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Maldon & District Community Bank Grant Awards



The Welcome Record was recently honoured to be chosen as one of Dunolly's recipients in the most recent round of grants announced by Maldon & District Community Bank. Our old printer had become obsolete and was struggling to keep up with the job of providing weekly news and information to our community; this grant has enabled us to purchase a new and much more efficient model, now already in operation. Other local people and groups who benefited in this round were the Laanecoorie-Dunolly Cricket Club, the RSL and the new Community Meals project. The presentation ceremony, which was previously planned to be a big event at the Maldon Community Hall, was forced to be reduced to a still-successful Zoom meeting, where we and the other recipients were given the opportunity to thank Maldon & District Community Bank for their ongoing support of all our communities. Thank you once again, your grant towards the cost of our printer will ensure that locals and tourists can enjoy reading our paper for many years to come.

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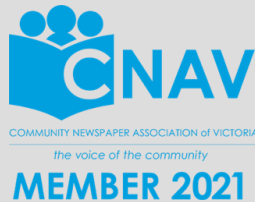
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The Welcome Record aims to present the diversity of viewpoints which reflect the concerns and interests of our community. It will not print contributions which are defamatory or being used as an alternative to a personal approach in dealing with a personal issue. The opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of *The Welcome Record*.

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Rosie's Rambles

There is a new golden carpet in the paddocks now, but not as welcome as the last one. Capeweed and oxalis is a pest to both farmers and gardeners, but looks quite pretty.

I, along with lots of other people, received a phone call telling me that someone called Mike Johnson was taking money from my account. He seemed a bit taken aback when I told him that I knew someone with that name, but he had been dead for 20 years. I finally hung up and called the bank, just to make sure there was nothing to worry about. Nancy from the bank told me they had had a lot of similar enquiries lately.

CK RAMBLE has been amusing me a lot lately. She was helping me bring in some wood the other day when she raced up a post to survey her kingdom. A magpie who no doubt was sick of being stalked by her decided to exact revenge and swooped her. The cat ducked and the bird missed its target.

She went missing the other evening for hours. I was starting to get really worried when she had not appeared by midnight. Went out for about the tenth time and called her. There was a sad little miaow from the shed — she had been shut in again. A very grateful little cat raced inside and fell on her tea as if she was starving. Isn't Dylan Alcott a great athlete? Big congratulations to him.

Rosie

The Zipper Fairy

One of the most common of all the fairies, their work can be sampled throughout the trouser-wearing world. With the finesse only a fairy possesses, they can undo zippers at will, leaving the wearer blissfully unaware. They are most likely to strike during job interviews, speeches and first dates. They have also been known to embellish their activities by pulling a little of the shirt through the open zipper. Few fairies have the power to pull much of the shirt through, but there have been unconfirmed reports of very powerful fairies pulling the whole shirt out through the zipper.

Tobhy Riddle

Twisted Proverbs

Better to have loved a short man than never to have loved a tall.

David Chamblesoo

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The Welcome Record President's Report 2021

During these difficult times of COVID where snap lockdowns are the norm, it has been a struggle to keep *The Welcome Record* filled with interesting information as so many businesses and organisations have curbed events. In fact, more often than not, our classified page is filled with cancellation advice.

It is heartbreaking for the people who have worked so hard to bring an event together only to have to cancel it at the last moment. However, even this is a learning experience and can provide another skill set as was evidenced by the recent Annual Arts & Crafts show. Lynda photographed all the exhibits and put them online and members of the public voted through the *Facebook* page. It seems this is the way to go moving forward.

The Welcome Record has stumbled through *Zoom* meetings during the peak of the outbreak and thanks to our Publicity Officer Jenny Scott we also have a presence on *Facebook*. Together with our colour online version, our following has increased further afield than our district, reaching people in other states and indeed across the world.

However, the printed paper will continue to be produced, particularly in view of the fact we now have a brand-new printer! Our previous printer was only seven years old, but in the world of technology it was obsolete. It was constantly breaking down or changing the colour palette. Many of you may have noticed a distinct pink tinge to some of the papers. So, it was time to get a new printer. Jan Brock and Sharron Fitzgerald took on the task of researching which printer would suit us best and we finally went with a Cannon. As with all new machines, it had a few teething problems, but Sharron worked diligently to fathom all the techno jargon and find how to proceed in the best way. The paper can now be produced with a minimum of fuss and has the added bonus of stapling the pages together. Thank you, Sharron, for your patience and persistence.

To off-set the cost of the new printer, we were forced to

increase the advertising prices. This is the first price increase in more than 30 years, and it was not a great hike and certainly much cheaper than other newspapers. Thank you to all our advertisers for accepting the increase without complaint.

Unfortunately, the increase was not enough to finance the purchase, therefore, we looked to the Maldon and District Community Bank for a grant. Again, Sharron took the lead in the application process with Jan's assistance, and we were successful. Last Wednesday we had a Zoom meeting with the bank and other members of the community who were also successful in obtaining a grant. Each organisation selected a member of their team to give a presentation on the reason for the grant. Marilyn Goldie was our representative and gave our heartfelt thanks to the Maldon Bank for their support.

While we're speaking of Marilyn, it's with a sad heart that we will be saying goodbye to her as she is resigning from the paper. Marilyn actually resigned last year but came back to assist with the training of new staff. Now that some of the new staff are no longer with us and Sharron is fully fledged as editor, Marilyn has decided to officially retire. We cannot begin to thank Marilyn enough for her contribution to the paper. So often she went above and beyond. Thank you, Marilyn, we will miss you.

Speaking of retirement, after five years as president, I have withdrawn from the office to give someone else a turn. A person with fresh eyes and different ideas can lead the paper into a new direction. So, to whoever is elected president, I wish them the best; it's a challenging but rewarding position.

Once again, I wish to thank all the staff at *The Welcome Record*. Their dedication is exemplary and considering they are all volunteers without any recompense, it is truly humbling that they give so much of themselves to get the paper on the streets every week. Thank you most sincerely to each of you.

Susan Anderson, President



TWR committee COVID Style. Back Row: Jan, Rosemary, Cynthia, Monika, Sharron. Front Row: Esmé, Susan, Jenny and Marilyn

Central Goldfields Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc

A huge well done to the council and those who pushed and supported so long for the Dump Point in Dunolly. This is going to be a game changer for Dunolly and the shire. Those who have persisted and now have the outcome they so badly wanted and the shire needed. We believe this is the start of a direction the shire has needed so much.

The Bealiba Optus tower

The funds for this announced in February 2019 under the Federal Government's Black Spot Program. It is pleasing to see the Optus project finally come to fruition. We wait to see more projects like this being achieved with the support and lobbying of the community, council and councillors. One of our councillors stated "North Western Victoria is the sixth worst Australian region for digital connectivity". We must keep this thought in our minds, push to have this rectified every chance we get to mention it, and push to have this statistic altered for the better.

The council at the 7th September 2021 meeting submitted the Draft Community Vision and Council plan. <https://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/.../Council...>

Please look under 7th September Special Meetings and participate.

On reading both of these plans carefully, it certainly would indicate that there are issues, but in general it appears to be a very positive report with lots of unmeasurable ideas or promises. Does this report address the major issues, or is it to deflect from the key issues which are being kept hidden?

Both the above mentioned plans were compiled with a series of meetings (five in number, total of 140 people) involving 18 council hand picked community members. It also states the plan was derived from the involvement of 2000 participants going back to 2019.

This would indicate the Your Community 2030 Federal Government survey in which nearly 1100 local people took part in, and also the 2020/21 Satisfaction Survey

had another 400 participants — were these findings included in the draft results/recommendations presented?.

However in "Your Community 2030" survey, key issues highlighted were lack of confidence in governance, council red tape and lengthy process in planning. Lack of employment opportunities, lack of support for heritage, confidence in council and the system. Then we add a very, very poor 53 per cent satisfaction survey result.

On very few occasions do any of these draft reports or council reports appear to address the above issues, and we still see week after week positions advertised by our shire for key executive or management jobs.

Surely a stable, balanced, well operating open council is the pivotal point for moving forward. Confidence in management and leadership gets the best out of a community. Not to mention the hard working council staff who have to endure these constant changes.

Since COVID, our house building numbers have seen a massive increase — that is a fantastic outcome. Has any thought been given to our huge rates or liveability and affordability of our shire? Could this issue be resolved with good management, planning and an efficient work structure?

Liveability and affordability play a key role on mental health, family behaviour and community worth.

Of late many have floated comments like this to us "we are no better off than we were before the sacking".

Just the thought of that sends shivers down our spine and sends alarm bells through anyone.

We ask council revert to open, transparent full public consultation, work according to your own policies and try to gain the belief and trust of the community. Using COVID as an excuse as to why they can not talk to the community is not adequate.

Please stay safe and think of everyone around you. Working as a community is paramount.

Wayne McKail President

Cr Liesbeth Long



Optus Tower Bealiba

What great news for Flynn Ward with Optus switching on a new tower in Bealiba as part of the Australian Government's Mobile Black Spot Program. The new Optus mobile tower will provide enhanced 4G mobile coverage to 335 premises and 45kms of major roads in the area. Staff and students at Bealiba Primary School as well as visitors enjoying recreational activities at Bealiba Reservoir will benefit from the improved network. Council advocated for this by submitting projects for black spot funding.

Courtesy
Councillor Liesbeth Long
Facebook page

The history of The Welcome Record

Our local community paper, *The Welcome Record*, is – believe it or not – 42 years old. It was in 1979 that Jock Sellers, who happens to be a cousin of Esmé Flett, and a well-known footballer, considered recording sporting events — results, team selection and information regarding match times and venues.

Thus Jock started putting out a leaflet giving out this information. The idea was taken up by a few of the town's identities who decided to incorporate it into a more comprehensive publication, giving information about the various community groups and activities.

A committee was formed which comprised Bob Raven, Ken Roberts, Jeanette Richards, Rene Fox, Anne Doran, Shirley and Bill Akers. A typewriter was borrowed from the Progress Association and the community paper took shape, known as *The Dunolly Welcome Record*. As it was not possible to produce a paper without funds Shirley Akers approached local businesses offering paid advertisements and received an excellent response amounting to \$350.

Bill Akers was on the local council at the time and was successful in procuring a grant for the paper. Typing was done at different volunteers' homes and early typists were Kaye Polinelli, Anne Doran, Jan Ford, Esmé Flett, Carolyn Butler, Faye McLeod and Connie Grice. Later Sue Culley became a full-time typist. The paper was printed at the Akers' house, using yellow paper, hence the little yellow book was born. In more recent times economics forced the change to the present-day white book.

Other well-known locals who were among the many volunteers were Vicky Frizzell, Mike Lester, Helen Jesser and many others. The paper, being the voice of the community, often served important services and a very important instance of this is the time when The Welcome Record was instrumental in saving the Dunolly hospital as the State Government proposed to close it.

Other country papers would not print any of the townspeople's articles in defence of the hospital. *The Welcome Record* was able to inform every one of the dire situation; hence hundreds came forward just in support with letters, protests in the hospital grounds, and gained publicity which travelled to government forums and our hospital is still there.

In the early days a Gestetner was used for printing and anyone who remembers those days will recall the messy, pink correction wax. The first professional printer was procured by Maurice Butler from Monash University where he had been the data processing manager. This printer was affectionately known as Pip and served its purpose for many years. This involved a friendly band of locals, known as the folders, sitting up in the Town Hall folding the paper after printing. Pip's printers were Ted Austin, Rev Tom Banfield, the Butlers, Teresa Milne and Wally.

Editors in the ensuing years included Mick and Dawn Drew, Jean Richardson who edited for 15 years and returned much later as a volunteer; then there were the Butlers, Brian and Sue Burbidge, Lyn Fry, Coral Christianson, Faye Arnold, Marion Da Costa, and most recently Sue Anderson and Marilyn Goldie and now the latest arrival, Sharron Fitzgerald.

After Pip wore himself out a new printer replaced him and finally a brand spanking new printer has just arrived which could almost be classified as a robot. His name is Ernie, and you just press a few buttons and "voila" a printed, stapled version of *The Welcome Record* is now appearing all over town.

The Welcome Record informs people of community activities, coming events, emergency situations and a variety of entertaining articles. Where would we be without it.

Story by Cynthia, Esmé and Carolyn

The Welcome Record Grants Scheme 2021

The Welcome Record invites community organisations to apply for a Grant for funding. Please submit an application letter stating the amount required and the purpose of the proposed funds and if there is a deadline.

The applications will be reviewed in due course and selected according to the greater need. Please be aware that the amount you have specified may not be the amount you receive. We have a limited amount set aside for the Grants Scheme and will allocate until that amount is exhausted.

The second round of applications can be submitted from now until Wednesday, 8th December 2021.

Send applications by email to:

welcomerecords@iinet.net.au

or drop into the door slot at *The Welcome Record* office.

TWR Team

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Paul Tangey Community
Engagement Coordinator



We're Back!

It feels good to be back at the Centre, after the boredom of lockdown! We have a really quirky space here at the Centre- it used to be the nurses' home for the hospital, so there are many funny little rooms and bathrooms tucked around corners. I felt the urge to get creative with the main living area space, so moved some furniture and artworks around in an effort to create an inviting, cosy space to relax in. The main idea is to let everyone in the community know that the Neighbourhood Centre is available to relax in over a cuppa or a book, or to play a board game or try your hand at a puzzle. Sometimes we just need to get out of the house!

Woodworking folk get creative

It's always a pleasure to poke my head in the woodworking shed- there's always an inspiring work taking shape. I'll share an update of some pieces our woodworkers have been working on, just to showcase the skills that can be picked up here. We have all manner

of equipment in the shed, including wood lathes and a band saw that are put to good use.

What's on at the Neighbourhood Centre?

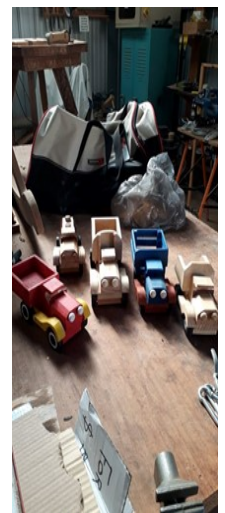
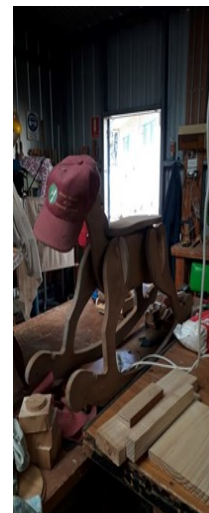
Once restrictions ease, our Tai Chi, table tennis and dancing will resume.

Walking groups, the wood work shed Tuesday mornings, Whispering Weeders garden club on the last Monday of the month, family history Tuesday afternoons, Tai Chi at the golf club (10am Tuesday and Thursday) table tennis at the golf club (Wed 9am to 12pm, 7pm to 9pm), archery (4th Sunday of the month), old-time dancing (Mondays at St. John's), craft on Wednesday from 10am and of course our wonderful Arts Hub (cnr Thompson and Alice Sts).

Keep an eye on our *Facebook* pages for updates, or drop in Monday to Thursday between 9am and 3.30pm to find out more —18 Havelock Street, beside the hospital.

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Stories from Cynthia

Everyone has or once had a Nana and Nanans are usually a big part of one's life, someone you can always turn to for help and advice. Nanans are usually the dispenser of extra treats not always allowed at home. My children had a wonderful Nana who made a big difference to their lives. She was their father's mother and lived in Bondi in Sydney, and that was a big bonus as well because we spent every summer holiday at Nana and Pop's.

Nana's name was Mildred, always known as Mil, and in the 1920s she worked as a dressmaker at a warehouse. In later years she became assistant to Diana Davey, in her exclusive boutique in Double Bay, doing all the alterations etc. Diana was well known as she was married to the famous Jack Davey, a radio star of the 40s and 50s, with the catchcry "Heigh Ho Everybody". Years later, when my children were born, Mil used to go back to Double Bay and Vaucluse, very smart suburbs, and memorise the exclusive, very expensive children's clothes, then go home and copy them for my two small girls. They were bush kids so they did cause a stir when they appeared in their glad rags.

Nana had great artistic talents and in another life she would have excelled in many creative pursuits, but as it was, Nana expended this talent in the house, often re-decorating the sunroom, re-upholstering a chair, and when the children stayed, instead of being fussy about taking care not to spill and make marks she would produce extra child-friendly covers she had made for the divans, put a big bamboo mat under the dining table and stow away the precious breakables and produce substitutes the kids could play with. The house had a fairly small back garden so Nana planted thick tropical shrubbery on all the fences, covered the clothesline with an umbrella canopy and you were whisked away to your own secret little place.

The Sydney holidays were always full of surprises and Nana would take the children to delightful spots like Parsley Bay, a lovely secluded beach with a park filled with flowering shrubs right down to the sand's edge. They also loved going over to Manly on the ferry and Circular Quay was a great place to visit. Most days it was down to Bondi for a swim and a play. Back then no one had recognised Bondi's potential so the parking was free, the shops across the esplanade were boring, every day businesses and just one rather dreary looking pub. Nowadays, there are wine bars, outdoor restaurants a luxury hotel and expensive parking.

It was a very sad day when we lost our Nana but there are many happy memories.

Cynthia Lindsay



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Central Goldfields Shire Council

An update on Council's Pool and Spa Registry

With summer fast approaching, Council is reminding property owners they must register their private pool or spa.

On 1st December 2019, new laws to improve swimming pool and spa safety came into effect in Victoria. They introduce new registration, inspection and certification requirements for property owners.

The Central Goldfields Shire Building Services department are working with our community to progress the mandatory requirement to register all pools and spas. The program aims to make pools and spas safer by undertaking checks on barriers and surroundings.

To ensure a community member has a safe and compliant pool or spa barrier, owners must:

- Register your pool with your local council by 1st November 2020.
- Organise an inspection of your pool barrier by a registered swimming pool inspector.
- Rectify any issues identified by your pool inspection.
- Submit a certificate of compliance to your council by the due date.

We encourage people who have not registered their pool or spa to get in contact with Council's building staff as soon as possible to start this process Council's General Manager Infrastructure, Assets and Planning Rebecca Stockfeld said.

"This will provide a safer environment for us all to live in, particularly our smallest community members.

Unfortunately there are also fines for those who have not registered and rectified any issues found with their pool or spa."

After owners have registered their pools, they will receive a letter from the Shire confirming the next step. This is to have the pool or spa barrier checked by a qualified building surveyor. The letter will also confirm details of when your pool or spa was constructed and the due date for lodgement of the compliance certificate.

Owners are required to engage a registered building surveyor or building inspector to inspect and certify the compliance of their safety barrier every four years. The

fee to lodge the Certificate of Compliance with the Shire has been set by the Victorian Government and is \$20.40. More information is available on the Victorian Building Authority website:

vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/safety-guides/swimming-pools
Draft Community Vision and Council

The Central Goldfields Shire Building Control Team are available on 5461 0619.

Mayoral Message

Last week we held a special meeting of Council to endorse a draft ten year Community Vision and four year Council Plan for public exhibition and community comment. A long term draft Financial Plan will follow.

One of the exciting requirements in the Local Government Act, 2020, is that these three documents be developed using deliberative engagement processes.

The benefit of deliberative engagement is it enables Council to know what our residents really think and to hear from those who might not usually have their say.

Our website "Engaging Central Goldfields" has a wide range of topics which Council has sought comments on. It enables residents to easily share their views.

We are piloting Community Conversations in Carisbrook and the active discussion on some important issues has been really encouraging.

Earlier this year we had a number of community meetings on the individual Community Plans developed for our key locations.

We use a range of community committees and task forces to provide expert advice to Council such as the recently established Maryborough Aerodrome Task Force, or where we have members of our community with particular passion in key areas such as walking and cycling.

Councillors are elected to represent their community and make key decisions which is an essential aspect of their role.

Those decisions are supported by the range of community members who share their views in so many ways. Council is always listening, and with so many opportunities, no one should feel that they cannot have their say.

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Church News

St John's Anglican Church

Rev Canon Heather Blackman
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Services are held every fourth Thursday at 10am.
The next Service will be on Thursday, 23rd September,
COVID-19 restrictions permitting.

Esmé Flett

*"Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those
who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it."*
Mark 8.35

Catholic Church

We had Mass at St Mary's Church for the first time in
several weeks. Father Flanagan said Mass as Fr. John is
away.

We were asked to pray for Christians who are being
killed for their faith in many countries.

There will be Assembly at St Mary's Dunolly on Sunday
19th September at 8.30am.

There will be Mass and Assembly only at Avoca and
Dunolly while the Covid lockdown restrictions.

R Mcreedy

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord , in the land of the
living.*

Psalm 114:1.6

Uniting Church

With the easing of restrictions in regional Victoria we
were able to worship in person last Sunday.

Next Sunday 19th September at 9.30am our worship will
be led by Pastor Miriam Darlow.

KYB will be in recess for two weeks and will resume on
Wednesday 6th October. For further details please
contact Jan Watts.

The Op Shop will be open Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday.

Linda Pickering



The Op Shop is open on
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from 10am to 4pm

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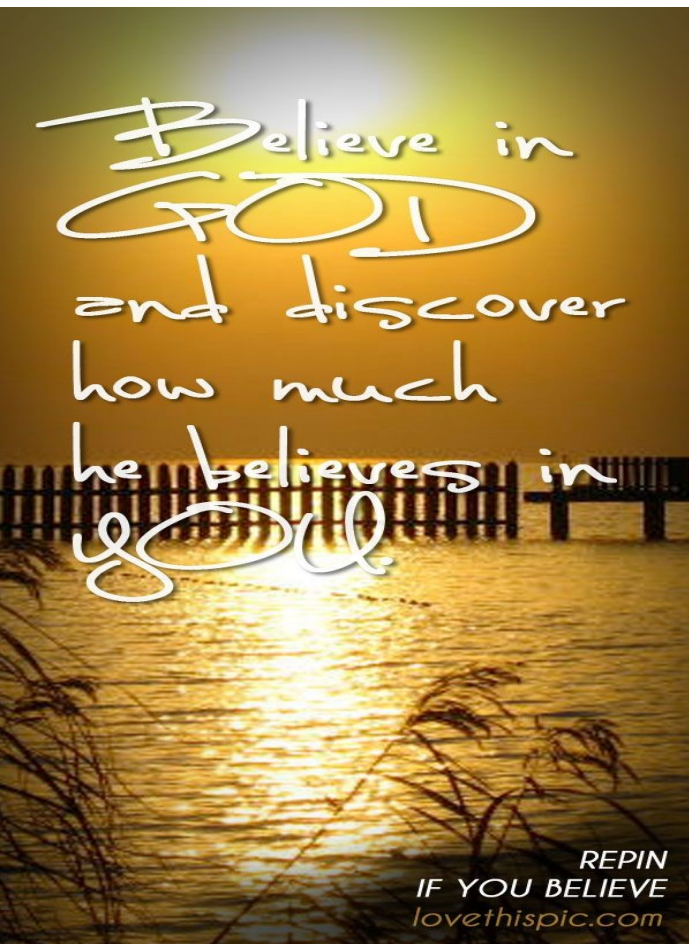
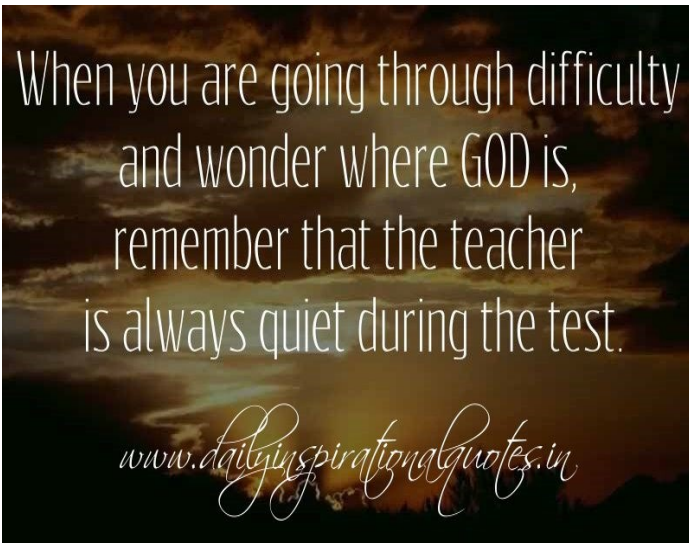
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Loddon Shire

Restrictions eased in regional Victoria

In some very welcome news, late last week saw the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in regional Victoria (excluding Greater Shepparton).

With the easing of restrictions, there is now no limit on the distance regional Victorians can travel from home. However, you can only travel to Melbourne or Greater Shepparton for a permitted reason and you must follow restrictions once you're in these areas.

The Authorised Worker list also no longer applies in the regions, meaning most businesses and venues can reopen with capacity and density limits. While office workers are able to return up to 25 per cent capacity or up to 10 people (whichever is greater), if you can work from home, you should continue to work from home.

Private gatherings in homes are not allowed, except for intimate partner or single person bubble. Public gatherings outdoors (such as a park) are permitted for up to 10 people.

Regional schools have reopened for onsite learning for Prep to Grade Two and Year 12 students who live in regional Victoria, while remote learning will remain for all other levels. Onsite supervision at schools remains available for vulnerable children and children of essential workers in all year levels.

Restaurants and cafes can reopen for seated service with patron caps. Retail, hairdressing, entertainment venues and community facilities will also open in line with density limits and patron caps. Masks will continue to be required indoors and outdoors, apart from private residences, unless an exception applies.

Council's Wedderburn office has also reopened, as has the Loddon Visitor Information Centre. Please remember to wear your mask, social distance, sanitise your hands and check in using the QR code upon entry with the Services Victoria app.

For more information regarding current restrictions, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings

Start-up Central Victoria

Aspiring and emerging entrepreneurs from across Central Victoria, including those in Loddon Shire, are invited to participate in a suite of free opportunities to grow their business ideas.

Provided by the Startup Central Victoria project, the free events and programs will see you connect with and be supported by developers, designers, established entrepreneurs and industry leaders.

Upcoming online events include an Opportunities Forum on Thursday 30 September at 6pm. The forum aims to inspire those looking for an idea for a start-up or business in Central Victoria, and to learn more about key regional opportunities.

Other upcoming online events include Hackathon from 15th to 17th October, as well as Accelerator Program from 25th October to 10th December and 14th February to 1st April 2022 (consisting of three tailored learning streams). To find out more and to register for upcoming events visit <https://startupcv.com.au/>

The Startup Central Victoria project is funded by Regional Development Victoria, led by the City of Greater Bendigo and resourced by La Trobe University's Innovation and Entrepreneurship team and partners.

Small Business Energy Saver Program

Sustainability Victoria, in partnership with the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA) are running a Small Business Energy Saver Program, aimed at helping

small businesses reduce their costs and greenhouse emissions.

The program provides small businesses with a discount that covers up to 85 per cent of the full equipment and installation cost when upgrading to more energy-efficient equipment.

The CVGA can work with you to identify which equipment your business is eligible to be upgraded. To be eligible, small businesses must have one to 19 employees (full-time equivalent) and be in a commercial (non-residential) premises.

A range of equipment upgrades are qualified for the discount, such as replacement of inefficient electric hot water systems and gas hot water systems, upgrading to efficient room reverse cycle air-conditioners, installation of energy-efficient refrigerator display cabinets, and more. For more information visit: www.cvga.org.au/business.html

Mobile coverage and broadband survey closing soon

A Victorian Government survey regarding feedback for prioritising better mobile and broadband connectivity closes this Monday 20 September.

The survey is an opportunity to have your say about connectivity issues where you live or work, and when you're out and about. It will also help the State Government to understand where mobile and broadband improvements are needed across Victoria.

The survey is part of the \$550 million Connecting Victoria program, under which the Victorian Government is fast-tracking better mobile coverage and broadband across the state.

The program will focus on getting more Victorians access to business-grade broadband and upgrading mobile coverage, improving 4G mobile coverage, helping more places become 5G ready, and improving access to safety information during bushfires and other emergencies. To find out more and take the survey visit: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/connecting-victoria>

Whats' On

Dunolly and District Field and Game Club Inc.

All visitors (both shooters and non-shooters) are welcome to attend our event.

Sunday 26th September 2021 11am to 3pm.

75 targets simulated field sporting clays.

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month (7.30pm) at the SES Shed on Broadway in Dunolly. For more information contact:

Nigel 0448 483 752 or Gordon 0428 890 908

Loddon Shire Mayoral Column
14th September 2021



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Kinder upgrade in Central Goldfields Shire

The Victorian Government is making sure young children have access to the best kinder facilities with hundreds of projects to upgrade and improve learning environments while supporting local jobs across Victoria.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, announced today that Dunolly Kindergarten has been given \$44,032 funding to upgrade amenities and refurbishments from the first round of grants in the \$30 million Building Blocks — Refurbishment and Minor Works program.

The improvements at Dunolly Kindergarten will include replacement of flooring and painting internally as well as the installation of shade sails.

In total, \$12 million worth of grants will go towards 105 projects at kinders across the state.

Forty-seven projects will receive grants of up to \$500,000 for major works and refurbishments, while 58 centres will receive grants of up to \$50,000 for minor works and refurbishments.

Funding in this round will also help boost local economies by supporting more than 180 jobs in construction and associated industries.

Building Blocks Grants is a streamlined overarching funding scheme that supports early childhood providers with new and existing infrastructure and facilities for eligible three and four-year-old kindergarten services.

For more information about Building Blocks Grants, visit: <https://schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Building-Blocks>.

In an Australian-first, the Government is investing almost \$5 billion this decade to provide three-year-old children with access to an additional year of funded kindergarten programs. From 2022, three-year-old children across the state will have access to at least five hours of kindergarten. Services will then scale up their hours to reach the full 15-hour program by 2029.

As part of the Three-Year-Old Kindergarten roll-out, the Victorian Budget 2021/22 has invested \$1.68 billion to build and expand kindergarten facilities across the state over this decade. Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford

“We know the importance of making sure early learning centres in regional Victoria are able to give our local children the best start to their early education.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for Early Childhood Ingrid Stitt. “Building the Education State starts with the early years — we are raising the condition of existing kindergartens by ensuring they are modern, safe and fit-for-purpose to give our children the best start.”

“This funding not only improves the condition of early childhood buildings, it also supports jobs and local communities across the state.”

Media Release
Jaala Pulford



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**A Community meeting will be held at The Town Hall
Thursday 23rd September at 6pm
to select committee members for vacant positions.**

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For some in our community as we grow older, two of the main things that help us remain independent and living in our own homes are the ability to look after ourselves with good nutrition and social stimulation. Many people have lost their partners and have no immediate family around them. This group of people live, largely unseen and forgotten until now. We will provide free meals at a Community location and the ability to purchase frozen meals to take home.

Trevor Read (Chair/Program Co-ordinator) 0474 846 005
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As we continue to navigate the uncertainty that COVID provides around our day to day lives, I'd like to once again take the time to sincerely thank our whole community for showing great flexibility, determination, resilience and most of all a willingness to keep trying.

Updated arrangements

We welcomed back our Prep/1 and year 2/3 classes Students in years 4-6 will remain in remote and flexible learning arrangements as they currently stand.

Please note:

No parents/carers are permitted on site. Drop off and pick up at designated gates with no congregating please.

All students are encouraged to wear masks but are not compulsory.

Students are encouraged to practise regular hand hygiene during the day.

Anyone requiring on site supervision for students in years 4-6 must complete the application online by 9am tomorrow morning.

If you need to collect your child during the day please phone the school and we will bring them out to you.

Anyone displaying any symptoms must stay at home and get tested.

Students returning on site need to remember to bring their learning materials back to school please, including laptops. Also, please return your Dental Screening form.

Thursday 16th September

Online and onsite - all students are encouraged to wear their favourite team colours.



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Prep 2022 Enrolments NOW OPEN!

Virtual orientation



Do you know someone starting school in 2022?

While we can't conduct on site tours or our Step Into Prep program at the moment give us a call and register

2021 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian pinion Survey

We want our parents/caregivers/guardians to tell us what they think!

Extended until Friday 17th September.

Currently we only have 25 percent of our families who have completed the Parent Opinion survey. We value your feedback and so if you haven't completed the survey, please check your emails and click the link to do so. It doesn't take very long.

The survey is being conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time up until the survey closes on Friday 17th September. You can access the survey on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

All parents were emailed the link to the survey on Friday 30th July, please call the school if you did not receive the link.

The survey results will be communicated to School Council and also summarized on our Facebook page and through the school newsletter. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



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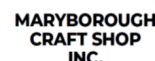
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For more information contact the Central Goldfields Art Gallery on 5461 6600 or email cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au



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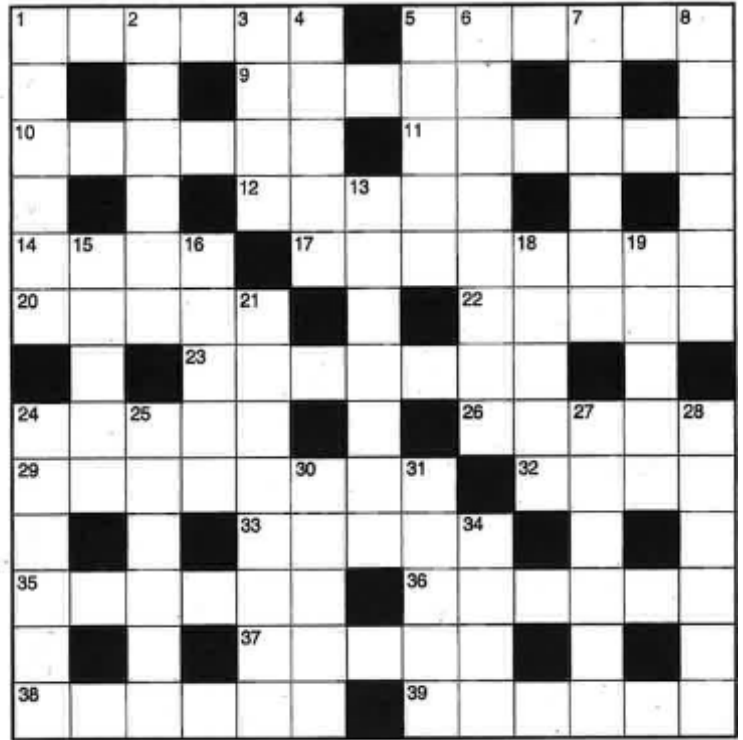
1. French artistic style that began in 1907.
5. Flexible
9. Begin computer session (3,2)
10. Wild feline with tufted ears
11. Amiable
12. Easily frightened
14. Satanic
17. Name shared by an amenity and ease in doing something
20. Western African country
22. South African-born surfing great, Wendy _____
23. Climbing orchid whose seed pods yield a food flavouring
24. U.S. actor, Tommy Lee _____

26. Noble principle
29. States, anagram of 'steamier'
32. To throw with force
33. Shocking in detail
35. English highwayman, Dick _____
36. Amount to
37. Loud hooter
38. Affluence
39. Do one's fair share, pull one's _____

Down

1. Spider's home
2. Spool on which thread is wound
3. Long narrow strip (of wood, eg.)
4. Figure in design (of wallpaper, eg.)
5. Study of principles of reasoning
6. Unsuitable for eating
7. Mettle
8. Mainland part of SE Asian country
13. Seaman
15. Acrimony
16. Large glandular body organ
18. Averse
19. Of them

21. Speak 'through the nose'
24. Clown who entertained royalty, court _____
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DUNOLLY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE AGM

The Dunolly and District Neighbourhood Centre Inc wish to advise that our AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th October at 8 pm at the Neighbourhood Centre, 18 Havelock St Dunolly.

Kath Ryan, Co-ordinator, 5468 1511

DDI AGM

Dunolly and District Inc (DDI) AGM will be held this Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 5pm in the Rene Fox Gardens. Covid rules will apply. BYO chair and coat.

Brian Phillips
President

Dunolly Field and Game Club

Dunolly Field and Game Club has had all competition shoots cancelled state-wide, but clubs are able to have practice shoots for up to 20 people plus the ground set up crew. Spectators are not allowed, but a junior shooter may have a responsible adult with them regardless of that person shooting or not. Practice shoots are for F and G members only.

At this time we don't know if restrictions will be lifted for us to have our September shoot. Anyone wanting further information can contact Nigel on 0448 483 752.

Nigel Elston
Hon. Secretary.

Has everyone seen the new stickers showing off our wonderful Dunolly?



The funds raised will go towards the running of next year's Gold Rush Festival, which sadly had to be cancelled this year due to the reality of Covid Lockdowns. However next year's event is gearing up to be fantastic.

The stickers are compact enough to fit on scooters, pushbikes, bumpers, fridges and pencil cases; and they are bright and cheerful with Dunolly, "The Heart of the Goldfields", being the theme.

The stickers are available for \$2 each and you can find them in the following businesses:

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The RTC
Nik Naks
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Welcome Record
Dunolly Museum

Gayle Boardman
DDI Member



DUNOLLY BOWLS

Always look on the bright side of life. Due to COVID lockdown dates were cancelled or changed. The Opening Day which was supposed to be held on 12th September 2021 was cancelled. Bowlers will be notified when a date has been organised.

The practise match against Avoca has been changed to 10th October 2021, Dunolly will host this event. The monthly Triples for the month of September have been cancelled.

It was decided at the committee meeting, the Opening Day will be the same day as the practise match against Avoca, roll up at 1pm.

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Dunolly FNC NEWS

Around the club

Lots of exciting things have been happening around our club in the last few weeks while we patiently sit and wait for news if our 11 and under and 13 and under netballers get their shot at the finals.

Unfortunately COVID has put a hold on the end of our season and while disappointing we start to now look forward to planning 2022.

As many have heard we are very excited to congratulate Mia Schodde on winning the Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball League (MCDNFL) 11 and under Best & Fairest for 2021 (tied with Louella Roche from Talbot).

Mia has been a wonderful strength in our 11 and under team proving she has a wonderful passion for the game keeping level headed and always supportive of her fellow team mates. It has been a big privilege to watch her play and wish her all the best for her future.

We also congratulate Isaac Scott on placing equal runners up for 13 and under Best and Fairest.

Isaac has been a dedicated player at Dunolly for a few years now and was chosen as part of the MCDNFL representative squad this year. He is a strong and talented player. We wish you all the best for your bright future Isaac.



FINAL LEADERBOARD

NAME	CLUB	TOTAL
Tegan McKay	Harcourt	28
Caleb Mountford	Maldon	21
Isaac Scott	Dunolly	21
Emily Beavis	Avoca	19
Jack Taylor-Irwin	M/Rovers	19
Lacey Broad	Royal Park	17
Naomi Henderson	Carisbrook	17



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FINAL LEADERBOARD



NAME	CLUB	TOTAL
Louella Roche	Talbot	25
Mia Schodde	Dunolly	25
Maycee Rinaldi	Harcourt	23
Ellie Clifford	Harcourt	18
Eadie Hanns	Navarre	18
Sophia Britt	Newstead	17
Rylee Hurse	Royal Park	11



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Dunolly FNC News

Football coach announcements for 2022

It is with great pleasure that the Football Department at DFNC can announce that we have selected our coaching panel for season 2022.

Let us first take this opportunity to thank the outgoing coaches of season 2021 in senior coach Jamie Townsend (who is moving into the Football Operations Manager role for 2022) and our reserves coach Hayden Steel who is stepping away from coaching due to work commitments (but hopefully still putting on the boots for season 2022) — we thank these boys for their commitment since they took on the respective roles from 2019. Their dedication to our club and community has helped us build a fantastic club to be part of. Thank you boys.

Senior coaches

We are rapt to announce the signings of 2 quality young footballers into the senior coaching role in Bailey Goodwin and Rhys Brown — having met with both guys over the last couple of weeks, they have great leadership qualities, with a firm vision for what they want to get out of the playing group while working with the committees vision for the future and will be a massive coup for our club for season 2022. A word from the boys themselves.

Bailey: I want to see the club move forward on and off the field and give the club and the town the feeling of success. I want our off-field demeanour to be as strong as the performances we put together on the field.

Rhys: My main goal as senior co-coach next season is

to maintain a winning attitude both on and off the field, with the balance of existing players and new exciting recruits, we are well on our way.

Recruiting is well underway with some exciting names having already signed on the dotted line for season 2022. The club can't wait to announce some of these in the coming weeks ahead of the start of our pre season.

Reserves Coach

In further positive news we welcome the signing of reserves captain Andrew Bearpark into the reserves coaching role. "Beary" has been a well-respected leader on and off the pitch since joining the club and will be a massive asset in filling the boots Steely has left with positive foundations in place for season 2022. We can't think of anyone better within the club to take over the reserves coaching gig!

14.5 and under Coach

Stepping into the role (and continuing the important development of our juniors) is Hayden Wellard - Haydo has become a stalwart of the club and a well respected leader on and off the field. We're rapt that Haydo is continuing in this role to create the next line of superstars coming out of the junior footballing department. And for the club to have a 14.5 and under team again is going to add some fantastic game day energy.

Our Netball Department are getting ready to make their announcements soon so keep your eye in the Welcome Record and on our Facebook page for those soon. Exciting times ahead at our great club.

Sam Wakeman President DFNC



2022 SENIOR CO-COACHES

BAILEY GOODWIN & RHYS BROWN

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TRANSFER FROM:
BOORT FNC



2022 RESERVES COACH

ANDREW BEARPARK

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DUNOLLY FNC

1ST YEAR AS
RESERVES COACH



2022 UNDER 14'S COACH

HAYDEN WELLARD

8TH YEAR PLAYER WITH
DUNOLLY FNC

4TH YEAR AS
JUNIORS COACH

Dunolly projects move forward



Dunolly Dump Point

The new public dump point in Dunolly is nearing completion — all it needs is lighting a fence and signage.

The new dump point is located in the Dunolly Caravan Park with public access via Maude Street. The new dump point will help increase tourism by encouraging caravanners and campervans to visit the area.

New Footpaths

The new, 300 metre stretch of footpath will be constructed along Bull Street, between Market and Havelock Streets. The footpath will provide a connection to the entrance of the Dunolly Hospital. The project includes footpath renewal, pedestrian crossings at intersections, and drainage works. Council will invest \$400,000 in new footpaths in Maryborough and Dunolly in the next financial year. For the full list of locations visit :

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/footpaths

Story courtesy of Central Goldfields Shire Council
Facebook page

Photo By Jan Brock



Karate Club

A \$160,000 fitness training centre in Dunolly has received a planning permit, with a building permit now being pursued for the facility which is expected to become a central Victorian hub for karate.

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 centre.

The Central Goldfields Shire Council issued a planning permit for the facility itself proposing a maximum capacity of 150 people at any one time, with the centre to be open from 12 noon until 10 pm weekdays and 9 am until 12 pm on Saturdays.

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