



Much needed rain

A deluge of almost biblical proportions descended on Dunolly, and indeed most of Victoria last Friday 29th January, 2021.

While the rain was most welcome, there were fears of floods, as the sky cried down on us with vehemence.

Reports were flooding *Facebook* as to the progress of rising waters.

The photo to the left, taken by Marilyn Goldie, shows the creek in Thomas Street flowing freely, to which she has written a poem below.

At the bottom of my house, a creek runs where there wasn't one before, and out front I have a nice little pond.

I'm sure others have experienced some newfound water parks too.

Susan Anderson

January Soaking

The water was flowing fast
Along a suburban creek nearby
Through built-up debris and grass
Turning the stream to muddy from dry

This heavy rain, most blessed
Filled every ditch and drain
Reviving the land, settling the dust
A relief, the cool keeping us sane.

So, to all of the great powers that be
Nature and Spiritual -- energies plural
Deep gratitude from you and me
For this great soaking, a chance
of renewal

Em

Australia Day

Well, didn't we have a wonderful celebration last Tuesday?

Such a great turn-out. I'm sure everyone was so grateful we were finally able to have a proper get-together after so many restrictions.

While we are not quite back to normal yet, we are getting close. Last week I included a number of photos of the award recipients, but today I received this wonderfully colourful photo from Deb Sealey, showing Toot the Magical Clown entertaining a local child. Toot performed magic tricks and did face-painting, all to keep the children amused while parents enjoyed the entertainment, food and just getting together for a good old chin-wag.

Susan Anderson



Toot the Magical Clown photo by Debra Sealey

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ROSIE'S RAMBLE

Congratulations to the Dunolly Citizen of the year — Barry Taylor.

The full moon the other night was so very large and lovely that I thought it might be a super moon. Looked it up on Mrs. Google. It was not a super moon. There will be two of them this year. One will be in late March and the other is in April.

I used the leaf blower for an odd job last week — to blow leaves and spider webs out from behind the air conditioner motor on the front verandah. It really shifts them out. Bit of a waste of time though — the wind just blew new ones in.

I wonder how many of the bright lights we see in the sky every night are actually stars since Mr Musk started shooting tiny satellites into the sky. Space could come to be as messy as the sea if this stuff keeps going up.

While I was driving around town lately I noticed a collection of dog kennels in a back yard. There were three of them — a small one; a middle-sized one and a large one. Do they have three dogs of different sizes or one dog that has kept growing? I am interested to know.

I think I have acquired a cat. Daughter Ramble brought her spare cat up to see how we get on. She is a nice little thing, but we will have to get to know each other over the next few days.

Rosie

KEEP CALM —

How pleasant is the day when we give up striving to be young or slender.

William James

OLDER BUT NOT WISER —

Youth would be ideal if it came a little later in life.

FURRY LOGIC —

If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs --- it's quite possible you haven't grasped the situation.

Jane Seabrook

Dog Kennels



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Medium

Large

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Well Done



Well done Gayle and Brian and their assistants for providing food, scones, music and musicians, bump-in and bump-out; and for setting up the event so professionally — and well done to all of you who attended, making the Dunolly Australia Day extra special. Congratulations to Barry Taylor — Dunolly's Citizen of the Year, Trent and Karyn from The Railway Hotel — Best Business/Community Organisation award for Dunolly, and Cooper Polinelli — for the Junior Citizen award. All well-deserved. Dunolly appreciates your contribution to our town and district. Best wishes for 2021.

Marilyn Goldie, Dunolly

Fire prevention and education in the community

Every year, in the lead up to the summer fire season, Central Goldfields Shire works with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) to identify and manage fire risks in the municipality.

Central Goldfields Shire Maryborough Ward Cr Gerard Murphy said that under the Country Fire Authority Act 1958, Council has a legal obligation to reduce the risk of fire for the community.

"We do this by slashing our roadsides and open spaces and our Municipal Fire Prevention Officer plays a key role in inspecting private land to ensure our landowners have adequately prepared their properties.

"Together, we all play a role in keeping our community safe during the fire season."

Between November and April each year Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (MFPO) inspects properties within the Shire to ensure all properties have been maintained to minimise fire risk.

This involves removing fine fuels such as bark, leaves, twigs and long grass either as a fire break or the entire property. Fine fuels can contribute to the intensity and spread of a fire.

Council's MFPO has issued Fire Prevention Notices across the municipality where additional work to a property was required with inspections now under way to make sure the work was completed.

Where work has not been undertaken Council may issue a fine and may engage contractors to undertake the work at the landowner's expense.

Residents who know of a property of concern can contact Council's Customer Service team on 5461 0610.

Council's MFPO may inspect the property and provide the owner with a Fire Prevention Notice.

Council's fire hazard inspection program is focused on reducing fuel loads immediately around assets such as houses and outbuildings within the townships of the Shire (areas within the 60km speed limits). If the fire hazard you are concerned about on a neighbouring property falls outside this area, it is unlikely a Fire Prevention Notice will be issued.

For more information about preparing your property for fire visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

For information about what to do in a fire emergency, visit <https://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/Property/Fire-and-emergencies>

CGSC Media Release



Golden Cake

Ingredients:

125g butter
100g sugar (beat with butter)
3 eggs separated
100g sugar (beat with egg whites)
130g self-raising flour
8g baking powder
125ml milk (I add more milk — about an extra 30ml)
75g desiccated coconut
Prepare cool oven 160 degrees.
Grease a deep 20cm baking tin.



Method:

Cream the butter and sugar. Gradually add the egg yolks and vanilla essence and beat well. Sift the flour and baking powder.

Gently add the sifted dry ingredients to the creamed mixture alternately with the milk. Blend well. Spread into prepared tin.

Whisk egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar.

Gently fold in coconut and spoon onto batter.

Bake at 160 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes

Be warned — this is extremely delicious.

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MEDIA RELEASE

A long list for Ripon as parliament resumes

Projects and services in Ripon will be the focus for Louise Staley as she prepares for the first parliamentary sitting week of 2021.

Driver's education in Charlton and improved aged care facilities in St Arnaud will be just a couple of the critical issues Ms Staley will be raising in parliament when sitting resumes for the new year on 2nd February.

"It has been a busy summer, and I am eager to get back to parliament so I can advocate strongly for the many communities in Ripon," Ms Staley said.

"Many parents across the Wimmera have contacted me to let me know that greater access to drivers' education is needed. With being able to drive, and to do so safely, being such a huge part of living in regional Victoria, the Andrews Labor Government must fund the much-needed capital works at Charlton to enable this important service to continue.

"Also, aged care facilities in St Arnaud are inadequate and need to be extended with substantial funding to make up for decades of neglect by Labor.

"I intend to raise these issues in parliament next week on behalf of these Ripon communities."

Ms Staley said she would, in her role as Shadow Treasurer, continue to call on the Andrews Government to lift their game on managing the economy and the state budget.

"Daniel Andrews and Labor have wasted too much money on budget blowouts in metropolitan Melbourne. As we look to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, people in Ripon need a government which will ensure government spending goes to where it is needed," Ms Staley said.

"People in Ripon, and right across Victoria, need a plan for jobs and economic recovery. I will keep holding Daniel Andrews and Labor to account during the coming weeks in parliament."

From the Office of Louise Staley MP



Louise Staley MP
MEMBER FOR RIPON

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FOUNNY FILLERS

Lost in Translation

A Croatian hotel: The flattening of underwear is with pleasure the job of the chambermaid.

A hotel in Osaka: You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

Birds Of Central Victoria — Rainbow Bird-Eater

I hope you're enjoying our introduction to some of the birds of Central Victoria., This week's lovely character is the Rainbow Bee-eater.

Sun lighting up this bird's feathers to iridescent rainbows is a wonder of the natural world. The Rainbow Bee-eater is arguably the most vibrantly-colourful bird of our region in Central Victoria, and it literally lives up to its name, both in vivid plumage and diet. While species of Bee-eaters are found world-wide, our species spends the winter in Northern Australia, then in spring flocks head south, heralding warmer temperatures to come. Newstead cemetery is a local bird hotspot where they breed and can be found until around the end of March, and sometimes into April.

As their name suggests, the Rainbow Bee-eater dines on bees and wasps, as well as less dangerous prey such as dragonflies, butterflies and other flying insects. The bird will perch up high, waiting until it can make a dashing flight after airborne prey. If it's an insect with a sting, they will return to their perch and employ "bee-rubbing", a technique where they hold the insect across the bill tip and rub its sting out on their perch, before safely swallowing. On occasion they will also forage on the ground or from foliage.

Males are slightly larger and more colourful than females, and have an obvious tail streamer. After migration in large flocks, small groups will splinter off and monogamous pairs will nest in a small colony. Young males hatched the previous year often help parents feed hatchlings.

For such a pretty bird, they have what may be surprising nests. They favour sandy soil or clay banks, in flat or sloping ground, in which to construct their nest tunnel with a chamber at the end. Eggs may be laid straight on the earth, or the chamber lined with grass and feathers.

You can be alerted to Rainbow Bee-eaters by their call. A glance skywards and there you will see them soaring around on extended wings, much like wood swallows do. When lucky, you may observe "plunge bathing", where they fly above water, suddenly dive with a splash, and fly straight to high perch to preen wet feathers. With their graceful flight and gorgeous colours, they never cease to give me a thrill.

Photo e-Bird
Source Connecting Country
Debra Sealey



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With Australia Day behind us, we would like to thank all the organisers and the committees across our Shire for arranging special events, and also the community for turning up with the support they displayed.

We would also like to mention the Central Goldfields Shire and councillors for their support for each event, especially the free pool entry for that day, and a mention of the Australia Day council and others who contributed to the successful community events.

After all the heavy rain on Friday 29th January, we were very lucky there was not more. Many towns were extremely lucky; only experiencing minimal flooding.

Now on the flip side, the CGR&RAI encourages all the community members who have experienced or observed issues of concern on or since that day to contact the Shire (mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au) and inform them of those issues. Anything from a tree branch down to water build up, or debris. It is so important that all the community and the council are on the same page, and we all move forward together.

Once again, we have some new officers in our Shire's management roles. New members in governance and community roles. We welcome all new employees and we look forward to a united effort across the board. Already CGR&RAI is experiencing a very pleasing direction from these new engagements and look forward to a more positive future and working much closer with the Shire.

Planning staff is another matter. Again key personnel moving on in a time where stability for growth is paramount. Hopefully careful, successful selection of replacement staff will see the planning department begin to improve its stats. Time will tell on planning department improvements.

We would like to take the opportunity to point out the CGR&RAI are here not to agree with either the councillors or the community. It is our task to advocate or advise both community and council on a clearer path and hopefully have the system working as it should. It is our goal to do ourselves out of a job. Moving forward, we advocate for council, councillors and community to participate in more dialogue. All the councillors advocated for transparency, accountability and public consultation pre-election. It's now up to us to assist them to hold those promises.

Discussions are ongoing with the airport, men's shed issues and Carisbrook western levee. There are councillors elected who were in council when most of these issues first raised their heads. Hopefully their new ideas will assist to resolve them with minimal disruption to budget and community (i.e. improve from previous experience). With other issues also on the go, the Shire still has the day-to-day concerns to manage as well. So a huge task on all sides and hopefully an amicable outcome for all.

Update on the Dunolly mosaic situation. We were informed by council on 28th January 2021, that the arts people involved have offered to remove, repair and replace all the damaged pieces and monitor all mosaics for the next 12 months. It was reported the laboratory tests on samples found the issue was cracking caused by environmental issues, water and frost. So over winter this year they will be closely monitored. It was also reported this replacement would be done with no cost to the ratepayers. A huge well-done to the artists involved These are community pieces and it would be a shame not to have them displayed, considering the amount of community participation.

Our next CGR&RAI meeting is at Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall on 2nd March. The next on 6th April in Dunolly — location to be advised.

We held our monthly meeting last Tuesday 2nd February 2021 in Maryborough at The Hub.

Issues discussed were Dunolly mosaics, the rain last week, concerns regarding council's draft engagement and participation, council community involvement and much more.

All members will be receiving minutes of that meeting, Membership is \$10 a year per person. Please contact by email: cgratepayers@mail.com or phone 0419101144

Wayne McKail
President CGR&RAI



Family History

Interested in tracing your family history? A family history group will commence at the Centre on Tuesday 9th February and continue each Tuesday afternoon from 1pm until 3pm.



If you are new to family history and wondering where to start, we can point you in the right direction and help you along the way.

If you are an experienced family researcher, come along and share your expertise with others.

A laptop or electronic device of some kind would be a great benefit. We have Wi-Fi at the Centre. If you don't have a laptop or device of some kind, there will be some available for you to use.

No prior skills are necessary; just bring as much family information as you can to use as a starting point.

For inquiries ring Faye on 0439 681 508, or call the Centre to book.

Move, Groove — movement to music classes



Our Move, Groove program is on at The Arts Hub, Thompson Street. If you haven't already registered, there are still a few places left.

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PUBLIC DUMP POINT PROPOSED FOR DUNOLLY



Central Goldfields Shire Flynn Ward Councillor Liesbeth Long with Dunolly District Inc representative Wolf Fritze.

A partnership between Central Goldfields Shire Council and Dunolly Caravan Park could see a public dump point established for visitors and locals.

It is proposed the Dunolly Caravan Park's dump point will become available for public use after consultation between the park's operators, the community and Council.

Public access to the facility would be via Maude Street.

To provide feedback about public access to the point, please see the contact details below.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor said a public dump station would be a boost for local tourism.

"A public dump point will be an excellent addition to Dunolly and will be an excellent boost to local tourism as it will encourage more visitors to the area and for them to stay longer," he said.

"A big thank you to Dunolly and District Inc. for their ongoing commitment to have a public dump point locally and for raising awareness of this issue."

Flynn Ward Cr Liesbeth Long said a public dump point has been highly anticipated and sought after by the community for several years.

"Not having a public dump point has been the source of frustration for many Dunolly residents and visitors for a long time," she said.

"Having a public point for all residents and visitors will be a great asset and it will see our town of Dunolly become even more popular with tourists."

Need more information or wish to provide feedback?

Contact Council's Manager Community Engagement Kylie Long on 0428 906 347 or email Kylie.Long@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

**Cr Liesbeth Long
Councillor's Message**

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Dunolly Australia Day celebrations last Tuesday.

I had the honour of speaking at our local event and was thoroughly impressed by the calibre of the celebrations.

It was fantastic to recognise the contribution of our volunteers, especially our Dunolly award winners Barry Taylor who took out Citizen of the Year and Cooper Polinelli who took out the Junior Citizen of the Year Award. We also recognised The Railway Hotel's Trent and Karen who claimed the Best Business Award. Congratulations to our award winners and to Dunolly District Inc. for organising the event. We have such a valuable and close-knit community in Dunolly and to celebrate those who make up our community is so important.

At the official Australia Day celebrations in Maryborough, local volunteers were also recognised. Congratulations to the Central Goldfields Shire Citizen of the Year Jesse Wright and Young Citizen of the Year Caitlin Britten.

Congratulations must also go to our local community grant recipients — Dunolly Community Garden and DDI, who were successful in obtaining funding for their chosen projects.

In other exciting news, the shade structure has now been installed at the outdoor fitness equipment in Gordon Gardens, thanks to the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative. I encourage all residents to take full advantage of the equipment which is such an exciting asset for our community.

I also encourage you to read the information that's been included in this week's edition of *The Welcome Record* on the Dunolly dump point.

If you have any feedback please make contact with Council's Events and Volunteer Development Officer Alisha Chadwick on 0408 326 157.

Cr Liesbeth Long



Maryborough Solar and Battery Information Meeting

Have you thought about going solar, but looking for more information?

Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance in partnership with Central Goldfields Shire Council is holding a community information meeting on Tuesday 16th February at the Maryborough Community Hub, 48 Burns Street from 6pm to 7.30pm.

Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance's Jo Kaptein said anyone thinking about "going solar" or adding battery storage to their home or business is invited to come along and learn more.

"The meeting will provide attendees with the information they need to decide whether now is a good time to get solar installed or to invest in a battery," she said. "MASH (More Australia Solar Homes) aims to encourage the uptake of more solar in the region, helping residents cut their electricity bills and reduce CO2 emissions," she said. Carisbrook residents Linda and Roy Pickering who had a MASH solar system installed said, "MASH took out the need of us having to do the homework, something we weren't that keen to do as we aren't solar experts and don't intend to be. MASH makes going solar simple and easy."

Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor, Mayor, Central Goldfields Shire Council said "Central Goldfields Shire Council is pleased to be a partner of the MASH community solar bulk-buy. MASH works with councils – including ours – to encourage the switch to renewable energy. MASH will also give back to the Central Goldfields Shire community in the form of free solar for community buildings and schools. If you are thinking solar, take a look at what MASH offers."

To learn more about MASH and register for this event or request a quote, visit mash.org.au/central-goldfields or call 1300 466 274.

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Community groups to share in community grant funding

Fifteen local community groups will share in \$32,628.46 in funding with the 2020/21 Community Grant recipients endorsed at the January Council Meeting last night (27/01).

Central Goldfields Shire Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor congratulated this year's recipients.

"It's wonderful to see such a diverse range of community groups, across all townships, set to benefit from our community grant funding.

"With most of our community groups volunteer-run, Council is pleased to be able to provide funding that will see valuable projects delivered for our community.

"Due to the pandemic 2020 was a challenging year for our community groups and so we're hopeful this funding will provide a much-needed boost and a renewed sense of energy for the year ahead."

The 2020-2021 Community Grants Program recipients are:

- Dunolly Community Garden Inc — upgrade to community shared table and seeding tubs to support community access to locally grown and organic produce: \$2083.
- Little Athletics Maryborough Branch — installation of electrical equipment to enable accurate time scoring: \$4000.
- Dunolly & District Inc — consultation activities to support planning and advocacy for Gold Rush Festival: \$3000.
- Goldfields Community Radio Inc — Installation of a special battery system to enable the transmission of radio programs during an emergency: \$2000.
- Tiny Towns Arts Trail — Engagement of a web designer to develop a website: \$4000.
- Country Women's Assoc. Victoria Inc — Purchase of a computer, printer and internet dongle and provision of digital literacy training to address social isolation: \$1337.
- Bealiba Pony Club — purchase of a ride on mower for public amenity and contribute to fire safety: \$4749.
- Maryborough Lawn Tennis Club — purchase of a ride on mower to support public amenity \$4,000
- Maryborough Theatre Company — purchase of a wireless intercom system to use backstage at productions: \$3,266
- Zonta Club of Central Goldfields — Care Packs for local women who are fleeing family violence — \$700
- Maryborough Community Garden Inc. — Accessible lockable storage area: \$1,000
- Maryborough Aero Club Inc. — purchase and installation of weather/security cameras at the Maryborough Aerodrome: \$807
- Central Goldfields District Girl Guides — purchase of a set of field compasses: \$188.46
- Maryborough Field Naturalist Club — for 70th anniversary event: \$698.
- Maryborough City Brass Band — to support the purchase of sheet music for the band: \$800.

Road reconstruction awarded to local contractor

Central Goldfields Shire Council has awarded the Gillies Street and Rogers Street Road Reconstruction tender to local contractor Doran Earthmoving Pty Ltd. The contract was awarded at a Meeting of Council this week (27/01).

Included as a priority project in the 2020/2021 capital works program, the project will see the reconstruction of Gillies Street, Maryborough (between Fuller Street and Majorca Road) and Rogers Street (between Gillies Street and Railway Street). The works are anticipated to commence in late February, at an expected cost of approximately \$640,000.

Also at the January Meeting, Council's 2020-21 bituminous spray sealing contract was awarded to Boral Resources Pty Ltd. The program, with a 2020-21 budget allocation of \$614,000, will be delivered in February and March.

A selection of resealing contractors were also appointed to a panel for the annual spray sealing program for the next three years. The contractors are Boral Resources, Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd, Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd and VSA Roads Pty Ltd.

Central Goldfields Shire Cr Wayne Sproull said Council was committed to ensuring the local road network is kept up to standard.

"In the Central Goldfields Shire, we have approximately 524 kilometres of a sealed road network and each year, Council allocates funding to ensure roads are properly maintained under its capital works program. I look forward to seeing these works complete and I am sure our residents will be too," he said.

Cr Grace La Vella appointed to VLGA board



Central Goldfields Shire Maryborough Ward Councillor, Grace La Vella, has been appointed to the Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA) board.

The Board is the governing body of the VLGA and sets long term strategy and policy for the organisation. Central Goldfields Shire CEO, Lucy Roffey, congratulated Cr La Vella on her appointment.

"The VLGA supports councils, councillors and communities in good governance.

"Their role is also to inform and influence policymakers and stakeholders to determine the priorities for the local government sector.

"To have Cr La Vella in a position where she can advocate not only for our Council but for all rural councils is a great outcome."

Central Goldfields Shire Cr Grace La Vella said it was a honour to have her name put forward as a prospective board member in the first instance.

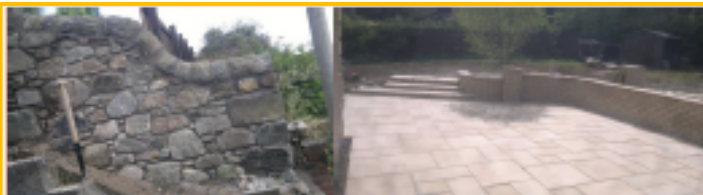
"It is such a privilege to be successful at interview with the President, CEO and Board member as a rural Victoria representative.

"Sound governance, transparency and advocacy are strong elements of my many objectives as an elected representative."

Cr La Vella was elected to the Central Goldfields Shire Council last year, having previously served two terms as Councillor on the Manningham City Council.

Cr La Vella's term on the VLGA Board commenced on 1st January 2021 and will extend to 30th June 2022.

More information on Cr La Vella's background is available on Council's website: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/councillors.
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Stories from Cynthia



Nothing short of a miracle!

I actually made it to Queensland. For months I had been planning a trip to Hervey Bay to visit my late son's family — my daughter-in-law, three big grandsons and three little boys. Of course COVID took care of that and the October date was cancelled. However, after many setbacks, flight changes, border closures, borders opened, it seemed that we were on our way three months later.

Then the next blow fell. My daughter and I had arranged to rent a very nice house with a pool for the kids, almost around the corner from the family. Very late in the piece we were informed that the house had been sold and in normal times it would have been far too late to find alternate accommodation. However, in this uncertain time the agent was able to offer a holiday apartment which included a pool. The snag was that this place was on the other side of town from our family, but we were so relieved to still have a place to stay.

The dates had to be changed and the flights also had to be altered, but we were unable to get seats on the connecting plane to Hervey Bay after changing in Brisbane. New flights, at our expense, were then made to Maroochydore and we would have a two-hour drive to Hervey Bay, so the car was now to be hired there.

My daughter used her GPS to head out of the airport and onto the Bruce Highway, but unfortunately our GPS lady was a malevolent, unhinged creature who decided to direct us on to back roads, little towns and a completely roundabout, unnecessary route. After about an hour of windy roads we managed to sack that woman and found our way to Gympie on the Bruce Highway where we should have been from the start.

I never cease to be amazed at how smart small children can be. There was a barbecue next to the pool and around the corner was the exit into the car park through a big iron gate. For some strange reason the button in the wall to press open the gate was within reach of a three-year-old. It was placed a few feet away from the gate, so after pressing the button you had to be quick to get to the gate. Our three-year-old soon discovered the button, but had no idea about its function until he saw a person use it. His 15-month-old brother couldn't quite reach the button which he found very frustrating, so his older brother showed him how to open the gate when he pushed the button; thus they formed a team. Our three-year-old could have a brilliant scientific future. Who knows? As it was around a corner out of sight, every time one of the boys disappeared someone had to race around to prevent an escape. Such fun! I must remember to write to the manager and tell him to raise the position of that annoying button.

I felt so bad for everyone sweltering in the heat while I lay by the pool in that consistently temperate climate of 28° and 29° every day. Now it's back to reality.

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Church News

Services as per Church News

Catholic Church

There will be Assembly at St Mary's on Sunday 7th February at 8.30am. It will be followed by the Rosary. If you have photos or memorabilia of St Mary's from the last 150 years, it would be appreciated by those who will be organising the anniversary later this year.

R Mecredy

"I have loved you with everlasting love: I have drawn you with loving kindness."

Jeremiah 31.3

St John's Anglican Church

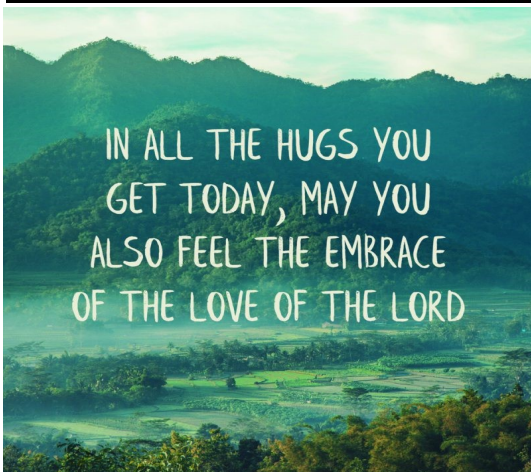
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From now on, Services will be held every fourth Thursday at 10am. The next Service will be on Thursday, 25th February.

Esmé Flett

"Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness."

Matthew 9.35



Uniting Church

Next week, Sunday 7th February, Rev Chris Venning will be leading us in Holy Communion. We can still Zoom to the Presbytery service at 10am.

On 14th February, Heiner Bauch will be back with us. It will be wonderful to see him again.

UCAF will have its first meeting on 4th February at 1.30pm in the Church. Theme — New beginnings.

Bring something to share to eat, and ideas for the program in 2021. All welcome.

Op shop will be open on Tuesday for sorting until it is finished. Thursday and Friday 10am to 4pm. Come in. We love to see you.

Jean Richardson



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Australia Day awards congratulations

Last Tuesday we celebrated Australia Day with events taking place across our Shire. Following a tough 2020 – the day was a time to reflect, respect and celebrate.

The day was also an opportunity to recognise the hard work of those in our community who selflessly contribute so much, through award ceremonies held across the Loddon Shire.

I'd like to congratulate this year's Loddon Shire Australia Day awardees, including our Citizen of the Year Howard Matthews and Young Citizen of the Year Hugh Cartwright. Congratulations also go to the awardees for Community Group of the Year – Wedderburn Patchwork Group (Christmas Tree Festival) and Community Event of the Year – Bridgewater Bowling Club (Twilight Bowls). A Special Recognition of COVID-19 2020 was awarded to Susan Lockhart (The Front Door Project).

I'd also like to acknowledge and congratulate recipients of the Community Service Awards (these are for each ward of the Shire): Tracey Webb and Rae Broadbent (Inglewood), Robyn Brown (Terrick), Roger Terrill (Tarnagulla) and Susan Lockhart (Wedderburn). There were no nominations received for Boort.

Local Australia Day celebrations

Having made mention of Australia Day celebrations, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank community groups and volunteers for once again organising local celebrations for Australia Day. Celebrations were held at Boort, Bridgewater, Calivil, Eddington, Inglewood, Newbridge, Tarnagulla and Wedderburn.

It was a great honour to attend the Boort Australia Day celebrations, which had around 100 people in attendance – including bowlers from 20 towns who were visiting for the Boort Two Bowl Triples event.

The Australia Day event featured guest speaker Mubarak Meera Sahib who is the Nurse Unit Manager at Boort District Health. Mubarak discussed his journey from India to Australia, and then to Boort, and highlighted how much he loves living in a country town.

Mubarak was an excellent speaker and his speech really made this year's Australia Day celebrations something special.

Community Engagement Policy out for comment

The draft Community Engagement Policy is now out for public comment, following its presentation at the Council meeting last Wednesday.

The purpose of the policy is to build Council's relationship with communities and stakeholders, promote transparent and informed decision making and increase the community's understand of the roles and responsibilities of Council.

You can read the draft policy and comment online via www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Documents-for-public-comment

A copy of the document for viewing is also available from Council's Wedderburn office.

Comments can be submitted by mail to: Chief Executive Officer, Loddon Shire Council, PO Box 21, Wedderburn VIC 3518.

You can also submit your comment via email to loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au

Comments must be in writing and submitted by 4pm on 12th February 2021.

before 10 February 2021 before they run out.

Let's Pivot starts this week

A reminder that the Let's Pivot Zoom Discussion series starts from this Wednesday 3rd February.


The series comprises of eight sessions running every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12pm, with the final session on 24th March.

These facilitated discussions are for not-for-profits, community groups, leaders, and anyone who wants to be more effective or make a positive impact.

To find out more and to register your attendance for the eight sessions, visit <https://makeachange.org.au/events>

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From vine to table with passion and love



Since Jim and Sue Lawson planted their first block of Shiraz vines at their property along the banks of the Loddon River in 1997, Black Wallaby Wines has been a family affair of hard work, passion and love.

This family winery has continued to the next generation with Jim and Sue's son Dave Lawson and his wife Jayne taking on the business and the vineyard.

Dave is Black Wallaby Wines winemaker, having grown up on the property in Bridgewater and helped his Dad plant the vineyard.

"Originally Jim and Sue planted 10 acres of Shiraz vines and then found that the soil and climate was quite perfect for this particular grape variety and this type of horticulture," says Jayne.

"So in response to this they planted a further 10 acres in 2003 and another 15 in 2004. Dave and I were both a part of this establishment."

The vineyard's location in Bridgewater on Loddon, along the banks of the Loddon River, was the inspiration behind the wine label's name.

"Our part of the river has many black wallabies living along it, and so it only seemed fitting to name the wine label after our native locals that bring us all so much joy to live among," adds Jayne.

The label name was also a fun, lovable way for Jim and Sue to share their wine with family and friends.

Jim originally sold some of the wine into the local IGA and some pubs and restaurants in Bendigo, but was mainly focused on the viticultural/farming side of it.

"After 10 years of living away, travelling throughout Europe around Australia working in the wine industry, it was Dave's dream to come home and take on the family farm – continuing to build his Dad's dream," says Jayne.

"Dave has been able to bring home a wealth of knowledge and experience and implement these into his own winemaking practices."

Additionally, Dave and Jayne are very focused on Black Wallaby Wines being a sustainable farm, and producing fruit and wines of the highest quality with little intervention.

"Our vineyard is free from any pesticides or herbicides and we choose to run our sheep in under the vines to chew down the weeds rather than using sprays," adds Jayne.

"We have also placed a big focus on rejuvenation of our river frontage and other areas throughout the property in the past 20 years."

The love of family and home also shines through in the naming of the Black Wallaby Wines' varieties.

"The wines are named as a tribute to our home and our life that we are building out here with our family on our farm," adds Jayne.

"Our gorgeous girls Ruby-Sue, Madelyn and Sylvie are obviously our greatest achievement so they each have a wine named after them.

"Ruby-Sue has the Ruby Rosé named after her, Madelyn has the Sparkling Rosé and Sylvie will have the new Sangiovese named after her once that is released in 2021.

"The Joey Shiraz was named because it is the baby of the two Black Wallaby Shiraz wines and the Albino was named after the white wallaby that can sometimes be seen along the banks of our river."

Like numerous businesses, Black Wallaby Wines was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, Dave and Jayne changed the way they did business, including establishing a drive-through cellar door.

"We started the drive-through during the first lockdown in response to losing so much business through the restaurants and outlets that sold our wines," explains Jayne.

"We also know that people were looking to shop local and stay safe, so the idea of a contactless way to purchase our wines might appeal to our locals."

The drive-through was a great success among people around the Loddon and Bendigo regions.

"Customers enjoyed the ease of ordering through email or phone and then coming for a drive to get out of the house," adds Jayne.

"We also offered a 20 per cent COVID discount to help out our local customers as we knew times were tough for us all."

In addition, Black Wallaby Wines has an eShop on its website and has also connected the store with The Loddon Shed.

"The online store has been a project in the making for the last 12 months, but we couldn't have timed the opening of this better than during the second wave that we went through in Victoria," says Jayne.

"It has been very well received by people all over Australia and has allowed us to offer our wines to a wider variety of people.

"The Loddon Shed has also been an incredible incentive, created and developed by Loddon Valley Tourism that has allowed us to be a part of a fantastic group of local producers and again gain exposure to a whole new customer base," adds Jayne.

"Online shopping is the way of the future, especially in the current climate, so any positive exposure or connection you can make through this is of huge benefit.

"It's also just so lovely to be on show with such an incredible calibre of local produce from our region!"

To find out more and to purchase Black Wallaby Wines visit: wallabywines.com or loddonshed.com.au

Loddon Shire Media Release



DEB'S FUN FOOD FACTS

Wednesday, 3rd February is National Carrot Cake Day, so we won't ignore it; we'll celebrate it. We'll make an awesome carrot cake, of course.

I did wonder what the history of carrot cake was. Here is a little of the story I found.

The origins of carrot cake are disputed. Published in 1591, there is an English recipe for "pudding in a Carrot root" that is essentially a stuffed carrot with meat, but it includes many elements common to the modern dessert: shortening, cream, eggs, raisins, sweetener (dates and sugar), spices (clove and mace), scraped carrot, and breadcrumbs (in place of flour). Many food historians believe carrot cake originated from such carrot puddings eaten by Europeans in the Middle Ages, when sugar and sweeteners were expensive and many people used carrots as a substitute for sugar. Variations of the carrot pudding evolved to include baking with a crust (as pumpkin pie), steamed with a sauce, or moulded in pans (as plum pudding) with icing.



Photo Bukowski

In volume two of *L'art du cuisinier* (1814), Antoine Beauvilliers, former chef to Louis XVI, included a recipe for a "Gâteau de Carottes", which was popular enough to be copied verbatim in competitors' cookbooks. In 1824, Beauvilliers had published in London an English version of his cookbook which includes a recipe for "Carrot Cakes" in a

literal translation of his earlier recipe.

Another 19th-century recipe comes from the housekeeping school of Kaiseraugst (Canton of Aargau, Switzerland). According to the Culinary Heritage of Switzerland, it is one of the most popular cakes in Switzerland, especially for the birthdays of children.

The popularity of carrot cake was revived in the United Kingdom because of rationing during the Second World War.



Old Fashioned Carrot Cake

Ingredients:

1/2 cup walnuts
 1 cup pureed carrots (boil just about 1/2 a kilo of carrots until soft; drain and cool, then puree in a food processor)
 1 1/2 cups plain flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 large eggs
 1 1/2 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
 1/2 cup milk
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled to room temperature
 2 teaspoons freshly grated orange zest
 1/2 cup raisins

For the Cream Cheese Frosting:

115 grams cream cheese, room temperature
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature
 3/4 cup icing sugar
 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Method:

To toast the walnuts, preheat the oven to 180 degrees and line a baking sheet with baking paper. Spread the walnuts out on the baking sheet and bake for 6-8 minutes, or until the walnuts start to darken. Let the walnuts cool and then coarsely chop them.

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C. Line the bottom of an 20cm square baking pan with parchment paper and lightly grease the sides of the pan.

In small bowl, sift the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs and brown sugar until combined. Add the milk, vanilla extract, orange zest and melted butter. Add the flour mixture and carrot puree and beat just until combined. Do not over-beat. Using a rubber spatula, stir in the walnuts and raisins.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and use the rubber spatula to smooth the top. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until lightly browned and a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean. Let the cake cool completely in the pan on a wire rack, then carefully invert it onto a serving plate.

To make the frosting, beat all the ingredients in a mixing bowl until combined. Spread it onto the top and sides of the cake.

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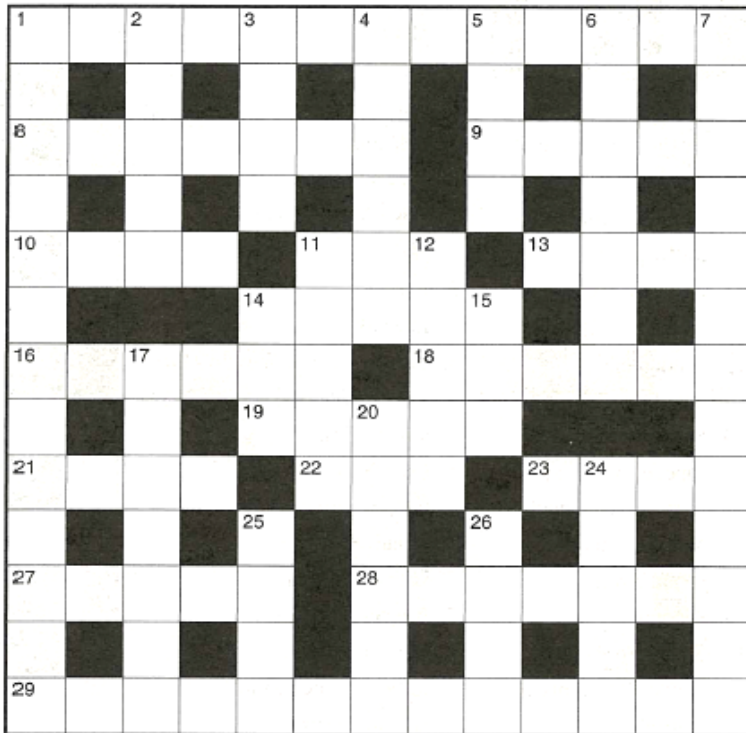
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Across

- 1. Talkative
- 8. Two successive lines of poetry
- 9. Tangle (threads, eg.)
- 10. Spinning current
- 11. Celestial regions as seen from earth
- 13. To boast
- 14. Of poor quality, anagram of 'peach'
- 16. Division (of economy, eg.)
- 18. Legal notice whose name is Latin for 'let him beware'
- 19. Should
- 21. Quite blowy
- 22. Fetched

Down

- 1. Small breed of dog with a soft coat and floppy ears (6,7)
- 2. Raised mass (of earth, eg.)
- 3. Hideous
- 4. Number of people admitted (to a university, eg.)
- 5. Amiss
- 6. Reversed in order or position
- 7. Period of change in 18th century Europe as new emphasis was placed on science and the importance of reason, Age of ____
- 11. Lift shoulders in indifference
- 12. Vessel for pleasure cruises
- 14. Pigeon's cry
- 15. To strike gently
- 17. Small worn bouquet
- 20. To rule with authority
- 23. Take copy of image so as to reproduce it (computing)
- 24. Welsh dog breed
- 25. Have rendezvous with
- 26. Tool like axe



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Thousands of fish released into Laanecoorie Reservoir

Local fishers may want to try their luck at Laanecoorie Reservoir, with the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) stocking the reservoir with more than 100,000 fingerlings last week.

VFA acting CEO Dallas D'Silva said on Thursday, the reservoir was stocked with 65,000 Murray cod fingerlings and 50,000 golden perch fingerlings.

"Stocking waters like Laanecoorie Reservoir to develop recreational fisheries is part of the government's Target One Million plan to get more people fishing more often," he said.

According to the VFA, Laanecoorie Reservoir has been stocked with 420,000 golden perch and more than 358,000 Murray cod since 1990.

As part of the Target One Million plan, fish stocking will be increased to a record of 10 million fish next year.

Those eager to drop a line in local water holes have even more reason to head out to Tullaroop Reservoir as well, with the chance to land a tagged fish worth up to \$10,000 as part of the Golden Tag competition to boost tourism across the state.

Murray cod and golden perch are the ones to catch in Tullaroop and there are plenty of fish in lakes and reservoirs across the state with the special golden tag.

Fishers will be able to have their say on the draft plan to reach 10 million fish stocked in Victorian waters, which will soon be released for comment.

For more information on the Golden Tag competition, visit vfa.vic.gov.au.

Story by Angela Tucker, Courtesy *The Maryborough Advertiser*



Laanecoorie Reservoir stocked with thousands of fish. Photo VFA





DUNOLLY BOWLS

Saturday Pennant Teams 6th February 2021

Dunolly Blue at MHS V Talbot

Greg Dobbin	Alan Weir	Chris Williams
Peter Waters	Tony Galofaro	Terry Long
Evan Weir	Alan Parkes	Geoff Davies
H Freemantle	Sheryl Howard	B Lanfranchie

Manager: Chris Williams

Cars Leave: 12.30pm

Emergency: B Mortlock, A Britten, R Pickering

Dunolly Green at Newstead V Carisbrook

Keith McKenzie	Jim Haigh	Arthur Deason
P Freemantle	Jim Smith	Paul Chase
Marg Davies	Barry Cann	Don Mortlock
Karen Stephens	Paul Zahra	Richard Cain

Cars Leave: 12.30pm

Manager: Paul Chase

Dunolly Red at Newstead V Golf

Robyn Fox	Sandra Chaplin	Jill Morse
David Price	Frank Mifsud	Jim Fox
Graham Cain	Heather Weir	Nancy Pike
Fabio Delconte	A Mebbrey	R Mebbrey

Manager: Sandra Chaplin

Cars Leave: 12.30pm

Emergency: Doris Spiteri, H Delconte, Sandra Caldecoat
Christine Kerr

Mid-Week Pennant Teams

Tuesday 9th February 2021

Dunolly Blue at Dunolly V Talbot

H Freemantle	Jenny McHugh	Marg Davies
Sandra Chaplin	Sheryl Howard	Loretta Parker
Greg Dobbin	P Freemantle	Tony Galofaro
Alan Weir	Roy Pickering	Alice Raven

Manager: Sandra Chaplin

Emergency: Chris Williams

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Dunolly Gold at Carisbrook V Carisbrook

Jill Morse	Robyn Fox	Marilyn Mortlock
Doris Spiteri	Nancy Pike	Karen Stephens
Jim Haigh	Hannah Delconte	Heather Weir
Raeleen Mebbrey	John Moir	Heather Davies

Manager: Marilyn Mortlock

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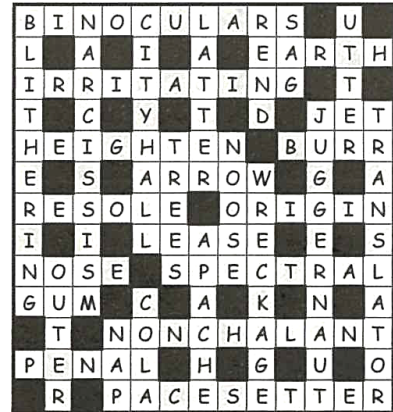


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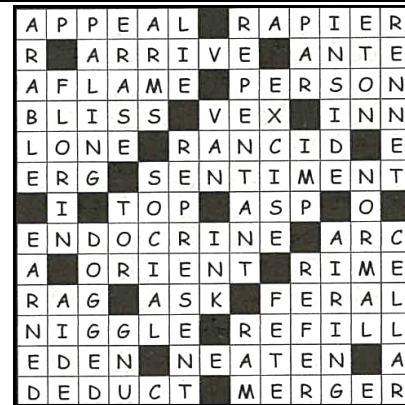
Sorry

Apologies for the incorrect solution to the crossword puzzle last week. We inadvertently selected the wrong book to begin our new edition and things got a bit muddled. Below are the correct solutions. Sorry for the inconvenience.
Editor

Solution 48 — Issue 1 — 20th January 2021



Solution 49 — Issue 2 — 27th January 2021



New shade structure in Gordon Gardens

A new shade structure has been installed over the new fitness equipment in Gordon Gardens, Dunolly thanks to the State Government's Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative. The shade structure will allow the exercise equipment to be used more frequently, particularly during the summer months.

The outdoor fitness equipment was installed in November last year but hasn't been available for the community to use until the shade structure was installed.

The exercise equipment includes a chest press, body pull ups, body twist, leg press and set up station and is suitable for people of all ages.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor said the new equipment provides free opportunities for physical activity for the Dunolly community.

"The Healthy Heart of Victoria encourages residents to be more active, more often and I encourage all Dunolly residents – and those who live in other townships – to take full advantage of the outdoor fitness equipment in Gordon Gardens," he said. "The fitness equipment is located just next to the new pump track, which has been highly popular with our youth. The adults can do their daily workout while keeping an eye on their children on the pump track which is perfect."

The fitness equipment and pump track are part of a \$140,000 upgrade from the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative. The Healthy Heart of Victoria funds improvements for infrastructure, facilities and/or programs across the region to enable more community members to increase their activity levels.
CGSC Media Release

A rainy day in Dunolly

Friday 29th January, what a day! The rain came down and the creeks filled up. There were rivers of water running down the side of the road. Dams were full and so were water tanks.

There were reports of flooding and roof damage, according to the SES.

Burnt Creek, which has been dry for so long began to rise, and what a sight it was.

The Department of Transport was urging people to take care on the roads and drive carefully due to the hazardous driving conditions.

There were numerous reports of water over the road in our Shire, also accounts of people causing further hazards when they slowed their cars down to look at the swollen waterways.

The official rainfall is said to be 36.4mm, for the 24 hours of Friday 29th January.

These pictures were taken on the Maryborough Dunolly Road as you leave town, at the bridge.

Story and photos by Debra Sealey

