

## A day at the opera



Once again Mr Lyster's Colonial Touring Opera came to Tarnagulla to present the delightful comic opera, *Don Pasquale*. It is a light-hearted story of thwarted lovers and the tricks they play on Don Pasquale to finally be together. The acoustics in the Tarnagulla Hall are excellent and the beautiful tenor voice of Hew Wagner, playing the lead, Ernesto, filled the place to carry us all away, as did Helen Koehne as Norina and the other cast members, Adam Jon and Jamie Moffat as Don Pasquale. Madame Carandini, alias Rachel Buckley, was magnificent in her huge feathered hat and long slinky black gown, glittering with gold decoration.

Madam kindly condescended to fill in the audience on the storyline between each scene, naturally adding her delightful brand of humour. The pianist, Pamela Christie, was flawless. The hall was booked out, but with seats socially distanced. The Tarnagulla CFA provided a magnificent afternoon tea and Rachel assisted in dispensing glasses of bubbly. These performances are always most entertaining and I look forward to the next one.

Cynthia Lindsay  
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## ROSIE'S RAMBLE

It has been a trifle crisp the last few mornings. I'm glad I don't have to get up early — I can wait until the sun has warmed things up a bit.

I was told that the plane that flew around the town last week was prospecting for gold from the sky. The old timers would have a fit.

When I went into Maryborough on Friday afternoon, I was wondering why so many people were camped along the railway line from Bet Bet into town. When I asked a shopgirl she said it was something about a steam train. Penny dropped — I had seen Jan's video the day before. I find it hard to get excited about steam trains — they were the only ones to travel on when I was young.

Saw a great number plate on Saturday — BBQ 801.

Got a lovely surprise early on Saturday morning — Daughter Ramble came up from Colac with a friend to have a look at the garage sales. They left Colac at 5am! Sandra was dropped off here and we went down to have a look later on. Her friend has a market stall in Colac, and says she got enough treasures to pay for the trip. She was surprised how big Dunolly is when you drive around. We went out to Sporting Flat Road — I'd not been out there and was surprised at the number of houses.

I set the smoke detector off twice a little while ago. I'd lit the fire, then got distracted and it was nearly out. In the process of putting more wood on, lots of smoke escaped. Result — screaming alarm twice. Fire is nice and warm now though.

Rosie

### Thought of the Week

Happiness is like golden syrup. You can't spread even a little around without getting some on yourself.

Auntie Betty

### Women's Wit

A committee takes hours to put into minutes what can be done in seconds.

Judith Castrina



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## LETTERS TO EDITOR

### Rate Increase

The Central Goldfields Shire recently announced a 1.5% increase in rates across the shire. When questioned why the rates have gone up instead of down or staying the same, the response was that the State Government allowed it. They admitted that no modelling had been done. Therefore how this rate increase affects the residents was not taken into consideration.

The Mayor, Chris Meddows-Taylor described the rate increase as a challenge for the shire. This sounds like he wanted to put it up more. Again he made no mention of the residents. It seems a case of we can, so we will.

The Mayor continued with the well-worn excuse that we have a small population with many roads and compared us with Melbourne. However, if you compare Central Goldfields with other rural shires, we are near the highest rates.

John Tully  
Carisbrook

### Whole Town Garage Sales

Dunolly was abuzz last Saturday for the Whole Town Garage Sales, with locals and others coming from far and wide, taking advantage of the beautiful weather, to seek out a bargain or two.

After a year on hold and with the restrictions eventually lifted, everyone was eager to clear out their houses and sheds of unwanted items, with the bonus of making some extra cash at the same time. From people I have spoken to, most were extremely satisfied with the outcome, some even stating that their stock was 'decimated' very early in the morning.

From a tourism perspective, bringing visitors to town for whatever reason will always have the opportunity for a positive impact, as this event has obviously done, in conversations with locals, including business operators and staff and observing what Dunolly has to offer in its historic buildings, streetscapes and amenities. We can be sure that some of those attending the sales will return for yet another positive experience.

Jenny Scott.

## Stories from Cynthia

Many years ago I remember reading a book called *The Perils of Pauline* and now I am going to re-title my story to — *The Perils of Suzy* — who happens to be our very own editor, Suzy Anderson. In the last month Suzy has endured every possible disaster you could imagine.

It started with a bad fall when entering a supermarket in Maryborough, which resulted in being taken by ambulance to the Maryborough hospital. Suzy was fortunate in sustaining only a badly bruised leg, but this put her out of action for a few days. Then last week, Joe, Suzy's husband, had a serious fall in the house and being a big man, Suzy was unable to lift him. She enlisted the help of her good next door neighbours, Lynda and Paul, but they also were unable to assist. Nothing for it, but to call an ambulance. The ambulance took Joe to Bendigo hospital because it turned out he had other symptoms, quite serious. It was a blood infection which can be contracted through contaminated food or water. Suzy racked her brains to find how it could have happened and it turned out there was a pre-fall situation where her water pipe had burst and stagnant water had lain on the path prior to being repaired by the plumber. She can only think it might have been a mosquito biting Joe and causing the infection. However, being a man he didn't bother going to the doctor until he became so ill he couldn't attend the appointment he finally made, which was on the very day he had the fall. It seemed the fall had been fortuitous as he was then in the right place to receive treatment.

This meant that Suzy had to travel back and forth to Bendigo to visit. As a result Suzy missed out on the light opera performance of *Don Pasquale* at Tarnagulla, to which she had been looking forward. Worse though, Suzy was sadly unable to travel to Melbourne for her mother's 91st birthday and the previous year she had missed the big 90th occasion due to COVID.

It would seem that Suzy had endured enough disaster for one person, but worse was to come. Driving home from Bendigo on Sunday a kangaroo hopped out in front of her car and stove in the radiator. The poor thing was then hit by an oncoming car and leaving much damage behind. As luck would have it, Joe's car was in Melbourne getting a new engine, and almost ready to be picked up. Of course Suzy has received kind offers of car loans and lifts, but there's nothing like having the independence of your own vehicle. We wish Suzy a bright reversal of good luck and good wishes to Joe for an early recovery.

Cynthia Lindsay



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## The Kate Quiz

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Examples – The Kate who teaches ... EduCATE; The Kate who judges ... AdjudiCATE.

The Kate who makes things .... FabriCATE.

Answers on page 11.

Supplied by Cynthia Lindsay

1	The Kate who renounces the throne
2	The Kate who talks
3	The fragile Kate
4	The Kate who points
5	The Kate one can find
6	The Kate who chews
7	The Kate who leaves
8	The Kate who calms
9	The Kate who makes things more difficult
10	The Kate who returns a favour
11	The Kate who promotes
12	The Kate who erases
13	The Kate who seizes goods
14	The Kate who copies
15	The Kate who moves to a new home
16	The Kate who oils
17	The Kate who joins colleagues pursuing a shared interest
18	The tamed Kate
19	The complex Kate
20	The Kate who gets even



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## Community Plan Workshop

The Central Goldfields Council has launched its Shaping Central Goldfields project. Finalising the council budget and activating existing Community Townships Plans are part of this project.

Last Thursday evening six Dunolly residents plus Mayor Chris Meddows-Taylor and Flynn ward councillor

Liesbeth Long as well as CGS Community Engagement Manager Kylie Long were present at the Community Plan Workshop in the Dunolly Town Hall. Earlier in the day there had been an afternoon workshop as well.

The Mayor started proceedings saying that it is now State Government requirements that all shires must have meaningful engagement with local communities and really strive for community involvement. Council does want communities to set priorities, but it does want to be able to afford to action at least some of them.

This was not good news for those of us who were very interested in trying to create more employment or saving some of our now very fragile historic old buildings as both of these aims are very expensive. We also seemed to be tied to plans which had been made a few years ago and some things on the list were no longer relevant.

However everyone in the group did have their say and it did seem that employment, heritage protection and street signage were very much to the top of everyone's wish list. A lack of volunteers across the board was also discussed. Kylie informed us that Council is starting work on a volunteering strategy. The changes which have been made by the Commonwealth Government to requirements surrounding unemployment benefits payments were discussed and is believed to be having a negative impact on volunteerism.

Other things raised was the need for a very visible town notice board which was easy to use, both putting signs up as well as taking them down when the event was finished, it being agreed that was often the most difficult thing for users to do. A dedicated Visitor Information Centre in a local business that was open all day every day would be great. Heritage, or lost, repair skills could be passed on in a formal way by somebody who has them and then used to repair some of the old buildings rather than bring in outside "experts" who do not always have the skills they claim. Cycling is a popular tourism draw card in the CGS. Anyone who witnessed the cycle orienteering day held in the bush a few Sundays ago will know this was a popular event. Upgrades to the existing tracks would help build on this aspect of tourism. Dunolly does have a community bus taking people to Maryborough every Friday morning but recently the number using the bus has declined. Maybe we need to find out why more people are not using it. Also we do not have a Red Cross car here to take locals to medical appointments in larger centres. A weekend train service to CGS bringing people into the shire in the morning and taking them back in the evening would also promote tourism, rather than the current train service which takes people out of the shire every morning. The Town Hall needs to have air conditioning fitted as it is difficult to heat and cool as anyone who has used it knows. The cost of running the air conditioning would be high but if solar panels were fitted then it would become reasonable. Chris Meddows-Taylor said he thought that all public buildings should be fitted with solar panels in the future, and all present agreed.

By the end of the evening it was clear that everyone attending was interested in the history, old buildings, people and the community of Dunolly. The councillors were clear that Council does want to action some of these ideas but it wants to start small and build confidence gradually with each achievement. This is a 10 year plan so we shall see what 2031 brings.

Vicky Frizzell

## \$1.8 million announced for Maryborough Railway Station Activation Project

Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas visited the Central Goldfields on 19th May to announce \$1.8 million in funding for the Maryborough Railway Station Activation Project.

The funding, as part of the Victorian Government's Stronger Regional Communities Program, marks stage two of the project, which will build on the recent relocation of the Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre and the opening of the new co-working space.

Council will contribute a further \$200,000 making Stage 2 a \$2 million project.

The Maryborough Railway Station Activation Project is one of Council's Priority Projects and a key feature in its Tourism and Events and Economic Development strategies.

Council's vision is to see the station building become a welcoming hub of activity in the centre of the wider Goldfields Region telling the rich stories of the Goldfields in dynamic contemporary ways and nurturing creative enterprises.

It will be a place of immense community pride and enjoyment and also provide an attractive co-working space to support new business.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor thanked the Victorian Government for their investment to this iconic heritage building.

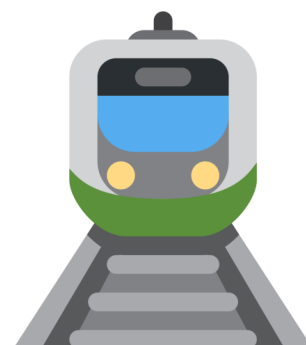
"The announcement of funding this week will mean we can increase visitation by providing immersive, engaging and incredibly exciting contemporary experiences that promote further exploration of our Shire and the entire Goldfields region."

"This will help our tourism and hospitality sector leverage off the opportunities that emerge from the Victorian Goldfields World Heritage bid as it evolves. We will tell that exciting story showing why the Central Victorian Goldfields is unique in the history of the world."

Stage Two of the Maryborough Railway Station Activation Project will also include:

- New studio and exhibition spaces will showcase emerging local creative enterprises.
- Our new co-working space will be extended and enhanced to support local micro-business establishment and resilience.
- Enhanced weather protection for the platform space adjacent to the café and Visitor Information Centre will create more flexible year-round spaces and take advantage of the beautiful lantern roof that is a distinguishing feature of this 19th-Century station architecture.
- Improved accessibility to meet 21st-Century standards will enable currently unused spaces to be opened up to the public.

Media Release



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

Pre-election period — what a great time for communities which get the opportunity to have some of their hard earned taxes returned. The \$90 Million odd hospital grant is met with approval by the community. Please take into consideration this project won't be complete for more than eight years, so there is plenty of time to address other issues of concern. Look at any grant as funds being returned back to our Shire rather than given to other shires. So many promises, however we will wait with anticipation to see if those funds actually find their way here. CGR&RAI thinks our community is very aware of broken promises; however, it is up to us to vote in the people with the ethics and management skills we seek.

A well-done to Dunolly for the Town Garage sales last weekend — a progressive town. We also acknowledge the Tiny Town Arts Trail and our amazing volunteers — all key parts of our towns. An increased online presence of Goldfields Shire Tourism notices. Well done on that and also the out-of-left-field grant for works on the Carisbrook Town Hall and Levee. It was pleasing to see. In the minutes of the Central Goldfields Shire meeting 27th May 2021; Item 8.6 Councillor and Mayoral Allowances.

1. With recommendation of Councillors \$21,049 and Mayor \$62,884, and
2. Consider all submissions made with respect to the review of Councillor and Mayoral allowances following conclusion of the public submission process.

With four new councillors with "L" plates on, or not having sound knowledge of our area, and three members of the sacked council three years ago, it will be interesting to see how they view their contribution to the community under the Local Government Act 2020.

It will also be interesting to see the report on "the conclusion of the public submission process". We hear a lot about this new 2020 Act and our councils or councillors' interpretation of the meaning of this 2020 Act.

#### Talk to the community

Which brings us to the next subject; communication. Our council and councillors have clearly indicated the only meeting minutes (if minutes are taken) which are made available to the public are those of the monthly meetings. The council does have, and plans on having what they call community consultation, which up to now have been mainly around the council, councillors explaining their decisions and mostly not around seeking community direction or thoughts. No minutes are kept of these consultation meetings.

CGR&RAI will continue to email with the Shire on issues in preference to attending meetings until those meetings are minuted and verbal comments registered formally and made public.

The CGR&RAI has a *Facebook* site;

<https://www.facebook.com/cgoldratepayers/?ref=pageinternal>

Numbers have increased to nearly 500 followers since the past election — thank you.

On this *Facebook* page you do not have to be a member, and we understand many people do have a non-de-plume or fake profile for many reasons. CGR&RAI respects that, and asks that all comments are non-aggressive and courteous, and these are the conditions to which we strictly adhere. From now CGR&RAI will be increasing the content, and trying to place as many council issues or concerns for the community to openly contribute to these concerns. We understand not everyone will have the same opinion and there will be conflicting opinions.

Those who do differ, please do that in an extremely respectful manner — we all can learn from looking at both sides. It's great to see present councillors already have participation on this site. This is possibly an avenue for them to circumnavigate around the Council 2020 Act they so strongly advocate. This is an issue of transparency.

Our next Ratepayers meeting will be held at the Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall on Tuesday 1st June 2021 at 7pm. COVID requirements apply. All are welcome and you do not have to be members.

However non-members do not have voting rights, nor will receive monthly updates and minutes of our meetings. All welcome.

Wayne McKail, President

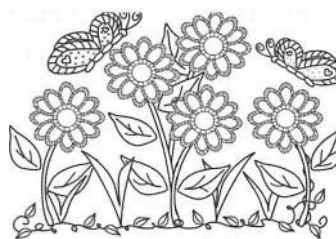


**COOKING FOR ONE** You're on your own... you can't be bothered cooking just for yourself. Why not register for our "Cooking for One" project? Starting on Tuesday 15th June. Over the course of six weeks you will get to enjoy simple, nutritious and delicious meals over lunch period, with an extra serving and the recipe to take home! Linda from the Gold & Grain Cafe will be your tutor and chef.

Costs are \$10 per week or \$30 paid up front for the whole course. Places are limited so be quick to register. This project is funded by the Maldon & District Community Bank.

#### GARDEN CLUB

The Whispering Weeders will be going on trip to Stony Creek an Old School Site with interesting markings and historic interest. Finishing off with a cuppa at Clunes. This is a car pool trip, meeting at the Neighbourhood Centre at 1pm on Monday 31st May. If you love looking at gardens, visiting plant nurseries, swapping plants and flowers, then join the Whispering Weeders. Absolutely no digging involved. They meet the last Monday of the month.



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### Small Business Bus coming to Inglewood

The Victorian Government's Small Business Bus will be in Inglewood on Monday 7th June.

The bus will be located outside the Inglewood

Community Hub at the corner of Market and Vernon streets from 10am to 4pm. Walk-ups are welcome, so there's no need to book ahead for an appointment.

The Victorian Government's Small Business Bus showcases local small business capability and practical advice for free. Whether you're planning, starting or growing your business, the Small Business Bus can help you. Visit the Bus Concierge at Inglewood on the day and collect your Planning and Starting a Business booklet, exclusively available on the Small Business Bus.

For more information or questions about the Small Business Bus, call Business Victoria on 13 22 15.

### Webinar: ACCC inquiry into water markets — a Victorian irrigation perspective

Agriculture Victoria will host the next of its irrigation webinar series this Friday 28th May from 1pm to 2pm.

The webinar will focus on key findings of the recent Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) inquiry into Murray-Darling Basin water markets, with an emphasis on the implications of the findings for Victorian irrigators. To register for this webinar go to <https://bit.ly/AgVicWMW6>

### National Volunteer Week in Loddon Shire

Last week Council celebrated National Volunteer Week to thank all those in our community who give so much of their time, passion and energy to make Loddon Shire a great place to live, work and play.

As part of National Volunteer Week, Council organised workshops for our Community Asset Committees. These workshops and future events provide information to assist our volunteers with training and information so that they have the skills and support to enjoy their activities.

Council is also working with schools in the region to connect students with volunteering opportunities in the community.

As part of National Volunteer Week, I took the opportunity to unveil Council's new Volunteer Handbook, which is designed to help volunteers understand their roles and responsibilities when volunteering in Loddon Shire Council. All our Community Asset Committees will be sent copies of the Volunteer Handbook. If you'd like one sent to you, please contact Council on (03) 5494 1200.

It was also an honour to hand out certificates to our Loddon Visitor Information Centre volunteers, as part of the centre's Volunteer Familiarisation Tour last Tuesday.

The certificates were presented during a morning tea at the Spanner Sculpture Gardens in Boort.

Volunteers also toured (and enjoyed tastings) at the Simply Tomatoes and Country Wool Bedding new shopfront in Boort, viewed sculptures at Little Lake Boort, toured the Pyramid Hill township (with lunch at the Pyramid Hill Victoria Hotel) and the East Loddon Woolshed. If you would like more information about volunteering in Loddon Shire, visit

[www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Working-with-us/Volunteering-with-Loddon-Shire-Council](http://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Working-with-us/Volunteering-with-Loddon-Shire-Council)

Loddon Shire



### Rate payment due

Residents who pay their rates by instalment are reminded their fourth instalment is due by 31st May, 2021. Rates can be paid via:

Online: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/payingyourrates](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/payingyourrates)  
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By mail: Central Goldfields Shire Council, PO Box 194, Maryborough VIC, 3465.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please see our Financial Hardship Policy at

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### Inkerman Street Road Closure

From Monday 31st May, Regional Roads Victoria will commence works to replace the bridge over the Tuaggra Main Drain in Inkerman Street, Maryborough.

This project involves the closure of Inkerman Street between the Alma Street intersection and the Napier Street roundabout. Detours will be in place until construction is complete in late August, weather permitting.

### Registrations now open for 2022 three and four-year-old kindergarten

Families with child/children eligible to attend three or four-year-old kindergarten in 2022 can register from today, Tuesday 25th May, 2021.

### The Central Goldfields Shire Centralised Kindergarten

Program will be open for enrolments until Wednesday 30th June and is for all seven kindergartens in the Shire:

- A.G. Leech Kindergarten.
- Back Creek Kinder (Talbot).
- Californian Gully Kindergarten.
- Dunolly Kindergarten.
- Goldfields Family Centre.
- Paisley Park Early Learning Centre.
- T.L. Stone Memorial Kindergarten.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor said the program made it much simpler and more convenient for families to enrol in kindergarten.

For more information visit:

[www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment)  
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R Mcreddy

**Thought of the week**

*Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful, kindle in them the fire of your love.*

**Uniting Church**

No information received at time of print.

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The next Service will be on Thursday, 27th May,  
COVID-19 restrictions permitting.

Esmé Flett

*"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you," says the Lord God; "I will put my spirit within you and you shall live."*

Ezekiel 36.26; 37.14

Dear God, I don't know your plan for me and at times it can be scary, but I know you have a purpose for me and everything I am going through is for good reason.



**Around school  
this week**



This week we acknowledge the wonderful volunteers who do so much around our school. From reading in classrooms; roles within the PFA such as executive and then organising events such as stalls, lunches, special days; to sporting events supervisors; working bee helpers; cooks; cleaners; and all the other amazing volunteering you do ..... THANK YOU !

**YEAR 3/4 ROSES GAP CAMP**

We wish our campers a wonderful experience next week. They will absolutely love it !! Thank you to the staff going – it is a selfless role giving up time with your families to be on duty 24/3 !

**LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP**

We invite parents to go along tomorrow to support and cheer on our teams at soccer and netball. Please note .... If providing additional 'treats' for your child please don't supply them to other children. Thank you for your cooperation.

All students will need warm layers and all items are CLEARLY NAMED please. Good luck to our teams.



Our student leaders attended the Grip Leadership Conference in Bendigo

**LAST WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK**



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## Central Goldfields Shire Council signs on to VECO

Central Goldfields Shire Council is one of forty-six Victorian Councils to sign on to VECO, the Victorian Energy Collaboration, the largest ever emissions reduction project by local government in Australia.

VECO, led by Darebin City Council in Melbourne's north, will provide 45 per cent of all Victorian Councils' electricity requirements with 100 per cent renewables, reducing greenhouse emissions by 260,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-e every year.

Provided by Red Energy, the 240GWh of clean power is equivalent to powering 48,000 homes with renewables or removing the emissions from 90,000 cars every year.

Initiated by and facilitated with the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances, VECO recognises the benefits of renewable energy for the environment and the economy.

The ground-breaking project will reduce each of the Council's current energy bills and reduce electricity prices by using clean renewable energy generated right here in Victoria.

By joining the project, Central Goldfields Shire Council will power 100 per cent of its total energy use with 100 per cent renewables, including streetlights, libraries, community venues and halls.

Central Goldfields Shire Cr Gerard Murphy said the project is a significant environmental and economic achievement for Council.

"We are proud to be a part of such a significant emissions reduction project, while saving on our electricity bills at the same time. This is a wonderful example of how positive economic and environmental outcomes can go hand-in-hand."

Darebin Mayor Councillor Lina Messina said the project was proof of what can be achieved with collaboration.

"This is a collective effort formed by staff and councillors from across the state, for the benefit of our communities," Cr Messina said. "By powering councils with affordable renewable energy, we're making ratepayers' dollars go further. Every dollar we save on energy bills is a dollar we can put towards improving roads, footpaths, libraries or community programs."

Red Energy will provide 240 GWh of electricity per year to the 46 councils in the VECO purchasing group over a period of 9.5 years, beginning 1st July 2021.

Owned by Snowy Hydro, Red Energy is a 100 per cent Australian owned and operated energy retailer based in Melbourne.

"Given Red Energy is born and bred in Victoria, we are really excited to be a part of a project that is supporting Victorian councils, their ratepayers and two new Victorian wind farms", said Red Energy CEO Iain Graham.

"Our owner Snowy Hydro has been a leader in renewable generation for decades and Red Energy is delighted to partner with Victorian councils to provide a long-term energy contract that will enable councils to purchase renewable energy at a competitive price," Mr Graham said.

The renewable energy will be provided by two wind farms in Victoria – Dundonnell wind farm near Mortlake, which started exporting power to the grid in March 2020, and Murra Warra II wind farm near Horsham, which commenced construction September 2020 and will be fully operational by June 2022.

Both wind farms have and will continue to deliver economic benefits to the regions during construction and ongoing operation, and form an important part of state, regional and local economic development.

CGSC Media Release

### The invisible woman

She held aloft her hands; flexed her slender fingers before her face in the filmy light penetrating the curtains. It was early and, yep, she was as invisible as always. Take the latest episode, for instance. Not 20 minutes ago a car had pulled up outside her Airbnb. A man and a woman had exited the vehicle. Partners she surmised, as they had immediately commenced bickering. Lydia had watched them through the window, gesticulating and arguing back and fro. They gathered some cleaning equipment from the boot of the car, marched up the path and, with a key, barged through the front door. "Excuse me! hey! excuse me!" Lydia had yelled at them. "Check out time isn't until 10am thank you."

So engrossed were the couple in their continuing disagreement that they paid no heed to her whatsoever. They bustled about their business and treated her exactly like some inconvenient and awkward impediment. Lydia sighed. Sometimes she wondered if she should adopt that peculiarly Russian mindset of just accepting one's fate. No point railing against the inevitable. She fished out her 'phone and requested a taxi to the train station. Her case was already packed anyway.

She gazed through the taxi window as the suburbs of Melbourne flowed past. All those unremarkable people and their experiences lived without an indelible trace. Much like herself, in fact. Lydia had formulated a theory to account for her social invisibility. She called it, "Generic Face Syndrome". For women of a certain age anyhow. There was nothing noteworthy about her — not her face nor her stance. She would not lodge in anybody's memory.

She had been in Melbourne to attend an agribusiness conference and exhibit. She continued to maintain an interest in what had once been her bread and butter, so to speak. Although these days there appeared to be numerous high-tech solutions to problems which either didn't exist or had never been encountered. Just in case.

Southern Cross Station loomed on the left-hand side. The taxi stopped. Lydia paid the driver, alighted from the car and walked around to the boot where her case was stored. The taxi started moving.

"Hey! Hey!!" Lydia screamed. The wheels were still in motion. She banged smartly on the metal as the car rolled away from her. It halted. The driver got out.

"Sorry," he said. "I thought you'd gone."

"What about my luggage?" Lydia demanded.

"Sorry. so sorry," the driver mumbled as he fumbled with the boot lid.

Lydia had caught the train down from Bendigo and was fully expecting a return rail journey — she had a booked ticket after all. She quickly discovered that track work between Gisborne and Melbourne would necessitate boarding a bus. She located the correct one, showed the driver her ticket. He nodded and she settled in directly behind him.

The bus departed. Lydia assumed the bus would travel the Tullamarine Freeway and thence onto the Calder Freeway in order to connect with the train waiting at Gisborne. However, the bus soon left the freeway and commenced wandering down secondary roads and sometimes what looked like country lanes. Several of the passengers approached the driver at various intervals and suggested things along the lines of, "Mate, don't go that way — the bridge is out." Or, "Mate that way is 15 minutes slower than down there."

The driver had broken into a sweat. It was evident that he was following the prompts of some version of satellite navigation and was thoroughly unfamiliar with the route. Lydia felt like breaking into a sweat herself. Not only did

she have to make this connection with the train at Gisborne but she also had to be on time to catch the interstate bus, which would convey her from Bendigo to her home at Tarnagulla.

"Come on, come on," she mouthed to herself whilst repeatedly glancing at her watch.

Eventually, and much to the relief of everyone on board (including the driver), they arrived at Gisborne. They were late, but the train had not departed. Lydia scurried over to the ticket office. She was forced to call out a number of times before she was noticed.

"Oh, sorry Love, didn't see you there."

"I have to catch the bus from Bendigo to Tarnagulla," she explained. "And I'm already late."

"No worries Love, we'll tell 'em to wait," the railway official assured her.

And, indeed, the bus driver at Bendigo had thought to check with the station ticket office to ascertain if anybody else was coming. This despite the fact his manifest indicated everyone with a ticket was already on board. Once at Bendigo, Lydia showed the driver her ticket.

"You're lucky I waited," he said. "You're not on the manifest." That raised Lydia's ire. "You have to wait — I have a ticket," she said coldly.

"No I don't," he insisted. "You don't have a seat number. If the bus is full I am not able to take you."

Exasperated, Lydia said, "But that's what they gave me!"

"Next time, ask for a seated ticket and you'll be right."

Lydia sat down and the bus rumbled off. Her stress levels were not good but she was nearly home. After 40 minutes the bus approached the Tarnagulla bus stop and came to a halt. She stood up in the aisle — this was her stop. But the bus driver engaged gear and began driving away. Lydia emitted a little squeak of consternation and floundered her way toward the driver, who acted surprised. "Sorry, I'd forgotten about you. You're not on the manifest!"

Lydia waggled her fingers before her eye line, marvelling at just how invisible she had become. Her earlier face-to-face communication with the driver already consigned to the dustbin of lost conversations. He helped her retrieve her case from the cargo compartment of the bus, which had conveniently stopped directly opposite her house in the main street. So at least that was something.

Martyn Barnett

### Answers to Kate Quiz

1	Abdicate
2	Communicate
3	Delicate
4	Indicate
5	Locate
6	Masticate
7	Vacate
8	Placate
9	Complicate
10	Reciprocate
11	Advocate
12	Eradicate
13	Confiscate
14	Duplicate
15	Relocate
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19	Intricate
20	Vindicate



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## Lucy Lucas

The French woman, Lucy Lucas, was one of the most colourful characters around Dunolly in the early days. She was a successful hotelkeeper and a brothel owner. Her fame was such that at the Dunolly Races in 1860 one of the horses was named Lucy Lucas.

Lucy was regularly in court as either the prosecutrix or defendant. She would always engage a good solicitor and won nearly all her cases. For one case which went to the Supreme Court, she had none other than the Attorney General on her legal team.

Lucy Lucas had been living with, but not married to, a James Stuart in Sydney. They moved to Adelaide about 1847. In Adelaide she met a Frenchman, Francois Desenclos and by 1851 they were having an affair. Desenclos had just gone bankrupt when his hotel failed. It was the largest hotel in Adelaide and a lot of people lost money. Desenclos and Lucas decided to move to Melbourne and start afresh. To help them on their way they took some of James Stuart's property including a pair of pistols, snuff box, cockatoo and some gold rings. Both bought a passage on the *Blundell* bound for Melbourne under the names of Mr and Mrs Wilson, but before it set sail Stuart reported the theft. The police boarded the vessel and arrested them. In court she was described as a buxom dame. She said she had been living with Stuart as man and wife and it was really her own property. They were discharged. Stuart then tried to sue her for adultery but as he wasn't married it also was thrown out of court. In October 1851 Desenclos boarded the *Asia* bound for Melbourne. Lucy either travelled under a false name or took a later passage.

They followed the Victorian gold rushes setting up stores at various places. By July 1854 they were at Mt Moliagul where Lucy was running a store. She had purchased a horse for £30 which she hired to Peter Lynch at the exorbitant price of £6 per week. Peter Lynch was a carter delivering goods to the goldfields. Lucy took him to court for failing to return the horse. He claimed he had hired it from and returned it to Desenclos who had then lost it. Lucy presented herself well in court and was believed. She was awarded £45 for the loss of the horse and hire money. In lieu of the horse she had already claimed the goods on Lynch's cart and had them unloaded at her store. Lynch countersued for the loss of £200 worth of goods delivered. Lucy said his accounts were cooked. Again she won and Lynch had to pay her costs.

By 1855 Lucas and Desenclos were at what is now called Goldsbrough. Here on 8th March 1855 Lucy purchased 18 allotments from H. N. Simson, part of his Goldsbrough estates. For these she paid £275/1/3. Over the next two years she purchased another 29 allotments in the estate. She had a house built which was known as Miss Lucas' cottage. Then in 1857 she let Miss Lucas' farm of 53 acres to Felix Barbat. He found out that the farm was only 29 acres and took her to court for misrepresentation. It went all the way to the Supreme Court and Barbat won, receiving £153 in damages.

When the main Dunolly Rush broke out in 1856 Lucas and Desenclos were amongst the early ones to arrive. Here Lucy opened a hotel called Le Croix Blanche. It was soon changed to the rough English translation — the Southern Cross Hotel. Then in 1860 it became the Carriers Arms. This hotel was later a brothel and probably was right from the start. Perhaps this is how they had made their money in the first few years in Victoria.

Next to the Southern Cross Hotel was the Manchester Hotel run by J. Jones. Lucas and Jones formed some type of partnership. In January 1858 Jones and Lucy Lucas opened a new Manchester Hotel at the Havelock Rush. Desenclos remained in Dunolly. The miners riot at Havelock during February saw several buildings run by disreputable people

razed to the ground. The Manchester was the first to be destroyed.

Back in Dunolly Francois Desenclos and Lucy Lucas had a volatile relationship. In 1859 he was charged with threatening her with a loaded pistol. Then in 1861 he was charged a further three times with threatening her. Lucy must have been a colourful character with language to match. At one court case the reporter said "She could drive a team of bullocks with any man in the Colony." One time she kicked him out and put a notice in the newspaper "Francis Desenclos being dismissed from my premises, I am in no way connected to him, he has no right, title or interest in any of my property. L. Lucas."

Her son John Lucas had the real name of Dennis Rooney. He squatted in the house which later became known as Chauncy Cottage. The house was on Crown land and being the holder of a Miners Right he was entitled to live there. Philip Chauncy was the district surveyor. He had just purchased the building but had no title to the land it was on. Chauncy took Lucas to court for squatting. Lucas was not concerned as the law was on his side and he won the case. What he didn't realise was that Chauncy being a surveyor used the time to survey and purchase the land, thus giving him the right to evict Lucas.

In October 1862 Lucy left for the New Zealand gold rushes. Her passage was on the Southern Cross and she gave her age as 45. She still owned the Dunolly property and Desenclos remained to run the business. The license for the hotel was cancelled yet the building was still known as the Carriers Arms. It was described in 1863 as a weatherboard building of seven rooms with a semi-detached kitchen, there were also bedrooms, a stable and sheds. The fact the bedrooms were in a separate building suggests it was either a boarding house or a brothel. Later accounts in 1868 attest to the Carriers Arms being a brothel.

Lucy Lucas' movements after going to New Zealand have not been traced. Perhaps she changed her name? Years later in 1875 Francois Desenclos stated in court that his wife lived in Ballarat. Was he referring to Lucy Lucas?

### AT THE MUSEUM

Steve Barnham has been an active member of our society for 17 years. He has run our Webpage and done extensive research on Goldsbrough, PMAV, properties in Dunolly, Murderers Hill murders and lots more. We wish Steve and Wendy a good future as they leave Dunolly for Heywood.

John Tully

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### Furry friends finding homes

With statistics revealing a high rate of animals being euthanised in shelters across the nation, Robyn Hunter decided to do something about it — creating her own safe haven.

In November 2012, Robyn created Robyn's Nest and All The Rest Animal Rescue Incorporated (Robyn's Nest), a passionate rescue group of dedicated volunteers trying to rescue, foster and re-home as many animals as possible. Robyn said she has always felt a great connection with animals; and coincidentally discovered her great grandfather was a founding member of the RSPCA.

"My great grandfather was fighting for animal rights back in the 1890s; he fought to have water at slaughterhouses for the animals and to stop tying the feet of chickens together," she said.

Robyn has volunteered for a number of animal rescue groups going as far back as the mid-1990s. While volunteering she would see the kill lists come in from all over the region and the cats were always in danger.

"I used to see a lot of healthy kittens and cats euthanised, I felt like I could do more to help, so I started my own rescue group," Robyn said.

Robyn has dedicated her life to assisting animals, she is the first to admit it has led to financial strain, exhaustion and severe lack of personal time. "My partner and I invest a lot of money and time into saving as many animals as we can, we cannot leave the sanctuary for a holiday because we need to care for the animals," she said.

Based 15 minutes south of Maryborough, Robyn's Nest primarily tries to help animals in need throughout the Central Goldfields Shire; however city pounds from all over Victoria reach out asking for assistance.

"We always try to help even if we have no room or volunteers to help take the animals in," Robyn said.

"If we cannot take them in, we do everything we can to find someone who can."

Last year broke records for animal adoptions at a number of animal shelters, with one RSPCA shelter in Adelaide reporting 4600 adoptions in May alone.

"During the lockdowns as soon as we received an animal someone wanted it, it was great to see so many loving homes adopt our animals," Robyn said.

"Since coming out of lockdown the adoptions have really slowed down, we are constantly running either at capacity or over capacity, there is always a waiting list of animals to come in."

Robyn's rescue group includes 50 volunteer helpers at any one time. There is always a need for more volunteers and fostering is not the only way to help.

"We are no different from most charities, we rely heavily on donations. Thanks to a donation bin being set up near the checkouts at Coles in Maryborough, we should see more items like blankets, food and kitty litter," Robyn said.

Any type of donation is very helpful due to the large variety of animals which need assistance and each one having different needs, Robyn said.

"We try to re-home any animals we can, apart from the traditional cats and dogs we have helped, we have taken in horses, sheep, alpacas, llamas, ducks, chickens, turkeys, cows, peacocks, turtles, goats and more," she said.

Over the years, Robyn's Nest has been on the verge of shutting down a handful of times due to a lack of funds, luckily the group has managed to survive and rescue thousands of animals.

"The financial impact of rescuing is huge, which is why we are so thankful for the donations we receive," Robyn said.

"Across town a number of businesses have cash tins for donations, which have been a huge help.

"If any businesses would like a tin, please reach out to us and we will provide one."

Adoption fees rarely cover the cost of getting an animal ready for rehoming, another reason receiving donations is so vital to the charity, according to Robyn.

"Because we do not cherry-pick our animals it is quite common for us to spend \$1000 on a full dental for a cat, plus the standard costs of desexing, vaccinations and micro-chipping. The adoption fee is often less than a quarter of the vet visit," she said.

Robyn's Nest is registered with Centrelink, meaning over 55s can volunteer as part of the required mutual obligation. Driving to vet appointments, going to events with collection tins and helping, out on a market stall are all great ways to contribute.

The rescue group is active on both *Facebook* (Robyn's Nest and all the Rest Animal Rescue) and email [robynsnestanima\\_rescue@gmail.com](mailto:robynsnestanima_rescue@gmail.com), both of which can be used to make inquiries.

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Marie Lovel

## Numbers up

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B Lovel

## Put These On Your Calendar for 2021

### Monday 15th May

COVID Shots — Dunolly Hospital

### Monday, 21st & 28th May

Exercise Equipment Classes

Gordon Gardens Dunolly 9.30-10.30am

### Monday 31st May

Whispering Weeders

meet at Neighbourhood Centre at 1pm

### Monday 7th June

Small Business Bus — Inglewood

Community Hub 10am-4pm

## Cat sighting

Sighted in Dunolly, long haired dark tabby cat, possibly wearing a blue collar. It has been around my place for weeks. Phone 5468 1537 if it sounds familiar.

Rosemary Mecredy



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- 13. Jewellery item worn as good luck charm
- 14. Aust. cricket great, \_\_\_\_\_ Lillee
- 16. Small mammal which eats earthworms and insects
- 17. Gibbon, eg.
- 19. Female title
- 20. To place in position
- 21. Fragment
- 23. Not taut
- 24. Completely
- 26. With order reversed, vice \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. Shield of Zeus
- 28. Personal property
- 31. Behave (in certain way)

- 33. Sudden burst of flame
- 34. Became seated
- 36. Small missile in game
- 38. Fed oneself
- 39. Aust. actress, \_\_\_\_\_ Blanchett
- 40. Biblical mountain of Turkey
- 42. Grammy Award-winning U.S. country singer, \_\_\_\_\_ Nelson
- 43. Bushy Aust. eucalyptus tree
- 44. English county 1974 to 1996
- 45. Factors which typically determine an item's price (economics), \_\_\_\_\_ and demand
- 46. Tart-tasting

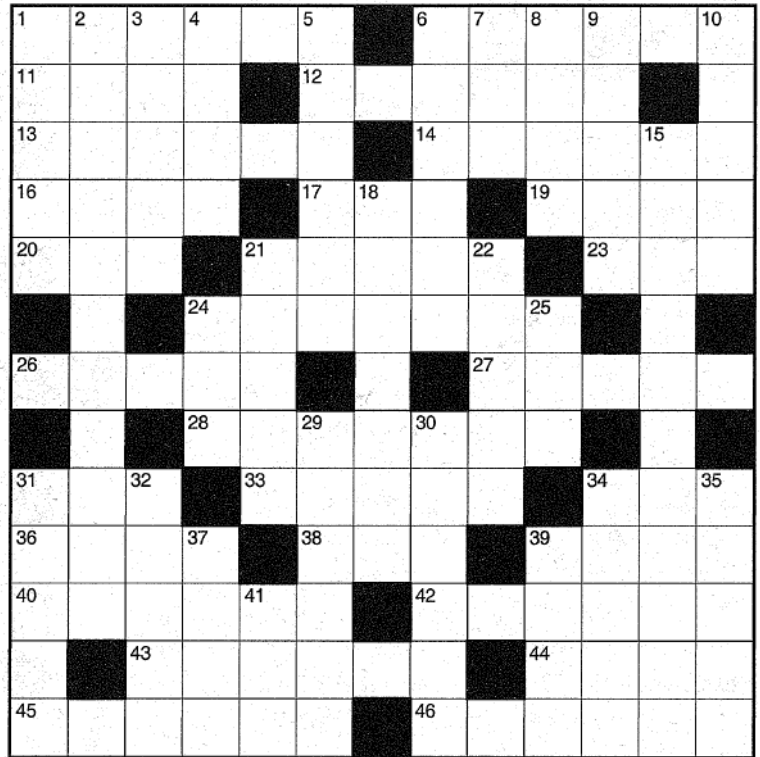
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- 1. Rascal
- 2. Military vehicle (8,3)
- 3. A flaw
- 4. Competent
- 5. Remaining undamaged
- 6. Cause to be beloved
- 7. Make knot
- 8. The \_\_\_\_\_ that rocks the cradle rules the world
- 9. Register of events of one year
- 10. Southern English county
- 15. Mental creativity

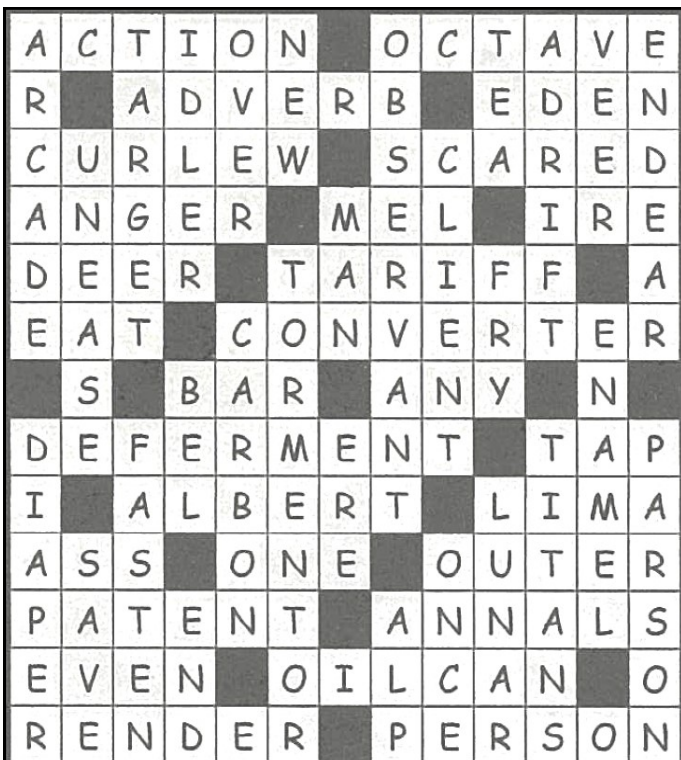
- 18. To make (cooker, eg.) warm beforehand
- 21. Company's employees
- 22. Dish for food
- 24. Put into operation
- 25. Sycophantic follower, \_\_\_\_\_ man

- 29. In a firm, positive manner
- 30. Embroidery yarn
- 31. Surname of U.S. presidents, father and son
- 32. Hobo

- 34. Firing of number of weapons at same time
- 35. Extremely small
- 37. Stratagem to catch one off guard
- 39. Shelled marine animal
- 41. Whole amount



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• 9.30am-10.30am

Monday 21st June 2021

• 9.30am -10:30am

Monday 28th June 2021

• 9:30am - 10:30am

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Market Street,  
Gordon Gardens, Dunolly

All classes are FREE!



# SPORTS



## DUNOLLY BOWLS



### Winter Jackpot Pairs played Wednesday 19th May

Avoca held this weeks Winter Jackpot Pairs. Upon arrival the skies were bright and sunny. During the afternoon the clouds came with a nip in the air. All were looking forward to the hot finger-food which awaited us after the game. Congratulations to Brian and Buster from MHS who were the winners on the day.

### Wednesday 26th May 2021

Match is to be played at Dunolly. Results will be in in next week's edition of *The Welcome Record*.

### Sunday 30th May 2021 AGM



Photo of players getting ready for a great day of bowls with a touch of tomfoolery.

Starting 12 noon BBQ (COVID-19 regulations will be followed). Trophy presentation will be followed by the AGM. Thank you to the bowlers who have notified me via phone, text or the list posted in the clubroom. If you are unable to attend either BBQ or trophy presentation come along to the AGM where you can address issues and express any opinions you might have.

### June matches

In June, the following three games will be played at Avoca. Wednesday 2nd, Wednesday 16th and Wednesday 30th.

Hannah Delconte

## From Humble Beginnings

I am intending to write the History of the Dunolly Bowling Club each week and would appreciate if anyone has more information of the years between 1899 and 1945. Please contact me by email [fandhdelconte@hotmail.com](mailto:fandhdelconte@hotmail.com).

The below details have been printed before, but they are a good introduction for the coming segments.

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Towards the end of the 19th Century (1899) a group of Dunolly residents made a request to the then Bet Bet Shire Council for permission to commence forming a bowling green in the Gordon Gardens. A meeting was held with the Mayor of the day, Councillor Walter Skelton He was encouraged by what was presented and of the opinion that a flourishing club could be formed.

Grass seeds were ordered, delivered and sown, with the expectation the green would be ready for play in September! In the *Dunolly and Bet Bet Shire Express* an advertisement was placed on 3rd April, requesting all members and intending members to attend a meeting at the Town Hall on Friday at 1900 hours to elect officers to the club.

Mr Walter Skelton was the Honorary Secretary. The President stated it was probable the greens would be formally opened in January. One of the champion bowlers of the colony, Mr George Ray from Maldon, expressed great satisfaction with the appearance of the green. Mr Ray intended to bring a group of bowlers from Maldon for the opening. Although the green was to be officially opened in January, it was still not opened by May. Champion bowler from the Ballarat North Club in 1899, Mr Bickett, now a resident of Dunolly will become a member of the Dunolly Bowling Club.

Hannah Delconte

Another great roll-up this week with four teams competing.

One team had the perfect score of three wins. Congratulations to Gordon Smith, Shirley Coburn and Ian Lovel. The break seems to have done Ian a favour; he is bowling like a demon week after week and is fast catching the leaders on the cumulative points board. Happy bowling!

Chris Evans



## DUNOLLY GOLF CLUB

The last two weeks have seen some closely contested matches. Great to see the numbers out in force. The course has been so well prepared by the volunteers who mow and get the sands ready. Many thanks to the Hunt trio and Kenny for their hours of work the last couple of weeks. The course is magnificent and the best it's been in years. Last week's results were:

### Men's Stableford

Winner: Joe Lovel 37pts.

Runner up: Josh Britten 36pts.

Nearest the pin: on 6th Mark Lovel and 18th Rick Lovel

We can't forget to mention the last four which came in. They did a marathon effort completing the last three holes in the dark, assisted by ute lights organised by Alex. We are asking no questions. No explanations needed!

This week a smaller group took to the course but the course being as good as any around and playing on such a beautiful day made for a good round of golf by all. Frank and Corey had a great day at their practice round.

### Men's Stableford

Winner: Josh Britten 33pts.

Runner up: Josh Hunt 31pts.

### Women's Stableford

Winner: Shenae Hunt 36pts.

Runner up: Sheila Hodgson 32pts.

Nearest the pin: Sheila on the 13th, Rob on the 12th and 16th, Josh Britten on the 18th

Jenny Lovel



Shenae Hunt Women's winner 36 points.



News from  
the Dojo



Congratulations to all of the Karate students who recently graded! It is fantastic to see everyone have fun while achieving their Karate goals, and keeping active. They received their new belt & certificate at a belt presentation on Monday 25th May at the Dunolly Dojo (RSL Hall).



## Vintage steam engines welcomed to Dunolly

Last week, a combination of locals and avid trainspotters took the opportunity to view vintage railway carriages hauled by two giants of steam, as they passed through local towns, including Dunolly. For some, it evoked memories of times past, for some others it was a rare chance to see these behemoths up close.

Whatever the reason, with many having been made aware of the train's itinerary by *Facebook* reminders, the occasions were memorable for the crowds who turned out.

The restoration and preservation of these vintage locomotives and rolling stock is a thriving industry, almost fully run by volunteers and we should be grateful to them for their dedication, so we can all experience or relive some of the magic of the days of steam.

*Steamrail* had spent two years planning this Southern Steam Spectacular "Cruise Express", which encompassed six days across several routes in Victoria, passing through many towns along the way. We were grateful they published the full itinerary, with the estimated times they would reach each town, as this isn't always the case with other train trips and it helped immensely.

We had the opportunity to view it on both the Wednesday and Thursday, as they were making an overnight stop in Wycheproof, where *Steamrail* volunteers have restored the old turntable, enabling the engines to turn around, as they had in days gone by.

I was able to view and photograph it in Tarnagulla on its outward journey, where the crowds waved to the driver, Jeremy Lavery, a member of a local Tarnagulla family, and who has been a train enthusiast since childhood.



On its return journey, many of us waited patiently at the Thompson Street crossing in Dunolly, for what seemed like an interminable space of time from when we initially heard its whistle until it appeared into view, very much worth the wait of course!

Unfortunately I didn't get to see it in Maryborough, where a third vintage engine was attached, but many of us have enjoyed seeing the many photos and videos published online. Can't wait for the next one!

Jenny Scott

Photos by Jenny Scott and Jan Brock

