

## Missing Dunolly man found after two days



Police have thanked the Dunolly community for their support after a massive search effort to find missing resident Michael Parker was successful last week, with Mr Parker located alive and well after nearly 48 hours of searching.

Mr Parker was last seen at his Dunolly home at around 10pm Tuesday, 24th November and police launched a large-scale search on Wednesday morning.

The search was expanded on Thursday with Search and Rescue, Victoria Police members including the mounted branch, CFA and SES volunteers combing the streets of the town for any sign of Mr Parker.

On Thursday police said they were concerned for Mr Parker's welfare as he suffered from a medical condition for which he was taking daily medication, and disappeared without taking his mobile or wallet.

Conducting grid searches of the township and around Mr Parker's home, Goldfields Police Service Area Inspector Donna Mitchell said she got the surprising but relieving call he had been located at around 6.45pm Thursday as the search was wrapping up for the day.

"It was a bit of a surprise. We had just started wrapping up summaries of everywhere we searched that day and were planning where would be searched and researched the next day," she said on Friday.

"It was a member of the public who saw him. He wandered out of an old dilapidated hut near the creek (at McKinnon Road) and they called the police.

"I got the call saying 'we might have found him' and I waited there with bated breath for about 15 minutes while police attended and had a chat to him, brought

him out, then an ambulance took him to hospital for observation.

"It was great. We were unsure whether we'd be looking for an alive or deceased person. Everyone was pretty happy that night."

Inspector Mitchell said Mr Parker was found just outside the Dunolly township and that the circumstances of his disappearance are unclear.

"He was a bit dehydrated, tired and confused, but no major injuries at all," she said.

"Where he was found was certainly within the town limits, not out in the bush. It was hard to tell if he'd been there the whole time. We're not really sure what happened yet because he went straight into an ambulance to hospital. We're just supporting the family and we'll try to get a few details about why this occurred."

Police thanked the public and media for their assistance in the search for Mr Parker and Inspector Mitchell said the community was "fantastic".

"Dunolly's local officer, Barry Taylor, told me the response from the local community was fantastic," she said.

"There were people out driving around looking for him; a few people on horse back. Everybody in town knew about it and they were all alert and looking out for him."

Story by Christie Harrison

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Report from local police officer Barry Taylor on page 3

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Well, we certainly had a sample of the weather to come this week. Makes me feel like going somewhere cooler — but all the cooler places on earth are either hard to get to or are not safe. Think I'll stay here.

I was listening to the TV the other night and actually heard the jingle for Rich River Resort. Usually they just wash over me, leaving no impression, but this was different. He was telling the world about the joys of the resort, and that it was "alaarv with fern". Had that dry part of NSW suddenly turned into a tropical paradise complete with ferns? I know we have climate change, but! Then I realised that he was singing "alive with fun".

I have found out from experience that if you have something to do that you do not really want to do, there are ways to avoid it. All you have to do is open a book, start a new puzzle, wander out into the garden or turn on the TV. You will find that time goes by quickly, and you won't have time to do the tasks.

I wonder if the driver who left about half the rubber from his tyres on the road at the end of Market Street near St Mary's last week, has a brain at all.

I have a couple of very sharp pointed silver articles that I have always thought were letter openers. But when similar articles appeared on *Antiques Roadshow*, they turned out to be meat skewers. Now, I could not imagine that Mr Ramble's ancestors had used hall-marked silver to thread their kebabs for the barbeque. It was explained that they were used to hold meat while it was carved.

Rosie

**FURRY LOGIC---**

Middle age is when we can do just as much as ever, but would rather not.

Jane Seabrook

**DON'T PANIC**

Getting old is a fascinating thing. The older we get, the older you want to get.

Keith Richards



*Thank You*

As you are now aware, Marilyn Goldie, who was my co-editor for more than three years has stepped down from that role.

I would like to personally thank Marilyn, or as we call her, Em, for all she has contributed to *The Welcome Record*, and her cheerful and ever helpful attitude which made her a very valuable member of the team and a pleasure to work with.

But we haven't lost Em altogether. She will continue to assist with accounts and also has retained her capacity as committee secretary.

Em has also become a personal friend, and while I will miss her as my good right arm, I will still be able to spend time with her.

My sincere thanks Em. You are a treasure.

Susan Anderson

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### Season's greetings!



Plum pudding hot, plum pudding cold, plum pudding can be eaten anyway at all. For those who can't stand dried fruit, stick your fingers in your ears and sing *Jingle Bells!*

My sister took on the tradition of pudding in the cloth for the big family day about thirty years ago. It was eagerly awaited, eaten on the day and having any left was wishes only. Custard, cream, icecream were all piled on top. Sixpences were saved (being silver) and boiled in the pudding then luck or a lost tooth would discover the find, with joy in your bowl.

As the family grew, a big gathering wasn't possible, and I decided we would start our own plum pudding tradition with the never-fail recipe from my sister.

Ingredients gathered and measured, the perfect cloth and coil of string, and a whole day set aside for preparation and the three hours boiling. The spicy smell fills the room, the floured cloth ready, then the string wound and tightened, into the pot of boiling water goes the pudding. Allowing six weeks hanging and drying, the temptation to make an early start is unbearable. Each year on Christmas Day after hours cooking, out the treasure pops — no fail!

My sister has had an "Anus Horribilis" this year. She had a fall and broke her arm in February and her undiagnosed hip injury gave her ongoing problems. Then COVID struck. She went from energetic, agile and busy to fragile, suffering and just coping. We all jollied her along and helped out, but it would take time. As pudding time grew nearer I could see she wouldn't be up for it this year. So we agreed I would do it for her. Armed with her pudding cloth, I put aside two days for multiple pudding cooking. All went well. Now the agony, "Would my pudding stand up to the test?" Only Christmas Day will tell!

Helen Jesser

## Poetry

### Full of Love This Christmas Day

A lot of joys gone out of Christmas  
 And I do not know for why  
 It's been moved from its old world charm  
 Seems Christmas is passing by  
 But oh they can't change childhood  
 Like reindeers in the snow  
 The tinsel on the Christmas tree  
 It's love in my heart you know

Say, how can they take love away  
 As if it had never been  
 It's sad no Christmas carols today  
 And gone love's own sweet scene  
 Santa Claus his sleigh bell ringing  
 Flying over a little shed  
 And the angels singing "silent night"  
 To a child in a manger bed

Big stores led the Christmas carols  
 In those days they had a soul  
 And greed was not in Father Christmas  
 He sang Happy Christmas from a scroll  
 Today they've stolen kids make believe  
 Replaced it in a cruel sort of way  
 Well, God bless you all this Christmas  
 Full of love this Christmas day

Ken Peake



### Dunolly Police News

Last week on 25th and 26th November, police members from Goldfields Local Area Command conducted a successful search for a missing 67-year-old man. The man was located on the outskirts of Dunolly and although dehydrated he was in relatively good health.

Assisting local police there were also police from the Airwing, Search and Rescue and the Mounted Branch, SES and CFA members as well as members of the public engaged in the search.

Special thanks to the SES and CFA members for their efforts in what was very hot and trying conditions This was a great example of police working with volunteer agencies and the Dunolly public to achieve a successful outcome.

Leading Senior Constable,  
 Barry Taylor  
 Dunolly Police

### Siege in Dunolly

A 30-year-old man has been arrested and charged following an alleged stand-off in Dunolly in the early hours of Saturday morning.

The man, armed with a knife allegedly damaged property and made threats to police before barricading himself in the house.

Victoria Police Critical Incident Response team were called from Melbourne to assist with the man surrendering after about five hours.

Courtesy, *The Goldfields Community News*



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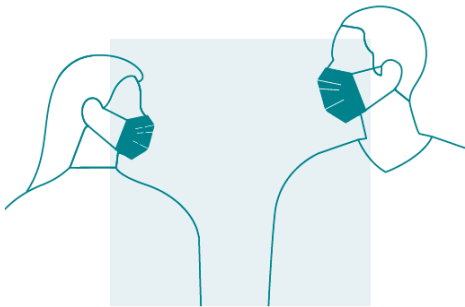
*The Welcome Record* will close for the Christmas break on Wednesday 9th December 2020 and reopen on Tuesday 19th January 2021.

During this period, there will not be anyone in attendance at the office, nor will the telephone be manned, therefore, please do not leave any messages.

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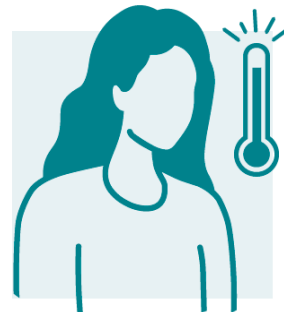
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### Roadside slashing

Slashing is continuing this week around our Shire with mowing now complete around Bealiba and Goldsborough.

Two of our slashers have also been mowing around Dunolly and Middle Road.

Our third slasher has been working in the Talbot area.

Once all towns and roads have been maintained, we will follow up on areas needing a second cut.

### Australia Day Award nominations open

Nominations for the 2021 Central Goldfields Shire Australia Day Awards are now open until Friday 7th December.

An online nomination form is available at;

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### Panel Hearing for Flood Study Amendment for Carisbrook and Dunolly

Proposed planning controls to identify and manage flood risks in Carisbrook and Dunolly were considered by an independent panel on Monday 23rd November 2020.

The panel is an independent assessor of submissions to amendment processes appointed by Planning Panels Victoria (PPV). The panel heard from submitters and flood management experts, and is now in the process of preparing a report for consideration by Council.

Present at the hearing, which was held online and livestreamed, where three community members presented two submissions. Written submissions to the exhibited amendment will also be considered by the panel.

It is anticipated that the report from the panel will be presented to Council in February 2021. The panel's recommendations will inform Council's decision regarding adopting the amendment and requesting approval from the Minister for Planning to make the proposed changes to the Central Goldfields Planning Scheme.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor, Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor, said Council is looking forward to receiving this independent advice regarding planning scheme changes to help manage flood risks in Dunolly and Carisbrook.

"Along with mitigation works such as flood levees, updating the planning scheme is an important element in implementing studies and plans which have been undertaken since the floods in 2010-11," he said.

In preparing the amendment, known as C031cgo1, Central Goldfields Shire Council has worked with the North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) to update existing planning controls for areas of identified flood risk in the townships of Carisbrook and Dunolly. If adopted, the amendment will update the planning scheme maps and controls to ensure that new development on land in the nominated overlays takes flood risks into account.

The Strategic Planning office is available to answer enquiries on 5461 0610.

CGSC News



## MAYORAL COLUMN

### Thank you

I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors for electing me Mayor for the next year.

It is a great honour to once again serve in the role as Mayor and I look forward to working with Councillors, Council staff and the community, particularly as we take steps towards COVID normal.

Additionally, I'd like to acknowledge and thank former Mayor and Councillor Cheryl McKinnon. Cheryl, who decided not to stand at the recent Council elections, served as Mayor for the past three years.

I'd also like to congratulate my fellow Councillors — Cr Gavan Holt, Cr Linda Jungwirth, Cr Wendy Murphy and Cr Dan Straub on their election to Council. I look forward to working as a team for the next four years to serve our community and help advance our Shire.

### Turning the Page — community book project

Loddon Shire residents are asked to send photos, stories, poems, songs — basically anything that tells your story about life in COVID 2020 for the *Turning the Page Loddon Community Book Project*.

The project wants to include things that tell us your story about life in 2020. This could be a letter to the future telling your story, or a snapshot of a zoom call with your family — anything that shows what this year has been like for you. Please email your information to:

[turningthepage@loddon.vic.gov.au](mailto:turningthepage@loddon.vic.gov.au) by 10th December.

For more information or queries, please email the address above or call 0436 981 382.

### Online Fire Safety Essentials Program

Loddon Shire residents are invited to join a CFA online Fire Safety Essentials Program on Monday 7th December from 7pm.

The 45 to 60 minute interactive session is designed to help you get a better understanding of the local bushfire risk, of the biggest threats to life and property, awareness of Fire Danger Ratings and Warnings and Advice, and more. To register for the webinar go to:

[https://cfa-vic-gov-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gmK2Rfm9QUORzHaxxVJYIA](https://cfa-vic-gov-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gmK2Rfm9QUORzHaxxVJYIA)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar.

From the office of Cr Neil Beattie, Loddon Shire

Congratulations Cr Neil Beattie  
on your election as Mayor



## Looking Back

Continuing on from my memoirs, where will I start? I suddenly thought, what about Washing Day?

So back in time Monday was always Washing Day. I will relate amusing stories of that day, especially down in the township of Rheola. Neighbours would look out and "Oh, Mrs so-and-so has her washing out already. From what I remember, it was the lady at the Wayman's Hotel; she would put her clothes out the night before. Wonderful stories from the past.

We were up the top end and as I related in my last story, we had the Bucks as our neighbours, and their five boys all worked for Dad, helping in the orchard.

The first copper I remember. The copper was a large shaped basin and it sat in an iron stand with a firebox underneath and, of course, a chimney which sat out in the middle of the yard. Imagine carting water to it and then getting the clothes out.

The next move would be to a back veranda, sitting there a chimney through the roof and two wash troughs with water laid on. The copper stand would have a block of cement under it.

Next update a special room would be built. The copper basin would be built into a large cement brick block with the fireplace underneath and a tap above the basin; beside would be the two cement troughs and a wringer attached above, and quite handy would be the washboard where the dirty clothes were rubbed on. Today they are being used as musical instruments.



Saturday, all the beds would be stripped of their white sheets and the beds remade. Sunday night, the copper was filled and the sheets put in, along with pieces of soap. Underneath, the fireplace would be set up with wood ready to put a match to it, possibly six or seven o'clock on the Monday morning.

I often wonder why we had to boil the sheets. I know in those days we only had a bath once a week, possibly Saturday night. The copper was boiled specially for this; a dangerous procedure carting in those buckets of boiling water. Children bathed first then the adults.

Later on we had bath heaters installed at the end of the bath. You fed them with small pieces of wood; they worked to a degree.

Monday morning before you went to the wash house, you would prepare something for midday dinner. Two of our men, Hughie Buck (incidentally Hughie came to work straight from school, there before I was born) and Paul Grieves (he lived down in Rheola) came in 1928. They always had dinner and evening meals with us. On Monday morning Paul would bring two rabbits; these had been caught the day before when Paul went out with his father ferreting. So usually Monday dinner would be curried rabbit or fricasseed rabbit. Very palatable. Now out to the wash house; the sheets should be well boiled now.

I always think this was the most frightening undertaking, lifting the hot sheets with the copper stick. Not too sure where this stick came from; it looked like it was formerly a broom handle. Sheets were then put into the trough of water and as they cooled you endeavoured to wring

them and then into the next trough which had bluebag added to it. Thence you used the wringer into the basket. So to the clothesline — great stretches of wire with props to make it higher. You made sure the pegs were secure. Tragedy struck if the prop slipped and the sheets went into the dirt. The rest of the clothes were rubbed and washed.

Another item was starching the different items: pillowcases and numbers of other items. Good white tablecloths were only brought out when you had special visitors. I remember when we got the Lehman washing machine. This had a plunger and you worked it up and down; it got the dirt out of all the work clothes. But wasn't it wonderful when we got our first real washing machine with the wringer attached. Now the ironing. The old flat irons went on the stove and you had to be careful to keep them clean. The next one I remember was another iron which went on the stove but had a separate handle which you clipped onto the top. Then the petrol irons and finally the electric iron. But if you were still using your own 32 volt plant to use the iron, you had to set the motor going. And today all these different electric irons with all their special settings, you nearly want to be an engineer to understand them. Maybe that is why not so much ironing is done these days.

Now back to the washhouse and another chore to be done. The little building used to sit out by itself. Scrub and wash the seat and the floor. What a history they have had. One thing that comes to mind is the Slim Dusty song, "The Dunny out the Back" and "The Old Rocking Chair". A few weeks ago I was doing, or trying to do, a crossword clue "toilet". I tried lavatory — no. And then something clicked — "Thunderbox" and many other names over the years. One stands out for me, my aunt and uncle's property "East Loddon" at Serpentine. When we were small a trip down the garden path to the building with the lattice around it was a no-no unless we had an adult with us; in other words it was a "long drop". Apparently when the Serpentine Creek flooded it was washed out. Other "little buildings" used to be decorated with newspapers on the walls.

Modern times have taken over now. I expect I am fortunate to have witnessed so much change and memories.

Joyce Chivers



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We would like to start with a well done to two departments of the Central Goldfields Shire.

Through the past week we have been trying to organise two events, one on 20th December 2020 and another on 21st January 2021. The Shire staff has been exemplary. Their degree of assistance and professionalism is nothing short of excellent. It is extremely encouraging to experience and we look forward to this becoming the norm throughout the complete organisation; very heartening. With the HUB re-opening for public use on 7th December 2020, this is also a very welcomed decision and we look forward to it getting back to being a public venue. A Zoom meeting was held on Monday 23rd November 2020 regarding the NCCMA Shire Water Report Central Goldfields Amendment C31cgo. This meeting covered many directions including many Carisbrook levee issues. It goes for over four hours, but well worth a look. <https://www.facebook.com/centralgo.../videos/220889866133628> Again well done to the shire for putting this online.

On a mention of the Shire's well done - I must apologise for an error in last week's report.

I stated on 16th January the draft submitted for 2019/20 Annual report was incorrect. What was tabled was the "Financial and Performance report". I believe these reports were to be used in the Annual report, not the Annual actual report. On stating that, the \$50 million issue regarding Buildings, Assets and the Depreciation has been corrected. Buildings at 30th June 2019, Fair Value from C:\$88 million to \$33,466,000.

Depreciation and transfers C:\$56 million to \$785,000 Leaving Fair Value on 30th June 2020 C:\$32 million to \$32,055,000. Leaving a sum \$626,000 still to be accounted for. These are the figures provided to us by the council on the 26th November 2020. That is better than \$50 million. On reading the tabled Financial report, we asked to view the 30th June 2019 asset register, in order to obtain a clear understanding as to how that \$88 million building asset figure was assessed. We also asked for the depreciation calculation on that \$88 Million. That request was refused

stating the list was private and confidential; not for public viewing? We have an FOI in on the Building asset list. Is this transparency? How was that \$88 Million building valuation figure initially obtained?

Now the question remains: how did that \$50 million error occur when it clearly states in the tabled financial report, which was stated as being the FINAL Draft, that the asset list was from 30th June 2020? Possibly if public consultation was used through the drafting process this embarrassing error would not have occurred. At a meeting with CGR&RAI and Council representatives back in November 2018, we asked that the community be able to participate in the drafting of budgets and reports. Another issue raised over the past week was rates. It has been reported that on rates notices Rural Residential, zoned allotments have been changed to Residential then charged accordingly. There are huge differences between Rural Residential and Residential. Please research these and weigh up the pros and cons. We ask all Rural Residential property owners to check your rates notices to see if this has occurred to your property. If you have any concerns please contact the shire for verification.

Now we have our new elected councillors in, we can already see a small change in processes and community involvement. This is extremely positive, we hope this will continue.

The way forward is transparency and communication. Community involvement is crucial at every level and at every stage. We must all become part of our direction forward and our Shire must make us feel welcome and confident to be able to participate and approach them. With Christmas and the summer approaching fast we do ask that everyone please take every precaution and prepare your property for the pending fire and summer season.

Wayne McKail President



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# Church News

Services as per church news

## Catholic Church

There was no Mass in Dunolly this week as it was the fifth Sunday. There will be Assembly at St. Mary's on Sunday 6th December at 8.30am . Rosary is said on Tuesdays at 5pm.

R Mcreedy

*May the blessings of Christ come down on you and remain with you.*

## St John's Anglican Church Dunolly

The next Service will be our Christmas Service on Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24th December. If you are intending to come to this service, please ring 0419 358 724 or 0428 322 208 to book, as there are still restrictions on how many may attend. Please contact Rev Canon Heather Blackman Parish Office, 6 Nightingale Street, Maryborough. 5460 5964

*Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways and  
that we may walk in his paths.*

Isaiah, 2.3a  
Esme Flett

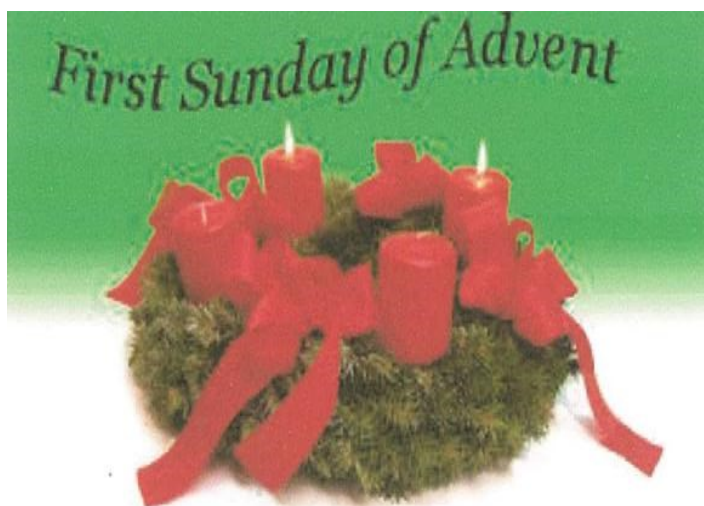
## Uniting Church

This week we are having Church at 9.30am. Jim McKenzie will lead us with the Presbytery read at home service. Next week John Moir will lead us by perhaps doing the same.

The Dunolly Hospital has asked us if we could have a carol service in the daytime for all the residents who would like to go. A date has not been made as yet. If this happens, we perhaps can have some people of the town. Mothers with young children might like to come and hear all the old carols.

As you know we have to stick to COVID rules, so this is all up in the air at the moment. The rules are changing all the time. Presbytery is still having its Zoom service for the next six months . We are so lucky to have this. God holds you all in his arms; never forget this.

Jean Richardson



## Auxiliary Scholarship

The Dunolly District Hospital Auxiliary offers an annual scholarship to applicants from the district who are studying nursing or seeking to undertake a specialist nursing course. This year, we were delighted to award the scholarship to Jodie Dernehl of Dunolly, who has just completed her nursing diploma at Bendigo TAFE and Maryborough District Health Service. The scholarship will enable Jodie to undertake a wound care course as part of her professional development and she plans to upgrade her qualifications to become a Registered Nurse. Jodie is looking forward to her future of living and working locally.

Fiona Lindsay



## Christmas in Eddington

Christmas has come to Eddington, with our town dogs (tin) getting dressed up, Santa taking off in his sleigh, and some lights and decorations at the hall. All worth a look if you are going through to Bendigo.

We are not having Carols this year, due to COVID but we are having an outdoor Christmas celebration, with meat supplied, BYO salad or sweet to share. Hit and Giggle tennis, maybe frisbee golf, the fire truck will be there for its usual "squirting display", and the jolly old fellow in Red will be delivering some goodies to the children. Come and see our community garden, and the memorial garden which is quite pretty at the moment. I'm sure the dogs will be still dressed up for the occasion This all happens on 19th December, and starts at 5pm. Please let someone know if you can make it.

Val Morrison

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## A bushfire plan for your horses is essential

All farm and household fire planning needs to include your pets and larger animals to ensure both people and animals are as safe as possible during an emergency.

Agriculture Victoria Veterinary Officer, Lee Manning, said having a clear fire plan will help horse owners to establish their priorities and give them time to practice their plan, especially if it includes floating horses to a safer location before high risk days.

“Owners should prepare a ‘safer’ area for horses — this area should be as large as possible with minimum pasture and vegetation length and secure boundary fencing. Ideally include a dam or secure water source not reliant on electric pumps,” Dr Manning said.

“Internal gates can be opened for more space, but horses need to be taught they can move through freely so they can escape even when highly stressed.”

“On high fire danger days, move horses to your ‘safer’ area and take all gear off them, so they are free to move if you aren’t home during an emergency. Rugs get tangled, halters get hot and burn and fly veils may melt, so being naked gives your horse the best chance of survival.”

If you plan to leave early with your horses, be aware that they take extra time. Ideally leave in the morning before a fire event is unfolding. Arrange now where you could go to — do not assume the Pony Club or Showgrounds will be open or safe.

“It is not feasible to evacuate horses with little notice, so have contingency plans that all members of the house know and have practiced.”

Horses ‘flight’ instinct will be to run away from the danger of fire, and if cornered their ‘fight’ instinct will have them gallop through flames if necessary.

“Unfortunately, this ‘fight’ instinct will also have them gallop through you if you try to be with them, so please leave them free to run and survive alone.”

After a fire check all horses for burns, smoke inhalation, eye irritation and leg injuries. First aid for equine burns is very similar to people – hose them with clean, cool water for at least ten minutes and call a veterinarian immediately for advice.

Please consult your local CFA for local fire behaviour and weather patterns and develop your household fire plan and trigger points for actioning it with your animals included.

Further information can be found at: <https://go.vic.gov.au/qHzfL1> and <https://go.vic.gov.au/FdVapd> and comprehensive planning information and checklists are contained in the fact sheet: <https://go.vic.gov.au/zXps2M>

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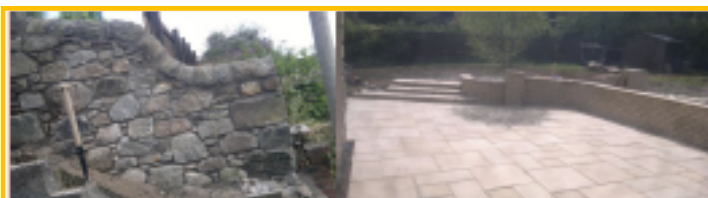
He said it was making him shellfish.

Did you hear about the teacher who marries a dairymaid?

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## Stories from Cynthia

### Our beloved pets

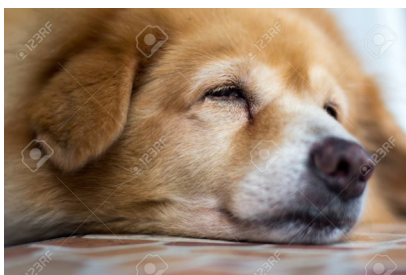
This is a sad topic, but one that every pet owner has to face eventually because in almost every case we outlive our pets. Today, this is in the front of my mind, because yesterday my daughter had to make that most difficult, but necessary decision, to have her little very much loved dog put to sleep.

My Maddie is very elderly, with arthritis and partially deaf, but thankfully has plenty of life left in her; but it set me thinking of the ones who came before her. When Mike and I moved to Dunolly we brought our golden Labrador, Arob, with us. At one stage he was mauled by a Rottweiler and ripped right open, but fortunately the attacker just missed his vital organs and he made a good recovery. When old age crept in, Arob started to lose his sense of direction and his head was slightly twisted. A trainee vet diagnosed an ear infection and wanted to keep him overnight, but we knew he would be disoriented and declined. No medication worked, so we took Arob to another vet who straight away told us that Arob had suffered a stroke and there was only one decision to be made; so we sat with him while he gently drifted off. Afterwards, Mike and I found the nearest pub, sat down and we both burst into tears. Losing a beloved animal is never easy.

Then one day a friend took us to kennels housing strays and unwanted dogs and we found Paddy, a very large black dog whom we were told was a cross between a Lab and a Great Dane; so huge. He had been ill treated by some young fellows and at first was frightened of brooms, anyone smoking a cigarette and the fire. Sadly, we could guess the reasons, so by gradual degrees we coaxed him into the room with the fire until he discovered its benefits. Paddy became Mike's dog because wherever Mike went, Paddy would follow. Once, when a customer asked Mike Paddy's breed, Mike cheekily told him he was a Lab crossed with a bear. That quite suited his size. Mike used to take him for long walks; then one day Paddy sat down in front of the bowling club and refused to take another step. Mike had to tie him to the fence and get the car to bring him home. After that, his legs often gave out on him; if he ran across a wooden floor, he would skate and slip over, so we put mats down. After Mike died, poor Paddy was bereft. When I moved to my present house, Paddy's days were limited. Finally the day came and fortunately Kris was away and another vet came instead. Paddy knew Kris so well but didn't know this man, so while I hugged Paddy, I had to say goodbye.

I decided to bury him in the garden and he was so large that it took three of my friends to dig his grave and then one friend carved a wooden cross for it. Dear old Paddy. Now I have my Maddie and everyone loves Maddie, including her "other mother", Carolyn, with whom I share Maddie since her Baz died.

Cynthia Lindsay



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Other essential oils that can be used are neem, peppermint, pine, rosemary, clove, lemongrass, thyme, cedar, pine. Use any combination that you like the smell of although all oils have varying degrees of efficacy.

Make sure you use 100% pure essential oils.

You can dilute the witch hazel with water. Make sure you give it a good shake before use.

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## **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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.





**EVERY MINUTE MATTERS**

Currently we have a two horse race for the grade with the most WOW days (all students in attendance) — Prep/1 and year 2/3 are level at the moment. Remember Every Minute Matters! Even just one day missed of school means a student will miss out on the introduction of a new topic, will miss a new game started by friends, miss the class discussion that goes with activities to clarify misconceptions, miss direct teacher instruction time and all this leads to an increase in negative feelings about school. If your child is unwell of course they need to stay home. But if they're just tired, it's their birthday, shopping day; it is vital they still come to school as it teaches so many life lessons including resilience, and means they are maximising their future outcomes with a great education.

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

Wednesday December 16th  
 Our year 6 students have been busy this week with preparations for their Graduation. Whilst it can't be as we would usually have it with families attending too, we are so happy the students will still get to enjoy an evening together to farewell their primary years.  
 We will be sending home further information shortly on what the year 6s have planned for their graduation

**STAFFING**

Staffing comes to us from Talbot PS, is highly qualified and experienced, and comes with a wealth of knowledge and talents which will benefit many students at our school. Kaylene will be working in the year 2/3 class.

Sadly we farewell Kath Ryan at the end of this year. Kath has made an outstanding contribution to the wider school community and will be missed by all. We are very excited to welcome Education Support staff member Kaylene Currie.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

- Prep/1 – Lilah Columbine
- Year 2/3 – Blaine Baxter
- Year 4/5 – Corey Parker
- Year 5/6 – Charmaine Soulsby
- Principal's – Annabel Fitt-Gloury

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## Maryborough Hospital new build abandoned in State Budget

The Andrews Labor Government has abandoned the people of Maryborough by failing to deliver the long-promised and desperately needed redevelopment of Maryborough Hospital.

Today's Victorian Budget has exposed the Premier for Melbourne's lack of concern for the health and wellbeing of Maryborough residents.

Member for Ripon, Louise Staley MP, has called on the Premier to fund the Maryborough Hospital redevelopment in full immediately.

"The 2020/2021 Victorian Budget fails to fund any construction of the hospital, raising serious questions about their intention to deliver the project at all," Ms Staley said.

During the 2018 election campaign, Daniel Andrews promised Maryborough locals that he would provide \$100 million to rebuild Maryborough Hospital in this term of government. Today's 2020/2021 State Budget only includes a small parcel of funding for planning and purchasing land. Meaning no actual work will start on the redevelopment in the foreseeable future.

"Halfway through their term in Government, Daniel Andrews and Tim Pallas have shown that they don't care about keeping their promises to the Maryborough community," Ms Staley said.

"The COVID19 pandemic has highlighted the absolute necessity of well resourced, state of the art, medical facilities in regional Victoria. The Andrews Government is willing to go into \$155 billion of debt in this budget, but they could not find the money they promised to redevelop the Maryborough Hospital."

"It's not good enough, and I will continue to fight for this essential project to be delivered."

"Daniel Andrews needs to see past the tram tracks and get serious about delivering for regional Victorians."

Louise Staley MP

## 2030 Community Plans attract federal funding

Some \$240,000 in federal funding has been allocated to the communities of Timor, Dunolly, Bowenvale and districts as part of the Your Community 2030 plans, which were officially launched last week.

Announced by Federal Member for Mallee Anne Webster during a visit to the shire last Wednesday, three lots of \$80,000 will go towards the upgrades and improvement of local infrastructure in the communities of Timor and district, Dunolly and Bealiba.

Ms Webster visited Wareek, Dunolly and Bealiba to discuss improvement works soon to be under way in each of the communities.

As part of the funding, the Timor/Bowenvale and Wareek halls will undergo painting improvement works as well as the installation of air conditioning, with shade sails, playground improvements and tree planting also to be undertaken.

The \$80,000 allocated to Dunolly will see town signage improved, shade sails installed at the Dunolly swimming pool, tree planting and playground improvements.

Bealiba will also see its hall improved through the community's \$80,000 with a new kitchen upgrade, while shade sails and other improvements are to be made to the playground.

The projects form part of the Central Goldfields Shire's 10 year community plan project — Your Community 2030 — which saw eight, 10 year community plans for the areas of Maryborough, Bealiba, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Talbot, Majorca, Bet Bet and Timor developed.

The 2030 Community Plans were officially launched with Ms Webster's announcement and she said it was important for the first round of works to focus on the "heart and soul" of small communities.

"Halls that are well looked after and presentable are really important for the community, and to people who drive past, it says this community is alive and that's what this funding is about."

Investing in community hall facilities was identified as a key theme in each of the community plans and Central Goldfields Shire mayor Chris Meddows-Taylor said the funding is a "great opportunity" for the community

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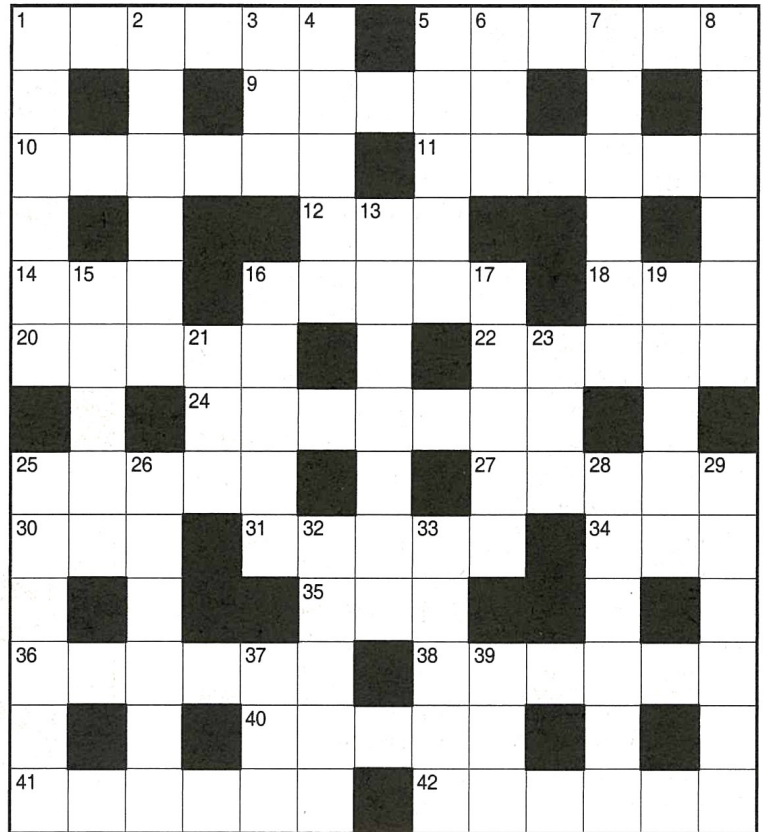
- 1. Noisy uproar
- 5. Spasm of muscle
- 9. Form of song and dance entertainment
- 10. Pillar
- 11. Of the nervous system
- 12. Glide over snow on runners
- 14. Pod vegetable
- 16. Italian traveller, \_\_\_\_\_ Polo
- 18. Female referred to
- 20. Put ball into play (tennis, eg.)
- 22. An escort in theatre
- 24. Component of bauxite
- 25. Word denoted by „
- 27. Doubter of others' virtue
- 30. Durable elastic wood

- 31. Any sound
- 34. Chopping tool
- 35. Dark protective liquid ejected by octopus, eg.
- 36. Book published once a year
- 38. To drink
- 40. Category of film or literature
- 41. Great iron man, \_\_\_\_\_ Hendy
- 42. Number of years in two decades

**Down**

- 1. Muscle of arm
- 2. '\$', \_\_\_\_\_ sign
- 3. Human's limb
- 4. Society solely for people with high IQs
- 5. Ancient short-sleeved garment
- 6. Little
- 7. Social songbird
- 8. Assistant
- 13. Name given to the government of Russia and previously the USSR
- 15. Mysteriously scary
- 16. Honeydew, eg.

- 17. Weight unit
- 19. Spiral curve
- 21. Large liquid-storage vessel
- 23. Express in words
- 25. Hereditary ruler
- 26. Sudden, sharp feeling of pain
- 28. A republic, eg.
- 29. Greenish vegetable
- 32. Lubricating device
- 33. Item of woman's clothing
- 37. Before the present time
- 39. Aquatic bird



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# CLASSIFIEDS & NOTICES

## Meet and greet the Councillors

I am planning an informal Central Goldfields Shire tour with my fellow elected councillors whereby we visit the small towns as a group to meet the residents of the Shire. First stop is Dunolly where we are planning to attend 'Happy Hour' at the Railway Hotel on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 5-7pm. This will be an opportunity for Flynn Ward residents to meet the new councillors, all seven of us; Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor (Mayor) — Paddys Ranges, Cr Anna De Villiers — Tullaroop, Cr Wayne Sproull, Cr Geoff Lovett, Cr Grace La Vella and Cr Gerard Murphy — Maryborough and myself Cr Liesbeth Long — Flynn, in person. This will be a Shire wide string of visits, with Flynn ward being the first one. If you require any more information please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanking you once again. Warm Regards,

Cr Liesbeth Long  
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## Invitation

**Saturday 19th December at 6pm**

Tarnagulla Community Centre Tarnagulla Urban Fire Brigade and the Tarnagulla Recreation Reserve Committee invite residents from Tarnagulla and local surrounds to a free community BBQ in Soldier's Park, Tarnagulla to celebrate Christmas and the end of 2020. Please BYO chair.

To assist with catering, please RSVP to 0408 191 738. COVID safety practices apply. Jenny Scott

## Town Hall community connectors

Wednesday 16th December 2020

Dunolly Town Hall 10.30—11.30am

Helping you link to your community.

Community Connectors are able to offer support if you are feeling lonely or isolated, connection to local services and information about volunteer opportunities within Central Goldfields Shire.

## Probus meeting December

Our Secretary Jill Morse has advised that the committee will try to have a December meeting in the Senior Citizens' Hall on Thursday 17th December depending on the numbers accepting. Would Probians please advise Jill on 0419 551 855 regarding your attendance or absence at this December meeting and luncheon.

Carolyn Butler, Publicity Officer

## Bereavement

It was with a heavy heart we said goodbye to Judy McPherson last Friday. Judy passed away after a short illness, and will be sorely missed by all those who knew her. She would always lend a hand with our functions, was a great cook, and her beautiful roses have often been seen in the foyer of our hall. Deepest sympathy to her family.

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**Dunolly Gold at MHS Tartan** Cars leave 12.30

Aaron Britten	Roy Pickering	Barry Mortlock
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**Dunolly Red at Dunolly V MHS Black**

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**Mid-Week Pennant Teams  
Round 6 8/12/2020**

**Dunolly Blue at Dunolly V Dunolly Gold**

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Greg Dobbin	Chris Williams	Tony Galafaro
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To celebrate the year, and present trophies, we will be having our Christmas break up next Thursday, the 10th of December at 7pm at the Railway Hotel.

Meals can be ordered from the normal pub menu, and we would like to see as many members, partners, friends, sponsors etc. as possible. It has been an unusual year, and it will be nice to celebrate our successes together.



Please let Ian, Jamie, Darren or Jenny know if you are going to be there.

Ian Arnold



**Maryborough Rotary still Zooming  
along during Pandemic**

The Rotary Club of Maryborough hasn't missed a beat – or a meeting – during the Coronavirus Pandemic, with the club quickly adopting the popular video conference platform Zoom to continue holding its weekly meetings virtually after in-person gatherings were prohibited.

The club has held virtual meetings since March, with up to 30 of the club's 45 members "zooming in" on Thursday evenings each week for most elements of the normal face-to-face meetings, except of course the dinner!

Club President Alison Teese said the virtual format meant that because guest speakers could address the club from anywhere in the world, the club was considering retaining the Zoom format for speakers after all restrictions end and the club could resume meeting in-person at its regular Havilah House meeting venue.

"We've had speakers like James Williamson, the son of Past President Leigh Williamson, who spoke to us from Minnesota in the US, where he's now living and working, about what life was like in the epicentre of the Black Lives Matter protests this year.

"Closer to home, we've also had speakers from Melbourne and elsewhere in Australia like sports journalist John Harms that we wouldn't normally have secured because of the need to travel to Maryborough," Ms Teese added. "But video conferencing means that people can talk to us from the comfort of their homes – where many of them are working now."

The club continued to have fun in the virtual format, with a Masquerade Night with a prize for best mask and regular traditions such as heads and tails at the end of meetings. Other elements such as "two truths and a lie" allowed members to get to know each other better.

There was also a virtual changeover to new office bearers mid-year and the induction of three new members under the Zoom format, with the club recording a net increase in membership over the past year, despite the pandemic.

"Our members have coped really well with the COVID-19 restrictions and have adopted the technology well, but of course we'll be happy to go back to our normal in-person meetings, dinners and community activities too," Ms Teese said.

Max Berry

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## Talented artists of our local area

To coincide with the Dunolly Art Hub's Virtual Arts, Crafts & Photography Exhibition, we are highlighting the works of some of the entrants. This week we are featuring Debra Sealey And Kerri White. The online exhibition will run from 28th November until 10th December; please see the Dunolly Arts Hub *Facebook* page for details.

Jenny Scott

### Kerri White



Born in Melbourne, Kerri grew up showing a keen interest in art. In 1995, Soroptomist International awarded her first prize in the State-wide competition for "The International Year of Tolerance". Her success continued at the Royal Melbourne Show, where she was awarded First Prize for Painting and Commended for Drawing.

Her exhibitions include the NGV group exhibition 'Seize', Brunswick Street Gallery solo exhibition 'Inside Out', Tiny Towns Arts Trail, Dunolly Court House 'Landscapes', previous Dunolly Arts Hub Art Exhibitions and Gallery 127 Avoca solo exhibition 'Close to Home'. Her works have been most recently exhibited at Puzzle Flat Gallery, Dunolly and Dunolly Bistro & Bar and are held in many private collections, both near and far.

Whilst exploring various mediums and themes over 25 years, the move to Central Victoria has seen her arts practice mostly dedicated to landscape painting. Feeling a great affinity with the surrounding environment, Kerri is witness to the changes which occur throughout the seasons, it is ever-changing and a constant inspiration.

Some different styles have evolved over these past few months in Kerri's semi-isolation and together with her stunning landscapes, she has a body of work which has attracted a large following.

Kerri is excited at the opportunities, including this Dunolly Arts Hub Exhibition, which continue to present themselves.

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### Debra Sealey

Observing Deb's house from the outside, one would never guess that inside there is a veritable whirlwind of creative pursuits happening, many in different stages of completion. With a background in hospitality and a love of cooking, painting has been added to her list of passions over the past six



years, working mostly in acrylics, although she states that she prefers oils. Being awarded a commendation for her first entry in one of the Arts Hub Shows a few years ago, gave her the impetus to attempt the use of many different techniques and styles. She has now branched out into creating in faux stained glass and a variety of other media, expressing that the time spent becomes her Zen time, where hours can go by in a flash.

Her inquisitive mind is always active though, constantly researching possible new projects; one of her latest achievements being the creation of a working hydroponic garden; this and other projects necessitating Deb becoming familiar with the use of power tools. Within the past few months, she has added a new dimension to both her own life and *The Welcome Record* with her stories and recipes. Now also one of the trainee Editors of the paper, she is revelling in the opportunities for expression it provides. Surrounded by her much-loved animals and birds, Deb will no doubt continue to be full of surprises as we wonder what project she may dream up next!

