

Get active in Dunolly this Friday



A free event geared at COVID recovery, socialising and physical activity is set to hit the streets of Dunolly this Friday night.

Organised by the Central Goldfields Shire Council in partnership with the Healthy Heart of Victoria and Sports Focus, Dine Out Goldfields Active Dunolly Community Night will kick off this Friday, March 26 from 5 until 8 pm at Dunolly's Gordon Gardens. The event is open to residents of all ages and abilities and in addition to physical activities taking place, food trucks and pop up stalls will also be available with live music throughout the evening.

Central Goldfields Shire Flynn Ward councillor Liesbeth Long said the event is a "fantastic" way for the community to socialise and get together. "The idea for this night is all a part of COVID recovery. Council received funding for the Dine Out Goldfields events held in Maryborough and this is an offshoot of that," she said. "I think it's fantastic that Dunolly gets to host an outdoor dining event and to have it with activities throughout the night will be amazing."

Ms Long said having the event at the Gordon Gardens will give residents the opportunity to try out newly installed equipment and facilities. "We have had many recent additions to Gordon Gardens including a new basketball court, tennis court, a pump track and outdoor fitness equipment complete with shade sail," she said. "I really encourage the community to get involved with the night, bring a picnic blanket, catch up with friends and get involved with the activities we have planned."

The event coincides with This Girl Can Week 2021, an initiative of VicHealth, which aims to inspire women to get active however, wherever and whenever they choose, without being judged.

Activities planned for Friday's event include basketball, mini tennis and exercise equipment classes among others, which council's Move It project officer Zac Egan encouraged residents to get involved in.

"I've organised some fitness instructors who are going to give a demonstration on the equipment at Gordon Gardens and that provides a chance for people to learn how to use the equipment safely," he said.

"Residents can bring their friends along and not only learn how to use the equipment, but hopefully teach others as well, "It's not just about having the space here, it's about making sure people know how to use it safely."

Mr Egan said physical activity and exercise is important, particularly for older residents and said the activities on Friday won't be a chore. "We know as we get older things like gardening and cleaning can get a little bit difficult so the more we do, particularly with the strength building equipment at the gardens, will give people an advantage as they age and help them age safely," he said. "The other thing to emphasise is that we want to make movement and exercise fun — you can do it with your family, bring your grandparents and friends along because being active shouldn't be a chore and that's what this space and the night is all about."

Sport Focus' project coordinator Lauren Barone encouraged residents to attend the event.

"Supported by local clubs and physical activity providers, fun activities will be happening to encourage the community to get active and use the new facilities," she said.

The Gordon Gardens can be found in Market Street, Dunolly.

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The rain was very nice again -- water in the dam and tanks and the ground well soaked. The situation in New South Wales is very bad, one minute there was drought, now a one in a hundred year flood. We have cousins in Newcastle and they have had an incredible amount of rain. They live on high ground so are safe from floods, but thousands are not so lucky.

The cat seems to have decided that she likes it here and has settled down. I got the vet to call and check her over last week. That was very interesting. She only escaped four times and fled to her safe hidey holes. Only thing was that as soon as I came near she gave herself away by talking to me. She'd be very bad at hide and seek. She had to go to Maryborough for tests. There are few things as nerve wracking as having a cat in a cage in the boot, howling piteously every few seconds. She was alright on the way home though.

The millipedes have slowed down, but the rain will probably bring more out. The bindii is popping up again — I go round the back yard with a trowel and bag and get rid of them while they are tiny and harmless.

I was looking at a packet of flavoured rice the other day and was a bit startled to see on the label that it was made in Australia with less than 10% Australian ingredients. It didn't say, that I could see, where the other 90% came from I put it back on the shelf.

I was looking for my breakfast crumpets in Woolworths the other day and after searching for a while, I gave up. I said to a rather sad faced older man", there are no crumpets," (nothing like stating the obvious). "No," he said, and "there none in Aldi either."

Are crumpets the new super food, or is it a sign that the cool weather is coming?

My faithful blood lilies have flowered again this year. They live in a copper under the melaleuca and thrive on neglect. They receive a handful of blood and bone after the beautiful leaves die down. The nerines are flowering too. They thrive on the same tender loving care.

Rosie

Older but not wiser

I'm getting older every year — but not quite as much as my friends.

Cath Tate

Furry logic

As you get older get, your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember either

Jane Seabrook

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

I was privileged to attend a performance by Aria Cappella on Sunday 21st March at our lovely Town Hall. What a great afternoon we were treated to. These ladies performed so beautifully, they transported me to such fabulous places, in my mind. What an incredible way to spend an afternoon. Thank you to Rachel Buckley for your performance as Master of Ceremonies and to the Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) for employing such an enjoyable method of raising money for their cause. Aria Cappella donated their performance and drove all the way from Melbourne for their performance, a grand gesture indeed. I hope RAR was able to raise a considerable amount from the day, it deserved to be a success.

Debra Sealey

It's a wonder that the roof of Dunolly Town Hall didn't blow off last Sunday when the four wonderful Aria Cappella singers raised it with their magnificent voices. In perfect harmony they treated us to a superb programme of operatic arias which included choices from Carmen, Die Fliedermaus, Così, fan tutti, the Tales of Hoffmann, to name but a few. Arranged and presented by our very versatile Rachel, she also gave the audience a witty translation of each aria.

At the interval a raffle of donated gifts was drawn and the kind winner of a large box of chocolates sent it around for the audience to share. I love Sunday afternoons in Dunolly; there's always something exciting happening.

Cynthia

Dunolly Senior Citizens news

Indoor bowling and card games will begin for 2021 in the Senior Citizens Hall starting on Monday 12th April. Card games will also restart and be held on Thursdays at 1pm this year. The hall is alongside the CFA facility in Bull Street.

Indoor bowls is always fun, playing with a happy group of people from Dunolly and our district. If you are a new resident, come along to meet new friends. Current players are willing to guide you in the ways of the biased ball. For those stalwart players who have been missing the thrill of the perfect bowling ball throw, then now is the time to dust off your indoor-bowling attire and head to Dunolly. The most relished event at the hall is Wednesday Senior Citizens luncheons. On these days you will receive tasty food, delicious afternoon tea, plus entertainment. Lunches are held on the third Wednesday of each month — the date for the next one to be advised.

Everyone is welcome — members and non-members alike; for \$15.

Dunolly Senior Citizens Club is looking for new members, the cost is very reasonable at \$5 for membership. Committee meetings are held the first Monday of the month — the next one being on 5th April at 10am. Any member can join the committee; your contribution would be most appreciated.

For more information call

President, Peter on 0427 907 621

or Sandra on 0400 237 900

Peter, President

Harmony for Refugees

We were enchanted with the Aria Cappella singers who drove up from Melbourne to donate their concert to RAR. We also benefited from the generosity of those who donated to the raffle prizes. Our talented local artist Julia Hennessy kindly donated her series of framed photographs which were much admired.

Margaret Parsons of RAR banked \$1462 raised by ticket sales, raffle and generous donations from absent friends. Thanks to the Town Hall committee for generously giving us community rates, and especially to Kath Ryan for helping so much with set up and serving of the interval tea. Everyone was so understanding of the social distancing and made allowances. It was a delightful afternoon and the audience was hugely appreciative of the glorious voices of Aria Cappella.

Rachel Buckley

Quilts

The handmade quilts on display in the Maryborough Art Gallery are really amazing. From a distance they tell a story; fire ravaged landscape, paddocks of wheat, box iron bark forest, the time of corona, a fingerprint. The list goes on and every one is very different. Up close the intricate stitching, frayed edges, differing textures and subtle colour changes tell another story. These beautiful hangings tell of skill, incredible patience, great eye for detail, artistic flair and a deep understanding of the essence of their subject. It was a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon. As a child I spent many pleasant hours listening to my mother sew on her old treadle machine. She never did quilting but she made most of the family clothes as well as curtains, cushions, chair covers and any other fabric needs. My older sister was good with a sewing machine too. I never understood why because she was very short tempered with other things. My next sister was left handed so she struggled a bit with the machine at first but did master it. When it was my turn to sit in front of the machine I was quite confident about using it. So it was a real surprise to find out how hard it was. I never did manage to coordinate my feet and hands, and always snapped the thread first go. Not once did I get to sew even two stitches with that useless old Singer treacle machine. I grew to hate it with a passion. How many pieces of fabric I shredded with hands and teeth during a tantrum I have no idea. Mum very wisely put it all away while she still had a machine. Perhaps three or four years later a school friend let me use her mother's electric sewing machine to make a very trendy pair of slacks I wanted but could not afford to buy ready made. To my delight the cotton did not snap straight away, and there was a line of stitches visibly keeping the two pieces of material together (not very straight, but who cared) and my friend put the zip in and I did wear them with some pride. Not long after than Mum bought an electric machine too and I learned to make a few easy pieces of clothing. Easy straight forward things were what I made. If there was a sewing disaster, and there were quite a few, they still ended up shredded and jumped on in the corner. So when I see work with such beautiful stitches marching in straight lines, stitches making glorious circles and spirals, stitches moving triumphantly across the fabric in even patterns I am in total awe of the creators. How patient these people are. I am sure they must make mistakes and take ages to unpick it all and then have to do it all again, clearly without using their hands or teeth as shredders. I see that as their greatest achievement. Other people will judge their work differently, but that was the overwhelming impression I took away from my visit to the Art Gallery. When you visit there yourself you will find something to admire and enjoy, I am sure. Vicky Frizzell

OUR FUTURE LIES IN OUR PAST

(Mrs Anne Doran wrote this letter to *The Welcome Record* more than nine years ago. I'm sure you will agree that much of it is just as relevant to the future of Dunolly as it was then).

16th April, 1995. The Editor, *The Welcome Record*.

DUNOLLY'S FUTURE IS IN ITS PAST HISTORY. After reading a letter to the Editor, in *The Welcome Record* on 14th April 1995, regarding visitors who used the BBQ facilities in Gordon Gardens and praised the efforts of Margaret Henley at the Court House Information Centre, it has prompted me to write to *The Welcome Record* and again point out the enormous potential Dunolly offers the tourism industry.

In my humble opinion, the areas of Broadway, Barkly Street and Market Street should be developed, promoted and marketed. It was once the 'Market Square', which is still obvious today, from the significant historic buildings which dominate the area.

Dunolly, was, is, and always will be a "goldmining town". To focus into this "square" and extending along further to the first Magistrate Court (now the Masonic building) and, Chauncy House, would be of valuable interest and offer the tourist an insight of how a goldmining town of Dunolly came to be, the wealth it generated and why it still survives today.

The restored Dunolly Town Hall has become the jewel in the crown and is enhanced by the renovated and painted shops along Broadway, which all look stunning at present. Each of these shops has a history of their own to tell. Barkly Street, which is the rear of buildings situated in Broadway looks out over the lovely Gordon Gardens with its BBQ, swimming pool, toilets, sporting facilities and recently built historic Band Rotunda. A truly lovely area for a visitor to sit for a while. Over the road in Market Street are the restored Court House with its magnificent architecture, as well as Bell's mansion, the Police lock-up and stables and further along the gold surveyor's house and telegraph office, a forerunner of our present Post Office.

The former Shire of Bet Bet spent a vast amount of money on the restoration of the Court House recognising its importance. Again, a vast amount of money was spent on a Conservation Study, which includes this area, among other things in Dunolly and other towns in the former Shire of Bet Bet, detailing the significance of these important historic buildings and offering suggestions as to its enhancement for future development.

A heritage Grant (\$5000) was available from the former Shire of Bet Bet. This grant consisted of a low-interest loan, repayable, for shopkeepers and private owners to enhance their shop windows and façades in keeping with its heritage. Several of Dunolly's traders have already taken advantage of this and look great. This could be promoted further.

The Dunolly Gold Rush Festival is also an important part of our history as well as being a wonderful tourist attraction. The Gold Rush Festival was one of eight finalists in the Local Festivals and Significant Events section in the Victorian Tourism Awards held in 1993. Unfortunately, this Festival lacked support it so rightly deserved. It is a Festival for young and old, community groups can participate and earn extra cash for their club, the commercial sector benefits from extra trade. It is known in Victoria, interstate and overseas. The picnic atmosphere in the bush at Harvest Home dam is a wonderful outlet for people to enjoy themselves in a congenial setting.

The Dunolly Gold Rush Festival is an Incorporated Body. It consists of people who are committed to the betterment of a community and is held on public land and can never be run by private enterprise. A committee needs at least 10 dedicated members to stage a festival of this magnitude in order to embrace the many and varied aspects of this event.

As a final attempt, the Gold Rush committee will meet again on 24th April 8pm in the Dunolly Town Hall. It is hoped that sufficient interest is shown to form a new committee and continue its tradition. Dunolly has the same potential as Maldon if not better. All it needs is promotion. Extending to other tourist attraction in areas like Tarnagulla, Laanecoorie, Bealiba, Newbridge and Moliagul. It has been said that the Goldfields Shire was extended to include Moliagul for the significance of the Welcome Stranger monument and its history.

Please don't wait any longer or before more historic buildings are demolished. Keep what's left and develop each building to its fullest potential. Outsiders can see it! Act now. You'll never regret it.

Anne Doran

The Welcome Record Grants Scheme 2021

The Welcome Record invites community organisations to apply for a Grant for funding. Please submit an application letter stating the amount required and the purpose of the proposed funds and if there is a deadline.

The applications will be reviewed in due course and selected according to the greater need. Please be aware that the amount you have specified may not be the amount you receive.

We have a limited amount set aside for the Grants Scheme and will allocate until that amount is exhausted.

Applications can be submitted until Wednesday, 30th June 2021. Send applications by email to: welcomerecords@iinet.net.au or drop into the door slot at *The Welcome Record* office.



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Bravo and encore Aria Capella



Music has returned to Dunolly! After more than a year of COVID restrictions, we were finally able to enjoy the sublime music of Aria Capella in the Dunolly Town Hall last Sunday, thanks to the efforts of Rachel Buckley.

The event was a fundraiser for RAR (Rural Australia for Refugees) and ASRC (Asylum Seekers Resource Centre). Margaret Parsons from RAR in Maryborough gave a short talk on the function of the organisation and asked for any interested parties to join in assisting the refugees, and thanked everyone for their donations which totalled \$1462.

Rachel Buckley was the MC and with her usual delightful flamboyance announced each song, giving a synopsis of the scene of the opera from which it came and the composer. To opera lovers, most of the arias were familiar: Bizet's *Habanera* from *Carmen*; Puccini's *O Mio Babbino Caro*, Hoffman's *Barcarole* to name a few and finally, as an encore, my personal favourite, *Nessun Dorma* from Puccini's *Turandot*.

Each aria was masterfully arranged to complement the quartet's voices, so the harmonising was superb. Many of the songs were actually male roles; however, the ladies were equal to the task with Zoe's and Jess' mezzo voices a fitting replacement for tenor tones while Lara and Helen harmonised.

The ladies were thrilled to be singing in public again after more than a year and were particularly happy to be performing in Dunolly as they received such a warm welcome from us in 2020 before everything shut down.

After being deprived of live performances for such a long time, it was a true delight to be in our lovely Town Hall, complete with a new sophisticated lighting system and a change of scenery, literally, with a new backdrop. Unfortunately, as distancing restrictions still apply, only 50 people were able to attend, with chairs spaced at 1.5 metres. Certainly, the people who booked their tickets early were the lucky ones. What a fabulous show. Thanks again Rachel for making it possible.

Susan Anderson



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Having restored and decorated many old houses, including a castle in Scotland, Trish has a natural flair with her décor and presentation, enabling her to create a perfect ambience for that luxury experience or celebration and a momentary escape from life's realities.

With a growing clientele of both locals and visitors to their High Teas, Trish and Mark were also recently thrilled to welcome Central Goldfields Shire Mayor, Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor and his guest, who totally immersed themselves in the experience. Councillor Meddows-Taylor has since stated that he was excited to hear of the future plans for the business and believes this High Tea model is a perfect fit for the Goldfields.

Please call into Country Kitchen at 103 Broadway (Wednesday to Sunday), find them on Facebook, or phone 0419 473 022 to book; there are several sittings during the day, so you can choose a time that suits you best.

With the huge increase in numbers of visitors to country areas, Dunolly's tourism businesses appear to be on the brink of a whole new era.

Jenny Scott

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOC. INC.

When our Council won't sit and discuss issues with the community, won't back heritage, won't back their own planning scheme then feels it won't win a VCAT challenge, backs development over regional heritage, then bypasses public consultation for Ministerial involvement, it is then time to stop have a look at what is going on and wonder "What is wrong with these people, this is not what we voted them in for?" The Nightingale Street Nurses Quarters Application 121/19 development we have been pursuing requesting one thing "Incorporate heritage with the development design and follow council's own policy". The decision to not pursue heritage was made by our ex Administrators, and VCAT was engaged. The same direction as the ex Administrators was adopted by our elected councillors. Our elected councillors and shire boast heritage and tourism, public consultation, transparency and won't even support their own Heritage and Building policies either, won't discuss it then take it to the Planning Minister to avoid a potential VCAT loss. Is it time to reassess the management and direction of our shire? Add to this the Maryborough Town Hall closure for repairs, and Carisbrook Town Hall's lack of much needed repairs, along with our buildings' asset value write down, and what is now obviously an extremely poor maintenance schedule with a council which will not listen to the community, and we have a very sad looking future. It is alright to push this at the shire and councillors but we the community need to take responsibility for some of this too.

How many of the community enter, rent, use or clean these buildings and ignore the obvious maintenance issue by not reporting them for fear they will lose the premises, the hall will be closed, or you fear being branded a whinger? Councillors, shire and the community all need to take responsibility for the maintaining of and the present condition of our assets. How many of you pass it onto the council, and they don't listen or act?

Have a good look at our situation now. Still the airport, the men's shed, the Carisbrook levee, Dunolly artwork, the Book Seats and the list goes on. All these issues were inherited by the administrators who took over from the previous failed, sacked councillors and shire. By keeping quiet and not assisting our council or councillors, we are permitting major decisions to be made by outsiders. It's our Shire, our direction and our choice. Please make your decision the correct one. We aren't putting all the blame on council because we the community have permitted all this to happen, we are also responsible.

Do you think some have been putting their heads in the sand? Under administration the community sounded loud and clear, "We don't want outsiders to make the decision on our direction".

In closing, let's agree to work together to support our community. Together we can achieve the best community for ourselves and future generations.

Our next monthly meeting will be Dunolly at the CFA meeting room 21 Bull Street on 6th April 2021 at 7pm. Should anyone have any questions please feel free to contact us. Phone 0419 101 144,

or email cgoldratepayers@mail.com or write to P.O. Box 184 Maryborough Vic 3465.

Membership is \$10 a year per person. We are here to advocate for the community

Wayne McKail
President



State Government Accessible Parking Permit Scheme

Central Goldfields Shire Council will transition to the Victorian Government's new Accessible Parking Permit Scheme from Monday 22nd March 2021.

All Victorian councils are required to transition to the new online scheme, which aims to provide the community with an easier, streamlined online application process, that is consistent across the state. The Accessible Parking Permit Scheme includes a number of improvements including: introducing 6, 12 and 24 month temporary permits increasing permit lengths from 3 to 5 years, removing the need for permit holders with a permanent medical condition or disability to undertake a medical assessment when they renew their permits.

Occupational Therapists will also now be able to assess applications, in addition to General Practitioners. In line with the new scheme, Council will remove the \$12.25 renewal processing fee, making the process easier and more affordable for local residents. From Monday 22nd March, Central Goldfields Shire residents and organisations requiring a new or renewed permit, will need to apply through the online Accessible Parking Permit Scheme.

To renew or apply, residents will now need to:

Begin their application online at:

www.accessibleparking.vic.gov.au

Take the reference number they receive by SMS to their General Practitioner or Occupational Therapist, who will complete an online assessment with them and then submit the application. If the application is successful, the applicant will receive their permit in the mail, or can organise for it to be collected from Council's Customer Service Centre at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough.

Residents without access to a mobile phone or the internet can contact Council's Customer Service team at 5461 0610 for a paper application or if they require any assistance. All existing disability permits remain valid until their expiry date and permit holders are not required to do anything until it's time to renew their existing permit.

Central Goldfields Shire Council CEO Lucy Roffey said the changes would streamline the application process for residents so that the process is consistent across the state. "The Victorian Government's new Accessible Parking Permit Scheme will not only make it much easier to apply for a permit but will also make it more affordable for our local community members – with the processing fee to be removed," she said.

"The permits will last longer and mean that some residents with a permanent disability will not be required to undergo medical reassessments for permit renewals.

"For those unable to access the online application system, our Customer Service team will remain available to assist residents where needed to help transition to the new system."

Further information for permit-holders is available at www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/accessparkingpermits

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MASH Inglewood meeting a success

The More Australian Solar Homes (MASH) solar and battery storage bulk-buy program meeting in Inglewood earlier this month has been declared a success. More than 20 people attended the meeting, with the program receiving a number of follow-up enquiries.

Cr Linda Jungwirth and Cr Wendy Murphy both attended the meeting, with Cr Murphy providing the opening welcome speech.

The MASH solar bulk-buy program is part of Council's ongoing partnership with the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance. The program makes it easier and more affordable for Loddon Shire households and businesses to install a solar power system in order to cut their electricity bills and CO² emissions.

The next Loddon Shire MASH information meeting will be held at the Boort Resource and Information Centre on Tuesday 13 April from 6pm to 7.30pm.

The information meeting is for anyone (household, business owner or farmer) thinking about getting a solar power system installed and/or battery storage.

To register your place, call 1300 466 274 or visit

<https://mash.org.au/solar-event/information-meeting-boort/>

Sporting Club Grants Program extended

Applications for the Victorian Government's Sporting Club Grants Program have been extended to 19 April 2021.

The program provides funds to assist with costs associated with the impact of coronavirus as well as funds for equipment, training coaches, officials and volunteers, and improving administrative expertise.

This latest funding round includes the new Circuit Breaker Event Support category, which provides grants for incurred costs that were unable to be recouped following cancellation (or postponement) of events or activities due to the February circuit-breaker action.

To find out more and to view the grant application guidelines, visit

<https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/sporting-club-grants-program>

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Catholic Church

There is mass at St. Mary's church on Sunday 28th March at 8.30am. This is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week.
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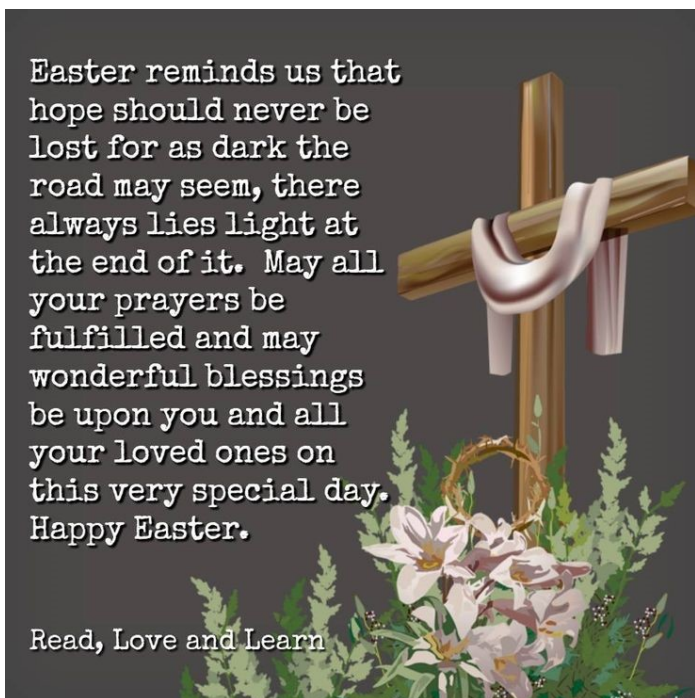
God loved the world so much, he gave us His only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
John 3:16.

St John's Anglican Church

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Services are held every fourth Thursday at 10am. The next Service will be on Thursday, 25th March, COVID-19 restrictions permitting.
Esmé Flett

"This is the covenant I will make with them," says the Lord God: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people."
Jeremiah 31.33



The Op Shop will be open on Thursday and Friday this week and will be closed on Good Friday.

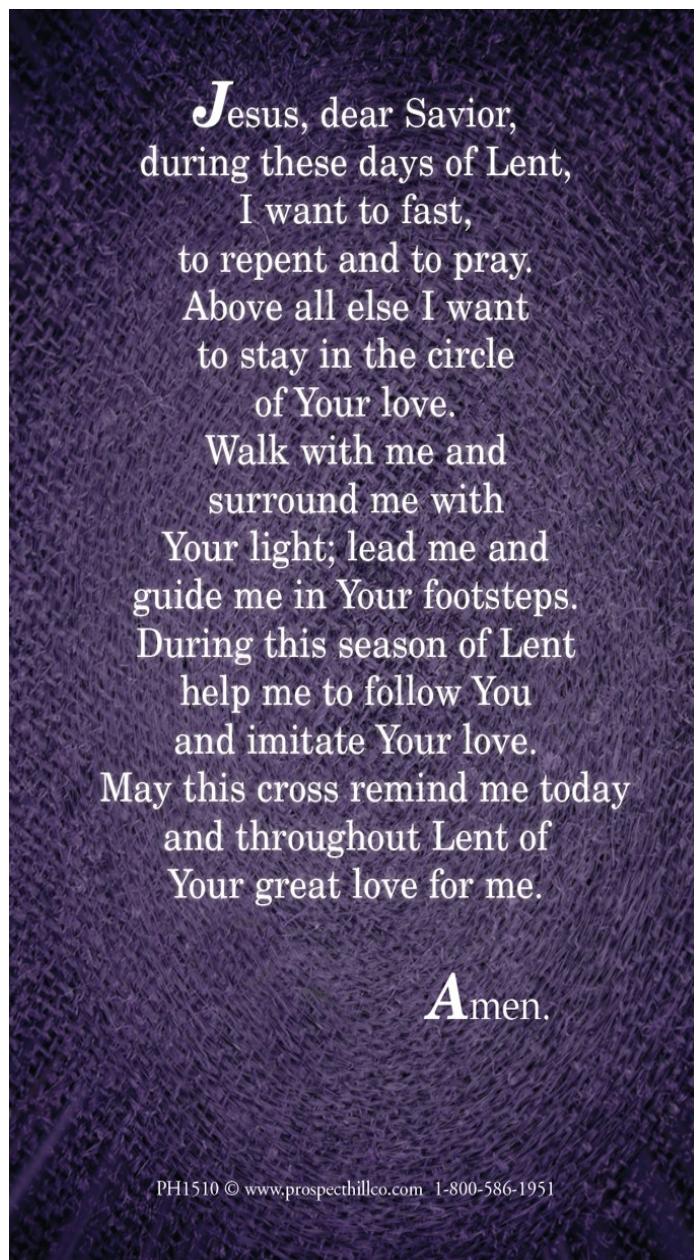
Uniting Church

Jan Watts will lead worship next Sunday March 28th at 9.30 am.
The Op Shop will be open on Thursday and Friday this week and will be closed on Good Friday.
UCAF will meet on April 1st at 1.30pm.
The Good Friday Ecumenical service will be held at Dunolly UCA at 9am.
Reverend Chris Venning will lead worship and Holy Communion on Easter Sunday at 9.30am.
Linda Pickering



St. David's Anglican Church Ladies are holding Numbers Up in the Bealiba Hall on Monday 29th March at 1.30pm
Afternoon tea provided.
Everyone welcome.

B Level



First Plane in Dunolly



The first aeroplane to visit Dunolly landed on July 14th 1920, not very far from the Dunolly Primary School, flown by Leslie "Nobby" Clarke. It was not the plan to come here, but they made the most of it. It is because it was part of a publicity tour to promote Geelong as a place to live and do business.

Charles Pratt was an avid photographer as well as into motorcycles. A brother, Frank, was a champion rider and yet another, Percy, was a champion and pioneer of gliding.

Pratt had been advised by other aviation interests that Geelong presented opportunity, and no competition.

In early February Charles Pratt met another flyer, Englishman Leslie "Nobby" Clarke, also A.F.C. They set up an aviation business providing joy rides operating from Belmont Common, Geelong.

Over the next few months they did considerable business with that one aeroplane.

Pratt's three other planes, one of which was also an Airco DH6 shown in the picture, were still on the Cooe in their crates, but the ship had moved on to Sydney. In May 1920, Pratt went to Sydney and after a period of bureaucratic entanglement the aeroplanes were railed to Geelong in late May. While this was happening Clarke was in discussion with the Geelong Publicity Scheme, which was to include aerial motion pictures of Geelong. Pratt already had the contract from Pathé for aerial motion pictures of the Prince of Wales' travels. The Geelong visit by the Prince was on June 1st and Pratt in his plane escorted the train from Melbourne to Geelong, which was filmed from the air. That royal visit was the origin of various roads becoming the Prince's Highway, and the same Prince who later became King but abdicated to marry the American divorcee, Wallis Simpson,

In late May, Pratt's three other planes arrived in Geelong, including the other DH6, C1972, the plane in the picture. This plane had two test flights on July 8th. On July 12th the Geelong promotion tour began using that plane when Captain Clarke made a delivery of light merchandise to Hawke's Brothers in Clunes, claimed to be the first commercial use of an aeroplane.

Clarke didn't make it in one go, being forced down at Meridith due to low fuel. When he came back to the plane from organising fuel he found numerous names had been scratched into what was the clean white paintwork with several innocent children surrounding the plane.

At Clunes, Clarke met up with Mr Caffrey who managed the Geelong publicity tour for which the promotional items were transported by train. After Clunes the tour, train and plane, were to go to Maryborough, St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip and Ouyen.

Maryborough is much bigger than Dunolly, with Dunolly about 20 kilometres further away. So why did Clarke land at Dunolly? Dunolly was not on the list. *The Ballarat Star* of Monday July 19th tells us Clarke was not happy with the landing ground at Maryborough, so he continued to Dunolly. From the Dunolly newspaper report it is easy to determine that Wednesday 14th July was the day Clarke came to Dunolly.

Now we come to the local newspaper story about the aeroplane.

16-7-1920 *Dunolly and Bet Bet Shire Express*. (Friday)

"Geelong Publicity Tour. Aeroplane And Entertainment.

For the first time Dunolly was visited on Wednesday afternoon by an aeroplane, and the visit created widespread interest, and among the young folks a great deal of excitement. Once or twice aeroplanes have passed at some distance, but on this occasion the aerial visitor, which arrived in the vicinity just before 2 o'clock, gave abundant time for inspection. Coming from the southward the sound like a combination of whirr, rattle, and drone – could be heard while the aeroplane was some distance off, and there was a rush everywhere for the open air. It swept over Dunolly, passing to the northward, and then returned and circled over the town at a height so low that it was very clearly seen. Then it passed on and alighted in Mrs Dawson's paddock northward of the town, dipping gradually and gracefully till it landed. A crowd had been watching in the Recreation Reserve, and the aeroplane was rapidly followed to the place of descent. The throng was delighted that such an opportunity of a close examination had been presented. Later during the afternoon the aeroplane circled time after time over the town, at a lower and lower altitude, a near perfect view of the machine in motion being afforded.



Mr E Morris JP

Veteran, Mr E. Morris JP, had prevailed upon the gentleman in charge to give him a trip in the air, and he had the experience, which so few can enjoy, of being conveyed through the air to the racecourse at west Dunolly, where another landing was effected. Mr Morris was cheered and congratulated on having succeeded in his ambition.

The machine kept circling over the town till dusk, watched by very many, and several passengers were taken for trips.

The weather was perfect for the exhibition.

During yesterday forenoon a number of residents, the majority being ladies, had trips in the aeroplane, the weather again being fine, and the machine flying low over the town. The flights were discontinued owing to a weak axle spring, which might have occasioned some injury to the wings in landing, Captain Clarke informed us yesterday that he was obtaining a new spring, and that flights would be resumed this morning from 9 o'clock till noon.

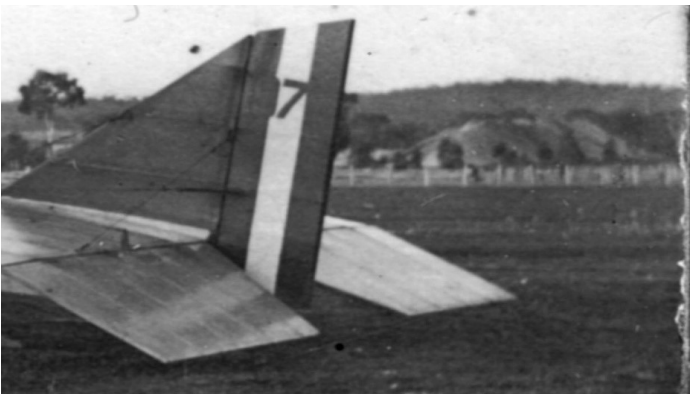
In July 2012, Ken and Mary Hanley donated some photographs to the Dunolly Museum. A couple of them were from MacLyn, a photographer in Dunolly. One picture shows the DH6 and the other a cow. We wondered about the cow, why would you bother? We wondered about the plane because the photographer's Dunolly studio suggested the picture was taken in the district. A couple of historical society members stared at the plane picture occasionally and imagined big mine dumps around the district, because in the background of the plane picture is a large mullock dump. This should be easy but it wasn't. Where was the picture taken?

The story mentions Mrs Dawson's paddock, where the plane landed. We knew from the description of events the paddock was somewhere between the railway line and cemetery to the north of the recreation reserve. A member researching the Dawson name found a reference to Taylor's miner's right residence area, a quarter acre

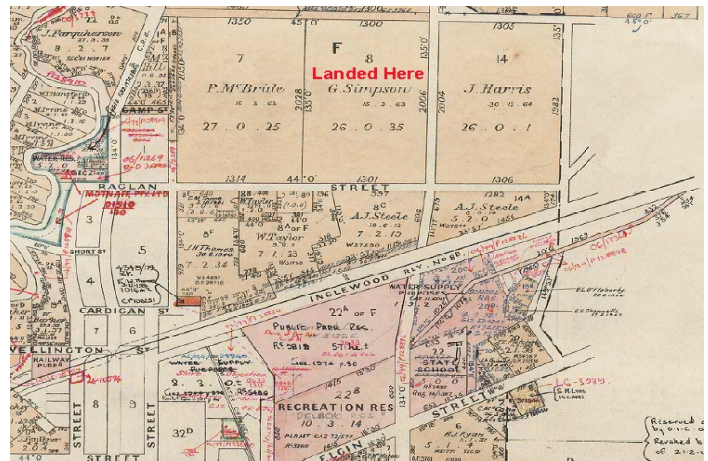
area facing Raglan Street, which appears on a Dunolly map, and importantly described as south of Dawson's. We only had three possible allotments to choose from, all adjacent to each other. The left one had a gully through it. The right one has a low hill and ridge. The centre of the three, Section F Allotment 8 is a flat area that lines up neatly with the recreation ground.

It's not proof, but the evidence is overwhelming.

The Aeroplane Sign, Corner Raglan and Hospital St there is a problem – no mine dump. The newspaper report talks about the racecourse, which induced new thoughts about the aeroplane picture showing the mine dump in the background. Eventually, a Society member realised the dump could be the Prince of Wales mine across the road from the racecourse. The member went out to the racecourse and spent considerable time wandering around in circles, zig zagging, exploring, imagining lines of sight, camera positions and generally looking suspicious. Trees have grown between the Timor road and the Prince of Wales, making it impossible to see the mine dump which has had a fair bit of it removed over time. Some exploration over the road and behind the trees leaves no doubt it is the Prince of Wales in the photograph. Later, three members went out and wandered about the racecourse and the mine dump and all came up with the general area where we thought the plane had been in the picture. Dunolly Museum



Where was the picture taken?




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The Collecting Bug The world of matchbox collecting

Having been a collector for nearly 50 years now, with various and diverse collections coming and going over the years, I sometimes lose track of what I actually do have stashed away.

People often ask me what I collect and I am sometimes stumped to think of anything in particular, as I no longer consciously acquire new additions, but still have the remnants of many previous collections.

One of these is matchboxes, which over the years came in unlimited and themed designs, from companies worldwide. From early days, matchbox covers and labels were desired by collectors and you can often come across huge collections in deceased estates. Due to the decrease in the use of matches over the years, new releases of collector matchboxes are now few and far between, however a few years ago I was fortunate to purchase several full packs with a Ginger Meggs theme in a local supermarket, three of which I still have.

This particular collection has now drastically decreased in size, with most having been sold on eBay over the years. The remaining ones have been narrowed down to a "future collectables" category, with many sorted into themes of shipping, airline, rare, quirky or just parts of a series which I may complete one day. The likelihood of that is minimal though, so I guess for now, they will just sit in their container and be filed away until I have another reason to let them see the light of day!

Jenny Scott



Garden Club

The Whispering Weeders are going to visit Sue Purchase's Garden in Carisbrook on Monday the 29th of March meeting at the centre at 1pm.

Sue has a "quirky" Garden including some happy chicks running around amongst all the quirky things! She says.

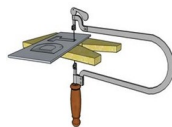
Archery



The Golden Triangle Archers next shoot is on Sunday 28th of March at their range behind the Dunolly oval. There is a 25 target field course (it might be archery by the lake with all this beautiful rain) practice butts, laughter and coffee and of course, talk in all things archery. Muster is at 10am. Fees are \$20 per year and \$5 per shoot. If you haven't got your own gear

you can hire a bow for a small fee. A BBQ lunch is available. Archery is suited to all ages. And there are expert archers to show you how it's done!

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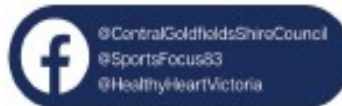


Date: Friday 26 March

Time: 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue: Gordon Gardens,
Market Street, Dunolly

Cost: FREE





STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

- Prep/1 – Kay-Lee Putkunz
- Year 2/3 – Madison Jeanes
- Year 4/5 – To be announced
- Year 5/6 – Kaleb Ricardo
- Principal's – William Young

Around school this week

Family welcome BBQ

All families are invited to come along to our Family Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 24th March. There will be games run by the Sporto's starting at 4.30pm, the book fair will be open and a free BBQ starting at 5.15pm. There will also be Super-Dupers for sale for 50c each. BYO drinks (non-alcoholic). We look forward to seeing you all for a great night.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be happening next week, with after school sales on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th from 3.15pm to 4pm. Students will also be able to make purchases during first lunch on these days. If purchasing during school time, please bring your money in a sealed, named envelope.

Morning Munch

Just a reminder that Morning Munch is happening every Monday and Wednesday morning before school in the MPR. All children are invited to come and have something to eat before they start their learning for the day.

COVID safe

Please remind all children to be washing their hands as they arrive at school. Anyone displaying any symptoms should NOT attend school. Anyone over the age of 12 who is not a student at this school is recommended to wear a mask upon entry to the buildings. Scan in using the QR code on the Services Victoria App.

LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Memories of a plague of mice

I remember well on our farm on the southern tip of Mount Bealiba which Paul Sycam now enjoys, when in the shed where we had set up to comfortably visit on our flying visits, was struck by the plague.

Everything green was devoured — plastic plates and cups in cupboards and drawers; six fishing lines in a bottom drawer became 10.000 one inch long lines! A toothpaste tube was chomped under a bed with almost all devoured — too much zinc?

We had a wonderful guy, Alick Edwards who looked after the property as we were still living in Melbourne. Hall's Garage recommended Alick when asked for someone who could care for our place as we had moved Murray Grey cattle from Yarrambat. Tom Daly allowed us to set up an account for Alick to charge any expenses for items he required for the farm maintenance. Bill Rootes kindly allowed us to keep a vehicle in his hangar so that we had wheels to get to and from the airport and farm. When his hangar was burnt down our new Landrover became 18 inches high, very black and a twist of glass and melted metal. A rapid introduction to country trust and hospitality — no wonder we just love country folk.

Alick said he could control our mice plague. How? Smirk – old shearers' trick: mix flour and cement, when the mice drink it sets — dead! You cannot beat these old guys' knowledge. Around the campfire we learned so much and I still laugh remembering the old days.

Carolyn Butler



1. Australia has the world's longest fence; it was first built in the 1880s to keep which animal out of the fertile south-east of the country?
2. Who starred in the Australian movie *Tim* as Mary Horton opposite Mel Gibson in 1979?
3. How many kangaroos are estimated to live in Australia: (a)340,000, (b)3.4 million, or (c)34 million?

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In The Vegie Patch



Remove old summer crops, fertilize beds and turn over ready for autumn crops. Soils that form a fine crust will not let air or water penetrate to the roots of the plants, adding compost and well rotted manure helps as well as rough material, like sand or even fine rock screenings to open up the soil. Dwarf beans sown now can still result in a good crop. A light frost on matured plants does not do them any harm. Other seeds to sow this month are silver beet, radish, beetroot, lettuce, spinach, spring onion, swede, turnip and white onion. Fresh seedlings of broccoli and cauliflower can still be planted out. These plants are very adaptable to season conditions, they will make good heads, well into springtime. Protect from cabbage moth by netting or spraying with Dipel. Plant garlic, divide into cloves and plant tip up into a well prepared and well drained soil.. Plant about 3-5cm deep and 7cm apart. If planted now garlic will develop root and foliage over the autumn and winter, and form plump bulbs in late spring/summer. Harvest potatoes and store in a hessian bag in a dark cool place, if exposed to sun and wind they go green and cannot be eaten. If not planting over autumn/winter avoid leaving your garden beds bare by sowing a green manure crop to prepare your soil for spring. Growing a green manure crop is an easy and cheap way of improving the health of the soil, they increase the organic content of the soil and add valuable nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus. Trim before flowering and use the top as mulch or dig in. Oats, clover, chickpeas, buckwheat, rocket or any old pea seeds can be used and dug into the soil four to six weeks prior to planting spring crops.

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Saturday 3rd April	Easter Cup
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Saturday 12th June	Queen's Birthday Bash
Saturday 10th July	Lucky 5 Golf
Saturday 28th August	Club Champs
Saturday 18th September	Par 3 Par-TEE
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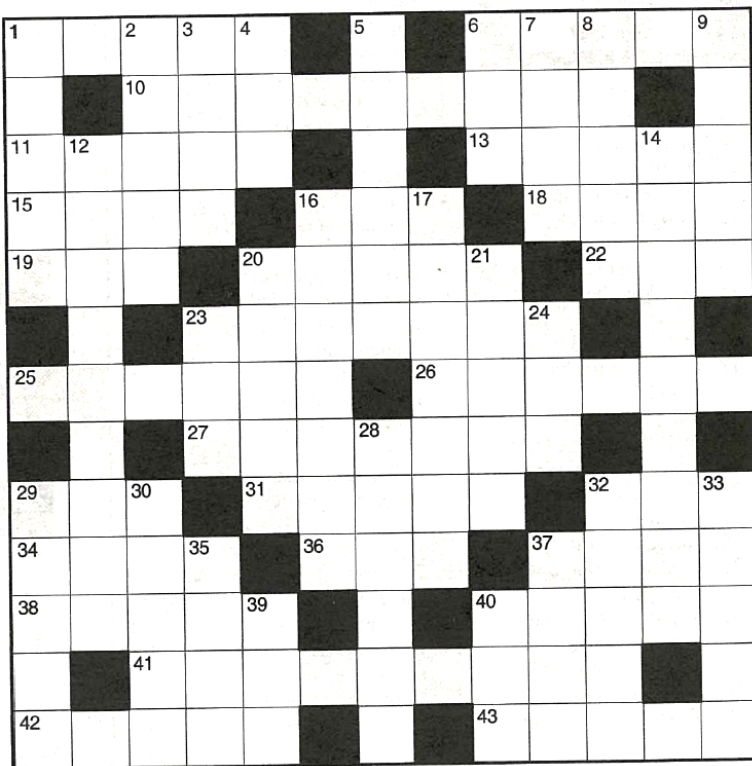
- 1. N.Z. Polynesian
- 6. Small timepiece
- 10. Skilful story teller
- 11. Oscar-winning actor, Spencer _____
- 13. Sketched
- 15. Shelter for doves or pigeons
- 16. Valuable stone
- 18. Continuous dull pain
- 19. Shade of colour
- 20. Unusually large
- 22. Child's play item
- 23. Moving in small stages
- 25. Oscar-winning actress, _____ Leigh
- 26. Member of unruly crowd
- 27. Meshed fabric
- 29. Fasten with stitches
- 31. Respond
- 32. Assembled (for discussion)

- 34. Short excerpt from film
- 36. Cube in games of chance
- 37. Falsifier
- 38. Uluru, _____ Rock
- 40. Luxurious residence in country
- 41. One of similar appearance to another
- 42. Hot drink generally of whisky
- 43. Ghostly

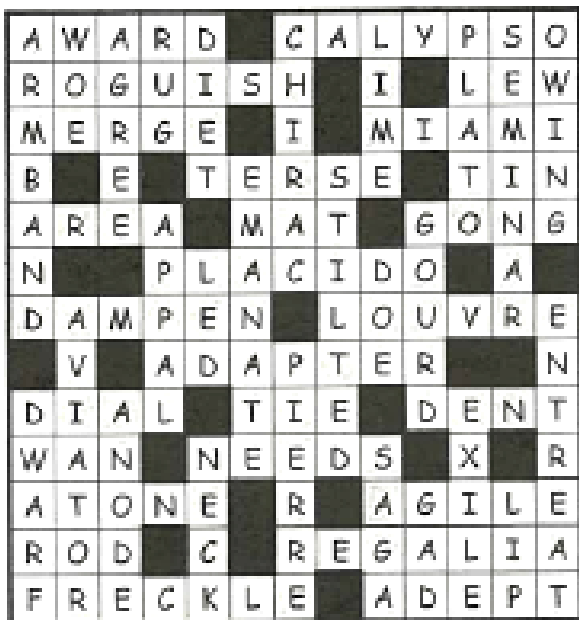
Down

- 1. A contest
- 2. Deliver speech
- 3. Compete with, in contest of speed
- 4. Freezing
- 5. In fact
- 6. Marry
- 7. Distinctive quality seeming to surround someone
- 8. Expanse of land
- 9. Sweet thick food
- 12. As usual
- 14. Made using the entire grain of wheat (of bread, eg.)
- 16. Admittedly
- 17. French composer, _____ Ravel

- 20. Aust. academic and writer, Germaine _____
- 21. To defile
- 23. Alcoholic drink
- 24. Trunk of fallen tree
- 28. Venomous snake
- 29. Barely enough
- 30. To handle (weapon, eg.)
- 32. Roger Bannister, eg.
- 33. Skilled occupation
- 35. Poke with something pointed
- 37. Akin to
- 39. Dark brown sauce
- 40. Contend (for)



Solution for No 56



Trivia Answers

- 1. Dingoes
- 2. Piper Lawrie
- 3. 34 million

CLASSIFIEDS & NOTICES

Dunolly Ukulele Group

The Dunolly Ukulele group has been playing since 2018, having fun at the local Ministry of Fun in Broadway and entertaining at local functions. We are now looking for more people to come and join us.

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DUNOLLY BOWLS

Maybe it is something in the water, Dunolly Bowling Club is certainly on a winning streak

Friday 19th March O'Halloran Pairs

Marg Davies and Karen Stephens won the O'Halloran Pairs, which is a popular event on the bowling calendar. Played at club level first, then play other club winners at Maryborough in the Goldfield Division. Congratulations ladies from your fellow bowlers.

Saturday 20th March Dunolly Handicap Pairs

Congratulations to Sandra Caldecoat and Alan Weir the winners of the Dunolly Handicap Pairs. The day was humid, smoke filled the air from all the burn offs in the area, occasionally a cool breeze gave some relief. When on the green we all play seriously, while waiting for others to finish, we enjoy a little tomfoolery. Thank you to all who helped with the setting up and cleaning up, it is greatly appreciated.

Tuesday 23rd March

Mid week Pennant Fours was played at Maryborough. Most skippers from the Goldfields Division were able to enter their teams for a fun day of bowling. Results will be published in next weeks issue of *The Welcome Record*.

Reminder

Tuesday 30th March Dunolly Ladies Pairs at 10am Sandra Chaplin and Karen Stephens play Robyn Fox and Hannah Delconte. Nancy Pike and Alice Raven play Marg Davies and Doris. Good luck ladies winners.

Sunday 28th March

The Dunolly Golf Club are having it's fund raising afternoon. It is a free event, however raffles and gold coins donation are welcome. Starting at 1pm also. A raffle was organised which raised quite a few dollars for our club and was won by Heather Freemantle. So if you have a free afternoon pop down to the local golf club for a few hours to show your support.

Hannah Delconte

A wee bit of history

Did you know bowls from the 19th Century were made from a hardwood. In 1930 Australian Raymond W. Hensell developed the plastic bowls made in parts. Whole moulded bowls were then developed in 1937 by his Australian company Henselite. A newer improved plastic powder compound was used in the bowls in 1959 which allowed the development of a dimple or gripped bowl feature. The company made its three millionth bowl in 1988.

Archaeologists have uncovered biased stone bowls from 5000BC.

Our ancestors enjoyed a game of bowls more than 7000 years ago.

Julius Caesar played bowls — it was called Bocce. The conquering Roman Legions may well have carried the game to Europe and the British Isles. By the 13th century bowling had spread to France, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium, Germany, England and Italy. Bowling was so well established in England by 1299AD a group of players organised to South Hampton old green bowling club the oldest established bowling club in the world that is still active.

The game in England and France became so popular it was prohibited by law because archery which was essential to the national defence was being neglected. The French King Charles IV prohibited the game for the common people in 1319, King Edward III issued a similar edict in England in 1361, however King Henry III had a bowling green installed at Whitehall permitting the common people to play on Christmas Day.

Another history lesson in next weeks issue

Hannah Delconte

Last Wednesday DFNC's 11 & Under girls played their first game at the Maryborough Complex. Our 10 enthusiastic young locals stepped to court and all gave it a red hot crack. As coach I was extremely proud of these kids, especially because 8 of the girls have never played netball before. I look forward to seeing the kids improve every week, the future looks bright at DFNC.



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Although the boys didn't make it on to the pitch today, a win yesterday and a draw today was enough to take home the Premiership! A Grade Premiers 20/21 season! The Club is stoked with the effort the boys put in this season and wishes to thank all of their sponsors for yet again jumping on board and supporting the Club.



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Another musical Sunday in Dunolly



Dunolly Golf Club presents another pleasant Sunday afternoon of music from local and guest artists.

March 28th at 1pm

Gold coin entry to assist with improvements to the club house.

* The Alisons.

* The Staples.

* Alan Chapman.

* Jan Stephenson and the Allstars.

Bar will be open and BBQ snacks available.

Jan Stephenson

