Story Debra Sealey



Here's another example of something we probably give no thought to; the simple t-shirt.



The Simple T Shirt is not so simple

ANATOMY OF A COTTON T SHIRT
BUY LESS, CHOOSE WELL, MAKE IT LAST



COTTON FARMING

Cotton cultivation requires the use of bulk water: 29 million tons of cotton are produced every year, that's 29 t shirts for everyone on earth. It is responsible for 24% of the world's use of insecticides & 11% of pesticides despite only using 3% of the world's arable land.

2700 litres of water to make a t shirt
-Child labour is still used in some countries
-In the dying process untreated water is often discharged into the local water system.

ORGANIC COTTON

Organic cotton would seem to be an alternative but a little over 1% of cotton is organic. In some cases organic cotton uses the same dyes, fabrication and finishes as conventional cotton.

END OF LIFE (Of a T shirt)

LAND FILL- Australians discard an average of 23kg of textiles into landfill each year, double the global average.
RECYCLE- 70% of the world wears recycled clothing.

BARRIERS TO SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Embrace the maxim 'less is more'
- Shop at op shops
- Repair what we already own
- Become acquainted with labels "Fair Trade" - Global Organic Textile Standard", "Better Cotton Initiative"
- Choose biodegradable or recycled materials

- Inadequate access to environmentally preferable clothing
- Insufficient information about sustainable clothing consumption
- Social norms
- Convenience
- Economics



TAI-CHI

Change of venue for Tai- Chi.

Tai-Chi has moved to the Dunolly Golf Club. What a beautiful setting to do these gentle exercises and movements. Jason, a Tai-Chi master will take you through the movements every Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 11am. \$7 per person per session.



TABLE TENNIS



You can play Table Tennis three times a week if you so wish (or just the once) Mondays 9am to 12noon, Wednesday 9am to 12noon and Wednesday evening 7pm to 9.30pm. At the Dunolly Golf Club rooms. \$3 per session per person.

Want more information? Ring 5468 1511
email: admin@dunnhc.com.au

Sharon Hiley Coordinator



Virtual Arts, Crafts & Photography Exhibition 2020

Thank you to all the lovely folk who popped into the Arts Hub last week to register their entry in the online exhibition. The whole exhibition will be posted online to the Dunolly Arts Hub Facebook page on 28th November and will remain online until 12th December. There will be a People's Choice prize to vote for online by liking the photograph of the entry. There is also going to be a computer at the RTC and at the Neighbourhood Centre for folk without computer access to view the exhibition online. There will be People's Choice voting forms also at these venues for you to vote.

If you would still like to enter the exhibition, please call Lynda on 0418 875 453 or email lynda.vater@gmail.com Show us what art, craft you have kept yourself sane with, or photos you have taken while you were in lockdown.

Lynda Vater
Volunteer Arts Hub Coordinator



CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOC. INC.

Congratulations to the newly elected Councillors, and we look forward to assisting you along with the community and the Shire in the future. Our Future — It starts NOW with us!

From this stage on, we encourage each and every resident to begin interaction with the Shire on every issue they have and find an answer, not complain to your friends and not pursue an answer from the Shire.

The Central Goldfields Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc advocate for our members and non-members. We are happy to advise, direct or listen to any ratepayers or residents, new or old, from any corner of our wonderful Shire. We are also happy to assist those outside our Shire if asked. So to set the ledger straight we represent our members and offer assistance to the community on request.

Many a time over the years the local comment has been "It's no good talking to the council/councillors — they won't listen or do any good." That may have been deemed the case, but it is not going to be the case now. Ask, seek and you will get the answers.

In the last month alone we have had two local residents who have had issues going back several years. With advice and direction, both these local residents have obtained answers to issues they have not been getting over the past years. It will not always be a result you are seeking, but understanding the complete situation will go a long way to some sort of agreement. By understanding and using the correct processes an answer is in reach.

The process is simply this: Contact the council officer involved. If not satisfied, contact his/her immediate superior. If still not satisfied, contact the CEO; if still not satisfied, contact the Mayor, then write a letter of complaint to the Ombudsman. Always follow up with a formal letter of complaint to the CEO. Ask the officer before you proceed to the next stage, where they would suggest you take your concerns to next. Keep all correspondence — that paper trail is crucial.

We have used this process successfully on many occasions. It was unfortunate that it came to this.

At present we have one VCAT, two FOIs and an Ombudsman's investigation open, which all should not be necessary, however, to break down that present barrier these steps must be taken.

We work towards a time when we can go to the Shire, ask a question and be given all the information and assistance asked and where both parties feel satisfied.

It's the local and state laws which govern the behaviour of the Shire and CEO. Our councillors on many occasions are given the blame for non-action, where by law they cannot intervene or are not involved.

All our elected councillors advocated transparency and accountability. It is up to us to give them the opportunity to achieve that. We are confident our councillors will achieve this.

On the other hand our CEO and council staff are governed by not only local law but state acts and laws as well. The elected Mayor can discuss issues with the CEO but has no jurisdiction over the Shire staff.

By using the process mentioned earlier we can open the information flood gates and make dealing with our Shire a more pleasant and transparent experience.

Communication is the answer and we must begin the open information by asking those questions and persisting. We have rights too and we will be heard!

Wayne McKail President

Note our AGM is on 1st December 2020. All positions are vacated and nominations welcome. Please contact us for nomination forms or information. <https://www.facebook.com/cgoldratepayers>



Free green waste disposal

To help prepare for the upcoming fire season the council is offering free green waste disposal for residents at the Carisbrook, Talbot and Dunolly transfer stations every weekend from now until Sunday 29th November 2020.

Learn more about how to effectively prepare your property here: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

For Transfer Station opening hours visit :

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/transferstations

Council joins Community Connectors Program

Central Goldfields Shire Council has joined the Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative to help support local residents who are feeling lonely or isolated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are two parts to CASI. Residents can call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 to receive emotional support if they are feeling lonely or disconnected. CASI is an Australian Red Cross initiative and callers will be connected with Australian Red Cross volunteers who are trained in psychological first aid and can provide emotional support.

Community members can also be linked to the Central Goldfields Community Connector who can help with connections with local organisations, local networks and opportunities that provide ongoing emotional, practical or social support. Direct calls can be made to the Central Goldfields Shire on 5461 0610.

From November 2020 we will be conducting Town Hall Community Connector sessions. Community Connectors will be available in-person at different locations throughout the Shire. Dates, times and locations are available:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communityconnectors

Central Goldfields Shire Chief Administrator Noel Harvey said he encourages locals to reach out and take advantage of the CASI and Town Hall Community Connectors initiative if they are feeling isolated at this time.

“2020 has been one of the toughest in recent memory. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been limited or even cut off from our networks which has been difficult for a lot of people.

“The Central Goldfields’ Town Hall Community Connectors are Council staff who can help people connect with local services and organisations for support.”

CGSC



MAYORAL COLUMN

Council elected

Loddon Shire Council has welcomed three new Councillors and two returning Councillors following the declaration of the poll for Loddon Shire elections last Wednesday 4th November.

Council welcomes new Councillors Wendy Murphy as the Councillor for Inglewood Ward, Linda Jungwirth as the Councillor for Tarnagulla Ward, Dan Straub as the Councillor for Terrick Ward, and returning Councillors Neil Beattie as the Councillor for Boort Ward and Gavan Holt as the Councillor for Wedderburn Ward.

A Special Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 19th November at 5pm. This meeting will see Councillors take the Oath of Office and will include the election of the Loddon Shire Council Mayor. An audio live stream of this meeting will be available from Council’s Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/LoddonShire

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday 24th November.

Event sponsorship fund

Council’s event sponsorship assists community groups organising events in the municipality with funds to promote the event.

Applications from community groups can be made under one of the two categories — Major Event Category or Minor Event Category.

The Major Event Category offers \$1000 for events of regional or state significance that attract a significant number of visitors from outside the region — for example, state sporting events and/or major festivals.

The Minor Event Category offers \$400 for events of local and sub-regional significance — for example, annual sporting tournaments or local community festivals.

For more information visit: www.loddon.vic.gov.au/For-residents/Community-support/Council-grants and click on Event promotion scheme.

Your application must be lodged online through Council’s SmartyGrants program at least 30 days prior to the event to be considered for funding.

Remembrance Day

This Wednesday, 11th November is Remembrance Day. It is a time to pause and remember those who have died and been injured in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

In recognition of the day, please wear a red poppy as a symbol of remembrance. All Australians are also urged to observe one minute’s silence at 11am and reflect on the service and sacrifice of all our defence personnel and that of their families.

Loddon Shire Council



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VEGEMITE® the dog joins his best friends, Fred, Rosie and other *Happy Little VEGEMITES* on a series of Aussie adventures. Fred is a distant relative of the man behind the company that first developed the VEGEMITE® spread, and Rosie's name was inspired from the famous line in the *Happy Little VEGEMITES* jingle, "a rose in every cheek".

It's the vision of the VEGEMITE® and New Holland Publishers teams that the *Happy Little VEGEMITES* book series will help to boost hunger for learning and literacy all across Australia.

"When New Holland Publishers approached the VEGEMITE® brand team with the book series idea, they were eager to explore how the brand could also help enhance young kid's appetite for learning and literacy," Victor Yoog, General Manager, New Holland Publishers.

"We're thrilled to be partnering with New Holland Publishers to release a range of VEGEMITE® children's books. We hope that kids all over Australia love following the "mitye" adventures of VEGEMITE® the dog and friends," said Jacqui Roth, VEGEMITE® Marketing Manager.

The series begins with *Learn with VEGEMITE®* board books for ages three+, and *VEGEMITE® goes to the zoo* and *VEGEMITE® meets Santa* picture books for ages six+. There's also a VEGEMITE® songbook with lyrics and sheet music for kids to sing along to the *Happy Little VEGEMITES* jingle. More titles are in the works to continue the journey for VEGEMITE® the dog and his mates.

New Holland Publishers



Helping Central Goldfields Shire kids get the most out of kinder

Every Victorian child attending a funded kindergarten program in Central Goldfields Shire will get the most out of their learning and development with the final stage of the \$160 million Australian-first School Readiness Funding rolling out.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, has announced five early childhood services offering funded kinder in 2021 in Central Goldfields Shire will share in more than \$170,000 of early childhood School Readiness Funding. This includes the A G Leech Kindergarten, T L Stone Memorial Kindergarten, Dunolly Kindergarten, Paisley Park Early Learning Centre Maryborough and Goldfields Children's Centre.

The total funding allocated to each service is dependent on the number of children enrolled who face educational disadvantage. This is the first time the funding will be made available to all funded kindergartens in Victoria, with the program now a permanent feature of Victoria's early childhood education system.

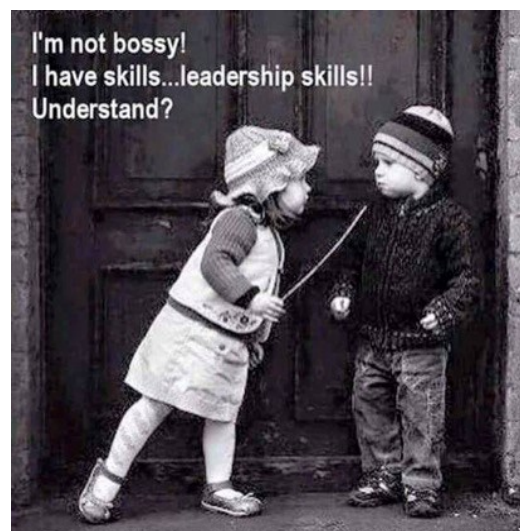
About 1700 kindergartens in 47 local government areas will automatically receive this funding for the first time in 2021. Services delivering funded kindergarten programs for three-year-old children in 2021 will also receive this funding. Services that are receiving School Readiness Funding for the first time are located across Victoria, from the Alpine Shire, Greater Geelong, Port Phillip to Yarra Ranges in 2021.

Australian research shows that one in five Victorian children start school developmentally vulnerable and once behind, they tend to stay behind. This needs-based funding aims to reduce the impact of educational disadvantage on children's learning and development and improve outcomes in communication, wellbeing, and access and participation.

School readiness funding will allow Victorian kindergarten providers to tap into the expertise of speech and occupational therapists, language and literacy professionals and child psychologists, who can then boost the capability of both parents and teachers.

Victoria's success as the Education State starts in the early years — so that's why the Victorian Government has also invested \$5 billion over a decade to deliver 15 hours of three-year-old kindergarten to all children.

"This needs-based funding will improve outcomes in communication, social and emotional wellbeing, access and participation for children in Central Goldfields Shire," Ms Pulford said.





Services as per Church News

Catholic Church

We heard Mass on Sunday for the first time since July. We made it under the number allowed, so all was legal. It was good to see everyone again, and catch up. There will be Assembly on next Sunday at 8.30am. The Columban Calendars are now available at the church for \$7.

My soul is longing for you, O Lord my God.

Psalm 62
R Mcreddy

St John's Anglican Church

Services are intended to resume on Sunday, 29th November, 2020

If you are intending to come to this service, please ring 0428 322 208 to book, as there are still restrictions on how many may attend.

Rev Canon Heather Blackman
Parish Office, 6 Nightingale Street,
Maryborough. Phone 5460 5964

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"

Mark 10.45

Readings 8th November, 2020

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24.1-3a,14-24

Psalm 78.1-7

1 Thessalonians 4.9-18

Matthew 25.1-13

Esmé Flett

Uniting Church

This week I went to Church for the first time since February. For me it was lovely to see everyone again. Zoom has been good, but of course it is not the same as seeing your friends.

This week we are hoping to have an outside service with Rev Bruce Gallacher leading us beginning at 9.30am. If it is too cold we will go inside or put a rug on us! It will be wonderful to have Bruce back with us again.

The Op Shop will be open again on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. It is a \$5 sale bag for all clothes or 50¢ per item. There is a table full of toys for Christmas at 50¢ each.

We had a lovely response last week to our opening. Zoom will carry on for the presbytery of Loddon Mallee as long as it is needed. Thank you everyone who has worked tirelessly to make this work including our Rev Gordon Wild. God Bless you all.

Jean Richardson



The Op Shop is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 4pm

The Op Shop opened successfully last Thursday with more than 50 customers leaving with bargains on both days. There are plenty of bargains left and we hope to have summer stock on the racks this week. Winter bargains are still available at \$5 per bag or 50¢ per item.

Jim McKenzie



DUNOLLY CWA UPDATE

The AGM of Dunolly Branch CWA will be held on Friday 13th November in the SES rooms at 1.30pm. Subs are due. Office bearers are asked to bring their badges to the meeting.

R Mcreddy (Publicity)

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd - *That's Relationship!*

I shall not want - *That's Supply!*

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - *That's Rest!*

He leadeth me beside the still waters - *That's Refreshment!*

He restoreth my soul - *That's Healing!*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - *That's Guidance!*

For His name sake - *That's Purpose!*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - *That's Testing!*

I will fear no evil - *That's Protection!*

For Thou art with me - *That's Faithfulness!*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - *That's Discipline!*

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - *That's Hope!*

Thou annointest my head with oil - *That's Consecration!*

My cup runneth over - *That's Abundance!*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - *That's Blessing!*

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - *That's Security!*

Forever - *That's Eternity!*

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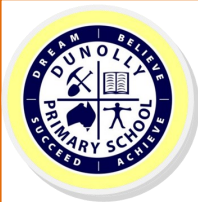
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Around school this week

NAIDOC WEEK



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NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. NAIDOC Theme 2020 Always Was. Always will Be. The 2020 National NAIDOC Week theme has been developed to shine a focus on the length of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander occupation of Australia. In our narratives Aboriginal people talk of continuous occupation of being here when time began, we are part of the Dreaming – past, present and future. Anthropologists and archaeologists have dated our sites to being hundreds of thousands of years old, in fact recording some of these sites as being the oldest on this planet. Our students will be involved in activities and learning in their classrooms during the week culminating in a school display.

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS 2021

If you know of anyone intending on starting school at Dunolly PS in 2021 we urge them to contact us now as we plan for next year.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We are in the process of planning the Year 6 Graduation now we have been given the go ahead. It will look a little different and parents/families will have to view the evening via video link but our students will be able to have a farewell they deserve. More information to come.

ILLNESS

Remember if your child is displaying any symptoms of being unwell, they need to be kept home. We thank you all for being so cooperative with this so far.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 – to be announced

Year 2/3 – Billy Crumpton

Year 4/5 – Aisling Eddy

Year 5/6 – Cooper Polinelli and William Soulsby

Principal's – to be announced

2020 Parent Opinion Survey

Last chance to have a say, closes next week on Friday November 13th

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.

LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK





Dunolly Australia Day Nomination Form

We have three Categories this year, and please feel free to copy this Nomination form or hand write another to choose someone in all three categories.

Apart from Junior and Senior Citizen of the year, we have also added Best Business or Community Group. So if an organization has impressed you continually throughout the year, nominate them for an award.

Criteria

Dunolly Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year recipients are people who have demonstrated through their hard work and dedication that they: Provide a significant contribution to the Dunolly community in the current year or over a number of years. Demonstrate outstanding skills and/or are a role model for other community members or organisations.

Please indicate the award category you are making the nomination for:

Citizen of the Year Junior Citizen of the Year (Under 18 yrs)
 Best Business or Community Group

Name of nominee _____

Areas of Excellence – in what area(s) has the nominee excelled?

For example: Service Clubs, Welfare, Community, Sports, Academic or other specific achievement

Briefly tell us about your nominee

How are they a positive role model? How have they demonstrated excellence in their field and contributed to the community? Explain their outstanding achievements and involvement within the Dunolly community.

Nominated by: _____

Nomination form must be received by 4.30pm on Friday, 1st January 2021 at the RTC.

The Australia Day Ceremony and awards are organised by Dunolly and District Inc. and sponsored by Central Goldfields Shire. A special committee will judge the awards. The decision in relation to the awards is final and no correspondence will be entered into in respect of the awards.

Stories from Cynthia

Embarrassing moments

Everyone has embarrassing moments at different times in their lives and I am no exception. If I were to start back when I was a small child, my mother used to tell how embarrassed she was when she took me home on a tram one day, and a heavily pregnant lady got on. Apparently I pointed at her and said in a high treble, "Look Mummy, that lady must have eaten up all her vegetebubbles." Mother prayed for the next stop to alight.

One day I was straphanging in a crowded tram on the way home from school when the tram suddenly lurched and I landed on top of a baby in a stroller. The mother was not at all understanding and made me feel more embarrassed than I could ever remember. That reminds me that I once sat in the lap of a person, when finding a seat in a cinema but it was too dark to see my embarrassment.

When I started at a new school I was given a student as a guide to take me around and show me the ropes. It was mid-term so I was the only new girl. When we went into assembly, we all sat in rows facing each other and one of the girls opposite leaned over and asked my guide the new girl's name. When she was told, she passed it around in whispers amid fits of giggles. I turned bright red and wanted to go home. However, it turned out that in the passing on to one another Cynthia Wardlaw had become Sympathy Wood-door. All was forgiven and I fell in love with that school.

My mother was a great racegoer and enjoyed dressing up and socialising in the members stand, while still being aware of trainers, horses and jockeys and having a few wins. When I was eighteen, Mother decided it was time for me to go with her and have my first champers. She sent me to her milliner's to buy a smart hat, with careful directions as to my choice. I was terrified, having no idea about buying hats. Looking around, I picked up a fussy looking hat and looked in the mirror. Then I heard a voice behind me, "Excuse me. Would you mind giving me back my hat." Oh God, I had mistakenly put on a customer's hat! I ran out the door, hatless.

More recently, Mike and I attended a friend's wedding and after the ceremony we arrived at the reception place and I duly placed the present with all the others on the table near the door. Someone handed us a champagne and we wandered round looking for familiar faces but found none. Suddenly it dawned on me – we were at the wrong wedding as apparently the building had more than one reception room. Imagine my embarrassment rifling through all the wedding presents to find ours. We then quickly slunk away to find the right place.

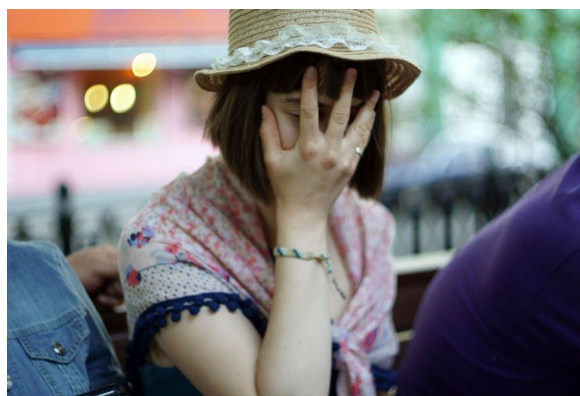
One year a few of us joined forces and went to the Bendigo Cup. We had passes to the members and when we sat down for lunch I found myself next to a lady with a very familiar face and decided she was the person who ran the café in Bendigo, where we often went. I chatted about customers and food etc. and gradually realised that we were on a different wavelength. Then it dawned — she was the lady who ran the dry cleaners in Bendigo where we delivered and picked up our customers' dry cleaning and her husband was on the race committee. How could you possibly compare a lady wearing a work overall and no makeup to this glamorous person wearing a gorgeous, big hat! Not me, certainly.

Finally, my daughter has reminded me of a more recent incident when we dined out together. While dining at a very distinguished establishment, Neil Perry's Rockpool, we were attended to by a lovely waitress with short, red curly hair, not a super feminine type of girl, but quite petite. She was very attentive, and when I went off to the bathroom in the dimly lit restaurant, I got completely lost on the way back, so the lovely waitress rescued me and brought me back to the table.

At the end of the evening I wanted to thank the young girl once more, so we navigated our way to the exit and my daughter found the waitress and pointed her out to me, I took one long look at the waitress, now in better lighting, and then quite loudly pronounced: "That's not her, that's a bloke!"

Quite aghast, as the poor waitress had clearly heard, my daughter promptly hustled me out of the restaurant.

Cynthia Lindsay



Sea salt dark chocolate almond cluster fat bombs

Ingredients

1 1/4 cup raw almonds
 3/4 cup cocoa butter
 5 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
 5 tablespoon heavy whipping cream
 1/4 cup Lakanto Monkfruit Classic Sweetener
 Coarse sea salt



Method

Preheat oven to 250 degrees celsius and line baking sheet with parchment paper. Bake almonds until toasted, about 10 minutes. Line a separate baking sheet with parchment paper. In a small glass bowl, combine cocoa butter, cocoa powder, heavy whipping cream, and sweetener. Using double boiler method on stovetop over low heat, melt ingredients together until chocolate is smooth. Whisk mixture frequently to avoid burning.

Remove melted chocolate from heat and stir in toasted almonds. Spoon chocolate and almond mixture onto prepared baking sheet into desired cluster size. Top clusters with sea salt. (A second baking sheet may be necessary, depending on the size of the baking sheet.)

Transfer baking sheet to refrigerator and chill until hardened, about 25-30 minutes. Alternatively, transfer baking sheet to freezer and chill until hardened, about 10-15 minutes.

Once chocolate has hardened, gently pull parchment paper away from clusters, serve, and enjoy!

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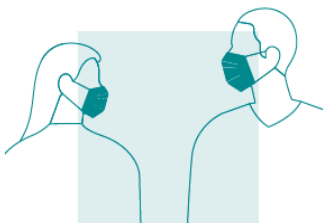
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VCE Art & Design Exhibition returns

The VCE Art & Design Exhibition is returning to Central Goldfields Art Gallery, with artwork from local aspiring artists to be made available online. Now in its 16th year, the VCE Art & Design Exhibition features engaging and thought provoking work from 22 Highview College Year 12 students. Maryborough Education Centre will not be involved in this year's exhibition due to COVID-19.

A wide variety of work will be on display including paintings, drawings and photography from students who have studied Studio Arts and Visual Communication and Design. The exhibition will continue until 22nd November 2020. Central Goldfields Shire Council CEO Lucy Roffey said while 2020 has proven to be a difficult year for students, the artwork they have produced is impressive.

"This year has been a challenging year for students, particularly for those in Year 12, but they have managed to adapt and respond and produce outstanding artwork that is engaging and thought provoking.

"Congratulations to all students who are showcasing their work in this year's exhibition and to their teachers. The VCE Art & Design Exhibition is an annual highlight for us and this year is no different."

"It has been a difficult year for Year 12 students," Studio Arts teacher Jeanean Pritchard said.

"I am very proud of their achievements despite the challenges they have faced. The students have been amazing in the way they have been able to adapt and respond to the obstacles COVID-19 presented to them," she said.

The VCE Art & Design Exhibition is available at www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/exhibitionsandevents

CGSC Media Release

Poetry



The Min-Min Light

I say, I saw a funny sight
standing on the Finke's red shore,
there danced around a brilliant light
it shone upon the door.
It had so many broken bits
and it had a lot of glow,
it rushed across the land of pits
then moved across so slow.

I asked the man standing there
say, what is that queer light
he looked about like as a stare
and said I do not see the sight.
Look! There it is, I said again
dancing on the old Finke River
and there it goes, across the plain
moving into the olden shiver.

It must be that you're into grog
for Territorians never see it,
or else you've kicked the blooming log
and now you're in a fit.

I know I saw, and what I saw
it was a brilliant sight
the black man looked at me and swore
you bin see the min-min light.

Ken Peake



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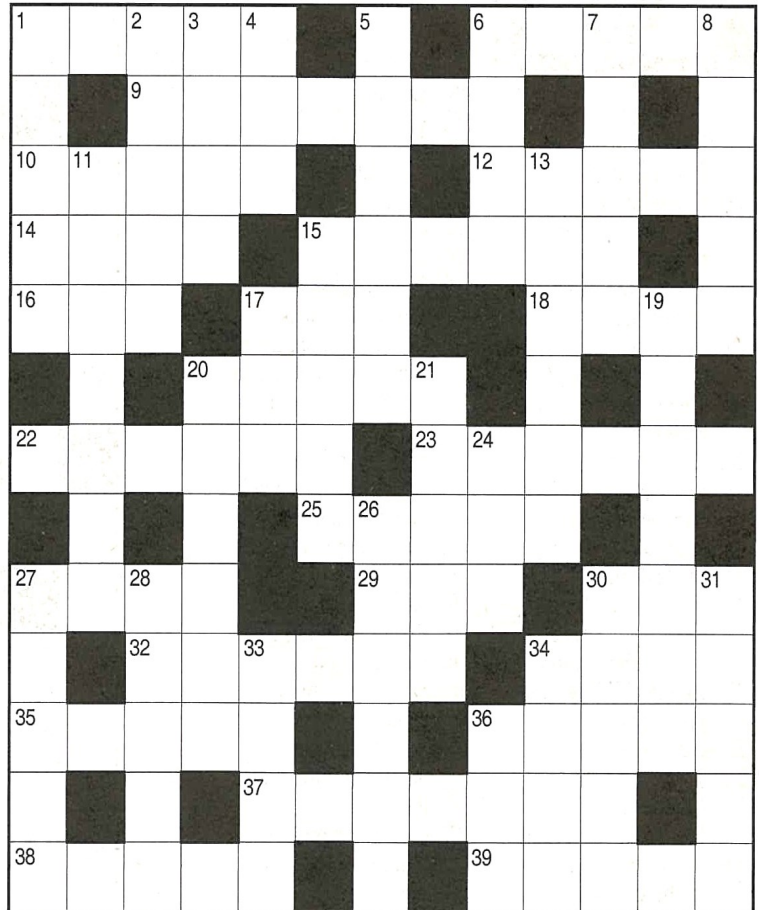
1. To drink in large gulps
6. Port Adelaide AFL team
9. Word meaning both 'soldier of low rank' and 'confidential'
10. Late producer of soap operas including *Melrose Place* and *Beverly Hills 90210*, _____ Spelling
12. Extra (as in 'the _____ pressure')
14. Smoke and fog
15. Name shared by a fence stake and one or more protesting employees
16. One of an early nomadic Asian people
17. Passing through on the way
18. A cry used to hail ship
20. Cook (eggs, eg.) by simmering gently
22. Deny any association with

23. Clear of the bottom (of anchor)
25. Keyboard musical instrument
27. Having existed for lengthy time
29. My team's
30. Appropriate
32. Formulate (scheme, eg.)
34. Having left
35. Steeple
36. Combine as a single entity
37. Planes' landing and take-off area
38. Section of flower
39. Covered with troublesome plants

Down

1. Suppress completely
2. Clothes-protecting garment
3. Insect-eating amphibian
4. Appendage of fish
5. Wild unruly person
6. Top of mountain
7. Distance from side to side
8. Pinkish red
11. Humorous
13. To numb
15. A stringed keyboard musical instrument
17. Solemn pledge
19. In progress

20. Fine crushed particles
21. Dutch city, The _____
24. Rallying shout of combatants, _____ cry
26. String of beads used to count prayers
27. Ancient Greek author of fables
28. Directive issued by authority
30. One's specialty
31. Diminutive
33. The meat of a calf
34. Star in *Unfaithful*, Richard _____
36. Storage place for grain or hay



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DUNOLLY BOWLS

Saturday Pennant Teams 14/11/2020

Dunolly Blue	At MHS	V MHS Tartan
Cars leave 12.30	Bring your own snack and drink	
Greg Dobbin	Alan Weir	Chris Williams
Peter Waters	Tony Galofaro	Terry Long
Barry Cann	Alan Parkes	Geoff Davies
Evan Weir	Sheryl Howard	Bernie Lanfranchie
Manager: Chris Williams		
Dunolly Gold	At Dunolly	V Golf Blue
Bring your own snack and drink		
Aaron Britten	Roy Pickering	Barry Mortlock
Don Mortlock	Frank Mifsud	Jenny McHugh
Marg Davies	Ian Flett	Karen Stephens
Don Coe	Nancy Pike	Alan Hem
Manager: Roy Pickering		
Dunolly Green	At Dunolly	V MHS Black
Bring your own snack and drink		
Keith McKenzie	Jim Haigh	Arthur Deason
H Freemantle	David Price	Paul Chase
P Freemantle	Joe Lacey	Graham Cain
Jim Fox	Paul Zarha	Richard Cain
Manager: Paul Chase		
Dunolly Red	At Golf Gold	
Cars leave 12.30	Bring your own snack and drink	
Sandra Chaplin	Robyn Fox	Jill Morse
Alan Moore	Doris Spiteri	Eric Symons
Heather Weir	Hanah Delconte	Andrew Mebbrey
Deb Jobson	Fabio Delconte	Raeleen Mebbrey
Manager: Sandra Chaplin		
Emergency: Dave Purchas		

Mid-Week Pennant Teams 17/11/2020

Dunolly Blue	At Dunolly	V Avoca
H Freemantle	Jenny McHugh	Loretta Parker
Sandra Chaplin	Sheryl Howard	Marg Davies
Greg Dobbin	Chris Williams	Tony Galofaro
Alan Weir	Roy Pickering	Alice Raven
Manager: Sandra Chaplin		
Emergency: Peter Freemantle, Keith McKenzie		
If unavailable ring Sandra 0438 616 477		
Dunolly Gold	At Dunolly	V MHS Tartan
Jill Morse	Robyn Fox	Marilyn Mortlock
Doris Spiteri	Nancy Pike	Karen Stephens
Jim Haigh	Hanah Delconte	Heather Weir
Raeleen Mebbrey	John Moir	Heather Davies
Manager: Marilyn Mortlock		
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In Dunolly

Visit by Ballarat Car Club

Last week, members of one of the Ballarat Car Clubs visited Dunolly. As usual, I had the opportunity to capture some photos of the cars as their owners proceeded to head to the Railway Hotel, where they were booked in for lunch.

According to Karyn Bromley from the Railway Hotel, they had mentioned that they had wanted to get out of cold Ballarat and go for a drive, so Dunolly and one of our welcoming hospitality establishments became their destination. Story and photos by Jenny Scott



The beauty of Rene Fox Gardens

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