

Merry Christmas

To all our readers and contributors. Thank you for being patient with us over a very difficult year. We hope that the New Year brings health, peace and happiness to all.

We will return on Tuesday 19th January 2021.

From all of us at *The Welcome Record*



Meyer Christmas Land

One of our local residents has gone above and beyond this year to make a truly wonderful Christmas display. It's sure to delight young and old alike.

Not only has this family devoted many weeks to mounting this display, they have also chosen to be a vehicle to assist others at this time. They have a donation tin, which is to aid a family in Tarnagulla which tragically lost their husband and father. That's not all! Under the archway they are accepting wrapped presents that will go to Disadvantaged Kids Ballarat/Bendigo. Please put the age and gender of the child.

The address is 100 Middle Road, Dunolly.

Gates are open to walk around the Christmas Lights each night 8 to 10pm and lights are turned off at 11pm.

This is truly what the Christmas spirit is all about.

Debra Sealey

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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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ROSIE'S RAMBLE

This is the last Rosie's Ramble for the year. The paper is going on holidays over Christmas, so the great production staff can have a break after a difficult year.

If there is one word from 2020 that I would like to see taken out to sea or buried in a big hole never to be seen again, it is "unprecedented". It must be the most over-used word since "absolutely" was all the go. After the first million times it was used, I reckon everyone got the picture.

I was reading a book about antiques, when I came across a picture of a fuel kettle. It was along the lines of the dreaded petrol iron. It was kettle shaped with a pressure fuel tank on the back, just like the irons. I reckon it would be more fearsome to operate than the iron though. The early morning cuppa would have been fraught with danger.

Did you know that more people in Australia die from bee stings than from snake bite? I always think that on the whole, people who are stung by a bee are very unlucky when you see the number of them around this time of year. (Bees I mean, not people).

I received, as a free gift from a mail order firm, a milk frother. It is a battery operated very small whisk. I decided to see if it works — some of these free gifts do not. I sometimes have a powdered cappuccino, and they have to be well-stirred. So I added water to the powder and turned on the whisk. Not one of my better ideas! Because of the small size of the cup and the speed of the whisk, I had one of those "left the lid off the blender" moments. Not such a huge mess but it is amazing how far jet-propelled coffee can spread.

I've had this idea for a while as to how to remove the spider webs etc. from behind the hutch in the kitchen. It stands out from the wall, and of course is a high-rise residence for small creatures. I reckoned the leaf-blower would do the job. Was telling my niece about it and she offered to bring hers here as it is not as powerful as mine. It did a great job — cobwebs and who knows what else flew out into the corner and into the air, but it wasn't too big a mess. All those creatures who survived the mini hurricane no doubt spent the night planning their new homes. It really was not a bad idea at all. Feel free to copy if you need to.

Everybody, have a happy time over Christmas; enjoy the fact we can mingle again. See you in the New Year.

Rosie



FUZZY LOGIC
 Gone crazy — back soon.

Poetry

Joy of living

A reminder of the joy of living
has rewarded me each day
As I watch six lambs frolic in a paddock,
strewn with dust and hay.

Chasing each other
amongst tall gum trees
Ignoring their mothers,
they run with unbridled glee
I reflect upon the last 10 months
as this year rapidly ends

It is with fervent hope 2021 will bring some normality
As we are eager to spend Christmas
with family and friends

May you all find peace of mind,
may you find joy in things large and small
May gratitude, kindness, generosity
become your strident call.



For it is up to each of us
to make the World
a better place
To follow in the footsteps
of Elders
who taught wisdom
and grace.

Enjoy Yuletide and
Religion's festivities
Meditate on what makes
humanity great

Give each other a smile, forgive and reach out
Love, a hug, encouragement — never comes too late.

Em Goldy
December 2020

Stories from Cynthia

Looking back over the past year at all the interesting and entertaining articles contributed by *The Welcome Record* readers, and I recall such a variety of topics, both entertaining and serious, and always most readable. There was a short period when there was a shortage of contributions; however, strangely enough the COVID lockdown suddenly produced a spate of new material, all most welcome.

We have acquired two new volunteers, Debra and Sharron to replace Marilyn who has stepped down as co-editor. Debra has lived things up with her variety of interesting articles; a great asset to our paper.

When I started chronicling the saga of Waistcoat Willie, I envisaged doing two or maybe three instalments of Billy's most exciting and often mind boggling experiences, never imagining that they would continue on for the whole year, and which engendered much positive feedback. Thank you Billy for providing us all with such entertaining stories. Billy is now in recovery from his bone marrow procedure and we all look forward to hearing his guitar strumming and that big, deep voice. "I am waiting to hear my favourite Sailor" again.

Happy Christmas to all our readers.

Cynthia Lindsay

Yuletide yumminess

The fabulously famous three ingredient Christmas cake

This is the CWA (Country Women's Association) Prize Winning Blue Ribbon three Ingredient Fruit Cake Recipe and it's legendary. No fuss. Just three ingredients!

I have made it many times, it's a no fail cake. I often make it as a gift which is usually well received.

You'll need to start prepping this three ingredient Christmas cake one day before baking.

Ingredients

1kg of mixed fruit
600 ml of any liquid (orange juice is a good one) I used iced coffee, then let it sit overnight

2 cups of self-raising flour

Instructions

1. Place the mixed dried fruit into a very large bowl. Add the iced coffee (or liquid substitute) and mix well. Cover with plastic wrap and place into the fridge overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius. Grease and line a 23cm cake tin with baking paper and set aside
3. Stir the self-raising flour through the fruit mixture and pour into the prepared tin.
4. Bake for approximately 1 hour or until the cake feels firm in the middle and a skewer inserted comes out with a few moist crumbs on it.

Substitute liquids can be juice (orange, apple, pineapple etc), black tea, chocolate milk.

If you'd like to add a splash of alcohol to your Christmas fruit cake, here's the types that work best:

Brandy, whiskey, sherry, dark rum, orange-flavoured liqueur, Baileys Irish cream, Kahlua, port . Simply add the alcohol to the dried fruit mix along with your chosen liquid (iced coffee, juice etc).

Ground cinnamon, nutmeg and mixed spice are delicious in this recipe, they definitely add an extra dimension.

Debra Sealey



Caramel Popcorn

Base

¼ cup vegetable oil
½ cup popping corn

Caramel

125g butter, chopped
¾ cup white sugar
2 tablespoons honey



Line a tray with baking paper. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add 2 pieces of popping corn. If corn slowly turns around in a circle then oil is hot enough.

Add remaining popping corn. Cover with a tight-fitting lid. When corn starts popping, shake saucepan gently. Remove from heat when corn stops popping. Transfer to a large bowl, discarding any un-popped corn.

Make caramel: Combine butter, sugar and honey in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for 5 to 7 minutes or until sugar has dissolved. Bring mixture to the boil. Boil, uncovered, without stirring, for 5 to 8 minutes or until light golden

Remove from heat. Pour caramel mixture over popcorn and stir until popcorn is coated. Spread over prepared tray. Set aside to cool. Break into pieces. Serve.

Debra Sealey



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Our own local copper receives award

Congratulations to the Goldfields Police Service Area members who have been awarded medals for their service to Victoria Police and the community!

The recipients were Sergeant Stephen Atkinson, Sergeant Frank Docherty, Detective Sergeant Roland Kurzke, Leading Senior Constable Stuart Buchanan, Leading Senior Constable Sarah Carless, Leading Senior Constable Grant Polglase, Leading Senior Constable Barry Taylor, Leading Senior Constable Natalie Passalick and Leading Senior Constable Ray Stomann.

The medals were presented by Acting Superintendent Chris Large and Inspector Donna Mitchell.

Courtesy Goldfields Community News



Children and their families shouldn't be homeless at Christmas

Droughts, bushfires, a pandemic and a recession. The past year has been challenging for us all, but 2020 has been most difficult for single-parent families and children already living on the brink.

Did you know that in recent months almost one million Australians were unemployed, pushing more families closer to homelessness.

With hundreds of thousands of Australians out of work and struggling to make ends meet, this Christmas will be an anxious time without your help. Donate today and help a family find a safe home in their hour of need.

<https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/>

Mission Australia website



It's three weeks until Christmas day. For most of us it's an exciting time of the year, but for families who have suffered from job losses, it will be tough. Your support will mean Christmas lunch and presents for the kids.

Give the gift of hope this Christmas,

Go to <https://fal.cn/3c05S>

Salvation Army Australia Facebook page



Vinnies launches 2020 Christmas Appeal on 17th November 2020.

Claire Victory, National President of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is asking people in a position to do so to dig a bit deeper this year as the Society launches its Christmas Appeal after a very tough year. "Job losses, business closures and reduced working hours have placed many communities under increased financial strain," Ms Victory said. "The Federal Government has reduced the Coronavirus supplement and it will drop again early next year, plunging many more people into poverty, and other supports, such as the moratorium on evictions are also being lifted in some states.

"Even without border closures and travel restrictions, many people in our community find Christmas to be a particularly lonely time of year due to social isolation. Each year the Australian community provides generously to help Vinnies help people who have fallen on hard times to enjoy something of the Christmas season.

"The pandemic has made it harder for Vinnies to meet the needs of the people we help due to social distancing restrictions and the need for the contactless delivery of food support.

"Belts have tightened around the nation, and our committed volunteers have been prevented from helping because of COVID risks. During lockdown, many Vinnies shops across Australia had to close or reduce their operations, reducing our ability to generate funds to distribute to people in need.

"This year's campaign has been launched at the end of a year many would rather forget. But with your help, we will be able to make this festive season that little bit brighter for people in our community who are doing it particularly tough," Ms Victory said.

You can donate to the 2020 Vinnies Christmas Appeal via vinnies.org.au/christmasappeal or by calling 131 812. The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia consists of 60,000 members and volunteers who operate on the ground through more than 1000 groups located in local communities across the country.

St Vincent De Paul media release

**CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS
RATEPAYERS AND
RESIDENTS ASSOC. INC.**

As the final weekly report for the year 2020, we would like to wish every resident and ratepayer of the Central Goldfields Shire a very happy and safe festive season. We look forward to seeing you all back with us for 2021. On 1st December 2020 we held our final meeting and AGM at the Maryborough Hub Auditorium outside the hub, due to COVID restrictions.

Thanks so much to the Shire for making this possible. A lot of last minute organisation went into this, which permitted a COVID safe AGM.

There were 22 in attendance at this AGM, including four of our councillors, along with many of our supportive members. A very welcome start with the arrival of Councillors Meddows-Taylor, Long, Sproull and La Vella who participated as well.

We had the usual formal reports to begin with, a summary of the year by our president Wayne who thanked the committee, and members and then welcomed and congratulated our newly elected councillors. All positions were declared vacant, then the meeting was handed over to chairperson Bill for the election of president and the 2021 committee.

The newly elected committee consists of the following:

President: Wayne McKail

Vice President: John Tully

Secretary: Judi McKail

Treasurer: Michael Chainey

Committee: Susan Tully and John Wright

All positions were filled, unopposed.

The meeting commenced with several issues raised. Fire preparedness, the men's shed, Carisbrook levee, Nightingale Street nurses quarters and a few other items. All councillors contributed and their participation was most welcome. The meeting was closed at 7.40pm, and many councillors and members stayed back and discussed concerns informally.

A huge thank you to our councillors and members for attending and participating.

This sends us a very positive message for the relationship between the councillors and the community. Extremely pleasing.

The issue regarding the financial report and the \$55 million has been attempted to be partially explained to us by the councillors. However, some of the Shire seems to still not be communicating effectively. Those in the Shire who are not communicative, we hope they get transparency, accountability and full public consultation skills for Christmas. Still we have several FOIs and an Ombudsman's complaint which our Shire seems to be avoiding. We are sure they will be resolved shortly.

One event which was mentioned was for 11th January 2021. CGR&RAI is organising a Carisbrook Flood 10 year anniversary at Bucknall Reserve from 10am. This will be a gathering with several politicians, water authority representatives, council representatives and the community. After a brief presentation, the community will be presenting a Levee plan to all dignitaries, then a mingle and casual chat which will all finish at 12 midday.

This Carisbrook levee anniversary is not about what has happened before that day, it is focusing on the next step forward. Working together and getting the next stages completed.

Our next meeting will be on 2nd February 2021 at the Maryborough Hub. Looking forward to a completely new 2021. Transparency and accountability will be our call for 2021 (including the newly elected councillors). Looking forward to seeing the Shire adopt this same approach and we can see a very positive future for our community. On that note, CGR&RAI thanks all our members, supporters, councillors and staff at the Central Goldfields Shire and also wish them a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, and look forward to a smooth 2021.

Wayne McKail, President

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MAYORAL COLUMN

Council steps-up support ahead of Target store closure

At a Council Meeting this week 1st December, Central Goldfields Shire Council voted to immediately step-up advocacy for Maryborough Target staff ahead of the store's anticipated closure in March 2021.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor, Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor, expressed his disappointment at the timing of the announcement by company Wesfarmers Ltd., citing the negative impact of COVID-19 on the retail and hospitality sector in the region and state as a whole.

The Mayor asked for assurances that Target staff not redeployed to their Maryborough Kmart store be supported in finding alternative employment or appropriate redundancy assistance.

Councillors appointed to committees and organisations

Central Goldfields Shire Councillors were appointed to various committees and statutory or regional bodies at a Council Meeting this week 1st December.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor, Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor, said representation on various committees was an important part of the role of a Councillor.

"Being part of these committees provides Councillors with an opportunity to engage with our community and advocate on their behalf.

"The diverse range of committees and working groups reflects the breadth of work of a Councillor. Importantly representation enables the individual skills, capabilities and interests of each Councillor to be best used to actively support the work of Council and make a positive difference for our community".

Fire Danger Period started

The Fire Danger Period for 2020/21 commenced in our Shire on Monday 30th November.

To find out what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can

All ratepayers would have received a letter recently reminding them of the importance of minimising the threat to life and property from fire.

Property inspections in towns across the Shire are under way and Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officers will be paying particular attention to rural land which abuts townships.

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

CGSC News



Finalise your livestock fire plan now

Agriculture Victoria is urging livestock owners to get prepared for the possibility of a fire emergency on their farm. This includes identifying safer areas on-farm to where livestock can be moved. The area you choose will depend on the type of livestock and their expected behaviour during a bushfire. To reduce potential injury and death to livestock you should consider relocating stock to designated low risk areas during days of high fire danger and Total Fire Bans.

Low risk areas include ploughed paddocks (areas cultivated and kept free of combustible vegetation) and bared-out paddocks (provided they are well defended by fire breaks). Other low risk areas include irrigated paddocks or paddocks containing green summer crops (green feed does not burn easily) or stockyards that can be wet in advance (yards must be well defended as the fire front passes).

All low risk areas should have enough drinking water for stock for extended periods of high fire risk and high temperatures, be protected by firebreaks and free of leaf, twigs and bark build-up. Areas where there are dams and swamps are another possible option.

For more information and help on preparing a farm and livestock bushfire plan go to <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/> or call the Agriculture Victoria Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Loddon celebrates International Volunteer Day

The United Nations International Volunteer Day was held on 5th December.

As part of its celebrations this year Loddon Shire showcased volunteers in our community and volunteers involving community groups. These volunteers were all nominated by someone in their community.

You can view these profiles on Council's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LoddonShire

Council also revealed the final design for the Volunteer@Loddon logo, which was initially designed by Volunteer@Loddon logo competition winner Ella Hocking. Ella worked with a graphic designer on the final design.

Council also launched its Volunteer@Loddon webpage. You can view the page at www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Working-with-us/Volunteering-with-Loddon-Shire-Council

Claire Leunig Loddon Shire Council



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Merry Christmas everyone!

The Centre will be closed from Monday 21st December until Monday 11th January.

2021 is set to be a year for all, with the great things we didn't do in 2020 and new projects planned for the coming year.

So watch this space for all the details.

The Committee of Management wishes everyone a safe, happy, relaxed Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.



Want more information?

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email: admin@dunnhc.com.au

Sharon Hiley
Coordinator

Christmas Bunting for Broadway

Do you want Christmas bunting for your shop in Dunolly?

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One length of 11m, two lengths of 9m, two lengths of 8m, three lengths of 7m, six lengths of 6m, three lengths of 5m, five lengths of 4m, three lengths of 3m (plain green and red).

Please ring or message Lynda on 0418 875 453 to secure your lengths of bunting which will be hung for you by the DDI.

Lynda Vater

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Move It

Dance Exercise comes to the Dunolly Arts Hub

The Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre and the Arts Hub is excited to announce that we have been given funding to support a new Move It exercise programme. This project received grant funding from the Australian Government through Sport Australia. The Move It programme will create opportunities for older people in the area to be more active and engaged with each other. This dance-based exercise class has its main focus on 65+, but younger people are also welcome, the classes will be capped at 10 so we can utilise the Arts Hub to its fullest.

The Loddon Mallee Region Move It Project is a regional project overseen by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Mildura Rural City Council. \$1.2 million will be used to lead a wide range of activities to support inactive people age 65 years and over to be more active and to improve older residents' understanding of the benefits of regular physical activity, mental well-being and social connectedness. Among the funded organisations are sports and recreation groups, local councils, community health organisations and neighbourhood houses. The project is supported by the Australian Government's Move It Australia Better Ageing Grant through Sport Australia.

The exercise classes will be held at the Dunolly Arts Hub twice a week; once in the afternoon and once in the evening so that people who work can also join in. The exercise is dance based, each session will go for an hour. You will also be part of a survey into rural ageing by two of Australia's leading universities and will be asked to fill a survey at the beginning and finish of the 17 week program. Due to COVID restrictions in 2020 this program will commence in February 2021. Please call Lynda on 0418 875 453 or email on:

Lynda.vater@gmail.com to register your interest in joining the program.

Lynda Vater

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Church services as per Church News

Catholic Church

We are back at last to pre-COVID Mass schedules. Dunolly will be back to Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, and Assembly on the first and third Sundays of the month.

There will be Mass at St Mary's, Dunolly on Christmas Day at 8.30am and at St Augustine's in Maryborough at 10.30am.

Christmas celebrations will be better than it seemed a few weeks ago, with bigger gatherings allowed.

Wishing everyone a very happy and holy Christmas and a New Year full of hope.

R Mecredy

St John's Anglican Church

Second Sunday of Advent
6th December 2020

Christmas Eve, 24th December
Christmas Service 10am

Esmé Flett

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a

Uniting Church

This week John Moir will lead us in our service on 13th December at 9.30am. Presbytery will be on Zoom for their service too at 10am.

Our Op-Shop is open on Tuesday, 10am to some time in the afternoon COVID rules must be adhered to. Thursday and Friday 10am to 4pm. Come in we have some beautiful clothes and Christmas decorations.

God be with you all.

Jean Richardson



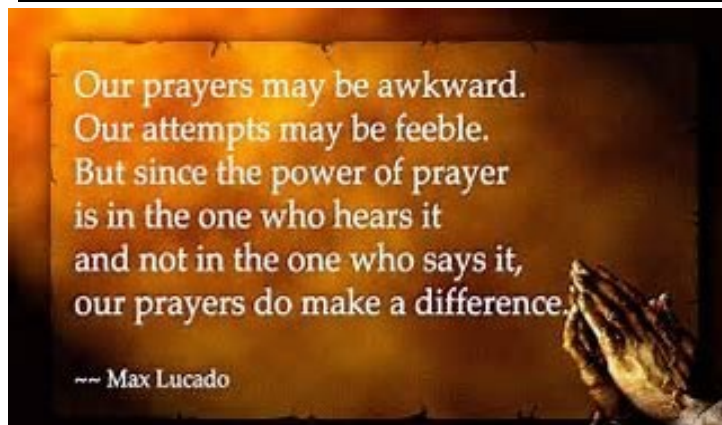
Uniting Church Op-Shop

The Op-shop will close for Christmas on Friday 18th December.

We still have a range of bargains on our Christmas table.

Other bargains include, twin pusher, as new \$50, golf bag and nine clubs \$20, cedar table \$30, student desk \$20 plus much more.

Jim McKenzie



Beginning December 1st

Each evening, read 1 chapter of The Book of Luke in the Bible.

There are 24 chapters.

On Christmas Eve, you will have read the whole account of Jesus's life and wake up on Christmas Morning knowing

Who and Why we Celebrate Christmas.

Kelly's Treehouse



DUNOLLY CWA UPDATE

Our last CWA week for this year was a very busy one for members. Three of us went to Newstead for a Tillows fashion parade and had a lovely day. We were a bit early so were able to sit out in the sun with other group members and catch up on their news. We went inside and watched a parade of nice clothes, then, after a lot of shopping, had lunch. This was a tasty meal enjoyed by all. We all scored nice things from the lucky numbers —even the pegs were in nice pastel colours.

Our last meeting for the year was a very happy one on a lovely day at a very nice place, The Gold and Grain. The business part came first, then the meal was served — yum! We also saw a dessert involving ice cream, coffee and liqueur — looked very interesting, but most of us were too full to try it. A very happy end to a weird year. A very Happy Christmas and an uneventful 2021 to everyone (not dull, just normal).

R Mecredy, Publicity





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Around school this week

Statewide Transition Day — Tuesday 8th December.

All students spent the day in their 2021 classroom. Our year 6 students will attend the secondary school they are enrolled in for next year. Our Step into

Prep students will attend school for the full day.

Year 5/6 Cottage by the Sea Camp

Thank you to our wonderful staff who has put in a lot of extra work this week to make this year's camp a memorable experience for our year 5/6 students. The students had an amazing time whilst at camp, as can be seen in all the photos that have been posted on our Facebook page.

I am sure that they were quite weary after their big week, but full of stories to tell you.

Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 16th December Time: 6pm

Grade 6 students arrive at 5.30pm for a sit-down meal (catered by the Gold & Grain Café) at 6pm

The Zoom presentation/speeches will begin at 7pm and a disco will follow.

Parents of all year 6 students were mailed out an invitation on Monday with more information on the options for parents along with the details needed to join us via Zoom.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1 – Jayda Payne

Year 2/3 – Lily Malcolm & Summer Willoughby

Year 4 – Annabel Fitt-Gloury

Principal's – Natalie Raven

LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



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The Green line — A short history of The Dunolly Bowling Club

The green line is the curved line that the bowl must travel from the mat to reach its objective.

The Dunolly community's quest for the raising of a bowling club began in 1899. *The Dunolly & Bet Bet Shire Express* ran the contents of the letter written to the Bet Bet Shire Council on 22nd September 1899, whereby a group of citizens from Dunolly made a request for permission to commence forming a green in the Gordon Gardens in Dunolly.



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From *The Dunolly & Bet Bet Shire Express* 3rd April, 1900.

"A meeting in connection with the Dunolly Bowling Club was held in the Council Chambers on Friday evening. The Mayor, Councillor Walter Skelton in the chair. The Mayor reviewed what had been done so far in the formation of the green and gave a statement of receipts and expenditure. He had high encouragement that there was a large number of intending members and most important that a flourishing club would be formed. The grass seed for the green had arrived and he expected they would be able to play on it in September. The bowling club would have to have a meeting to draw up rules, and after that meeting, the subscription would be raised to two pound two shillings, as it would not do to allow those taking no part in the initiation and the preliminary arrangements to enter on the same footing as those who had taken part from the first. The green had been reported on in most satisfactory terms".

On 11th December 1900, an advertisement was placed in *The Dunolly & Bet Bet Shire Express* requesting all members and intending members to meet at the side room at the Town Hall on Friday evening at 7.30pm to arrange for opening of the Greens and to elect officers to the club. Mr Walter Skelton, JP was at that time the Honorary Secretary.

The President of the bowling club said it was probable the green would be formally opened in January. Mr. George Ray of Maldon, one of the champion bowlers of the colony, has taken great interest throughout and expressed great satisfaction with the appearance of the green, which he said, even at the present time, would compare favourably with longer established greens. Mr. Ray intends to bring a party of bowlers from Maldon for the opening. By the way we are pleased to mention that the champion bowler of the Ballarat North Club for 1899, Mr Bickett is now a resident of Dunolly and will be a member of the club. Although the green was expected to be opened in January, the newspapers reported nothing more. An item regarding Dr Cookson was located in May 1901, regarding Cookson's departure from Dunolly, and at that time the green was not up and running. Did the community lose interest?

1945-1960

Three months after the end of World War 11, a group of concerned citizens gathered for a meeting to form the Dunolly Bowling Club on 16th August 1945 in the Fire Brigade Hall. Messrs. Sims and Raven were instigators and with the use of earth moving equipment owned by Mr Raven, preparation of the green began. To help raise funds for the material needed five pound debentures were offered to the town's interested persons, which many contributed to. It had been a long and difficult road and lots of consultation and preparation to form a green consisting of eight rinks in the Gordon Gardens. In 1945, the first President of the Dunolly Bowling Club was Percy Robert Sims.

There were 26 founding members.

The Club started off with very basic furnishing — three tables and 24 chairs, bare concrete floor, no kitchen sink, a Fowlers bottling urn to boil water and no toilets, they used the ones in the gardens, which at that time had no roof. If anyone felt like a drink, they went across to the Hotel Ladies Lounge.

Ladies dresses and all accessories (even stockings) had to be white. They obtained the nickname, white leghorns. No slacks were allowed. Things have certainly changed since then. Now the ladies not only wear coloured slacks, they also compete alongside the men in competition.

The ladies provided afternoon tea for all occasions regarding the bowling club; whether it be for the men's or ladies sections: sandwiches, cakes and tea and coffee were standard fare. The original funds for this came out of the ladies' own pockets. If anyone had a cow, they donated milk. On guest days the ladies provided the crockery and cutlery from their own homes. They also provided all the cooking and donated the food. Guests only had to pay for the raffle.

In 2019 the Dunolly Bowling Club celebrated 70 years since their official formation, but I think you can see their history is even longer and more interesting than that.

In this time, they have raised funds within their club to build an extension and are keen to thank Maldon Community Bank for their assistance with solar panels.

My thanks go to John Tully at the Dunolly Museum and to Alan Weir for their assistance in finding information for this story.

Excerpts from;

A Toucher on the First Kitty — A Happy Augury
A History of the Dunolly Bowling Club
Shirley Xanthos 2017

Dunolly & Bet Bet Shire Express 3rd April 1900

Debra Sealey



Be the solution. Report litter and pollution

As Victorians flock to camping grounds and enjoy the great outdoors over summer, Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) has launched a new campaign to encourage the community to be the solution and report litter and pollution.

The campaign aims to increase community confidence in playing their part to minimise the impact of litter to the environment and public health.

"With some of the state's iconic camping destinations now open for bookings and many people gathering outdoors over the warmer months of the year, it's a timely reminder that every Victorian has a responsibility for the waste they produce and dispose of," said EPA CEO Dr Cathy Wilkinson.

"Littering not only poses environmental and health risks, it drains money from vital public services such as maintaining our parks. Be the solution and help protect the health of our community and environment by signing up to report littering from a vehicle via the EPA Report Litter App today."

EPA receives about 20,000 reports of littering each year and works closely with government, industry and community to use intelligence and surveillance to target offenders. Littering is against the law with fines of up to \$330 for a small piece of litter and \$661 for a lit cigarette or burning litter.

Victorians can report littering from a vehicle to EPA via the EPA website, EPA Report Litter App (available on Google Play or the Apple Store) or the 24-hour hotline on 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842).

For more information, head to epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution

Environmental Protection Authority Victoria

A Christmas Recipe

Once again this year, I've had requests for my Vodka Christmas Cake recipe so here goes. Please keep in your files as I am beginning to get tired of typing this up every year!

(Made mine this morning!!!!)

1 cup sugar, 1 tsp baking powder, 1 cup water, 1 tsp salt, 1 cup brown sugar, Lemon juice, 4 large eggs, Nuts, 1 bottle Vodka, 2 cups dried fruit.

Sample a cup of Vodka to check quality. Take a large bowl, check the Vodka again to be sure it is of the highest quality, then repeat. Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 teaspoon of sugar. Beat again. At this point, it is best to make sure the Vodka is still OK. Try another cup just in case. Turn off the mixer thingy. Break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Pick the fruit up off the floor, wash it and put it in the bowl a piece at a time trying to count it. Mix on the turner. If the fried fruit gets stuck in the beaters, just pry it loose with a drowscriver. Sample the Vodka to test for tonsistency. Next, sift 2 cups of salt, or something. Check the Vodka. Now ship shift



the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Add a spoon of sugar, or somefink. Whatever you can find. Greash the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 degrees and try not to fall over. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Finally, throw the bowl through the window.

Finish the Vodka and wipe the counter with the dog.

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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.

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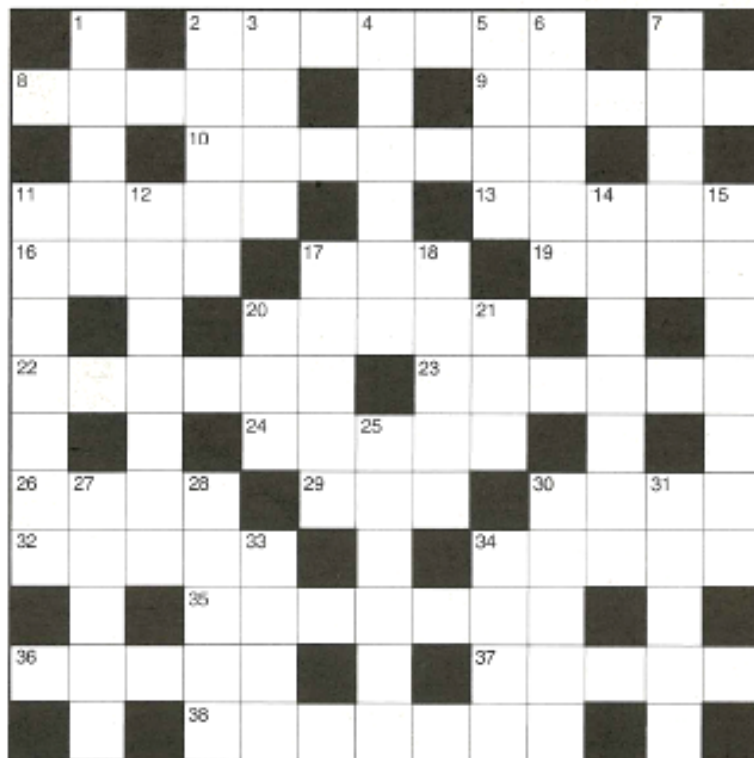
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- 30. Make sound like that of snake
- 32. Subject of discussion
- 34. Third of a third
- 35. Intoxicating drink
- 36. Godsend
- 37. Person's other name
- 38. Tending to make small spasmodic bodily movements
- 20. Geographical illustration
- 21. Remote (of town, eg.), out of the ____
- 25. Resist authority
- 27. Faithful
- 28. Large mythological being
- 30. Abounding in hummocks, eg.
- 31. Deviate off course
- 33. Creature's sharp nail
- 34. Ark-building figure of Bible

Across

- 2. William McWhorter's successor as Aust. P.M., Gough ____
- 8. Plants living in water
- 9. Heavy colourless gaseous element
- 10. One with extreme enthusiasm for something
- 11. Grow along ground (of plant)
- 13. Cloth worn about head or neck
- 16. Detect sound
- 17. Set of tools
- 19. Countertenor
- 20. Largest parrot
- 22. Pacific conflict of 1942, Battle of ____
- 23. Light shoe
- 24. Festive gathering
- 26. To toil

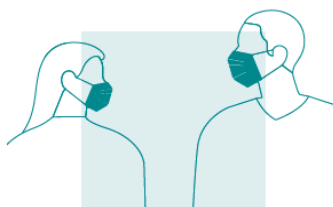
Down

- 1. Dazzling light
- 2. Extremely slender, ____-thin
- 3. Stack of items
- 4. Calamitous
- 5. Line linking poles of sphere
- 6. Holy city of Islam
- 7. Playing area for volleyball, eg.
- 11. One who sells medicines and toiletries
- 12. Pendant earring
- 14. Folklore character, possessor of magic lamp
- 15. Unwise
- 17. Light canoe
- 18. Scrumptious



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“We know it can be expensive to study at university and TAFE, or to pursue an apprenticeship. The Community Bank’s scholarship program makes a real difference to the students’ ability to start a course or continue their studies.” The scholarships are designed to offset course fees, travel costs, rent, purchasing computers, books, equipment or other resources associated with their course, particularly for those experiencing financial, health or social challenges.

Applications are open to young people (aged 25 years or under) starting or continuing a TAFE-based apprenticeship, a TAFE Certificate course, a diploma, advanced diploma or university undergraduate degree. Applicants must come from the area covered by the Maldon & District Community Bank, which includes Maldon, Baringhup, Dunolly, Newstead, Harcourt and the Mount Alexander district; or have attended a secondary school in this region.

The scholarships have made a big difference to local students from around the region since the program was launched in 2018. Dunolly’s Ty Elliott-Thompson was awarded the major scholarship in 2019, with the funding supporting his acting studies at Federation University.

“This scholarship helped me a lot with the cost of my studies and living away from home. It really meant a lot to me to be chosen for this award,” said Ty.

Apply online for the 2021 scholarships at www.maldoncb.com.au/investing-back-community/sponsorships-grants/. Drop into the Dunolly Branch at 109 Broadway (Dunolly RTCO) or contact Karly Smith to find out more: 0478 435 110 or executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au. Applications close on 31st January 2021.

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H Freemantle	Sheryl Howard	Bernie Lanfranchie
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Dunolly Gold At Dunolly V Talbot Gold

Aaron Britten	Roy Pickering	Barry Mortlock
Don Mortlock	Frank Mifsud	Jenny McHugh
Heather Weir	Ian Flett	Peter Harrison
Fabio Delconte	Paul Zahra	Robyn Fox
Manager	Roy Pickering	

Dunolly Green At Dunolly V Carisbrook

Keith McKenzie	Jim Haigh	Arthur Deason
Peter Freemantle	David Price	Paul Chase
Graham Cain	Joe Lacey	Sandra Chaplin
Karen Stephens	Nancy Pike	Richard Cain
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Dunolly Red BYE

Mid-Week Pennant Teams

15th December 2020

Dunolly Blue At Dunolly V Golf Gold

H Freemantle	Jenny McHugh	Loretta Parker
Sandra Chaplin	Sheryl Howard	Marg Davies
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Dunolly Outdoor pool will be open from 6th December 2020

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Solution 47



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What's on

Live music at The Railway Hotel Sunday December 13th at 2pm. "Jan Session" Rockin' the blues. Free entry
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The Dunolly & Bealiba RSL Christmas Hamper raffle was drawn at the Christmas dinner on 4th December, lucky winner was Bev Cain from McIntyre. Congratulations. Thank you to all members for selling tickets to friends and family. Members please remember membership renewal are due now, notices have been sent out.

First meeting for 2021 will be held on 9th February 2021, until then all stay safe and well. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to all.

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Jenny Scott

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