

Hard work pays off



The Australian Rail Appreciation Society (Victorian Division) wishes to highlight the great work of one of our safe-working brethren. Coincidentally, he was mentioned in this publication in "Rosie's Ramble" although not by name. He was the bloke standing near the rail line with a notepad. Dave "Donkey" Lawler, eight times nominated for Hand-signaller of the Year, came from humble beginnings. David has travelled extensively during his rail career, and would like it to be known that he is "single and ready to mingle". He approaches his work with enthusiasm, commitment and dedication. We would like to acknowledge David's ninth consecutive nomination for Hand-signaller of the Year, and offer him our sincere hopes that this year he will prevail. I'm sure everybody in the industry would agree with us that eight times bridesmaid is enough, and this year Dave should finally be the blushing bride!

Good luck Dave

John Johanssen
Australasian Rail Association



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Well, here we go again ---- let us hope there is no need to extend, but, by the time you read this we will know. Did a shop on Thursday to be sure I won't starve over the next week. So did a lot of other people — I was surprised at the amount of pet food going out in some trolleys. Mind you, Thursday is usually fairly busy. Where I shopped there did not seem to be the great loo-paper rush, but the staff was very busy filling all shelves so they may have done the paper aisle just before I got there. One lady doing her usual big two-weekly shop said she felt embarrassed by the way some others looked at her full trolley.

The cat my daughter called CK (for Covid Kitten) is a source of company and amusement. When I called her the other evening, the answer came very faintly from a distance. I thought she might be on the roof again — but no. So I walked around the yard calling and the answer came from the garage. Sure enough there she was — very glad to be rescued. The door had only been open for a few minutes early in the day.

The eclipse of the moon last week was a bit spectacular. I managed to go out a tad late --- the moon was completely covered by our shadow. It was bitterly cold so lingering outside was not on the cards.

I am starting a new series this week — about fairies. Do not snigger, they are everywhere arranging all sorts of things, good and not so good.

Rosie

The creepy crawly fairy

These industrious fairies are responsible for the totally unexpected appearance of little spiders or caterpillars in your hair, on your shoulders or some other unacceptable place.

Hovering just above you as you enjoy, say, a cup of tea and a relaxing conversation, the creepy crawly fairy will introduce you to the critter by delicately dropping it on you from above.

The introduction tends to go horribly wrong when you leap up from your chair yelling in tongues and waving your tea everywhere.

Tobhy Riddle

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 **LETTERS TO EDITOR**



Dear Readers,

Suzy's woes — an update

Many of you may have read my story of woe in last week's paper.

The update is: the water pipe has been repaired; my knee is healing well; Joe is back home and recovering, although still weak, and my car will be repaired shortly as the insurance company has finally honoured my claim.

I wanted to convey my sincere thanks to all those people who were kind enough to extend their warm wishes, and particularly those with offers of help, from buying groceries to offering their car.

It is so heart-warming to know there are people who care.

Thank you to everyone, especially my girls at the paper. Your support meant a great deal.

Susan Anderson



Dunolly Housing Project overlooked in Budget

Member for Ripon, Louise Staley MP was disappointed by the Andrews Labor Government's failure to fund the Dunolly Housing Project in the Victorian Budget.

"The Dunolly Housing Project is shovel ready and would address the need for suitable, reasonably priced accommodation for older people in Dunolly, but sadly it has been ignored by the Andrews Labor Government," Ms Staley said.

"Many locals are living in unsuitable homes because they want to stay in the town they love, but there aren't any suitable housing options for them in Dunolly."

Ms Staley has backed this project from the beginning, raising it with the Treasurer and the Minister for Housing. In March, she once again spoke in Parliament, calling for the Government to provide funding in this year's Budget.

"While the Andrews Labor Government likes to talk about building affordable housing, all too often they are focused on Melbourne."

Despite receiving more than \$6 billion in extra funding from the Federal Government's budget and imposing \$5.8 billion in new and increased taxes on Victorians, the Government has overlooked many regional projects in the Victorian Budget.

"This is a big taxing, big debt budget, but there is still nothing left for the Dunolly community," Ms Staley said.

"If nothing is done about it, the need for appropriate accommodation in Dunolly will continue to get worse."

"This isn't over, I will keep working with the Dunolly community and fighting for the funding this project needs."

Louise Staley MP



Reusable masks at post offices

With the reintroduction of the requirement to wear a face mask, Council has distributed a supply of reusable face masks across a number of locations within the Shire.

Residents are welcome to collect a new mask when they leave home for one of the permitted five reasons during our current lock down. Face masks can be collected from:

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| Wedderburn Post Office | |

More information regarding wearing a face mask is available from www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks

Mental health support during lockdown

The Loddon Healthy Minds Network is reminding our community about the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing, and to keep an eye on those around us during the current lockdown.

If you are seeking some information on looking after your mental health, here are some links you might find useful:

Lifeline – www.lifeline.org.au/get-help/information-and-support/covid-19

Loddon Healthy Minds Network – www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au/covid-19

Council's website, which includes the list of all Loddon Community Service agencies –

www.loddon.vic.gov.au/COVID-19/Your-health-and-wellbeing-during-COVID-19

The Lifeline telephone call service is also available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 114.

Citizenship Ceremony Tuesday 25th May

Finally, I'd like to end this week's column by congratulating our newest Australian citizen Douglas Eason. It was a great honour to present Douglas with a citizenship certificate during last Tuesday's ceremony. Douglas is originally from Scotland.

Loddon Mayoral Column
1st June 2021



The proposed site for the Dunolly Housing Project on the corner of Tweeddale and Havelock Streets Dunolly, Victoria.

Louise Staley MP
MEMBER FOR RIPON

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Do you feel you are part of the decision making with our Shire?

This is a question being asked across the state.

A councillor from a neighbouring shire released the following statement:

"The Mayor selects which councillor moves each motion. Much of that is worked out beforehand, behind closed doors. The possibility of the Mayor selecting a councillor with a minority view that a document needs amending to move the initiating motion is remote."

Should anyone wish to have the contact details of the afore mentioned councillor, please contact us. Happy to provide details.

In our council ordinary meeting are you seeing signs of similar behaviour? Of late our councillors are all voting to move or approve a motion, then some following through with a statement highlighting concerns they have about the item they have just passed.

We have had reports of what the afore mentioned councillor stated regarding "councillors being ordered to vote in specific ways in our own shire". If this is fact it is very distressing."

Are these councillors feeling guilt or trying to follow orders, or both? Councillors signed a declaration to support the community.

Do you see behaviour from pre-sacking days returning? Have we learnt?

Our Council advises the only minutes made available to the public now are the minutes of the monthly ordinary meetings. Now our councillors and shire representatives have meetings, discuss issues, and do not have to disclose the contents of those meetings to the community. This is the reason why FOI applications are on the rise.

It's not because questions are getting harder, it's because the council is suppressing more information which should be freely available to the community. This is our community, we are the share holders — yet we have extremely limited voices and rights.

This has to stop. We should be able to be part of our processes and able to be part of decisions.

This is called "Transparency".

Over the last week at the May meeting council voted on their councillor and mayoral allowances. They voted to award themselves the highest awarded allowance. Mayor \$62,882 per annum, and councillors \$21,004 per annum.

The Mayoral amount according to LGA 1989 is up to \$62,884 per annum.

The councillor amounts, according to LGA 1989 is \$8,823 to \$21,049 per annum.

Final remuneration levels will be determined at the Special Council Meeting on 29th June 2021 following consideration of all community submissions.

On Friday 28th May, the council opened this site for public submission. [https://engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/mayoral-and-councillor-allowances?](https://engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/mayoral-and-councillor-allowances?fbclid=IwAR3Y5yivAGgfjUWjWldndkvflcRKnOQdyqQqSE3XffSYQ6zGNthmPyBfHZ8)

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Do you believe our councillors should be on the highest level, or a different level? Now is your chance to have your say.

Thank you to Councillor Wayne Sproull for assisting in having this placed online. This is our community and shire, and we have every right to be kept informed what the going on are in our own shire/company.

Wayne McKail
President.



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Feedback invited on Mayor and Councillor Allowances

Residents are invited to provide feedback on the allowance Central Goldfields Shire Mayor and Councillors receive for serving their community.

At a Meeting of Council last week (25/05), Council endorsed for public submissions a proposal to set the annual allowances at \$21,049 for Councillors a year and \$62,884 for the Mayor. This allowance is also subject to an additional 9.5% in superannuation.

Under the Local Government Act, Victorian Councils are designated as either category 1, 2 or 3 councils – based on population and annual revenue – with Central Goldfields Shire a category one Council.

The categories set parameters for the allowance limit and the proposed amounts are at 100% of the uppermost allowance limit within the category 1 range.

Allowances are to compensate Councillors for the duties they perform as an elected representative. These duties include attending meetings, representing the community at functions and making decisions for the benefit of the municipality.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor stressed that these allowance levels did not represent an increase, but simply proposed to peg them for the new Council at the same level which had applied over many years and are in line with similar size shires in rural Victoria.

"Residents ask if there is no change why do we put these out for comment and the answer is it's a core part of transparency requirements — residents should know how much their Mayor and Councillors are proposed to be paid and have the opportunity to comment on it."

With a Remuneration Tribunal to be introduced as part of the implementation of the Local Government Act 2020, in future the Tribunal will determine the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor allowances for all municipalities across the State.

Until then the allowances framework under the previous Local Government Act apply and so residents are invited to provide feedback before the final Mayoral and Councillor allowances are determined at a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday 29th June.

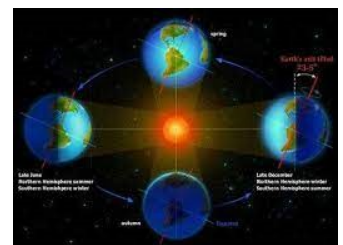
Submissions are invited by 5pm, Friday 25th June and can be provided via:

- Online by visiting: www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au
 - Emailing: media@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au
 - Post: Mayor and Councillor Allowances, Central Goldfields Shire, PO BOX 194, Maryborough, 3465
- Community members who make a submission, and wish to be heard at a Submissions Hearing Meeting on Tuesday 22nd June at 5pm, can register to do so by contacting Council's General Manager Corporate Performance Mick Smith: on mick.smith@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or 0428 904 045 by Friday 18th June at 5pm.

CGSC News

Something money can't buy

Living on earth may be expensive, but it includes an annual free trip around the sun.





7 Day Circuit Breaker Update Circuit breaker restrictions

The Victorian Government has announced a move to circuit breaker restrictions from 11:59pm Thursday 27th May. These settings will remain in place until 11:59pm on 3rd June but will end sooner if possible.

For a detailed overview of the changes, please see the summary of circuit breaker restrictions and list of authorised providers and authorised workers.

From 11:59pm Thursday 27th May, there will be five reasons to leave home:

- Food and supplies
- Authorised work
- Care and caregiving
- Exercise (up to two hours, with one other person or members of your household)
- Getting vaccinated.

Exercise and shopping will be limited to five kilometres from home. If there are no shops in your 5kms radius, you can travel to the ones closest to you. Shopping is also limited to one person per day, per household.

Face masks will need to be worn inside and outdoors – everywhere except your own home.

Childcare and kinder will remain open, but schools will need to close other than for the children of authorised workers and vulnerable kids.

Shops like supermarkets, food stores, bottle shops, banks, petrol stations and pharmacies will also remain open. Cafés and restaurants will be able to offer takeaway only. Gyms, hairdressers, community facilities and entertainment venues will all close. Non-essential retail may only open for click and collect.

Hotels and accommodation can only stay open to support guests already staying on-site. No new bookings can be made unless it is for a permitted purpose, like authorised work.

Important information for businesses

Cleaning, signage, record keeping, and other COVIDSafe requirements continue to apply for all venues and facilities with on-site operations.

All businesses are encouraged to use the Victorian Government QR Code Service and to ensure that customers check in. It is mandatory for some sectors to use the Victorian Government QR Code Service – a full list can be found here.

Your business must have an active, up-to-date COVIDSafe Plan.

Businesses that fail to do the right thing face significant fines. If you require assistance with accessing the QR Code Service please email us here.

Vaccinations

From Friday 28th May all Victorians over the age of 40 will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Victorians aged 40-49 years will be able to access the Pfizer vaccine at state-run vaccination sites. People aged 40-49 years receiving the Pfizer vaccine must book an appointment by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398. This is essential as not all vaccination centres will have the Pfizer vaccine available.

Victorians aged 50 years and over will continue to receive the AstraZeneca vaccine, either through a state-run vaccination centre or a participating GP clinic.

Maryborough District Health Service is running a vaccination clinic Monday to Friday in the Wellness Centre, 75 to 87 Clarendon Street, Maryborough.

For bookings call 5461 0300. To find your nearest site, click here <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine>

Stay up to date

Stay up to date with the latest exposure sites. Anyone with symptoms should get tested immediately. The list of testing sites includes wait times.

For more information go to [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au) or call the Business Victoria hotline on 132 215.

Energy Breakthrough communications upgrade contract awarded

Works to upgrade the information technology and communications infrastructure at the award-winning Energy Breakthrough event, have moved a step closer this week.

At a Meeting of Council this week (25/05), Central Goldfields Shire Council awarded the \$789,373 Communications Upgrade works package to local business Troy Walker Electrical Pty Ltd, following a public tender process.

The package of works has been made possible thanks to \$1.5 million from the Victorian Government (announced in May, 2020) which will fund a range of enhancement works for the event.

Central Goldfields Shire Flynn Ward Councillor and Energy Breakthrough Committee Chairperson Liesbeth Long said the IT and communications infrastructure upgrade is critical to the successful delivery of the Energy Breakthrough event.

“Much work has been done behind the scenes to ensure the future growth of this award-winning event and the establishment of permanent infrastructure is key to this.

“IT makes much of the event possible – registrations, staff management, electronic lap timing, event and emergency operations as well as general internet access for the staff and volunteers of the event.

“Previously, this infrastructure has been bumped in and out each year, which is costly and seeing much of the equipment reach end of life.

“It’s exciting that this part of the enhancement works can now get under way in time for this year’s event and better still it’s fabulous to know that the Victorian Government investment is going directly back into our community with Troy Walker Electrical locally based.”

The Energy Breakthrough Infrastructure Project includes other enhancements to the festival site, racing conditions and the visitor experience including:

- Expanded scope and technology focus through improvements to the scale and quality of expo site and judging facilities.
- Enhanced spectator experience through creating improved pedestrian access, vantage points and displays across the entirety of the track.
- Improved camping facilities through increased coverage and capacity of electricity and running water across the camping grounds.
- Improved safety across the site including track improvements, increased lighting, more access points for emergency vehicles and comprehensive post-COVID-19 health and safety adjustments.
- Phase 2 of the work will broaden the reach of the festival, attracting new start-ups and established technology and utilities companies to create a world-class future-skills focused STEM Expo as part of the annual festival.

The full program of works is expected to be delivered by November, 2022.



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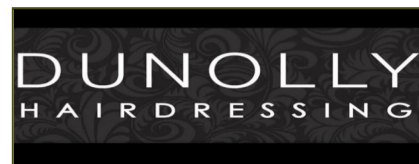
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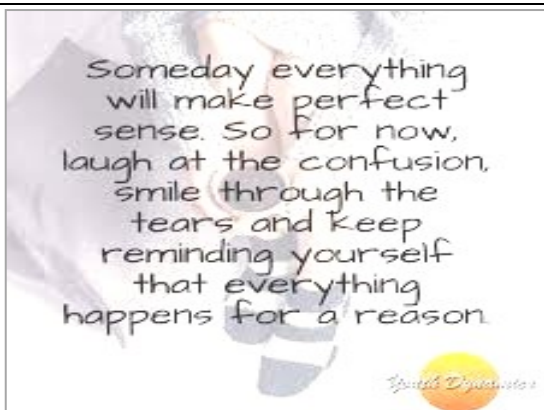
Mass and Assembly will continue as usual unless the shut down continues. Still looking for ideas for ways to celebrate the 150th in December. If you have any photos or information that could be used in a souvenir booklet, please contact Fr. John or Jill Morse on 0466 451 984. Remember Vinnie's winter appeal aimed at homelessness. R Mecredy

God has made many doors opening into truth which He opens to all who knock upon them with the hands of faith.

Kahlil Gibran

Uniting Church

This Sunday the service at 9.30am will be led by Rev Chris Venning. The Op Shop will be closed while the State-wide lockdown is in place. Linda Pickering



St John's Anglican Church

Rev Canon Heather Blackman
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Maryborough. Phone 5460 5964

Services are held every fourth Thursday at 10am. The next Service will be on Thursday, 24th June, COVID-19 restrictions permitting.

Esmé Flett



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 the period, with an extra serving and the recipe to take home!

Linda from the Gold & Grain Café 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.

Sharon Hiley
Co-ordinator

**Cr Liesbeth Long
Councillor's Message**

If you've been past the Gordon Gardens recently you will have noticed lots of progress has been made on the Gordon Gardens Master Plan project.

Over the past month, the Bowls Club's water tanks have been relocated and re-plumbed; the ramps into the Senior Citizens building have been extended; there is a new walking path from the Senior Citizens building to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Monument; and a new sliding gate has been installed at the Bowls Club to allow access to the Bowls Club shed.

The next stage of the project will see the vacant block beside the Senior Citizens building turned into a carpark which will include disabled parking spots.

Thank you to Council's Operations team who have done a great job of the works to date. The Gordon Gardens really are a wonderful asset for our community to use and enjoy.

For more information on the project, including a copy of the Gordon Gardens Master Plan, please visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/gordongardens

Lastly, thank you to everyone who came along to our community information session on the Proposed Budget as well as the Community Plan Activation Workshop recently. Community involvement in the development of these strategic documents for Council is so important and so it has been wonderful to see so many of our community members willing to provide input.

We're still looking for community input into the development of our 10-year community vision. To do this, we need to understand how we can make our community even better – now and in the future.

It's quick and easy to get involved:

Complete the postcard from the back page of our Autumn Community Update publication and pop it in the post by Tuesday 15th June, or go online to :

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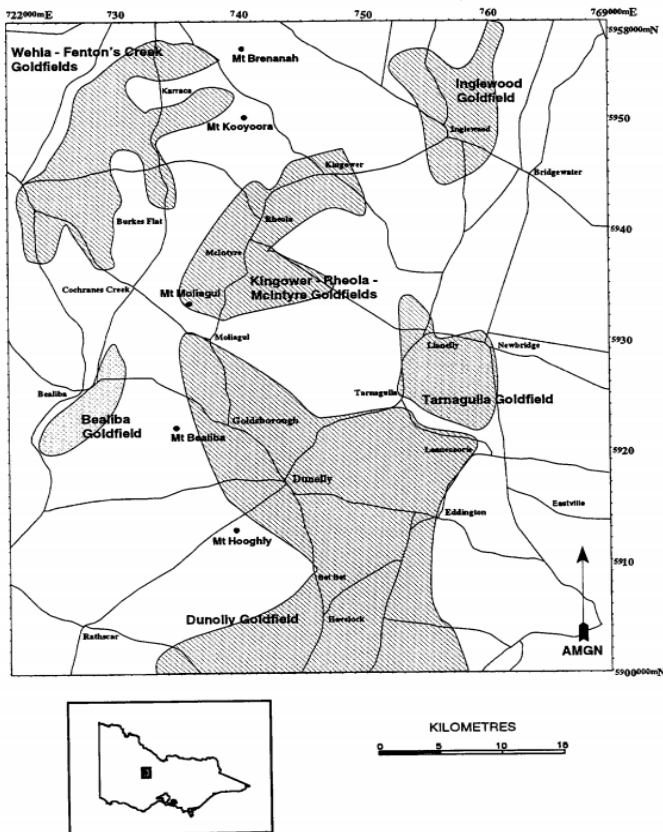
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A History of the gold reefs — part six



The yield being about 16 hundred weight to the ton. A new reef west of the original shaft was discovered in April, 1866. The reef had been abandoned for some time when they took it up. The western area of reefs of Patterson's Reef, now known as Rayson's Reef or Moran's Luck.

Rayson's Reef or Moran's Luck

They were first worked by Patterson also, who left much stone which J. Rayson and the Moran brothers took out. 11,000 tons of stone were taken out here for an average of 11 hundred weight to the ton — apparently by all parties here.

The reef was four feet wide in this western area and the gold very fine and much of it was taken out by the mica in the stone — it was found impossible to cyanide it properly. The reef is on the Harvest Home Reef line and north of it was taken down to 400 feet. Of the two reefs about 40 feet apart most work was done on the eastern side. James Cheetham worked the reef for a time.

Carter's Reef

Carter discovered and worked this reef, and about 1857 found £800 worth of gold in the surface cutting. Chas. Sowden worked the reef after Carter abandoned it and took the north shaft down to 90 feet. There were horizontal quartz and ironstone veins running two chains along the surface. The reef runs from the top of McNabb's to the top of Barrett's Gully and is on a line about a quarter of a mile east of the Monday Morning line. Before Sowden took up Carter's, it was taken by Frederick Hone, Alfred Ratcliffe and Chas. Webber of Dunolly, who, on a Sunday evening found good gold close to Carter's workings. It subsequently yielded 15 hundred weight to the ton. This was in 1862, and in view of the circumstances, they called the reef the "Sunday Evening".

Wright's Reef

This reef was discovered under the alluvial of the Old Lead by Wright & Davis on 1st July 1868. According to Ferguson, it is situated "in the lead opposite Little Gully on the east, and next to and south of Barrett's Gully. One or two tons at the time of discovery went 10 ounces to the ton. Just north of this reef, according to a William Plumacher, a party got a good patch of dirty, ragged and honeycombed gold and shared £400 per man. Thomas Fletcher, another old digger, said Wright's yielded 14 ounces of gold to the load, as did another reef two claims lower down.

German Reef

This reef was discovered "near the Old Lead Reservoir" in June 1868, about the same time as Wright's Reef. The yield was 7 hundred weight of gold to the ton. This was Rokahr's Reef, situated in Clay Gully, in Flett's paddock today. A quartz spur about three feet thick, it yielded to Mr. Rokahr, 4 hundred weight for 27 tons at best. The Rokahr family kept the store and licensed place that was once on the original road to Jones Creek. Fritz Rokahr had his place at Rock of Ages burned down.

Welshman's Reef

Above Welshman's Gully or Nuggety Gully. There was a rush to this line at an early period. Another Welshman's reef was reported on the Old Lead in June 1868, just after Wright's find and tallies with Plumacher's statement. Here a half-mile south of the reservoir, two men, bit driving, brought to light specimens amongst the richest ever seen in the district.

Mineral exploration history of the Dunolly:100 000 map area

Sourced from: https://www.vgls.vic.gov.au/client/en_AU/search/asset/1010122/0

Mineral Exploration History - Dunolly By D. F. Hutchinson August 1996

The South Harvest Home or Mother of Gold reef

This reef was worked by the Mother of Gold Co. around 1900, but from the very earliest times two reefs on this line were worked, the eastern one of which being on Flour Bag Hill, so-called on account of the fact that diggers out of funds could always get enough fine gold there in the red clay surfacing to buy a bag of flour in the early days. At the time the Harvest Home Co. was working in 1880, the shaft here was 300 feet and the company was getting 13 hundred weight to the ton and the reef was 13 feet thick. The western reef was prospected by a digger named Peters, and the Pike brothers got out excellent specimens at 15 feet. Others who worked here were E. Rokahr and W. Bannister. The Mother of Gold Co. had 25 acres which took in 18 leases, including the original lease (No. 53) taken out at the end of 1859. Walter Wooltorton was manager of this company.

Patterson's Reef

Originally worked by W.G. Patterson in 1852, it was one of the first reefs to be opened at Dunolly. Patterson was in the very early days at Dunolly a leading digger who was prominent as a member of the Local Court and was one of the first to arrive at Jones Creek. He was still working the reef in 1860, but the yields that were probably rich in the early days were down to 11 hundred weight to the ton in 1859.

William Williams and Chas. E. Woodroffe began working the reef in 1865 and in 1866 had erected steam machinery there.

They leased 10 acres in October of that year, there was then "a fine body of stone that pays throughout".

Contributed by Anne Doran
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Crown land camping debate heats up



A local farmer has said he is concerned about the effects proposed changes around camping on Crown land could have on his farm, which backs on to a river.

The Victorian Government's proposed changes to laws governing camping on Crown land have caused a split in traditionally kindred interest groups.

Many rivers and waterways which run through farms are leased or licensed to farmers, as legally they belong to the Crown. The Land Act 1958 prohibited camping on Crown land licensed for grazing in Victoria.

The Parks and Crown Land Legislation Amendment Bill, passed by the Lower House late last year, removes the prohibition, opening up 17,000 kilometres of Crown land adjacent to waterways to the public. The Bill is currently under consideration in the upper house.

VRFish, the peak body representing recreational fishers in Victoria has welcomed the proposed changes.

A statement on their website expresses confidence that a balance can be achieved between fishers' rights and the rights of farmers who hold grazing licences.

The organisation says it will play a lead role in developing a Code of Practice to support responsible fishing on Crown land.

"The proposed regulations will allow recreational fishers to soon camp alongside our brilliant waterways while wetting a line with their friends and family", the statement read.

"The process has identified many river access points, including roads, which have been illegally closed off to the public by stealth over decades and needs to be rectified."

Shooters, Fishers and Farmers (SFF) Party Victoria's Jeff Bowman, who represents the electorate of Eastern Victoria in the State Legislative Council, said he understands both sides of the debate.

"While farmers hold very real concerns, our guiding principle is that Crown land is public land," he said.

"We're not the Greens — we don't lock up public land."

According to Mr Bourman, a large part of the problem can be attributed to a deliberate disinformation campaign. He said the real problem is that "long after the misinformation campaign ends, the misinformation stays".

"Landholders won't be affected by this. The people who will be affected are licence holders. It is not their land They have a licence to perform an activity," he said.

"It is incumbent upon the government to ensure a good set of regulations.

"The only thing that is new in this legislation is that it allows camping.

"I encourage everyone to go to engage.vic.gov.au to have their say on how the new laws will affect them."

Local farmer Mike, not his real name, passionately disagrees with SFF and VRFish.

He said he is particularly disappointed with the stance taken by a party that purports to represent farmers.

"What these people fail to realise is that a farm is both a workplace and a home. To start with the farming side of things, it presents a very real biosecurity risk," Mike said.

"Who is going to monitor what weeds and diseases they might bring onto the property?"

"Then there are my maramma that are trained to guard stock. They will attack anyone they don't know, will I then have to shoot my dogs?"

"If people are camping in tents my cattle will literally walk through them at night and eat their gear. Who's liable for that?"

"And who is going to clean up the mess they leave, not just rubbish but filthy toilet paper?"

Mike has little faith in regulations as, in his experience, not everyone does the right thing.

He regularly deals with unlicensed shooters entering his property, and said he has found dead eagles, galahs, cockatoos — even a pet cat — after they leave. At times he has feared for his life confronting the trespassers, but he felt a little more secure knowing the law was on his side.

The other issue of concern is that the farm is also home to his young family. While he said he is nervous about confronting armed strangers, the thought of his partner having to deal with "belligerent campers" is terrifying.

"At the moment if I'm not home, the front gates are locked. With this new rule it will be illegal for me to deny access, which means anyone can travel through the farm day and night. We're quite isolated here, who is going to make sure my family is safe?" he said.

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Written by Deb Bennet



Thai Red Bean Curry

The "red" in the title refers not to the beans, but to the sauce, which has a warm, rusty red colour.

This is a good way to serve fresh beans, and to lift the flavour of frozen beans, too.

Serves 4

Ingredients

400g/14oz French green beans

1 garlic clove, finely sliced

1 red bird-eye chilli, deseeded and chopped

½tsp paprika pepper

1 piece lemon grass stalk (stem), finely chopped

2 tsp Thai fish sauce

120 ml/4 fl oz/½ cup coconut milk

1 tbsp sunflower oil

2 spring onions (scallions) sliced

Method

1. Cut the beans into 5cm pieces and cook in boiling water for about two minutes. Drain well.
2. Place the garlic, chilli, paprika, lemon grass, fish sauce and mix in a processor until a smooth paste.
3. Heat the oil and stir-fry the spring onions over a high heat for about one minute. Add the paste and bring the mixture to the boil.
4. Simmer for three to four minutes to reduce the liquid by about half. Add the beans and simmer for a further one to two minutes until tender.

Serve hot.

Cook's Tip

Young runner beans can be used instead of French (green) beans. Remove any strings front the beans, then cut at a diagonal angle in short lengths.

Cook as the recipe until tender.

From *What's Cooking Thai* recipe book

Christine France

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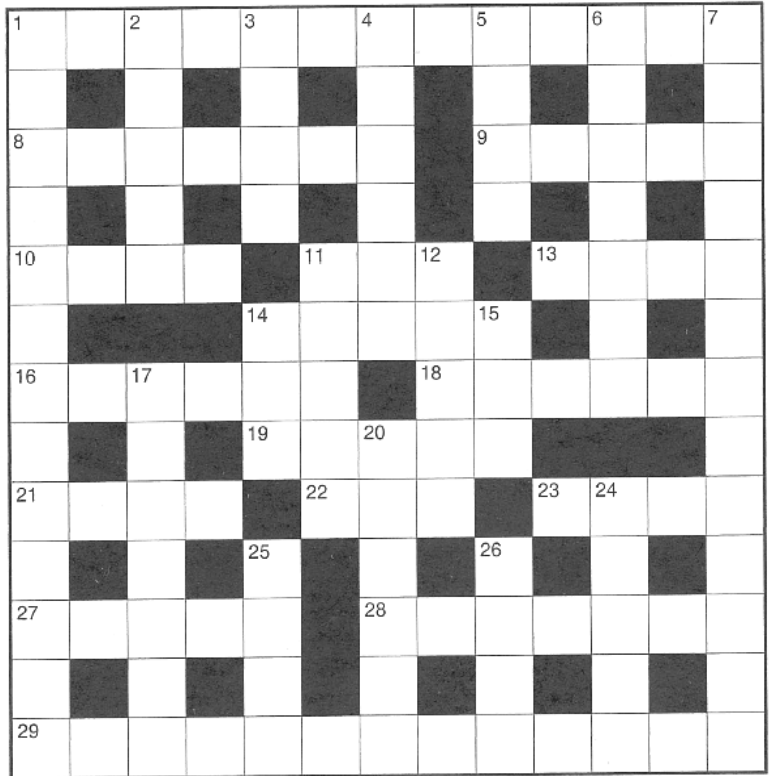
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- 9. Inhabitant of southern Asian country
- 10. Lean to one side (of ship)
- 11. To a distant place
- 13. Reflect about in silence
- 14. Located under
- 16. To prompt (a quick retort, eg.)
- 18. To cut evenly into two

- 19. Toe, eg.
- 21. Cease to be shut
- 22. Insist on payment of debt
- 23. Examine in detail
- 27. In a prepared state
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- 4. Usual
- 5. Malevolent
- 6. One moved from threatened locality
- 7. 300-year anniversary
- 11. Stinking
- 12. Small singing bird
- 14. Amount offered at auction

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Raffle winner

Winner of Moliagul Reserves Committee of Management trailer load of wood, was a very lucky person Kevin Fischer. Thank you all for your support, everyone would have liked to win especially with this cool weather upon us.

Congratulations Kevin, enjoy.

Lyn Gale

Welcome to June 2021

The first is that the month is named after the Roman goddess Juno, the goddess of marriage and the wife of the supreme deity Jupiter; the second is that the name comes from the Latin word *juniores*, meaning "younger ones", as opposed to *maiores* ("elders") for which the preceding month May (*Maius*) may be named. Another source claims June is named after Lucius Junius Brutus, founder of the Roman Republic and ancestor of the Roman gens Junia.

In ancient Rome, the period from mid-May through mid-June was considered inauspicious for marriage. Ovid says that he consulted the Flaminica Dialis, the high priestess of Jupiter, about setting a date for his daughter's wedding, and was advised to wait till after June 15th. Plutarch, however, implies that the entire month of June was more favourable for weddings than May.

Certain meteor showers take place in June. The Arietids takes place May 22nd to July 2nd each year, and peaks on June 7th. The Beta Taurids June 5th to July 18th. The June Bootids take place roughly between 26th June and 2nd July each year.

From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/June#>:

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CFA Community Engagement Coordinator



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Wednesday 26th May Winter Jackpot Pairs. The brave hearted bowlers rugged up for an afternoon of bowling; occasionally when the sun made an appearance it was pleasant to be out on the green. Every now and again the wind let them know what was around the corner. Congratulations to Tony and Sandra from Dunolly, winners on the day.

Sunday 30th May. Due to the seven day lockdown, the planned BBQ, Trophy Presentation and AGM was cancelled. The club will inform all when this event is to be held.

Wednesday 2nd June Winter Jackpot Pairs, which was to be played at Avoca, was cancelled due to the State-wide Lockdown. Wednesday 9th June 2021 will be at Dunolly. In the event of an extended lockdown, bowlers will be notified via email, text messages, phone calls or Facebook.

Hannah DelConte

A fun night was held this week with only six bowlers participating.

Two teams of three competed against each other for the three games with players changing positions within the team for each game.

Malcolm Campbell, Shirley Coburn and Gary McClelland defeated the team of Gordon Smith, Lyle Streeter and Tiger Coburn two games to one.

Some great bowling saw a seven scored on one end and in the last game scores were level going into the last end.

Due to the circuit breaker lockdown there is no bowling on June 3rd. Hopefully all will resume the following week.

Chris Evans



Dunolly Bowling Club History Part 2

In last week's *Welcome Record* I wrote a short article From humble beginnings dating back to 1899, I was unable to find any further information in between the years 1899 till 1945. Why or what happened? Did the conflict that was happening overseas have an impact that stopped all proceedings of the Dunolly Bowling Club?

1945 World War Two had come to an end, citizens of Dunolly gathered for a meeting to be held in the Fire Brigade Hall on Thursday 16th August 1945, to form the Dunolly Bowling Club. Mr Sims and Mr Raven were the instigators, Mr Raven with his earthmoving equipment began to prepare the greens consisting of eight rinks in the Gordon Gardens (what happened to the rinks which were apparently laid down in 1899?). £5 (in today's value it would be \$10), debentures were offered to interested persons to which many contributed, with finances for materials.

In the early years the greens had bent grass as a base, this grass was very hard to maintain in the hot months. The club was told by expert turf officials that in this area the cold weather was unsuitable for couch grass. Most clubs have discovered that couch grass does do well in this area.

Dunolly Bowling Club started with 26 founding members. 17th January 1948 The first bowl from Dunolly was rolled down the green.

1949 — Mr Percy Sims was Dunolly's first President, Mr L McMahon was Dunolly's first Secretary and Treasurer. The men's club uniform was white slacks, white shirts, a club tie, a blazer with the coat of arms RVBA on the breast pocket, white hat with navy/black band.

13th October 1949 — Dunolly Associated (Ladies) Bowling Club was formed at a meeting chaired by Mr P Sims, Mrs P. Renshaw was the Associate (Ladies) first President, Mrs Sims was the Associate (Ladies) Secretary and Treasurer.

The lady's bowling uniform was a long or short sleeved button through white dress, which must be 13" from the ground. Occasionally dress inspections were done before a game, I would imagine a fine or points might have been imposed. White stockings, white bowling shoes, white hat with navy band. Hence the nickname given to the lady bowlers: "white leghorns".

Ladies' subscriptions were one guinea (in today's value it would be \$2.10 approximately) the green fees were two shillings (in today's value it would be 20 cents)

At approximately 4pm when the president took his hat off, then male and female bowlers were allowed to take theirs off.

13th October 1950 — The clubhouse started with very basic furnishings; concrete floor, three tables, 24 chairs, no kitchen sink, a Fowlers bottling urn to boil water, crockery and cutlery were brought from home to be used on the day. If you had a milking cow you brought a little milk for a cuppa. There were no toilets, the bowlers had to go to the toilets in the Gordon Gardens.

If you wanted a refreshing drink after a game it was a walk to the hotel in Broadway.

Over the years the club has added four extensions to the building, with dedicated volunteers, the committee always on the alert to apply for grants with success. Today we can be proud of our clubrooms.

No longer do the bowlers of the club need to bring crockery or cutlery from home, or milk the cow, walk to the hotel across the road for a refreshing drink after the game, or use the amenities in the Gordon Gardens. The bowling club now has a fully functioning kitchen, well stocked and maintained bar, and amenities that present day bowlers can be proud of. However, they should also be grateful to our pioneer bowlers who had the foresight.

1950 — the men entered the Midlands Pennant Competition with a team of 12 bowlers, which at this time was part of the Ballarat Region Bowls. Some of our present day bowlers' forefathers were in the team of 12 bowlers. Dunolly had a very strong team winning five Pennants in a row 1959-1964.

On 21st November 1951, electricity was connected at the Club.

Parts of this were writings from Mr A. Freemantle, Mrs Isla Flett and from *The Welcome Record* and will be continued in next weeks edition.

If anyone knows the names of the 26 founding members could you please let me know.

Email on fandhdelconte@hotmail.com, or ring the bowling club, I think they deserve a mention in our journey of the club's history .

Hannah DelConte

Education Week 2021

Making community citizens



The saying "It takes a village to raise a child" rings true for Dunolly Primary School. As principal Katie Lovel explains, being part of a small community helps to strengthen local ties to the school.

"Many studies have shown children who are connected with their community, and in particular connected with a club, have better life outcomes and are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour," Ms Lovel said.

"We continually encourage our students to be connected to a club in their community to promote active lifestyles, a sense of belonging and achievement."

As well as connecting with a multitude of civic and sporting groups, the school is currently planning a joint gardening project with the Dunolly and District Health Service. The students will be working with elderly residents to create vegetable gardens.

"We are extremely excited about this project, having worked with the service for many years now," Ms Lovel said. "There is something very special about the connections created between the youngest and oldest citizens in our community."

"When children have a range of positive role models in their lives the benefits are far reaching."

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Education Week supplement

The photo above —

Jaxson, Brayden and Ned, from Dunolly Primary School, on a school camp at Creswick Log Cabin Camp. The school has a great camping program which involves students from years 3 to 6 on a rotation to a variety of locations. The program at the camp aims to provide students with the opportunity to experience the city (Melbourne), beach (Queenscliff) and country (Creswick, Malmesbury and Roses Gap) while they get the opportunity to increase their independence at being away from home. We join with Timor Primary School for our camps which also serves as a great transition activity as our students get to know others from small schools with whom they will go to secondary school.

Katie Lovel