

## Lest we forget



A polished granite column on a square base, stands out the front of our post office. It was erected by the residents at a cost of £300. It was opened 18th November 1921, by The Premier

Inscription reads:

"Erected By The Shire Of Bet Bet And Dunolly Borough To The Memory Of The Brave And Noble Men Who Fought And Died For The Empire And Our Freedom In The Great War 1914 - 1918.

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But In Pride, And May You Live As Nobly  
As They Died".



the supreme sacrifice in the World War 1939-45." It then listed the following: C. M. Brooker, J. Deledio, W. G. Frost, J. Haden, C. M. Higgs, R. B. Kenny, P. R. Mitchell, M. J. Oxley, J. A. Peart, A. Pugh, C. Raven, W. D. Rordan, D. Ross, D. F. Smith, D. S. Smith, D. J. Watts, H. E. S. Williams and L. C. Younghusband.

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I wish the grey clouds would deliver and give us a nice drop of rain. The garden needs a good drink.

I saw an example of very impatient person driving on my way home from Bendigo last week. A flash red ute passed me on the up side of a hill with double white lines. He kept the blinker on and turned into a side road not much less than a kilometre from where he passed me. Really stupid. I wonder who the clever person was who decided to make the sides of some "biros" flat so they don't roll off the table. I reckon it was someone who had spent a lot of time searching under tables for pens.

When I was leaving for Bendigo the other day, I noticed a couple of huge double stock transports turning into the main road. I waited for them to go past as I didn't want to be in front of two monster trucks going 100 kilometres an hour for any length of time.

An unusual train went through the other day and returned on Sunday afternoon. There was a red carriage behind the engine and a couple of grey ones behind it. It was going very fast compared to the long trains that we usually see. I wonder if it was some sort of excursion train.

It is a pity that people don't make their own butter any more. They could save themselves a lot of work by putting the cream in a container (with a lid) and driving up and down Short Street three or four times; the shaking from the very corrugated road would turn the cream into butter. The road is really getting dangerous.

### OLDER BUT NOT WISER

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age.

### FURRY LOGIC

There is no problem so big or complicated that it can't be run away from.

### ELEPHANT JOKE

Q. What do you call an elephant in rubber boots?

A. Wellyphant

Rosie

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### ANZAC Day

Unfortunately ANZAC Day Service in Dunolly will not be happening this year. Due to the late changes to some of the COVID regulations. Permits were unable to be put in place for a safe COVID event.

ANZAC Day lives in the hearts and minds of all Australians as we learnt from last year, and will carry into this year, there is no right or wrong way to commemorate ANZAC Day.

We ask the community to again participate in the "Lighting up the Dawn" in your driveway and take a silent moment of private reflection at 6am.

The RSL Committee will raise the Flag at the Cenotaph, the bugle will sound and wreaths will be laid at 5.45am. We thank the Dunolly and surrounding districts for your understanding and your support buying ANZAC badges. **"LEST WE FORGET"**

President Rick Gale



A couple of likely looking lads sitting in the cold selling ANZAC badges on Broadway, Tuesday 20th April, they will be back later in the week, so let's all support their cause. Debra Sealey



**Thanks again to the Eddington hay balers!**



Helen Gallagher  
The Goldfields Group Facebook page



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## Stories from Cynthia

Does anybody remember early closing when pubs and alcohol servers had to close at six o'clock every night? It was crudely called the Six O'clock Swill. At about 10 to six patrons would line up a few beers on the bar to down them before the axe fell. In those years I was sowing my wild oats and had moved out of home and was living with a group of friends at the top of Collins Street in a building where we rented the whole third floor. There was an artist, an actor, a writer, a musician and a public servant and we all jelled. After work we would meet at a city pub, known for its bohemian mix, and leave at the obligatory six o'clock. After that we would find one of the clubs where we could secretly have a drink with no questions asked. There was the Italian Club, the Greek Club and the Irish Club. We would eat there and bring our beer which was discreetly served in tea cups and no sign of the bottles. Every now and again the police would pop in, walk around and leave, although we were sure they were aware of the alcohol but ignored it when the place was peaceful. However, one night some silly person started to challenge the two policemen, asking them whether they had better things to do, and you guessed it, we were all turfed out. Later the rules extended to restaurants which were permitted to sell alcohol with meals.

Another ploy was an ingenious idea by a potter friend in Dunmoochin, the artists' colony not far from where we lived in St. Andrews. Every month Peter, the potter, would have a sale on a Sunday. No alcohol was permitted to be sold on Sundays at that time and of course one required a licence at any time. So Peter made lots of pottery goblets and if you bought one, then you were welcome to have wine from the casks which were very popular then. This way Peter was giving away the wine so no laws were broken and Peter was making some money.

The liquor laws were much more bizarre up until the late 80s. All alcohol venues closed at 3pm to 5.30pm every day. If you were lunching at the Harrods restaurant and you still had half a bottle of red on the table you would have to drink it pretty smart or it might get whisked away. I was in the café at Heathrow once, waiting for my plane, and was just finishing a glass of wine at 3 o'clock when a group of Americans came in and sat at the next table. They ordered bourbon and when told they were too late they caused a storm. One man was shouting and then was pointing at my half finished glass. No luck, but I didn't blame them.

The only way you could buy liquor in London back then was from shops known as "off licence".

Please don't think me a mad alcoholic. As I was just contemplating the absurdity of some liquor licence rules and I am appalled at the crazy hours we now have where clubs can serve till the small hours, quite often resulting in brawls and stabbings.

Cynthia

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1. In which month of the year is Australia Day?
2. Summer Bay, a fictional television seaside town, is in which Australian state?
3. What is the national gemstone of Australia - it's by far the world's largest producer of them?
4. A jumbuck is an Australian English term for what?

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### Short term memory loss is a thing

The vast majority of us discover this as we age. It sneaks up gradually and we slowly devise ways to cope. You know how it goes, phone numbers stuck on the fridge, notes on the calendar saying "doc" or "vet", times noted in your phone. They all help to jog your memory. But body memory is a little different; it needs physical reminders.

For at least the last 50 years I have carried a shoulder bag when I leave home. They leave your hands free for things like babies, shopping and firewood, depending on your life stage. It also means you have most of your home office with you at all times. Things like a driving licence and a nail file can be produced immediately. For 50 years I have felt its comforting presence under my arm and known all is right in my world.

But something changed that day in the park. We'd had a great afternoon chatting, laughing, drinking tea and solving all of the world's problems. The sun was shining and the leaves were green. It was lovely. At the end of the afternoon Carol and I were about the last to leave and were packing our chairs into the back of our cars. That was when I realised I did not have my bag. I could not feel it under my left arm so thought I must have left it on the ground where we had been sitting. When I checked the area there was nothing. More than a little worried I hurried back to the car and searched all through it. Still nothing. It was about then that Carol asked if everything was OK. I told her I had lost my bag. Very calmly she said that it was on my shoulder. And so it was. Instead of being under my arm where it should have been it was on my back. Obviously, because it was not under my arm, my body memory was not triggered by a weight on my back. Next time it happens my body might remember that. I hope so! Anyway, as well as feeling pretty silly, I was very relieved to have found it, and continued on my way.

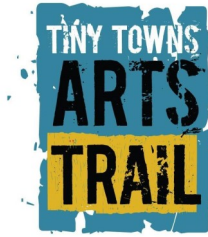
A month or so later Carol mentioned the incident and added that she had never told anyone about it. I was totally amazed that somebody could be so considerate of someone else's feelings that they had let the opportunity to tell a funny story go by. Because in hindsight it was funny. Thanks for your thoughtfulness Carol, you can now tell whoever you like.

Vicky Frizzell



Ministry of Fun, Dunolly, part of Tiny Towns Art Trail

### Local talent on show in art trail



Running from next Friday, 23rd April until 26th April, the trail features more than 20 locations across seven towns in the Central Goldfields, Loddon and Pyrenees shires including Avoca, Tarnagulla, Dunolly, Bealiba, Eddington, Adelaide Lead and this year Bridgewater on Loddon and St Arnaud.

Tiny Towns Arts Trail organising committee member, Judy Meldrum, said the trail has something for everyone.

"People taking part in the arts trail will experience a range of amazing creative avenues that are being undertaken by



artists across these tiny towns," she said. "The creativity ranges from painting, drawing, printmaking, craft, ceramics, mosaics, metal-work, music, weaving, jewellery and photography, right through to gardens, outdoor sculptures, cooking, local produce and products, and more." This year the trail will include the inaugural Tiny Towns Arts Trail Portrait Prize to celebrate the creativity and diversity of the arts and artists in the central Victorian tiny towns.

"Finalists will be selected from submitted entries and those works will be shown at the Dunolly Historic Courthouse, with a winner selected via a people's choice voting system." Ms Meldrum said the trail provides an opportunity for local artists to promote themselves.

"There's some fantastic artists hidden out there who want to exhibit and share what they're doing artistically. The arts trail is a way for these artists to do that and even sell some of their work," she said.

"It's also a great way to network and see what others are doing, and for people visiting the arts trail, a chance to enjoy the experience of the little towns and chat to the locals."

The 2021 trail will include displays at Bealiba's historic railway station and gardens; Dunolly's Puzzle Flat Artworks and Alvah Art Gallery; an exhibition of local works at the Tarnagulla Community Centre and Country Café; free form weaving with Cathy Tobin at the Adelaide Lead School Hall; an exhibition at St Arnaud's Raillery Gallery, and Mulwarrie Studio and Gardens at Bridgewater on Loddon.

For more information and a list of participating artists search for Tiny Towns Arts Trail on *Facebook* and *Instagram*.

Maps and a list of locations are also available in brochures at local information centres, cafés and all arts trail venues.

Courtesy *Maryborough Advertiser*

## Not so scary friends

Education is the key to understanding snakes — even venomous ones — according to a reptile expert.

Reptile handler Tameeka Stevens says people need to watch out for reptiles that can disguise themselves in backyards

Reptiles are finding themselves injured or killed in backyard mishaps. Ms Stevens says blue-tongued lizards are often misidentified as tiger snakes

Tameeka Stevens is the owner-operator of Greater Bendigo Snake Control and committee member of Reptiles Victoria, told ABC Central Victoria during her visit that reptiles such as the Murray-Darling carpet python had a "beautiful" nature and needed to be cared for.



"Growing up, I used to fear them," she said.

"Years later, I found myself getting into lizards and that snowballed into owning a python.

"The next minute, I'm out there catching venomous snakes."

The popularity of pythons could also be a problem for them.

Ms Stevens said the Murray-Darling carpet python was commonly found in Central Victoria in the 1980s but poaching had diminished its numbers.

Along with Lacey the python, Ms Stevens also showed breakfast program host Fiona Parker her pet blue-tongued lizard, Beavis, and said they were another classic Central Victorian reptile.

"He's sweet and gentle," she said.

Ms Stevens wanted people to be more aware of reptiles and their environments, saying many were injured and killed in our own backyards.

"Blue-tongues are often misidentified as tiger snakes, and because of that, they might have a date with a shovel," she said.

Ms Stevens said Bendigo was home to a sizeable bearded dragon population.

"These guys blend in with trees, which can lead to injuries from whipper snippers and lawnmowers," she said.

She's named her own bearded dragon Grumpy Greg because he looks like a "grumpy old man".

"But not grumpy," Ms Stevens said. "He's actually quite nice."

Ms Stevens is sharing her love of lizards with Bendigonians through two educational workshops this week.

She grew up in the small town of Mitiamo, where her dad killed the snakes that visited her family farm.

Ms Stevens said the more people learnt about snakes, the more comfortable they felt.

"Venomous snakes, honestly, it's only been maybe five years since I started to feel comfortable," she said.

"But I started learning, and now I feel pretty comfortable around even brown snakes."

ABC Central Victoria: Tyrone Dalton

## CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOC. INC.

The next few months are going to be extremely interesting for the direction and future of our community. The budget, annual report and satisfaction survey all should be made available for public viewing. Also hopefully the airport situation and men's shed etc. will be resolved.

Since mid 2016 with the reports about possible council concerns which later became a reality, a lot of buck passing went on and still is going on. I put my hand up for my share of the blame for not doing more to prevent those issues developing, and a lot more community members have also.

On 13th April at the Carisbrook levee meeting, we had a council representative use the excuse "due to the Administrators poor management". The Administrators used the excuse "due to the previous council and councillors poor management". In the Inspectorate's Integrity report (<https://www.lgi.vic.gov.au/council-investigations-and-audit-reports#central-goldfields-shire-council-investigation>) it was very specific in itemising issues found in their investigation. Yet it appears, no one in leadership roles seem to be taking responsibility or admitting there are lessons to learn from past events.

We the community also need to take responsibility for our present situation as well. Don't think for one moment this is only aimed solely at council, I do believe it's time we stopped turning our backs on the part we all played in the past events. It's time for leadership.

We all know where we are at the moment, and the disarray our council is in. There have been many, many issues from the past still not resolved, and the major theme which fed those issues was "lack of full public consultation, questionable management and transparency".

The issue regarding the Nightingale Nurses quarters now has the Planning Minister's involvement where he will possibly override any community involvement or participation. If this project had been open and transparent from the start, as with the airport, the Carisbrook levee and the list goes on, we would not be in this rather unfortunate situation.

Let us learn from our past and use that as the beginning towards a bright new future. Think of yourselves, think of others and think of your community. A healthy balance of each is the answer to the road to recovery. Your individual rewards will follow. If with our newly elected councillors the community projected a new positive direction, I am sure there would not be the concern which surrounds us now. But when signs of previous behaviour are apparent, one could understand signs of caution. It's time to put past habits behind us and build a new confident community and future. We ask you all to think carefully and very hard about our Shire's direction and how we can assist in moving forward.

Our next Ratepayers meeting is planned for the Maryborough Hub on 4th May at 7pm. We invite our councillors and council to attend and set the stage for an open, transparent and united strong move forward.

Wayne McKail  
President

### What prompted the last massive veggie protest?



Privileged information was *leaked*.



**Tiny Towns Arts Trail this weekend**

Bridgewater on Loddon and Tarnagulla will be part of more than 20 locations for the fifth annual Tiny Towns Arts Trail to be held this weekend from 23rd to 26th April.

Bridgewater on Loddon will feature three locations on the arts trail – Mulwarrie Studios and Gardens, Arts of Olde and Secret Platypus.

At Tarnagulla, the Community Centre and Country Café, a studio at 87 Commercial Road (Mel Young and Mathew Bishop) and garden art space Octopus and Queen will all be featuring works.

All spaces are open throughout the arts trail weekend (Friday to Monday). This year’s arts trail will also include the inaugural Tiny Towns Arts Trail Portrait Prize, which will be shown at the Dunolly Historic Courthouse, with finalists selected from the submitted entries. The winner will then be selected by People’s Choice with a cash prize awarded to the artist whose work receives the most votes.

To find out more about the Tiny Towns Arts Trail – including a complete list of the trail’s locations and participating artists, go to [www.facebook.com/Tiny-Towns-Arts-Trail-100301948482944](http://www.facebook.com/Tiny-Towns-Arts-Trail-100301948482944) or [www.instagram.com/tinytownsartstrail](http://www.instagram.com/tinytownsartstrail)

Maps and a list of locations on the Tiny Towns Arts Trail are also available at information centres, cafés and all arts trail venues.

**Initiative to support Aboriginal businesses and economic development**

Loddon Shire is part of a new initiative to support Aboriginal businesses and economic development across central Victoria. Led by the City of Greater Bendigo, the Aboriginal Business Capability Building Initiative is funded through Regional Development Victoria, and also includes Mount Alexander and Central Goldfields shires. The initiative seeks to strengthen local, social and economic outcomes by maximising local spend in the region and focusing on creating local jobs, including jobs for Aboriginal people.

Local businesses and Council contractors are invited to attend a series of industry briefings to hear about local, social and Aboriginal economic development and discover how their business can engage and support regional opportunities. Businesses will also learn about the Aboriginal business sector landscape and respond to local, social and Aboriginal tender clauses. The first industry briefing will be held next Tuesday 27th April at the Fosterville Gold Bendigo Tennis Centre, Nolan Street, Bendigo from 6pm to 8pm. You can register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/aboriginal-business-capability-building-initiative-industry-briefing-tickets-148542072337](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/aboriginal-business-capability-building-initiative-industry-briefing-tickets-148542072337)

The second industry briefing will be held Tuesday 25th May at the same venue from 6pm to 8pm. You can register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/aboriginal-business-capability-building-initiative-industry-briefing-tickets-149638439601](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/aboriginal-business-capability-building-initiative-industry-briefing-tickets-149638439601)

Loddon Shire Council News

**Where to get vaccinated for COVID-19**

The Maryborough District Health Service (MDHS) is ramping up its COVID-19 vaccination program to include the Maryborough and wider regional community.

The health service began vaccinating its staff and aged care residents from March 22nd in line with the Federal Government roll out.

Findings have indicated that in extremely rare instances, some people have developed a specific syndrome involving blood clots with low platelet counts after having the AstraZeneca vaccine.

However, those aged under 50 where the benefits clearly outweigh the risk for that individual are still recommended to receive the AstraZeneca vaccine.

According to MDHS if you consider the benefits of the vaccine outweigh the risks of contracting coronavirus contact your health professional to discuss.

To book an appointment contact MDHS Wellness Centre on 5461 0300 between 8.30am and 12pm, Monday to Friday.

To check if you're eligible for the vaccine visit <https://covidvaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility>.

Courtesy Maryborough Advertiser

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## How did World War 1 start?

Questions have been asked time and time again why did this war start? Over the years and up to 1914 the Nations of Europe had been re-arming. On 28th June 1914 a young serb assassinated Archduke Ferdinand and his wife in Austria. Austria-Hungary was a large area extending from Germany to the Black Sea. Serbia was a small state south of Austria-Hungary. Diplomats endeavoured to smooth relations for more than a month. 31st July — Russia orders mobilisation, they were on Serbia's side 1st Aug — France and Belgium order mobilisation.

Aug 1st — Germany declares war on Russia and Russia declares war on Turkey which was an ally of Germany.

Aug 3rd — Germany declares war on France and invades Belgium.

Aug 4th — Britain declared war on Germany because of Germany invading Belgium.

Aug 5th — Being part of the Commonwealth, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India and South Africa are now at war. Britain asked Australia to recruit 20,000 troops and light horse regiments. In Australia there was a rush by young men to enlist as so many had ties with England, so the men thought it will be great to get to England to see where our forebears came from. One cannot comprehend what it must have taken to fit out everyone, as well as light horse men and their horses.

On 8th October 1914 the first troops left Melbourne, joining the large convoy of 28 Australian ships and 10 from New Zealand moored in Albany WA.

On 1st November they all left Albany with an escort of four cruisers, one a Japanese cruiser. At that time the German Raider *Emben* was lurking in the Indian Ocean sinking merchant ships. Word came to *HMAS Sydney* that the *Emben* was near Cocos Island, so fortunately *HMAS Sydney* intercepted *Emben* and sank it. The Captain of *Emben* stated he hoped to sink three troop ships. Just imagine if that had occurred.

The convoy continued on, reaching Alexandria, Egypt on 3rd December The troop train to Cairo and then out to Mena Camp at the foot of the Pyramids. Here were troops from England, France and India totalling up to 70,000. When not training troops went on leave to Cairo, unfortunately although warned, they visited brothels and caught diseases not able to be treated in Egypt, and they were sent back to Australia. One must not also forget the Light Horse brigades, twice a day the men had to take their horses three miles each way for a drink.

As weeks went by the troops must have been wondering how long they were going to be there. Fighting was severe in Europe but censorship was strict so how much did they know? It was during this time that the word ANZAC came to be.

The question is often asked why did they go to Gallipoli? Well if the ships could go up through the Dardanelles to Constantinople (now Istanbul) that would open up the Black Sea, thus enabling Russia to take their warships in and out and also attack Austria on that front.

On November 4th 1914 British ships bombarded the entrance to the Dardanelles. 13th December the submarine *B11* sank a Turkish ship. These attacks alerted the Turks so then the Dardanelles were mined and guns set up on the cliffs. More attempts were made in February. 18th March saw another attempt by the Royal Navy, using 16 warships, of these three were sunk, three damaged. So then realisation that this was futile, the chiefs in England realised the only way now was an amphibians landing and storm the cliffs along the Western beaches of the Gallipoli peninsula.

On 21st April 1915, 77 ships assembled at the Island of Lemnos, 75,000 men, the ANZACs, the British 29th Division and French Colonial division. By this time the Turks had been reinforced under German command.

On 25th April the first mistake as the landing was two kilometres north from where should have been. They were met with heavy fire, 2000 were killed, 1700 wounded. At the same time 20,000 British and 22,000 French forces landed on Cape Helles on the tip of the Peninsula but their casualties were high. General Birdwood, commander of the ANZAC corps sent a memo to Sir Ian Hamilton suggesting evacuation as the situation was hopeless but the Admiral of the Fleet regretted he could not get enough vessels, so it was fight on. In May the Turks mounted a large attack for six hours but the Australian and New Zealand troops met them with concentrated fire and as a result approximately 5000 Turks died. The ANZACS lost 160 dead, 468 wounded. At this time the heat was horrendous so on 24th May they had a truce to bury the dead. After the attack on 19th May there were no large-scale battles at ANZAC for nearly three months. The warfare consisted of trench battles in the front line posts, counter-attacks and raids, and bombing and sniping duels. As the summer heat increased during June and July, the physical condition of the ANZAC troops deteriorated further. Plagues of flies infested the battlefield and men were tormented by lice, gaining only temporary relief through regular bathing in the sea. Dysentery, diarrhoea and enteric fever were endemic and the trickle of reinforcements barely kept pace with the constant wastage from death, wounds and disease. By the end of July, the force was losing through illness the same number every fortnight as were lost in the initial landing assault. In August 1915, the offensive at Lone Pine where there was fierce hand to hand fighting, resulted in 2800 casualties and nine Victoria Crosses however nothing was gained. At The Nek four charges up this narrow gully were futile. The men from the 8th Light Horse were mown down in two waves. 500 men went over and 234 killed. This has been described as the worst event in that Gallipoli campaign. The men from the 10th Light Horse were in the third and fourth waves and lost 138 men. The last attack at Chunuk Bair in the far north, New Zealanders and Indians reached the top and saw the Dardanelles, but no reinforcements were available so it was to no avail as 765 were killed. The August offensive was a failure. September onwards extra brigades arrived but conditions deteriorated; cold, rain and snow, the men got frost bite and trench foot. There was little fighting because of conditions.

In September Keith Murdoch correspondent (who was the father of Rupert Murdoch) visited Gallipoli and spoke to Charles Bean, official Australian War Correspondent and Ashrhead Bartlett English correspondent. He was able to see what had really gone on, as very little information ever got back to Australia because of strict censorship. Ashmead Bartlett wrote a comprehensive report which he gave to Murdoch to take to England to report to Parliament but unfortunately someone reported what they were going to do. When Murdoch got to Marseilles he was searched and the letter destroyed. Fortunately Murdoch was able to memorise most of what he had read, and also of what he had seen at Gallipoli. He presented his letter to the British parliament. It wasn't until 12th November that Lord Kitchener came out to see for himself.

The deteriorating weather gave a foretaste of the difficulties of sustaining a winter campaign on the peninsula. In November storms and blizzards forced the evacuation of 16,000 troops (3000 of them Australians) suffering from frostbite and exposure.



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Total evacuation of the force was now seen as the only remaining option. From late December to early January the remnants of the Allied forces were evacuated in a secret withdrawal operation which appeared as masterful as the original amphibious assault had been lamentable. Various ruses were practised to convince the Turks that the ANZAC front line was still occupied.

About 90,000 men were evacuated from ANZAC and Suvla over 11 nights from 8th-20th December, with only a handful of casualties. The final evacuations from Helles was similarly successful on 8th-9th January 1916. The departing ANZAC troops celebrated Christmas in Lemnos island and on troop ships returning to Egypt.

31 cemeteries contain 22,000 graves, 900 identified, 13,000 unidentified, these are 7247 Australian graves.

Gallipoli now has a place in our thoughts, which no other theatre of war can have because, it is the grave of so many, of the flower of Australia and New Zealand manhood because these men fully proved themselves worthy to fight in the ranks of any Army in the world.

Supplied by Joyce Chivers

Excerpts from research for speeches given at Bealiba



### Catholic Church

There will be Mass at St. Mary's, Dunolly on ANZAC Day, Sunday 25th April at 8.30am.

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R Mcreedy

*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.*

Luke 24:32

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The next Service will be on Thursday, 22nd April,  
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Esmé Flett

*"I was glad when they said unto me,  
We will go into the house of the LORD." "*  
Psalm 122:1

### Uniting Church

The service at 9.30am on Anzac Day will be led by the Lay team.

Linda Pickering



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### Numbers up

St David's Anglican Church Ladies of Bealiba are holding "Numbers Up" in the Bealiba Hall on Monday 26th April at 1.30pm.

Afternoon tea provided. Everyone is welcome.

B. Lovel

## A pint sized hero



Smoky was found in a foxhole in New Guinea in February 1944. The American thought she must have been a Japanese soldier's dog, but when he took her to a POW camp, they found out she didn't understand commands in Japanese or English. The soldier sold Smoky to Corporal William Wynne of Cleveland Ohio for two dollars Australian.

Over the next two years Wynne carried Smoky in his backpack, fought in the jungles of Rock Island and New Guinea, flew 12 air/sea rescues. She survived 150 air raids on New Guinea and made it through a typhoon at Okinawa, made a combat jump in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, in a parachute made for her. She would warn GIs of incoming artillery and was dubbed the "angel from a foxhole."

Early in retaking the Philippines, combat engineers were setting up a telegraph line to an airfield. The joints collapsed filling them in with sand. Corporal Wynne knew that Smoky could climb through the pipe with a new line and that is what she did. Smoky's work saved approximately 250 ground crewmen from having to move around and keep operational 40 fighters and reconnaissance planes, while a construction detail dug up the taxiway, placing the men and the planes in danger from enemy bombings. What would have been a dangerous three-day digging task to place the wire was instead completed in minutes.

In her down time she performed tricks with the Special Services to improve the morale of the troops and visited hospitals in Australia and Korea. Visiting with the sick and wounded, she became the first recorded "therapy dog".

After the war she became a sensation back in the states, had a live TV show, and often visited Veterans hospitals. Smoky's work as a therapy dog continued for 12 years. Wynne had Smoky 14 years before she passed away. He buried her in a 30 calibre ammo box in Rocky River Reservation, Ohio.

Smoky, the smallest war hero weighing in at four lbs even and standing seven inches tall.

Susan Schulz

# A century on a dinkum diggers medals glisten

Alf Morrison of Yandoit was two months short of his 21st birthday when a bullet cut him down. Now, 104 years later, his nephew, 89 year old Don Morrison, plans to wear replicas of Alf's medals at the ANZAC Day service in Daylesford. The two medals shine brilliantly on Don's chest as he talks in his Yandoit home, with its glorious views of the countryside, including Mt Franklin.

To say this is Morrison country is an understatement. The rough old road to the house bears the family name. The Morrisons have 80 hectares for dairy farming in the first land ballot of 1856.

In his hand Don holds a strand of barbed wire. Mounted on it is a permanent replica of the Flanders Poppy, made by Robert, one of his two sons, which will go on the family grave in Franklinford Cemetery in memory of Alf. The barbed wire represents Alf's farming background and the brutality of war.

The world in which Alf grew up is caught in the book *Letters Home*, edited by another uncle, the late Geoff Morrison. The letters, bound in red ribbon, had been in the hands of three family members.

They show a world in which Alf and his brother Edgar, three years younger, roamed the countryside, read books and made up stories and games. Elder brother Frank was away working.

In winter the pair would sometimes copy stories and even invented their own motto, in Latin, "They were never idle".

At 15, Alf was off picking grapes. Then he moved to general farm work, buying a rifle to shoot rabbits. A crack shot, he later pinged a hole in his grandparents' metal weathervane, made by Yandoit blacksmith and store owner, George Fleischer. The weathervane was called Butzbach, from a town in the grandparents' homeland, Germany. It was a savage blow when a WWI German bullet killed their grandson.

Alf wrote home from Glenlyon where he was milking, then from Ballarat, Kyabram and Macorna, a hamlet 22kms from Kerang.

Macorna, he records, played Kerang. "...the game was terribly fierce. Chas came home with two black eyes and he has to preach today. One of the Kerang men lost his temper and let him have both of them gratis...four Kerang girls were trying to polish off a Kerang barracker, also a girl and Taylor was trying to defend her while one of the Kerang girls gave him five or six uppercuts..."

By January 1915 Alf is reading in *The Argus* newspaper about the Light Horse and had "a great craving" to join up, which he did the next year.

In camp at Castlemaine he was happy when bugles arrived to replace cowbells.

Alf is away when he and two other soldiers are farewelled at Franklinford with a social and reception, the evening ending with *For they are jolly good fellows*, *Rule Britannia* and the *National Anthem*.

By December 1916 he is in London watching some bewhiskered warriors just out of the trenches "a shrapnel helmet strapped on their pack and one or two with a German helmet as well". On Salisbury Plains he meets a bloke from Macorna.

He has no complaints about the food: "Porridge, sausages and bacon for brek., soup and roasts for dinner, stew occasionally for tea, margarine and jam, or Golden Syrup and sometimes pudding."

Three days before Christmas he is in France where everyone is "anxious to do the dinkum thing". The habit

was to write your native town on your hatband for others from the district to see. Alf wrote Macorna.

Bravery medals are handed out at a parade. One of his mates is killed. "How little we thought of such a thing when the three of us left Port Melbourne."

By March guns "are doing their best to break what windows are left" while he sleeps in a dugout "about the size of a kerosene case".

May sees him in Belgium watching "a complete stomacher" when a German plane is shot down after a dogfight. "No need to buy Deadwood Dicks for thrillers here anyway."

His final letter is dated May 17, 1917. "Everything looks beautifully fresh and green," he writes, "and all sorts of garden flowers are sprouting up like grass, in spite of everything we always knock out a happy existence between ourselves and can always manage to laugh and joke over our hardships and disappointments."

A letter sent by Alf's mother from Clunes a fortnight later was returned.

He died on Messines Ridge on the Western Front, held by the Germans for almost three years. In the early hours of the day before his death explosions erupted from 19 huge tunnels dug over two years under German positions. The noise was heard as far away as England. An estimated 10,000 Germans died.

ANZAC and the British attacked, with the loss of 7000 Australians and 5000 New Zealanders among the 26,000 casualties.

The victory after the week-long battle, possibly Alf's first, is seen as one badly needed and a vivid if bloody example of the result of meticulous planning.

Back in Yandoit, Don Morrison tells of the devastation the death brought to Alf's mother and the family.

Missing in the letters is any account of Alf's four days absent without leave. Don believes he slipped away to Scotland to look once at his family's old hometown in Aberdeenshire.

A happy aspect of this story is the speed at which the replica medals were obtained, something that Don attributes to Trish Tinetti, unofficial secretary to her husband, Daylesford RSL president Ian.

The original medals were somehow lost with the passing of the years and the fact that replicas could be obtained only became known during a chance conversation Don's wife Joan had with a relative recently.

Photos *InkdFotograf*  
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Slouch hat Australian Light Horse





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The Church is now privately owned. It retains many of its original fixtures and is being maintained and restored by its current owners.

The owners are also seeking to gather history on the church. From recent times back to the early 1900s, such as photographs and stories of past events, weddings, funerals etc. and names of the people involved in the Church community.

Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Phone owner Phil Smith 0439 432 773.

The Church is open for viewing along with a history display this Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th April as part of the Tiny Towns Arts Trail. All are welcome to call in for a cuppa and a chat, 12 Davies Street, Bealiba

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Lisa Mahon



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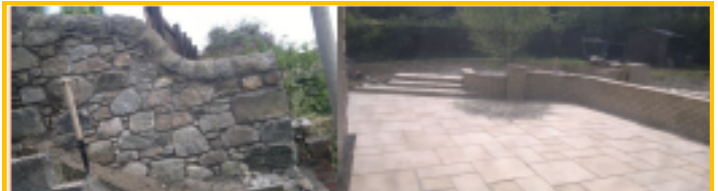
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**Across**

- 1. VFL/AFL great 'Polly' Farmer's given name
- 6. One of four suits (cards)
- 11. African country of which English and Chichewa are the official languages
- 12. Authentic
- 13. Unequivocally
- 15. Black-and-white bird
- 17. Flat-topped hat with tassel
- 19. May possibly
- 20. In state of eager desire
- 21. Strip used to immobilise broken bone
- 23. Pallid
- 24. Preordained
- 25. Needle loop
- 27. Leading pupil
- 28. A triumph
- 29. Speck

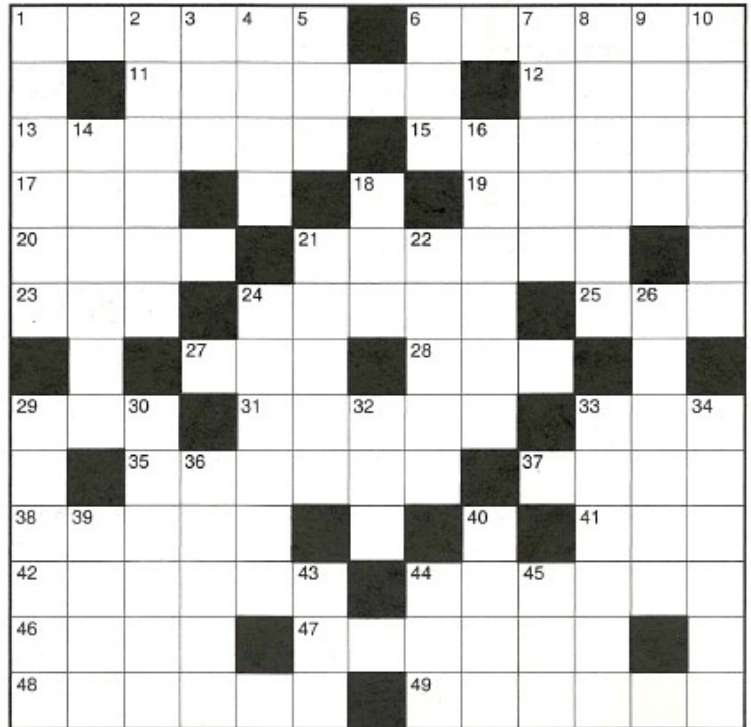
- 31. Pertaining to sound waves
- 33. Long-bodied fish
- 35. Don Chipp's successor as leader of Aust. Democrats, Janine \_\_\_\_\_
- 37. Woman's title of honour
- 38. Freight
- 41. Sleep lightly
- 42. Lizard with row of spines on back
- 44. Beef and pork sausage
- 46. For fear that
- 47. Snow atop mountain
- 48. High respect
- 49. Verify the truth of

**Down**

- 1. A raucous laugh
- 2. World's most voluminous river
- 3. Boater, eg.
- 4. Country with close ties to another
- 5. Fifth month
- 6. That man
- 7. Inert gaseous element
- 8. Public opinion (of someone)
- 9. End of batting order (cricket)
- 10. Toboggan
- 14. To be performed smoothly and evenly (music)
- 16. Sour to taste
- 18. Choose
- 21. Person of English descent

- 22. Dean Martin's comedy partner, Jerry \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. Act of blending by melting together
- 26. British land-farmer
- 29. Easy to discipline
- 30. Push forcefully
- 32. Tightrope walker's protection, safety
- 33. Thin piece of bread or toast with appetising savoury topping
- 34. Go away

- 36. Precious stone
- 39. Periods of history
- 40. Diplomacy
- 43. One's goal
- 44. Large parrot of N.Z.
- 45. Implement of cricketer or baseballer



*Solution 60*



Reverse-a-roo: Solution:  
The ? = 38.



**Trivia Answers**

- 1. January (26th)
- 2. New South Wales
- 3. Opal
- 4. A sheep

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## Trivia on Saturday night

Congratulations to the Dunolly Football and Netball Club for hosting the fun Trivia night. It was wonderful to see so many children at the event. I was delighted to see the kids joining in, as well as running around kicking the football outside under the lights on the oval. Such polite and delightful kids – our future is in good hands.

It was also lovely to see so many people enjoying the hotel and cafés along Broadway. The town was buzzing with activity and looked so inviting and energised. What a fabulous town we live in!

Rachel Buckley

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## Thank You

The extended family of the late Graeme Robert Anderson wish to pass on their thanks and appreciation to all those who expressed their condolences by way of personal visits, telephone calls, cards, flowers and attendance at his funeral.

We would also like to thank the Dunolly Golf Club (particularly Ian and Faye) for their assistance at very short notice. Thank you

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## Dunolly football season begins

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Recreation Reserve kicking off with our 11s netball first up from 8:30am.

Teams will be announced Thursday night and we will put them in *The Welcome Record* next week for our supporters. So keep an eye out for those familiar names with a few new signings and local faces in the mix with our faithful. The club is shaping up nicely to face the upcoming season. We have two away games followed by our first home game on Saturday 8th May against Harcourt.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Club and who came along to our functions over the last two weeks. We have had fun nights at both events, and thanks to our wonderful sponsors who have all jumped on board with enthusiasm (some almost as excited for the season as we are).

The trivia night last Saturday was very entertaining. Congratulations to "The Frenchies" on their win and Stuart for winning the meat raffle which was kindly donated by Dunolly Quality Meats. Jamie did an amazing job putting it together. Time just flew by but lots of laughs had by all and our junior Eagles made a great contribution to the event which was also great to see. Keep an eye out for our next event and our team announcements.

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## DUNOLLY BOWLS

**Sunday 18th April 2021** Dunolly Bowlers travelled to Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club for Kangaroo Flats Invitation Two Bowls Triples.

Alan Weir and Chris Williams both entered teams. One would imagine that the bowlers were grateful that the weather was kinder to the bowlers this week end.

**Wednesday 21st April 2021** Dunolly held their last monthly triples for the season. I will post the days events in next week's *The Welcome Record*.

**Sunday 25th April 2021** Anzac Day Club uniform to be worn. Names down by 12.30pm. Games begin at 1pm. Cost is \$5 per bowler. BYO plate for afternoon tea. I will post the days events in next week's *The Welcome Record*

**Wednesday 5th May 2021** Dunolly's Winter Jackpot Pairs. It is not too late to enter a team ring or text Barry on 0407 509 650 if you haven't already entered.

### Lawn bowls etiquette

Lawn bowls etiquette refers to guidelines which control the way responsible players behave when playing bowling, to ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone playing or watching.

1. Be on time — Timekeeping is perhaps one of the oldest rules of courtesy.
2. Dress appropriately — Remember you are representing your club.
3. Stand still when someone is about to bowl — One courtesy is, if you are at the same end as the player delivering the bowl, stay away from the mat and the players line of vision. You are expected to stand at least one metre behind the mat.
4. Be alert as you walk around adjacent rinks — It would be quite unfortunate if you walked into a game and tripped over a bowl because you were not looking.
5. Observe the rule of possession — The rules state that the rink shall belong to the team whose bowl is being played. If you have business to discuss wait till after the game, start the conversation over a drink at the club house.
6. Acknowledgements are in order — Congratulating an opponent or tapping a player in the back for making an exceptional move is always in order.
7. Do not drop that bowl — Dropping or throwing bowls on the lawn for no particular reason is considered impolite. Bowling greens are delicate and dropping bowls could damage the greens.
8. Stepping onto the mat — Rules are simple, come onto the mat from left side, step off the mat right side.
9. Sending signals from the head end — If you are standing at the head end, it is easier for you to observe the game. Signal your team player as necessary. Tap your knee to signal that your bowl has struck a bowl belonging to the adversary team, or tap your shoulder if the struck bowl is yours.
10. Shake hands — It is good sportsmanship to shake hands before and after a game, and introduce yourself if necessary. After a game it is tempting to leave immediately, especially after losing. Ensure you shake hands. It is also customary to offer to buy drinks after you win a game.
11. Keep the complaints to yourself — Perhaps the green was not as smooth as expected, or you are at loggerheads with one of your team players. It would be wise not to complain about any green or about any person, especially at the bowling club.

Unfortunately even with several rules of proprietary, behaviour contrary to the rules will arise once in awhile, whether deliberate or as a result of a mistake. Politely ask the player to stop breaking the rules, if necessary explain which laws they are breaking, be mindful not to use insulting or vulgar language as it is contrary to lawn bowling custom. It is imperative to remember that disputes are bound to arise and can be resolved without extending the matter beyond the game or the Clubhouse.

Taken from A Guide to Etiquette in Bowls.  
Hannah Delconte



## DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

Last Saturday saw 15 players turn out for a practice round in perfect conditions. We welcomed Sheila Hodgson, Chris Kurzke, Adam Kurzke and Lachie Condie for their first game of golf at Dunolly. They obviously enjoyed themselves, and there was plenty of potential in evidence.

This Saturday sees the official season opener, with a Stableford event to be held. We ask that as many players as possible turn up to play and make a great day of it. We are particularly keen for women players to come to the club to even up the numbers a little. If you do not want to play the whole 18 holes, there will be a nine hole event for newcomers and younger juniors. Coaching and advice are always available, and no one needs to be embarrassed about their level of play. It is always about enjoyment and improvement, and those who want to be competitive can do that too.

Play begins at 12.30pm approximately, and it would be great to see a terrific roll up to get the season off to a flying start.

Ian Arnold



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### GARDEN CLUB

The Mica Garden trip is cancelled as they do not open for less than 10 people. But you can visit Vicky's lovely garden on Monday 26th April, meeting at the centre at 1pm.

### ARCHERY

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## Our local champion



Dunolly resident and Bendigo Harriers athlete Jake Gavriiladis, 14, competed last week at the Australian Track and Field Championships in Sydney in the Under 16 Men's Discus for Victoria.

"This was my first time competing at a national event and I was feeling confident after several great finishes at state level competitions," Gavriiladis said.

Gavriiladis qualified for shot put, javelin and discus after strong performances at the Victorian Country Championships and the Victorian State Championships. He won silver at states with a discus throw of 50.22m, silver in shot put with a 13.06m and finished fifth in javelin with 37.40m. At the Country Championships Jake won silver in Discus 50.14m, Silver in Shot Put 14.28m and Bronze in Javelin 40.62.

However, he decided to focus on just one event for his first-ever nationals and had chosen the under 16 boys discus.

"This is a big decision for a 14-year-old to make" his coach stated. "and shows he is thinking about what will give him the best chance to be competitive nationally by solely focusing on the one technical event."

Competing against the best juniors from across Australia at Sydney's Olympic Park, Jake's result was a competition personal best with a throw of 53.49m on his final throw finishing in 4th place nationally.

"I was very eager to compete against the best juniors from across the country," Gavriiladis said.

"The track and the facilities up in Sydney are known as the best and I was really hoping to see some Olympians," he said.

"I was not as nervous as I thought I would be. I prepared myself like I would for a normal competition. I have been



throwing 57 metres at training but doing it in a competition and doing it consistently is what is required at that level"

"As this was my first nationals, and with the experience I gain, I will be better for it next year when I hope to compete at nationals in Perth., Gavriiladis said.

Jake is coached by his father Frank Gavriiladis who has a squad of 14 athletes and train

from the Bendigo athletics complex at Retreat Road, Flora Hill. Frank is an Accredited Athletics Australia coach and has been coaching athletes for 11 years.

Frank Gavriiladis