# The Welcome Record

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### New chapter for Dunolly as dedicated library opens



Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Chris Meddows-Taylor, Flynn Ward councillor Liesbeth Long, Maryborough Regional services coordinator Maree Stephenson and council CEO Lucy Roffey have welcomed the opening of the Dunolly Library this week.

Dunolly now has a dedicated library, with the facility opening to residents and community members this week following its recent completion.

Works on the \$140,000 project to transform Dunolly's old police station into a library, which was funded by the State Government's Living Libraries Grant in late 2019, were recently completed by FNG Group Pty Ltd.

It comes after the Goldfields Library Corporation announced in 2016 that its mobile library would no longer service the town, with the Maryborough Regional Library offering an outreach service to Dunolly.

Marking the first time in a long time since the community of Dunolly have had a dedicated library, Maryborough Regional Library services coordinator Maree Stephenson welcomed the opening of the facility, which she said is an exciting thing for the community.

"It's been a long time coming and especially with COVID, works on the building were delayed quite a lot so it's really exciting for this to happen and I'm really pleased," she said.

"I think libraries are incredibly important, especially in smaller communities because they're like a coming together of all things.

"There's no expectation when you come into a library; you don't even have to be a member to use the facilities, you don't have to pay for anything — it's very egalitarian. "Particularly in small communities, libraries are also a great place to talk to people, especially when you have an older population and people who might not actually chat to anyone."

Ms Stephenson said the Dunolly Library offers the same services and activities as the Maryborough Regional Library.

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"The services we have are basically the same as what we have in Maryborough," she said.

"All of the resources are the same, there's a public access computer, internet, a photocopier and much more because this isn't a library agency or a book drop off, it's a proper, functioning library.

"We've also got a really great environment here and because we've got the space around the library, it's going to be fantastic for children's activities when we have things like story time."

Flynn Ward councillor Liesbeth Long said the library will be a "boon" for Dunolly.

"I'm beyond excited to see this finally open, it's such a great thing for Dunolly," she said.
"We have 800 people in Dunolly so for me it's a no-

brainer, why shouldn't we have a library here?

"We have an older population here and a lot of older people aren't confident doing things online, so to actually have a physical library where they can come and borrow books, magazines, DVDs; talking books and access online services is great, this is such a boon for Dunolly."

The Dunolly Library is located at 42 Market Street, Dunolly and is open from 9am until 1pm every Tuesday and from 1pm until 5pm on Thursdays.

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We certainly can't complain this year that there was no Winter, it's been a bit cool. My backyard still looked like a snowfield at 9am.

I was watching the cat grooming herself and a thought struck me (very dangerous). Where does all the saliva that is needed for a good grooming come from? If we had to clean ourselves like that, we would be very dry by the time we'd finished.

Saw one of those ads on TV trying to get us to kill all known germs with antiseptic wipes. A boy opens the fridge with his hands (of course) and gets his drink. Almost before the door closes, Dad springs into action with his wipe and rubs down the handle. I wonder how the boy feels about his dad treating him like a mobile germ factory?

Last week by some mysterious means, I managed to break both my thumb nails down to the quick. This is both painful and inconvenient. Without those strong nails, life is a little less easy. They come in very handy for picking up small or flat objects, picking off sticky labels and lots of other things. You don't miss them until they are gone, like so many other things. The nails are making a slow return. I have been limited to two cups of proper coffee a day, so I drink decaf for the rest of the time. Got some new decaf when I shopped last, and was using it. Then I started to have trouble getting to sleep, which is unusual for me. I was making a decaf the other morning and discovered that although the jars are similar, what I was drinking was proper coffee, hence the lack of sleep.

The garden boxes in the street look very smart. Are those olive trees?

Rosie

#### The Car Stereo Fairy.

The car stereo fairy concerns itself with altering the controls of the car stereo when not in use. If you climb sleepily into your car early in the morning to go to work, and turn the ignition and are greeted by the radio playing at a volume only a stadium rock supergroup would contemplate, it's likely you've been visited by the Car Stereo Fairy.



Tobhy Riddle

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### Travels with Cynthia

It is amazing how quickly we can now change weather zones. One day basking in 25 degrees sunshine and a few hours later shivering in eight degrees cold, all due to modern day air travel. That's how it was for me last weekend when I left sunny Queensland and flew home to dear old chilly Dunolly. I had been visiting with my family in Hervey Bay for the last two weeks. My younger daughter has recently moved there and my late son's family have always lived there. Three big boys, three little boys and one baby girl. My older daughter came with me and we met up with her sister in Brisbane to visit the art gallery to see the exhibition brought out from the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art in New York. I had been fortunate enough to visit that gallery many years ago and I remember how the art students lay down in the foyer to view the magnificent stained glass ceiling. In fact we decided to follow suit. Brisbane art gallery is delightful, set in leafy gardens and designed inside with arched passages between the rooms. It was a wonderful experience.

I was also pleasantly surprised at the changes in Brisbane since I was last there ages ago. At night the city becomes a fairyland of little lights festooning the trees and towering conical sculptures also studded with lights. The river winds through the middle and Eagle Street pier is surrounded with open restaurants, the lights reflected in the water.

An extraordinary thing happened to us in one of the restaurants there. It was Asian and had the humorous name Chu the Phat and turned out to be excellent. The next table was full of a very loud group. One young lady kept shrieking with laughter at the top of her voice, so we decided to ask to be moved. A couple on the other side had spoken to us when we first came in and were very friendly. When we were being moved my daughter went over and explained the reason and the man said, "You mean the Shrieker! She's driving us mad too." His wife invited us to join them but we explained we would need a greater distance from the other table. We three were having a little reunion, we told them.

When the couple left they wished us goodnight and then the amazing thing happened. The wife came back to our table after they had paid and sat down and said, "My husband didn't want me to tell you this but I thought it better I should so there is no mistake. We were celebrating too because we have had the most wonderful day. We just finalised the sale on our dream home and we are so excited that we decided to pay for your meal." Of course we were lost for words. None of us had ever had such a thing happen before. It was a sizeable bill, over \$200 with our bubbly and lovely food. Our benefactor then told us that they had a seafood restaurant in Brisbane called One Fish, Two Fish and invited us to come one night. My Hervey Bay daughter fully intends to do so. We left that restaurant so light hearted. What a lovely start to a holiday.

We discovered that people were not wearing masks in Brisbane, but when we set off to drive to Hervey Bay next morning we noticed everyone wearing them. As we had been dining out the night before we had missed the news that announced a three day lockdown due to a new case of a woman who had travelled from Brisbane to the Sunshine Coast and was diagnosed with COVID. We were lucky as the restrictions covered only as far as Noosa and we were going well past there. Next time I will tell you about Hervey Bay.

Cynthia Lindsay



#### Table Tennis at the Golf Club

Players take your positions! Our group is loving the relaxed and only slightly competitive vibe at the golf course clubrooms — 10am Mondays and 10am and 7pm Wednesdays. Come along and show them how it's done! Extra congrats to the team for securing an Australia Post grant to purchase a coffee machine — this will help with their fundraising efforts. Who knows, perhaps a player to the next Commonwealth Games? This Thursday:

#### Healthy lifestyle and wellness seminar

This seminar is well worth the time invested. Keen to explore healthy cooking options? Interested in maintaining healthy weight and increasing your vitality? How can we avoid common health issues like diabetes and heart disease? Want to learn what exercises work best for your body? Come along to our free seminar on 15th July, 1pm to 2pm, at the Neighbourhood Centre! RSVP to Kath on 5468 1511 to secure your place.

Walking groups, the woodwork shed, Whispering Weeders garden club (last Monday of the month), family history, Tai Chi, table tennis, archery (4th Sunday of the month), old-time dancing, craft. and of course our wonderful Arts Hub. Keep an eye on our Facebook pages for updates, or drop in Monday to Thursday between 9am and 3.30pm to find out more.

Kath Ryan, Co-ordinator 03 5468 1511

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# **FREE** Healthy Lifestyle & Wellness Seminar

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### **COVID** vaccination clinic running this Saturday

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Clarendon Medical Centre's Jill Tiernev is encouraging eligible locals to sign up to receive their Pfizer vaccine at a special Saturday clinic this weekend.

Clarendon Medical Centre will be opening a Saturday Pfizer vaccination clinic this weekend to meet local

Local general practitioner clinics have been administering COVID vaccine doses since mid-March and Clarendon Medical Centre senior staff member Jill Tierney said the weekend clinic will help accommodate those who can't get in during the week.

"We have run an AstraZeneca Saturday clinic but this will be our first Pfizer one," she said. "We're opening to accommodate for the number of people wanting to book in, but also for people who may not be able to book in during the week.

"There has been a strong demand for vaccines. We've done around 3000 since we started administering them.' Ms Tierney urged anyone who is eligible for Pfizer to book in this weekend. "We've already got one doctor booked out for Saturday but we'll be taking as many as we can," she said.

"Call up and make an appointment if you're eligible, we can talk you through whether you meet the criteria or not."

Currently those eligible for Pfizer include anyone between the ages of 40 and 59, and anyone between 18 and 39 who fit into the government's 1A and 1B category such as frontline, aged care and emergency workers.

The Clarendon Medical Centre has teamed up with the Maryborough District Health Service to deliver vaccinations — all weekday vaccination appointments made through the Clarendon centre will take place at the Community Hub at 48 Burns Street.

The Saturday 17th July Pfizer clinic will run from Clarendon's clinic at 4 Neill Street, Maryborough. Appointments for the Saturday clinic can be made by

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Six months already into the year. Over half way — time waits for no person.

Regarding the demolition of the Talbot Leader Building it is sad to have it come to this ending. However there is much we can learn from this. We call on the community and shire to sit back, have a good hard look at the complete situation, learn and hopefully an event like this can be prevented happening again. There is lots to learn and the key is work together. Understand and act. Recently representatives from the shire have been continuously making statements regarding issues of individuals presenting incomplete or misinformation.

We call on the council to keep their reports and the public reports up to date and have missing information corrected to prevent further concern. It is all very well to make claims of that nature, however making accusations, deflecting, answering questions with a question, putting others down is not the way forward or the way to gain respect.

If we all are to be on the same page we ask we all use the same script. We ask transparency be presented, and this ring of secrecy be withdrawn.

In the pre-election campaign our candidates spoke avidly regarding the youth, health and disabled situations along with a key focus on transport, industry and employment. These topics were very strongly represented in the pre-election period. We ask if there is anything in place other than another survey, committee or exploration for us to have confidence of some firm direction towards any of these commitments being acted on. The Maryborough Town Hall is a key part of community activity — is there anything in place to have the present order lifted? The 2021 State wide satisfaction survey www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/.../CSS-2021-State has been released and many councils have released their results or have had their results for a while. Council has informed us they will be releasing our 2021 Satisfaction Survey results shortly. We look forward to this. Please remember that these results are eight months of

administration and four months of elected councillors with a Christmas break and COVID situation in place.

However we have had (despite a merry-go-round of middle management and planning staff changes since the appointment of Administrators), the same high level management and very little has changed.

These results should give us a very good idea of what 400 locals think. Not only of the management, but also the influence our elected councillors have had during the four months prior to the beginning of this February 2021. The survey was completed in March 2021.

The COVID situation over the past 18 months, we have seen house and land prices increase. This also should be reflected in our rates assessment, so please read your rate's notice carefully. Compare last year's notice to this years notices and please if you have concerns ring the council for clarity. We are sure they will take the time to explain your notice to you. You can apply for a re-evaluation of your notices, but be very aware that as a re-assessment can reduce the present valuation it may also increase valuation as well. So be very aware of that.

Asking questions and communications is a very important part of moving forward. If you do not get a satisfactory or understandable reply, please don't leave it there. Ask another question, our council is there to assist us. We all should leave a conversation with our council enlightened or with total understanding of the issue.

Stay safe and look after others.

Wayne McKail President

# Sao biscuit was the greatest meal of her life

In 1922, five-year-old Phyllis Lush was the first Australian to receive life-saving insulin. Waiting on Sydney Pier, frail and weighing just 10 kilograms, she was injected with insulin, a moment that would change her life forever.

Her father had been corresponding with scientists Frederick Banting and Charles Best who were working on a major discovery in Canada that was hoped would help people dying from diabetes. That medical breakthrough was insulin. Banting urged him to keep Phyllis alive.

Surviving off a teaspoon of peanut butter, a lettuce leaf and a glass of junket a day for eight months, Phyllis was just skin and bones when the insulin arrived by ship from Vancouver. Phyllis's father met the P and 0 ship in the middle of Sydney Harbour where he collected the insulin and rushed back to the wharf where the desperate and weak Phyllis was waiting.

"The minute she had the insulin at the wharf, they gave her half a Sao biscuit which she recalled as one of her greatest meals; she never forgot it," said her son, Studley Lush.

Her parents were told even with insulin she might only live until she was nine years old. But Phyllis exceeded all expectations. Her longevity living with diabetes made the Guinness Book of Records — no one had received insulin longer than Phyllis at that time. In 1998, she passed away at the age of 81, having spent 76 years of her life on insulin.

Childhood was particularly difficult for Phyllis who was on a strict diet. "She would come home from school for lunch every day, her food had to be weighed. Birthday parties were also tough, her parents would bring her home when the feast was on so she couldn't eat any of the sweets and she would go back once the food had been eaten," said Studley.

Phyllis met and married medical officer Studley Woolcott Lush in 1940 and settled into Sydney life with their young son, also named Studley.

"It was common to see mum inject insulin, sometimes through her clothes if we were out in public. Living with diabetes was just normal to us."

Phyllis's son Studley went on to also live diabetes free, welcoming triplets in his twenties and forging successful careers in the Air Force and in business.

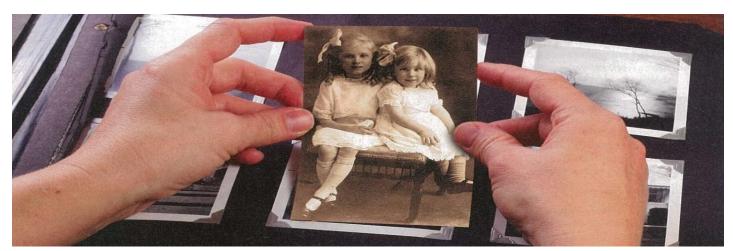
But when he turned 50, symptoms began to appear, terrible thirst, deterioration in vision and problems with his feet. He was soon diagnosed with type 1 diabetes just like his mum. "So, I've been on insulin ever since. I take a lot of insulin, about five injections a day. I suffer hadly from diabetic

about five injections a day. I suffer badly from diabetic peripheral neuropathy."

But Studley has many fond memories of Phyllis and is proud of her health achievements.

"My mum loved life, her greatest wish on earth was to find a cure for diabetes. I'm 74 now and I don't think it will happen in my lifetime, but I hope it does for the younger generation".

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Phyllis Adams (left) the first person in Australia to receive insulin 1922



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#### Winter Light I and II Exhibition

Two new exhibitions — Winter Light I and II will launch at Central Goldfields Art Gallery this weekend.

The exhibitions provide a snapshot into the creative energy of visual artists living in the northern and southern parts of the Central Goldfields Shire.

Winter Light I features the work of Anna Ashton, Tenar Dwyer and Val Wilkinson from Bealiba and Dunolly while Winter Light II features the works of Rosy Hardress, Jason Luca, Belinda Michael, Fiona Somerville and Tiffany Titshall from Majorca and Talbot.

The exhibition is an expose of the diversity of visual arts talent and the diversity of art making occurring across the Shire. The geographic locale in which these artists live is a linking theme; so too is the radiance that emits from their art work. These exhibitions provide an opportunity to celebrate local visual artistic talent over the colder and darker months of the year.

An official opening of the exhibitions will be held at 2pm on Saturday 17th July and all are welcome to attend. The event will feature local food, wine and music.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor will officially open the exhibitions.

"This is a marvellous opportunity to celebrate and appreciate the talent of our very own visual artists right across our shire. There is a vitality of our art scene and we are proud to present these artworks as our final exhibition before the Gallery closes temporarily for a major redevelopment."

Central Goldfields Art Gallery exhibition Curator Helen Kaptein said "the exhibition provides an insight into the dynamism and diversity of artistic practice across the region. In Winter Light I, hailing from Bealiba and Dunolly, Anna Ashton has created new sculptural works out of felt, Tenar Dwyer works in a representational style of painting and takes inspiration from what she finds around her while Val Wilkson's paintings of birds are inspired from the birds she saw as she travelled around Australia.

In Winter Light II there is once again a diversity of contemporary art practice from artists living in Majorca and Talbot. Rosy Hardress's new collection of lantern inspired textile work demonstrates how she continues to experiment with her crochet based practice, Jason Luca's ceramic pieces highlight hours of work and expertise into a highly coloured tessellated practice, Belinda Michael has used local clay to create minimalist ceramic objects while Tiffany Titshall's recent drawings have a romantic and luminous quality.

Artists will be in the Gallery at particular times over each of the weekends while the exhibition is open and will be available to talk more to interested visitors. The exhibition will be on display until Sunday 5th September 2021.

Central Goldfields Art Gallery is open from Thursday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Entry is free.

The Gallery is located at 1 Neill Street, Maryborough.

For further information contact:

5461 6600 or by emailingcgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

CGCS Media Release



#### MAYORAL COLUMN

#### Baileys Road Bridge replacement under way

Works are currently underway on the replacement of Baileys Road Bridge over Bullock Creek in Derby.

Due to the replacement works, which started yesterday (12th July) the bridge will be closed for up to three months (dependent on weather).

The new bridge will be a concrete structure, and will enable vehicles with a higher load capacity to travel across the bridge.

#### **New South Wales/Victoria border closure**

A reminder that all of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory have been declared a red zone under Victoria's travel permit system.

This means the Victorian border is effectively closed to New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory – except for Victorian residents returning on a red zone permit for 14 days of quarantine, and for people with exemptions, exceptions or other valid permits (such as specified workers and cross-border residents).

Loddon Shire has been classified as a Local Government Area within the cross-border community.

This means you can enter Victoria without a permit but you must travel with proof of address. You cannot enter if you have been to a red zone outside of the cross-border area, or if you have COVID-19, any symptoms, or have been defined as a close contact by a state health authority.

If you are entering New South Wales as a Victorian cross-border community resident, you must stay within the New South Wales cross-border area. If you travel beyond this area, a red zone permit will be required for re-entry into Victoria. The Victorian Government strongly advises all Victorians against travelling to red zones.

A full list of Victorian Local Government Areas within the cross-border community and advice for cross-border community members is available from

www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-cross-border-communities

# A to Z waste and recycling guide now available

Council has released a new A to Z waste and recycling guide, which can be used by residents to find where to recycle or dispose of items properly in Loddon Shire.

The guide provides advice as to which items can go into your kerbside bins and what items can be taken to waste landfill or transfer stations. Some goods may also be appropriate to be donated to a local charity and reused.

You can download and print the guide from Council's website at <a href="www.loddon.vic.gov.au/For-residents/Your-home/Garbage-and-recycling">www.loddon.vic.gov.au/For-residents/Your-home/Garbage-and-recycling</a> and clicking on "A-Z waste and recycling guide".

Loddon Shire Mayoral Column



Do children need to be supervised in the kitchen? Definitely, it's great to get the kids into the kitchen and encourage them to help, but it also presents

a number of risks.

Make sure you never leave your little ones unattended around cooking, even if they're making your breakfast! www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home



Paul Tangey Community Engagement Coordinator

### **Application for Dunolly** training centre submitted to council

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An application for a \$160,000 fitness training centre in Dunolly has been lodged to the Central Goldfields Shire Council.

The 448 square metre facility at 16 McKinnon Road, Dunolly, will be used as a fitness training centre incorporating Kokoro Kai Goju Karate, women's self defence, fitness and stretching classes and a wellbeing

The application states the number of patrons at the centre at any time would be 50 with a maximum capacity of 150 and five staff members working, with the centre open from 12 noon to 10pm weekdays and 9am until 12 pm Saturdays.

Applicant Peter Jackson, who is an instructor at Dunolly's Kokoro Kai karate dojo, said if successful, the centre would become a regional karate hub.

"This is something that we desperately want, the karate club has been in Dunolly for more than 10 years and we've supported the Dunolly community in any way we could," he said.

"This proposed facility has already been given the go ahead to be the regional centre for Karate Victoria; we've got the backing of that group and the backing of the Australian Karate Federation.

"We've got big plans for this and hopefully it will help bring people to Dunolly as tourists."

The proposed application includes some 17 off-street parking spaces as well as a shrub screen fronting onto McKinnon Road.

The land the proposed fitness centre will be situated at was purchased four years ago and Mr Jackson said

while there have been a few bumps along the way, he's hopeful the inclusive and all-ages development will be approved.

"We have had some rough sailing so far, we bought the property four years ago and there have been quite a few hiccups along the way," he said.

"We're really hopeful it's successful because exercise is so beneficial for people of all ages, we've got ninjas training who are four to seven years old and people who are in their 70s as well — it's from one extreme to the other and it's such a healthy thing.

"We'll be running women's self defence courses separately from karate for those who don't necessarily want to be involved in that side of things so it will be age and gender diverse."

Central Goldfields Shire manager statutory services Amy Bell said the application will go before an upcoming council meeting only if it receives objections which cannot be mediated beforehand, confirming the application is yet to receive any.

"It's currently being advertised and will only go to a council meeting if there are any objections that can't be resolved through mediation," she said.

"The application is being advertised until July 22nd and council will not make a decision on this until then, we have also mailed adjoining landowners directly.

"If there are any objections which cannot be resolved, this application would probably go before the August or September council meeting." The application can be viewed at:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/advertisedapplications

Story by Riley Upton Courtesy The Maryborough Advertiser



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#### Catholic Church

It was a bit nippy at Mass on Sunday, and the day did not improve.

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 15th July at 68 Burke Street, Maryborough at 5.30pm. There will be Assembly at St Mary's Dunolly on Sunday 18th July at 8.30am.

R. Mecredy

"Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation."

PS.84:9

#### **Uniting Church**

KYB has recommenced this week and is held each Wednesday during school terms at 11am in the church. Pastor Miriam Darlow will lead worship on Sunday18th July at 9.30am.

Linda Pickering



The Op Shop is open on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 2pm Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 4pm

Op Shop sale has finished and the racks have been restocked. Many bargains to be found.



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Esmé Flett

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him,

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Matthew 22:35-40

#### Friendship

Being friends with someone is, in some cases, a full time occupation. Other times, friends come and go as time and circumstance dictates.

Each friend brings their own unique values to the "ship" of friendship. This ship, this vessel carries us forward, or sideways, even up and down on many waves of contentment and disagreement.

As I am home-bound in recovery I have discovered friends with whom I have a deeper connection than I realised. Friends offering comfort and food; well wishes galore and daily reminders to rest and be easy.

Being alone at home means, without that partner to assist me, I forget hanging out the washing, or fussing about how the house looks, is not in my best interest right now.

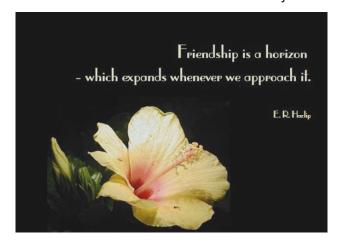
With these thoughts in mind, I wish to say thank you and to acknowledge the great gift of friendship.

People can become like the back-ground white-noise of life, so it is good to be able to focus on how valuable friendship is in everyone's lives every now and then.

Give a friend a call, say hello and reignite the fundamental basis of that friendship, which may have dulled over time. Should a friend move on from you, or you from them, express gratitude for the essence of what they brought into your life. See the benefits and forgive any angst which may have caused the split.

For me, Dunolly has given me sisters galore, as my blood sisters are in South Australia and this gives me joy and appreciation for their nearness and willingness to be sisterly.

Marilyn Goldie



Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart`"

**Eleanor Roosevelt** 





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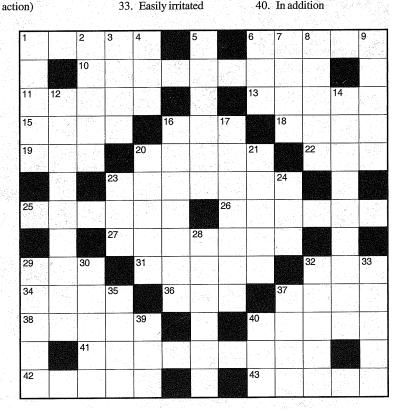
- 1. White wine, Chenin
- 6. Of angles under ninety
- 10. Country of which Port Louis is capital
- 11. Ascent
- 13. Type of fruit, anagram of 'duper'
- 15. Predatory long-winged bird
- 16. Small dog breed
- 18. Upper edge of cup
- 19. Condiment in Japanese and Chinese cooking, \_\_\_\_ sauce
- 20. Open grassy area
- 22. Single thickness (of wood, eg.)
- 23. Enunciation
- 25. To reduce in size
- 26. Supplies of essentials
- 27. Became more open
- 29. Flying mammal

- 31. To cut into parts
- 32. Soft greasy substance
- 34. Opera song
- 36. Spanish man's title
- 37. Pay of employee
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- 40. Old-fashioned, behind the
- 41. Lengthy complicated procedure
- 42. Loud resonant metallic sound
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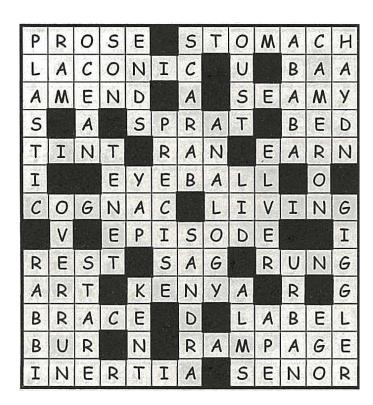
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- Cordiality
- General reputation
- 4. Bear's young
- 5. Slow dance for two
- 6. Give support to
- A restraint
- 8. Seize with no right
- Act to one's own detriment, be one's own worst
- 12. Name by which Richard I, King of England, was also known, Richard the
- 14. Practice of stealing small quantities or items
- 16. Preserved in a liquid such as vinegar

- 24. A nap
- 28. A frank admission
- 29. Not complex
- 30. Jewelled coronet
- 32. Illustrious
- 33. Easily irritated
- 35. Similar (to)
- 37. Completely random (of guess, eg.)
- 39. Kitchen utensil slice
- 40. In addition



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# The Murderers Hill murderers Mary Ann Dodd

Mary Ann Dodd is best known for her role in the murders. The history books cover this but we shall add aspects of her life before and after.

She was born in Sydney in 1830 as Mary Ann May. At age eighteen she married Thomas Dodd and had two children to him. They came to the Victorian goldfields. About 1854 she left Thomas Dodd for Richard Dunbeer. One daughter had died, the other she left with the father. Mary Ann and Richard were in Maryborough 1855, Fryerstown 1856, Dunolly 1856 and Long Gully at Jones Creek in 1857 and 1858. Richard was a miner.

Mary Ann's testimony at the murder trial gives the date of the murders as Saturday 1st November 1857. Miners did not work on Saturday afternoons so Mary Ann and Richard decided to go to Dunolly. They didn't leave home until about 2.00 pm so their trip was doomed from the start. There was no way they were going to walk the 11 km to Dunolly and get home before dark. To add to this they brought their two children, Victoria Louisa who was 2½ and Adolphus who was only 2 months old. Victoria walked part and was carried part whilst Mary Ann carried Adolphus.

Their trip to Dunolly was one part of Mary Ann's testimony that was confirmed. Teresa Lyle from the Bull & Mouth Hotel remembered seeing them in Dunolly. This opens a new scenario. Did they see Dunlop & McLean spending money in Dunolly and then hatched the robbery plan rather than their claim that it was Neill & Brown's idea?

A few weeks after the murders Mary Ann went with Mrs Smith and Mrs Bush to see Mary Dunlop. Mrs Dunlop said her husband and his mate went away and she had not heard from them. The next day Mary Ann went and saw her again and gave her 10/-. This was after the bodies had been found but before they had been identified. A month or so later she and Richard shifted to Sandy Creek (Tarnagulla). Adolphus died here aged six months. Richard later accused Mary Ann of murdering this child but no charges were ever laid. In October 1858, whilst pregnant with their third child, she left Richard. She also left behind her 3½ year old daughter Victoria. It was only for a short time and she returned. The family then moved to Cays near Laanecoorie.

When Mary Ann left in 1858 her description was 5 ft 2 inches, light brown hair and rather thin in person. She was wearing a dark brown merino sun bonnet, green and black plaid shawl with a black border, half mourning dress, black jacket and leather boots. A half mourning dress was worn after initial mourning was over. It was grey, mauve or white.

At Cays Richard talked a lot about the murders and ill treated her. Mary Ann feared for her own safety and the safety of the child she was about to have. In January 1859 she left Cays with Job Neil for Pleasant Creek (Stawell). Again she left Victoria behind. On the way she slept under the cart. They arrived on a Monday, she gave birth to a son on the following Thursday. The next week her and Job were arrested for murder. They were taken to Ararat, then later brought back to Dunolly.

After Mary Ann and Job had left Cays Richard went to the police at Carisbrook and confessed to being present at the murders of Robert Dunlop and Hugh McLean at Jones Creek 14 months earlier. He claimed immunity to prosecution by giving evidence against Job Neil, Mary Ann Dodd and Bill Brown.

Bill Brown was never located. The murder trial commenced in February 1859 with a preliminary hearing against Job Neil and Mary Ann Dodd. Here is where the police made a major mistake. Mary Ann was placed in the cell at Goldsborough next to Richard Dunbeer. Richard was a Crown witness placing her at the murder scene. If found guilty she was likely to hang. As Mary Ann had only been the lookout and not involved with the actual killing the Police Prosecutor accepted her immunity provided she gave evidence against Job Neil & Bill Brown. Whilst in the adjacent cells Mary Ann and Richard had the opportunity to get their stories straight.

Mary Ann Dodd's roll in the murders was to wait under a large gum tree on the side of the road and sing out to the others when the two men passed. This tree was later known as Mary Ann Dodd's tree. It was cut down when the telegraph line was extended from Dunolly to Tarnagulla.

Mary Ann's testimony is full of contradictions. Much of what she said was to minimize her involvement in the murders and to put the blame on others. After ignoring that much of her remaining statements are probably true, that Mary Ann and Richard were at the murders is without doubt. Their descriptions of the wounds matched the autopsy reports. Their location, sequence of events and time are compatible. At one point she said she grabbed Dunbeer by the collar to try to get him away from the other man (Hugh McLean). It makes no sense to make this up when she was trying to put all the blame on Job Neil and Bill Brown. So this statement is likely correct. After the murders she followed Job Neil a short distance while he was carrying one of the bodies. She picked up a bundle that fell from the man's pocket. Then she remembered her children. In the heat of the moment she had left them asleep under the lookout tree. Mary Ann returned to the tree. Then after Richard came back they continued on home in the moonlight to Long Gully.

Her testimony has many contradictions. She said that Richard threatened to go to the police and confess the murders. That is why she left him and went to Pleasant Creek with Job Neil. On the way she never spoke to Job about the murders. They were alone on the road for two days, the murders were the reason for her leaving, yet she never spoke to him about it. This suggests Job had nothing to do with the murders. The police prosecutor failed to note this.

The preliminary hearing was followed by a murder trial at Castlemaine. Both Mary Ann and Richard recanted nearly all their previous statements. Job Neil was then acquitted of the murder when the prosecutions case broke down through lack of evidence. Mary Ann and Richard and some others were charged with perjury. They were taken to Castlemaine Gaol whilst they were on remand.

One day whilst being removed from the cells at the Police Court Richard asked if he could see his son. By now the boy was six months old and Mary Ann had him with her. When he got close he lunged at Mary Ann bitting off part of her nose. Mary Ann was disfigured for the rest of her life.

Mainly due to police incompetence the perjury trials failed. Mary Ann was released from prison. She seems very soon after to shift in with a Cornish miner, Thomas Trevena. They lived at Taradale and Chewton and she bore him another eight children. This made a total of thirteen.

Mary Ann died in the Castlemaine Hospital on 10th March 1907 aged 76. She outlived her three partners and nearly every other person involved in the 1857 murders at Murderers Hill.

John Tully

# **CLASSIFIEDS & NOTICES**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Tarnagulla Public Hall Committee of Management will hold their AGM at Tarnagulla Public Hall, 69-71 Commercial Rd, Tarnagulla on Wednesday 28th July commencing at 6.30 pm.

#### **Dunolly Gilbert & Sullivan Society Inc**

A meeting is to be held on Thursday, 29th July at 2pm at the Gold and Grain Café, Broadway, Dunolly. All welcome.

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R. Mecredy



July 15 1pm to 2pm Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness

Seminar Neighbourhood Centre

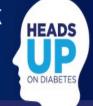
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The weekend saw us head to Talbot. What started off to be a cold morning, our junior footballers took to the field in fighting spirit. Coach Hayden Wellard was over the moon to see the young eagles showing some great growth this week. Performances from Harrison Prigg, Edward Crumpton with their three goals each started the Eagles off well. Elliot Hallworth scoring two goals and Connor Owen-Gale scoring one was a perfect nine goals all up. Was fantastic to watch the whole team from the smallest to the biggest team players they all became one.

As for our senior Eagles, saw their games as a little tough this week. Both sides took to the field in high spirits, as they held their heads high throughout a difficult afternoon.

#### Shelby Earl 200th game

Netball this week was all full of excitement as we celebrated a 200<sup>th</sup> gamer Shelby Earl. Sadly during Shelby's game she succumbed to an injury which led her to be sidelined for the rest of the season. We wish Shelby all the best on her recovery and hope to see her around the club and back on the court next season.



Congratulations to our A grade netballers on the third win of the season. With five weeks left to go of the season, these ladies will be stepping out on the court with fire in their souls.

This weekend shows us hosting Navarre at home. Like every weekend our juniors will be starting the day off with their high sprints.

Karina Colquhoun Photos Dunolly FNC Facebook





Wednesday 30th June Avoca hosted the Winter Jackpot Pairs, Congratulations to Phil Pearce from Highland and Jim Smith from Dunolly winners on the day.

Congratulations to Chris Williams and Alan Weir from Dunolly also winners on the day.

Hannah Delconte



**DUNOLLY GOLD DIVISION 2 PREMIERS 1992-993**Left to right: Isla Flett, Sylvia Birthisel, Mattie Heenan, Peg Dunner, Lorna Arnold, Theresa Milne, Norma Peters, Val Arkley.



**DIVISION 2 PREMIERS 1992-93 SEASON**Back Row: A. Deason, C. Gordon, B. Dunner, R. Weir, L. Metcalf, R. Holland, J. Burn, R. Harris.
Front Row: B. Woodward, S. Raselli, G. Wadsworth, G. Raven.



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## TARNAGULLA and DISTRICT GOLF CLUB

#### "Lucky Five" golf report

Tarnagulla & District Golf Club — Saturday 10th July 2021

What a wonderful event the "Lucky Five" Golf event was at the Tarnagulla Golf Club!

The day was beautiful and a typical Tarnagulla sunny Winter's day. We had teams of golfers on every hole and everyone enjoyed the tricky course with its beautiful bush land vistas. Around the course, cheerful banter and laughter could be heard from all.

Three lovely children took turns to choose the five holes that were to be counted and there were oohs and ahs when the various holes were drawn out. Lucky for some and unlucky for others! Everyone was laughing and recalling some shot on the various holes.

We all had such a good time, out in the sunshine, walking the course and playing golf with friends and/or family. Lots of fun. Event results were:

#### Women

First place: Sharon Coghill Runner up: Meredith Harwood

Men

First place: Dave Shay
Runner up: Peter Ravehall
Longest Driver: Trevor Hickson
Nearest the pin: Peter Ravenhall

Everyone is welcome to use the golf course at any time. A cost of \$5 per day for non members and free for members. Just come along and enjoy it.

Our next event is on Saturday 28th August 2021. You can come alone, with friends or with a crowd. All are welcome. Remember that you can read our posts on Facebook: www.facebook.com/tarnagullagolfclub

Mary McNamee Secretary



Eleven bowlers braved the freezing conditions on Thursday night. The teams of Garry Coburn, Lyle Streeter, Keith Brightwell and Gordon Smith, Betty Lovel, Tiger Coburn had two wins each.

Members wish Chris Evans all the best for her recovery and hope to see her back soon.

Pam Brightwell







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# **Dunolly Golf Club Annual Tournament**







Top left: Jamie and Cooper Polinelli, Best 9 out on Friday. Centre: Rod Stuart and Greg Dobbin, Best 9 in on Friday. Top right: Men's Runners up, Sam Newth and Frank Connorty.

We had a fantastic weekend for our Annual Tournament, and we had more than 100 golfers play in the two events staged. Thanks to the hard work by members over the past fortnight, the course was presented in excellent order and all catering and organisational arrangements were in place.

This is our largest fund raiser for the season, as well as an opportunity to show our course to members from up to 10 different local clubs who came to play. Feedback was very positive, and the improvements we have made were received favourable comment.

The Friday competition was a Four Ball Best Ball, with men's and women's sections, longest drive, straightest drive, and nearest the pin on seven par-three holes. Competition was very tight, with Josh Hunt and Josh Britten on 44 points, winning by just one point from Sam Newth and Frank Connorty.

The Women's victors were Jodie Frost and Jenny Jardine with 45 points, from Debbie Burton and Cheryl Lovel on 37. There were numerous winners of the

nearest the pin and other competitions — too many to mention!

Sunday's play was a two person Ambrose, which was enjoyed by 34 players from around the district. Overall winners were Rod Stuart and Greg Dobbin on 58 and a quarter, from Josh Lacey and Nick Earl on 62 and a half. Longest drive awards went to Rob Scholes and Shenae Hunt.

The club would like to thank our tournament sponsors without whose assistance the event would not take place. Our major sponsors were the Maldon and District Community Bank, and the Manchester Arms Hotel at Bendigo. Special thanks also go to Eddington Engineering, Dunolly Bakery, and Dunolly Quality Meats for their considerable support over the weekend.

Next weekend sees a normal day on Saturday, followed by our annual Talbot versus Dunolly event on Sunday morning. The best of luck to all players who will represent us at Talbot on Sunday.

Story and photos Ian Arnold



Women's Winners Friday Jodie Frost and Jenny Jardine



Women's Runners Up Friday Cheryl Lovel and Debbie Burton