

Dunolly's dangerous corner strikes again



Once again, the corner of Broadway and Thompson streets, which is perceived by many to be the most dangerous in Dunolly, has lived up to its reputation, with a two-vehicle accident occurring last Monday afternoon.

On this occasion, as with others, there were many community members who thankfully rushed to the site and telephoned the police and emergency services, assisting where they could in the meantime and giving comfort to the drivers.

This time there was no truck involved, but people have observed on numerous occasions, grain and other trucks taking the corner too widely and blocking traffic. Visibility on the corner can be an issue and people can attest to the fact that there have been many near misses, prompting them to use the well-worn statement "that is an accident waiting to happen!"

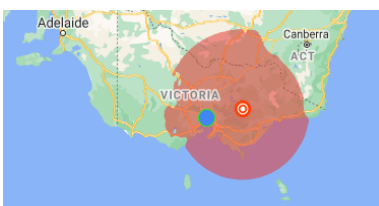
The trauma experienced by the drivers and passengers involved, not to mention to the emergency service

personnel, who are always on call, as well as all of their families, is unfortunately something they have to live with afterwards. The community, however, continues to be conscious that it is only a matter of time before an even worse situation occurs, resulting in a fatality.

Those of us who happened to be in the vicinity at the time realised first-hand the impact it had on the drivers in particular and we hope they recover as best as they can from any injuries and shock. Thanks of course, must go to the wonderful emergency service workers, who took control of the situation when they arrived.

Hopefully, if someone such as a local committee or group of individuals wish to take up the matter of providing some solution relating to this dangerous corner with VicRoads, Council and any other relevant authorities, we are sure you would receive a great deal of community support.

Jenny Scott



Did you feel it??

At 9.16am today, Wednesday 22nd September 2021, an earth tremor shook our little town. Here it was very minor with just a little vibration and some swinging lights, but in Mansfield, the epicentre, it lasted for three minutes and was rather frightening for those involved. According to experts, our district is on a Teutonic plate, and when these plates shift, an earth tremor is the result. The tremor was felt as far afield as

Launceston in Tasmania. Fortunately it was not a full-blown earthquake which could have been quite devastating. Thankfully we are all safe.

Susan Anderson

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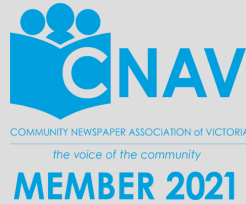
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Open road, open sky (sometime soon). It must be a relief to those who have really been locked down to see some light in the future.

Carol was kind enough to drive me to Ballarat for an appointment. I find that city confusing if I need to go to a strange address. I was able to show her the elderly couple apparently having a picnic at a table in a paddock near Talbot. The first time I saw them it was a dreadful day, and for a few seconds I thought they were real. Of course not, but it is something to watch out for.

Carol used her Satnav to find where we were going. That was fun. It took us to North Ballarat by a very scenic route. At one stage we thought we might end up in Geelong. But no, it delivered us to the door avoiding the centre of the city and lights. We came home by a more direct route.

On the way to Bendigo on Thursday, I had just driven on to the highway near the mohair farm when I glanced to the left. For a moment I thought one of those small trees with a bare trunk and bushy top had moved. A startled second look revealed an emu strolling across the paddock. Never seen an emu there before. By the way, all this took a nano-second and there was no traffic. I could not see it on the way back.

Love the photo of TWR committee in last week's paper. We look like a group of grannie gangsters ready for our next heist.

This year really is disappearing fast — I wrote an appointment for November on my calendar the other day.

Rosie

THE BEACH FAIRIES

These populous fairies of the beach have a marvellous ability to spirit away anything of value the instant it is dropped on the sand. They are most effective with car keys, house keys, coins and precious jewellery. Their presence is evidenced by large areas of disturbed sand where people have searched in vain for such items.

TWISTED PROVERBS

Don't count your chickens before they cross the road.

Charles A Belowe

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.

Applications can be submitted 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.

Stories from Cynthia



It all started over a discussion at a dinner party with a close-knit group of friends in 1974. Someone came up with the idea of starting a market in our town of St. Andrews; more a bush hamlet than a town, with only a pub, general store, a school and later a bakery and craft shop next to the pub. Across the road from the pub was the community hall, and beside it the police paddock, where in earlier times police horses were tethered or stabled. The idea was to have an open-air market selling only homemade and home-grown goods and handcrafted wares, nothing commercial and no pets. There were little reserves in the area where native animals had their habitats, so needed to be protected. The idea of a market would provide a place for people to meet as well as to stock up on their weekly needs.

Among our group were artists and craftspeople and musicians, plus some who grew plentiful home produce, plants and homemade pickles and jams. Thus we had a good start. The hall stood on a sizeable area of land, ideal for an open-air market, so we applied to the council to use it and were accepted free of charge. Now we were up and running, we decided on holding our market on Saturday mornings, every week, with an early start and folding up at lunchtime. The local populace comprised an eclectic group of people, ranging from professional people, to musicians, artists and hippies, so that meant our market was always vibrant and colourful. The committee members, some of whom had their own stalls, took it in turn to arrive early to direct stall holders to designated spots and then police the area during the course of the morning. The market became popular from the first day and rapidly grew.

New rules had to be made when different and more unusual items started to appear; for example secondhand clothes which had to be seen to be clean

and wearable. A health officer made regular visits and the stipulation was that these garments must be washed or dry-cleaned carrying a label to that effect. Similarly, food handlers and coffee dispensers must wear clean aprons or shirts, not woolly jumpers, and utensils all covered etc., so we always made sure things were up to scratch. The hall had a small kitchen with hot water and there were toilets behind it. There were always casual musicians playing and hippies dancing in filmy net skirts. There was also a sausage sizzle and healthy stalls with falafel and tofu and vegie juices. The chai tent was popular with the young hippies who would sit on mats, drinking different flavours of chai and trying to change the world.

As the market wound down, people would wander over to the pub for lunch and a cold beer. One funny incident I remember was a day when Toby, our sausage and cold meat man, used to raffle any leftovers at the pub. This day he approached a group of young hippies on the pub verandah but they declined a ticket as one of the lads said, "Sorry, man, we're all vegetarian". "Well," said Toby, "So was the cow!"

Every year in February, we used to have a market birthday and an auction to raise money to pay our insurance as we had decided not to charge for the stalls. We always put on a champagne breakfast on that day and then the stallholders would donate an item for the auction and they were always very generous, so we never had any financial worries.

The St Andrews market is still going, after nearly 50 years, bigger than ever, but I could never say better because ours started in such a friendly, close-knit way, comprising mostly locals and became the highlight of our week.

Since then, outdoor markets have sprung up everywhere, but ours was the first.

Cynthia Lindsay



Silver Princess Eucalyptus tree



"Eucalyptus caesia, commonly known as *caesia* or *gungurru*, is a species of Mallee that is endemic to the south-west of Western Australia. It has smooth reddish brown bark at first, later shedding in curling flakes, lance-shaped, sometimes curved adult leaves, club-shaped flower buds covered with a waxy, bluish white bloom, pink stamens with yellow anthers and urn-shaped fruit."

Photo from *Pinterest*

The above is an abridged version, but there is so much more to my favourite tree. It is a smallish gum that can be sculptured to suit the size of any garden. Usually multi-stemmed, it doesn't shed a lot of leaves or bark and is hardy. Whilst growing its branches, leaves, flowers and mature nuts are colourful and interesting. It appears spindly initially, but as the branches strengthen they develop a drooping nature. The new growth is covered in a silvery powder, hence its name, and it is attractive against the foliage. This is where the new buds and flowers develop, and as the buds swell their hue changes from green to shades of red, growing in clusters, swelling until the caps pop off to reveal the blossoms.

The flowers hang downwards toward the ground and look like miniature ballet tutus in an intense pink shade, and last a remarkable period. These flowers are very attractive to nectar feeding birds which requires them to perform acrobatics to achieve this. As the nuts mature they remain on the tree, their weight pulling the branches downward, looking like cascading bells. At some point the only maintenance which is required is to prune the older branches holding the nuts as they are remarkably heavy. This done, the tree springs back to its original shape ready for the next season. These branches and nuts are very sculptural and valued by florists in their bouquets. The Silver Princess eucalypt is a long-living tree and attractive through every season.

Helen Jesser

Babies in Spring

Babies seem to be in the process at different stages of arrival heralding Spring. I was walking the dog and stopped to speak to a neighbour and in her garden was quite a commotion. She said that the birds had blue on their faces and I confidently said "Oh yes, that will be the Blue Faced Miner". They usually travel in groups and like to make their presence felt with noisy chatter.

When I was returning past her place again, in a Peppercorn tree, clutching to a branch, sat three fluffy, but well-feathered baby miners. They didn't have the blue markings but had the same other adult colours, and the protective noise carry-on by the parents was evident. Unfortunately it was one of those rough, blustery days so I hoped they remained safe and well. When I checked my bird books I was surprised to find they are referred to as Blue Faced Honeyeater although appear catalogued under the Miner group. Their nests are similar to their personalities; a hastily-made, scrubby affair placed high in a tree on outer branches. Or they will use other birds' old nests with two to three eggs that are a pale pinkish colour with brownish spots. If we take the time we can learn something every day from nature.

Helen Jesser



Photos from *bestbirdphotos.com* and *mdahlem.net*





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BBQ Safety

This grand final weekend, if you plan on using your BBQ, follow these three steps do it safely.



No bubbles, no troubles!

ENSURE THE GAS HOSE INTO THE BBQ HAS NOT PERISHED, AND THAT CONNECTIONS ARE TIGHT. CHECK FOR LEAKS WITH SOAPY WATER.



REGULARLY CLEAN YOUR BBQ OF GREASE AND FAT BUILD-UP INCLUDING THE DRIP TRAY.



What’s on at the Neighbourhood Centre?

All our activities depend on the current COVID situation. Our Whispering Weeders are on hold at present, due to the disappointment of constant cancellations.

Walking groups, the woodwork shed Tuesday mornings, Whispering Weeders garden club on the last Monday of the month, family history Tuesday afternoons, Tai Chi at the golf club (Tues & Thur 10am) 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 (corner Thompson and Alice Streets).

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



Kath Ryan, Co-ordinator
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Archery

Archery has been cancelled yet again due to COVID restrictions.

Below are photos from our previous shoot.

Archers enjoying themselves, and Andy taking aim.



Tai Chi at the Golf Club

We are fortunate to have real expertise in our town. Jason Stewart, our Tai Chi instructor, has over 30 years experience in Tai Chi and Chinese martial arts.

The style of Tai Chi Jason teaches is called “Yang”, a gentle form which is suitable for beginners, as the movements are gentle and the pace is slow and continuous.

Classes are \$7 and are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 11am at the Golf Club on Short Street near Stuart Mill Road.



**President’s Report
Dunolly and District Inc**

The Dunolly and District Inc. had the annual general meeting in Rene Fox Gardens on Wednesday 15th September, 2021.

With all positions declared vacant, our guest Ian Arnold held the elections. The results are, President Brian Phillips; Secretary John Tully; Treasurer Gayle Boardman; Vice President Rod Stuart and Assistant Secretary is Thea Hillier. It was a chilly evening so the meeting was short. We are pleased to have Dunolly stickers available from many of our local shops for \$2 each. We would like to congratulate the Central Goldfields Shire for the completion of the much awaited Dump Point at the caravan park, accessible from Maude Street.

Our Australia Day 2022 celebrations look like they will be even bigger and better than last year. The Committee has been in touch with the Dunolly Primary School, to ask for the students to sing our national anthem and some other songs. We have approached some local musicians to form a backing band if required. Watch out for a display of some snazzy cars and bikes.

With the disappointment of not being able to have our Dunolly Gold Rush Festival this year due to COVID issues, we are seeking suggestions from our community to make it a great success next year. Our email address is dunollydistrictinc@gmail.com.

The next meeting will be at the Railway Hotel on Wednesday 13th October at 5pm if possible. Everyone is welcome.

Brian Phillips, President

Central Goldfields Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc

Goodness me, the 36th report of the year! Dare we say it? Christmas is just around the corner.

Of late we have been critical of selection and topics regarding the Draft Community 10 year plan and the Council Plan. Just last week the council announced the policy regarding both the aforementioned plans will be placed for open public inspection and comment at four venues around our shire.

Notification of dates and venues as follows — <https://bit.ly/3ID7pFw>

To get the plans to this stage we have to acknowledge the amount of work, time and resources which have gone into them. Any issues we raise are not a slur on those who participated in or ran these workshops to achieve this result. We would like to thank all of those people. Looking forward to seeing the public display of the presentation of the draft.

Just last week Cr Meddows-Taylor stated later there will be a financial report tabled in alignment with these two draft policies. We would have thought the financial report would be imperative to ascertain the projected funding to be a key indicator as to size of development the future plans could incorporate. So to this stage other than the concern of the future plan being compiled without a financial indicator, we will commend the efforts of all.

It is now the “wait and see” game after the public meetings planned in late September and early October; what the council and councillors do decide, or if any community input will be incorporated into this plan. Please take into consideration the draft plans thus far have been a nearly two-year process involving many people, and the latest instalment is added by five meetings of 18 council hand-picked community delegates; the fifth meeting still to be held. Can you believe a 10 year plan now heading into its third year of planning?

Last week a council representative announced council will be piloting community conversations. This is another term for public consultations which council have been avoiding for the past three years. The council representative then went on to state that previous public meeting had been held and the outcome was encouraging.

Whatever form of consultation used, the councillors and council then compile all information and present the final plan. With this we must rely on council and councillors

integrity, commitment to the community, their professionalism and their experience for this last stage result.

Just last week on our Ratepayers Facebook page www.facebook.com/cgoldratepayers group administrators placed a thread about the Optus tower and blackspot issues. On this thread Cr Meddows-Taylor contributed to the discussion. We thank Cr Meddows-Taylor for this, and we also welcome all residents and ratepayers, plus councillors and council representatives to contribute to any thread in our page. Cr Meddows-Taylor was asked questions by three different contributors to that thread. We went into the thread the following morning to find all of Cr Meddows-Taylor's contributions deleted from that thread (not by administrators) and no excuse, nor reason. On 19th September, three days after the incident, Mr Meddows-Taylor contacted CGR&RAI stating “although I can't recall specifics. Where they are I have no idea and I certainly have not deleted them.” We thank Mr Meddows Taylor for this.

It now raises a few questions as to how secure is his internet, who actually deleted the comments, why was he using his personal Facebook account to discuss council issues and also the transparency and processes around council representative using their own Internet to discuss council issues?

This was similar to what we saw in the social media behaviour of one of the previous administrators. The previous administrator's behaviour was reported to the local council minister, the ombudsman and local council officer and action taken against that specific administrator. Are our councillors heading down that very same path? This is not the professionalism we would expect of any elected representative, let alone a person holding the honourable position of Mayor. We hope this behaviour ceases immediately.

With the issue of COVID still around and may be around for a little while longer, we can only ask that we all adhere to regulations and do the right thing to get us, as a community, through these very difficult times. Elections shortly, then we can make our opinions felt. Until then we must support each other. Working together — please stay safe.

Wayne McKail, President



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Saturday and Sunday Closed

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Central Goldfields Shire Council

Draft Community Vision and Council Plan

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide input into our Shaping Central Goldfields project over the past few months.

We have taken your feedback and developed the Draft Community Vision and Draft Council Plan. We'd love you to take the time to review these draft strategic documents. They'll guide the future of our Shire for the next four years and beyond so it's important we have them right.

To discuss the draft documents, join us at one of our in-person feedback sessions:

- Monday 27th September, 6.30 to 8.30pm
Talbot ANA Hall, 15 Ballarat Street.
- Wednesday 29th September, 6.30 to 8.30pm
Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall, Urquhart Street.
- Thursday 30th September, 6.30 to 8.30pm
Dunolly Town Hall, Broadway.
- Monday 4th October, 6.30 to 8.30pm
Maryborough Community Hub, Room 1, 48 Burns Street.
- Thursday 7th October, 6.30 to 8.30pm
Bealiba Town Hall, Main Street.

The above face-to-face sessions are subject to COVID-19 restrictions and due to COVID-19 safety regulations, community members can book online via the below web address.

To view the draft documents, provide feedback online, or register for one of our in-person feedback sessions visit: www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au.shapingcentralgoldfields
Feedback closes Friday 8 October.

New phone tower in Bealiba

The new Optus Blackspot Tower was switched on in Bealiba last week. The project is thanks to the Australian Government's Mobile Black Spot Program.

The Optus mobile tower will provide enhanced mobile coverage to 335 premises and 45kms of major roads in the area.

Staff and students at the Bealiba Primary School, as well as visitors enjoying recreational activities at Bealiba Reservoir, will benefit from the improved network.

Council advocated for this funding by submitting projects to the Black Spot Funding program.

New footpath underway in Dunolly

Works have commenced on a new footpath in Dunolly this week.

The new, 300 metre stretch of footpath will be constructed along Bull Street, between Market Street and Havelock Street.

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. The project is funded as part of the 2021-2022 Council Budget and is expected to take six to eight weeks to complete — weather dependent.

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

Calling all local artists

Submissions are now open for the 2021 Community Arts Exhibition.

Central Goldfields Shire and Avoca residents may enter in artwork of any media such as paintings, sketches, textiles, digital work, ceramics, sculptures, miniatures and

woodwork. To download an entry form, visit: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/exhibitionsandevents

School holiday program

For a full list of school holiday activities hosted by the Central Goldfields Art Gallery, Maryborough Regional Library and Central Goldfields Youth team visit

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram

To find out how you can register your pool or spa, visit: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/poolsandspas

Weed management spraying underway

Weed management control spraying is underway across the Shire for the next two weeks.

The work is being carried out by a Council contractor, Landlinks Environmental Services and involves the spraying of our drains and reserves for various weeds.

We want to hear from you —

Domestic Animal Management Plan

Council is inviting input into the development of its Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021 – 2025.

The Domestic Animal Management Plan outlines how Council will create a harmonious relationship between pets, people, other animals and the environment.

It details how Council will provide services and programs to manage dog and cat issues to balance the wellbeing and management of pets, with the needs of the wider community.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor said with around 2191 dog and 683 cats registered in the Shire this is a plan which affects not only pet owners but the wider community.

"Pets are an important part of our community and we want to make sure we develop a plan that balances the wellbeing and management of pets with the needs of the wider community. The plan is important because it outlines how Council will oversee a range of issues including noise complaints, responsibilities of pet owners, the supervision of restricted dog breeds, microchipping and animal registrations and ensuring animals are properly contained on properties. We want our community to tell us what areas are important to them so that we can develop a plan that reflects the needs and wants of our community."

Maryborough Veterinary Practice spokesperson said similar to what is happening on an international scale, the Maryborough Veterinary Practice has seen a 20 per cent increase in demand of their services since COVID.

"The Domestic Animal Management Plan provides an opportunity for us to proactively engage with Council to discuss issues about dogs and cats in the community."

Community feedback is invited until 5pm, Thursday 30th September, 2021 and can be provided online at www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/dogsandcats

Feedback can also be emailed to Council's Compliance Coordinator Mark Jennings at:

mark.jennings@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or by calling 0419 016 365.

Residents who participate in the online survey will go in the running to win a pet grooming voucher.

Under Section 68A of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 each Victorian Council is required to prepare a Domestic Animal Management Plan at the end of each four-year period.



MAYORAL COLUMN



New Chief Executive Officer appointed

Council has appointed Lincoln Fitzgerald as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at a Special Council Meeting today. Lincoln will commence in the role at Loddon Shire on 1st November 2021. I'd like to welcome Lincoln to Loddon Shire Council. Council looks forward to working with Lincoln, particularly as Council prepares to embark on its new Council Plan, which

guides Council's priorities over the next four years. Lincoln comes to Council with a wealth of experience in Local Government, coming to us from the City of Greater Bendigo and having previously worked for Mount Alexander Shire Council. Lincoln's current role is Manager, Active and Healthy Lifestyles at the City of Greater Bendigo, and he previously held the role of Manager, Property Services. Lincoln's career has focused on building, leading and managing diverse teams and large businesses in the region and overseas. I'd also like to thank Acting CEO Jude Holt for her work in the role – including her highly effective leadership during these past months – while the recruitment process for a new CEO was underway. Ms Holt will be finishing in her role on 31st October 2021.

Roadmap launched

On Sunday the Victorian Premier launched the Roadmap to Deliver the National Plan, detailing the steps to open up Victoria. As outlined by the Victorian Government, the Roadmap is based on modelling from the Burnet Institute and is set against COVID-19 thresholds including hospitalisation rates, and vaccination targets set out in the National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response.

The Roadmap outlines the step-by-step easing of restrictions once certain vaccination thresholds are reached (80 per cent single dose, 70 per cent fully vaccinated and 80 per cent fully vaccinated). This easing will depend on public health advice and health system capacity.

There are separate restrictions outlined for regional Victoria, until the state reaches a rate of 80 per cent fully vaccinated, where regional Victoria and Metro Melbourne will come together under the same rules. This is indicated to occur on 5th November 2021.

More details regarding the Roadmap – including indicative dates for easing of restrictions – can be found at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorias-roadmap

Farmers urged to have a plan

Agriculture Victoria is urging farmers to have a plan in place to protect their farm business from the impacts of COVID-19. The department says it's important that COVIDSafe Plans are up-to-date and that farmers have a plan for how their business would cope if they or one of their workers needed to self-isolate.

According to Agriculture Victoria, this is particularly important with the grains and horticulture harvest seasons approaching, and avoiding untimely disruptions to farm operations.

Dairy farmers and livestock producers also need to consider if they become unwell, how milking would continue and how animals will be cared for. As an "authorised workplace", farm businesses can continue to operate during the current restrictions. However, businesses should continue to implement the six principles of COVIDSafe workplaces to protect themselves and their workers, and to reduce the risk of COVID-19 impacting their business.

Measures such as maintaining physical distancing, practising good hygiene, keeping records and creating workforce bubbles will help to keep farmers and farm workers safe, and the business to keep operating. Details about the six principles of COVIDSafe workplaces can be found at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Farmers and farm workers needing to travel, including interstate, should make sure they have their required travel and authorised worker permits before they leave home.

Information about the Victorian Travel Permit System can be found at: www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-travel-permit-system

AgTech Entrepreneurs Initiative

The Victorian Government has launched the \$2.2 million Victorian AgTech Entrepreneurs Initiative, a partnership between Agriculture Victoria and the startup agency LaunchVic. The initiative will support the development and adoption of new technology that can help improve farm productivity and grow agriculture industries.

The Victorian AgTech Entrepreneurs Initiative will provide eligible organisations with grants of up to \$600,000 to run pre-accelerator programs, which provide support for early-stage startup founders who need help developing their product, honing their business model and connecting with investors.

Victoria's AgTech sector will be further strengthened by a series of regional events to connect industry, farmers, researchers and aspiring founders at each of Agriculture Victoria's regional SmartFarms.

The initiative is part of the \$15 million AgTech Regional Innovation Network funded through the Victorian Government's 10-year Agriculture Strategy.

Eligible organisations with the capability to run a Victorian AgTech pre-accelerator program are encouraged to apply now for this initiative.

Applications close on 27th October 2021. For more information or to apply, visit <https://launchvic.org/agtech>

**"The way I see it,
if you want the
rainbow, you
gotta put up with
the rain."**

—DOLLY PARTON—

Church News

St John's Anglican Church

St John's Anglican Church
 Rev Canon Heather Blackman
 Parish Office, 6 Nightingale Street,
 Maryborough. Phone 5460 5964

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

Esmé Flett



Catholic Church

There will be Mass at St Mary's Dunolly on Sunday 26th September at 8.30am.

R . Mecedry

"The great acts of love are done by those who are habitually performing small acts of kindness."

No accreditation for this quote

Uniting Church

Jan Watts will lead worship on Sunday 26th September at 9.30am.

Op Shop is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

Linda Pickering

Make an appointment for COVID-19 testing in Maryborough

As health services face an increase in demand for COVID-19 testing, Maryborough District Health Service (MDHS) is reminding people they need to book ahead for testing in Maryborough.

The health service operates a drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic by appointment only on Florence Lane.

MDHS has extended operating hours at the clinic due to an increase in demand for testing with a growing number of exposure sites across the region.

"If you need to get tested for COVID-19, please phone ahead to make an appointment by calling 5461 0300," said Heather Blazko, Operations Manager Maryborough, MDHS. "We are aware that some people have been unable to get straight through on the phone, so please be patient and keep trying. Our staff are doing their best to deal with the large volume of calls and an increase in demand for testing at this time."

If you have been to a Tier 1 or a Tier 2 exposure site, you must get tested and isolate at home. Follow the instructions for the specific exposure site.

People who need a COVID test at other testing sites can register their details on Victorian Government's COVID Test Tracker. For more information visit:

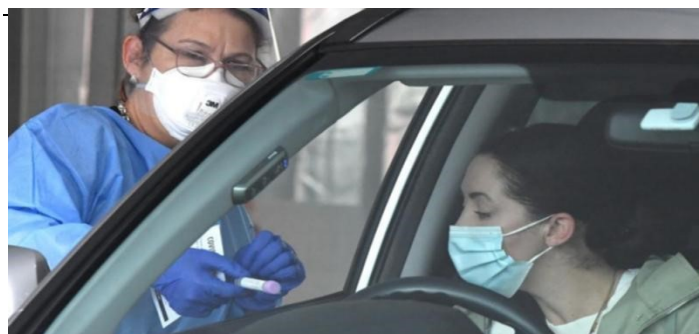
www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19

For more information on testing and vaccination at MDHS visit: www.mdhs.vic.gov.au

MDHS tips for drive-through testing:

- Drive slowly as you enter.
- Look out for other traffic and pedestrians, including ambulances.
- Park in a bay and remain in your car.
- Wait until you receive notification from a staff member.
- Leave your facemask on until test commences
- Return home immediately after your test
- Stay home until you receive your test results.

MDHS Media Release



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Red Cross acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, their ancestors and Elders, past and present.

As people continue to suffer the mental health effects of the pandemic Red Cross is reminding readers there are things they can do now to regain a sense of control, and prepare for the inevitable disasters ahead.

New research by Australian Red Cross has found that two in five Australians' mental health has been hit by COVID, and a similar number say they feel less hopeful about the future. Some 37 per cent feel less secure and safe.

This week our annual campaign is to encourage people to prepare for disasters, as the better prepared people are, the better their experience when a disaster hits. Better preparation also leads to a better recovery.

There are excellent resources on the Red Cross website www.redcross.org.au/prepare including steps to create your own emergency plan, to download the Red Cross Get Prepared App, a survival kit, emergency contacts list, keepsake list, information to help manage stress and more.

With disaster season almost upon us, we strongly encourage people to start thinking now about how they will manage. Your mental health will be better for it.

Sue Cunningham

Director Australian Red Cross, Victoria





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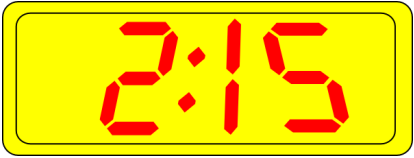
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Around school this week

END OF TERM



We have reached the close of another term of onsite learning, remote learning and constant change for the young people around us. I'd like to acknowledge the fabulous effort of the students during all of this. Some have thrived, some have done what was needed, others just going through the motions and some struggled with many aspects. Thank you for engaging with the staff to try and make it work the best we could. I'm sure it goes without saying, but enjoy a well-earned break over the holidays. Encourage the kids to read books and be outside as much as you can, enjoying the discovery of new local places of wonder!

Paper Mache Workshops with Judy and Tenar

Wednesday 29 September 2021
Ages 6–16 welcome

WORKSHOP 1:
10:00am to 12 noon
OR
WORKSHOP 2:
1:30pm to 3:30pm

Learn how to make your own paper mache animal with local artists Judy Meldrum and Tenar Dwyer. Judy and Tenar will show children how it's done and guide them through the process.

\$3.00 per participant per session*

VENUE: Phillips Gardens, Maryborough, weather permitting.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
To book contact the Gallery on 5461 6600 or 0438 367094 or email cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or go to <https://linktr.ee/CGArtGallery>

* Please contact the Gallery and speak to our friendly staff if the cost is an issue.




Image: Tenar Dwyer, Love Bunny Paper mache, 2021 (detail).




Central Goldfields Art Gallery is situated on the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung and pays respect to elders past, present and emerging.

We had a visit this week from Win News who interviewed Katie and some Year 5/6 students about our Defibrillator which was kindly donated by the Maldon and District Community Bank. If you missed the news on Tuesday you can still watch it on our [Facebook page](#).





2021 Parent/ Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

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We still only have 25% 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

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



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Sawn off rifle among items seized

Goldfields Crime Investigation Unit detectives and Maryborough uniform police have arrested a man after executing a firearms search warrant at an address in Dunolly. Police searched the home on Wednesday, 15th September and located a sawn off .22 rifle with a scope, a homemade firearm, a crossbow, ammunition and two sling shots.

A 40-year-old man was arrested and later charged with a series of offences, including possessing a trafficable quantity of firearms, possessing a handgun, a category A firearm and prohibited weapon, hindering police and resisting arrest.

He faced Maryborough Magistrates' Court last Thursday and was bailed to reappear before the Bendigo Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, 8th December, 2021.

Bendigo Investigation and Response Manager Inspector, Daniel Davison, said illegal and unregistered firearms are a key part of a number of serious crimes across Victoria.

"Members of the community in possession of illegal and unregistered firearms now have no excuses for holding these dangerous items with a permanent national firearms amnesty in place," he said.

'To all those people, now is the time to make the right call and surrender any unwanted or illegal firearms to your nearest firearms dealer on your own terms.

"Police will continue to target those members of the public who flout the law and put the community at risk."

The arrest comes months after the permanent national firearms amnesty was launched on 1st July 2021, giving Australians the opportunity to anonymously surrender any illegal or unregistered firearms, parts or ammunition in their possession without fear of prosecution.

Victoria Police is strongly advising members of the public

not to surrender these items at police stations, but rather take them to their nearest licensed firearm dealer where destruction or registration can be arranged, provided the individual is appropriately licensed.

If it is impractical for someone to surrender at their nearest licensed firearm dealer, they must call their local police station to organise the conditions surrounding the surrender of the firearm or associated item ahead of any attendance at a police station.

More information about the National Firearms Amnesty can be found online at www.crimestoppers.com.au.

Anyone who has information about the possession of illegal or unregistered firearms is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1300 333 000.

Courtesy, *The Maryborough Advertiser*



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Trevor Read (Chair/Program Co-ordinator) 0474 846 005
Rosemary Hiatt (Secretary) 0403 563 200

Treasures from the Dunolly Museum

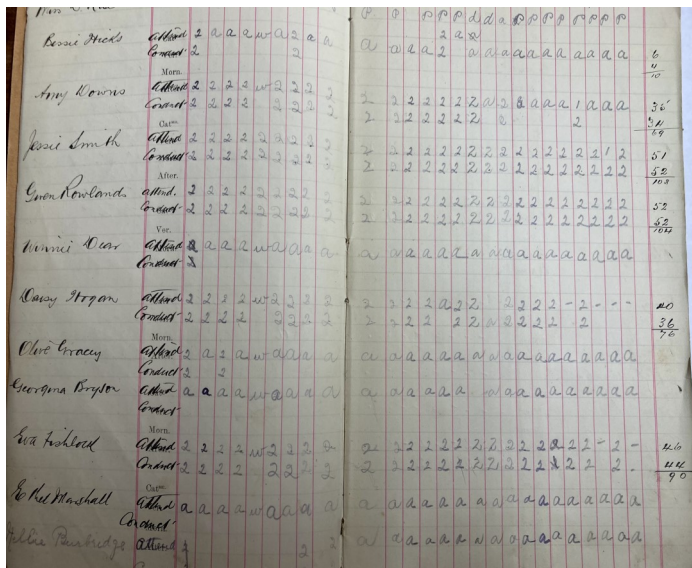
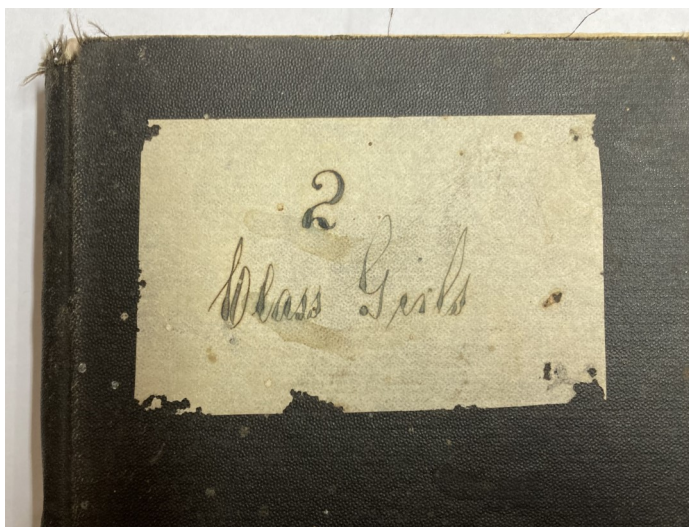
Some years ago, I picked up a little book at a garage sale. I read the inscriptions and lists inside and as it was found in the area, I had some vague thoughts that it might have related to Dunolly, especially as I recognised some family names. It had obviously been used for other purposes over the years, but its main content appeared fairly old. Anyway, I stashed it away in my bookshelf and didn't give it much thought for a long time. Later on, as I was volunteering at the Museum at the time, I decided to donate it, as I was never going to find time to conduct the investigation as to its origin.

Giving it scarcely a thought in the ensuing couple of years, I was surprised recently, when John Tully announced that he had tracked its history and it certainly had come from Dunolly.

The process he explained, necessarily detailed much detective work on his part. Firstly he had determined that the entries were made on one particular day of the week, which led him to believe that they were from a Sunday School. Following that, he had to look at the dates on the calendar and periods where it was going to fit, deducting leap years. Matching it up with the birth years of those Dunolly residents named and concluding that they would have attained a certain age before attending Sunday School, he then was able to arrive at the dates.

So, thanks to John and his research, my little book which sat on my shelf for so long, has now been attributed to the Wesleyan Sunday School in Dunolly, between the dates of 1909-1911.

Jenny Scott



Dunolly kinder welcomes funds as enrolments rise



YMCA area director Kaitlin Neil and Dunolly Kindergarten teacher Kylie McMahon say the upcoming upgrades to the kinder will benefit not only students, but the whole community .

Children attending the Dunolly Kindergarten will benefit from a nearly \$45,000 upgrade of the facility, just in time as the kinder prepares to welcome a record number of enrolments for 2022.

The kinder received \$44,032 from the State Government's first round of grants in the \$30 million Building Blocks — Refurbishment and Minor Works program. The funding will see a number of improvements made to the kinder building and yard including replacing of flooring, internal painting and the installation of shade sails.

Dunolly Kindergarten teacher Kylie McMahon said the upgrade will benefit both students, staff and the wider community.

"We're really excited to get these works completed. It'll freshen it up and get it ready for a new teaching year," she said. "The floor is original, it's probably 40 years old and hasn't been painted professionally in excess of 10 or 15 years. There isn't currently a shade sail over the sand pit so it is needed.

"Our enrolment numbers for next year are high, so the upgrade is really about having an environment that reflects modern teaching concepts.

"Our kinder is also used to run the supported playgroup, and the yard is part of Dunolly's community garden so it's not just us using the facility, it's a community hub as well. The community will benefit from the upgrades."

Ms McMahon said the upgrades come on the back of the welcome news that the kinder had a record 29 enrolments for 2022.

"Historically I think enrolments haven't been over about 21 students, ever, so to go up close to 30 is a new record for Dunolly," she said. "That's a large number and it includes three and four-year-old kinder.

"We have families from Timor, Bealiba and Tarnagulla. It's not just families of Dunolly, it's a whole rural community who come in here."

Ms McMahon said she expects the upgrade will be completed by the time teaching commences next year.

Central Goldfields Shire Council mayor Chris Meddows-Taylor also welcomed the funding.

"Our kindergartens really depend on improvement opportunities. It makes so much difference," he said.

"This amount just enables the kinder to look bigger and better. We're really pleased.

Story by Christine Harrison
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Tuesday 21st and 28th September 2021.

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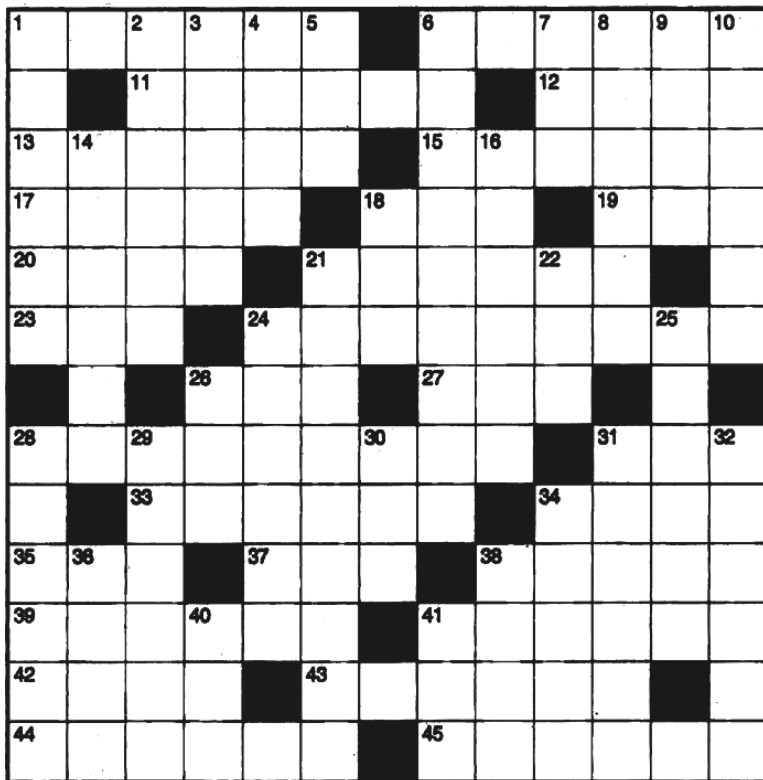
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| 35. Naughty | 24. Be in charge of | 29. Confer holy orders on | 36. Measure of land |
| 37. Substance used to groom hair | 25. Pertaining to wolves | 30. Antagonism, ___ will | 38. Currency |
| 38. Simple song | 26. English-born singer, ___ Cocker | 31. A shack | 40. Happy occasion, ___-letter day |
| 39. Frightened | 28. A group (of numbers, eg.) within a larger group | 32. Stellar | 41. Common newt |
| 41. One in receipt of wage | | 34. Number of 'r's' forming fundamental education | |
| 42. Large North American lake | | | |
| 43. A counterbalancing factor | | | |
| 44. Tough tissue in body | | | |
| 45. Those folk will (4'2) | | | |

Across

1. Region of little rain
6. Former Vic. premier, Steve ___
11. To make
12. Style of printing type
13. Stunned with horror
15. Near the end, anagram of 'rattle'
17. Part of body between ribs and pelvis
18. A suspended hauled carriage, cable ___
19. Evening meal
20. In addition
21. Acacia tree with brightly coloured flowers
23. Heavy hard wood
24. Situation with hidden hazards
26. Preserve, homophone of part of window frame
27. Directly (as in '___ north')
28. Ibis-like wading bird
31. Massaging bath
33. In actual fact
34. Item indicated

Down

1. Financial institution on whom cheque is written out
2. The splitting of a group into opposing factions
3. Rub out (something written)
4. Relax
5. Make lace with shuttle
6. In tardy fashion
7. Astern
8. Solo around-the-world sailor, Kay ___
9. To hit with joint of the leg
10. Word meaning both 'single fibre' and 'to maroon'
14. Public survey, ___ Poll
16. Tricky
18. Intricate matter, a ___ of worms
21. A 'grand slam' tennis championship
22. To fib



SOLUTION 80



We made a boo boo last week and put in the same crossword and solution from the previous week. Our apologies to all our crossword fanatics. This week is correct.

CLASSIFIEDS & NOTICES

AGM Notice

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

Kath Ryan, Co-ordinator, 5468 1511

AGM Notice

The Dunolly Historic Precinct AGM will be held on Monday 27th September at 4pm, Dunolly Town Hall. All positions are open, new members willing to help welcome.

Kath Ryan, Secretary/Treasurer 0448 017 436

Dunolly Post Office Closure

The Dunolly Post Office will be closed on Friday 24th September 2021 for the AFL Grand Final Eve holiday. We will reopen on Monday 27th September 2021.

Michael Rayson

Cancellation



The Maryborough & District Garden Club have unfortunately for the second year, made the decision to cancel the 2021 Central Goldfields Shire Garden Competition, due to ongoing COVID restrictions.

Linda Pickering
President,
Maryborough & District Garden Club

Dunolly Community Meals Program

The Dunolly Community Meals Program will commence as soon as COVID-19 restrictions will allow. Thanks to the Maldon and District Bendigo Bank and the DDI for their help auspicing the grant.

Brian Phillips



John Tully, Brian Phillips, Melanie Schodde and Trevor Read



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The Victorian Government is supporting local councils and not-for-profit organisations to desex thousands of cats and dogs owned by vulnerable Victorians at little or no cost.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, congratulated Homeless Hounds Animal Rescue Victoria on being awarded a Pet Desexing Grant worth \$35,000 to grow its desexing program and support disadvantaged pet owners across three sites in Victoria – including Northern Grampians and Central Goldfields Shires.

Under Round One of the Pet Desexing Grants, Homeless Hounds Animal Rescue Victoria will use the funding to: Provide financial support to provide low-cost desexing for vulnerable Victorians

Partner with veterinary clinics in disadvantaged areas to provide 'no-gap' discounted desexing services that are fully funded by the subsidy at no additional cost to the owner

Coordinate pet transport to facilitate desexing where necessary through the Homeless Hounds 'Pet Courier' network.

The goal will be to desex 150 cats and 150 dogs and improve education and awareness on the benefits of desexing.

Pet Desexing Grants are funded through the Animal Welfare Fund Grants Program and will provide \$1.5 million over three years to support councils and not-for-profit organisations that provide free or low-cost desexing of cats and dogs for disadvantaged members of our community.

Round One of the Pet Desexing Grants offered a total of \$500,000 for the purchase of equipment to enable the delivery of desexing programs. The grants could see more than 4000 cats and 650 dogs desexed.

Since the Animal Welfare Fund Grants Program was launched in 2012, 169 grants have been awarded to not-for-profit and community organisations, totalling almost \$4.2 million, to improve responsible animal ownership and provide better welfare services for companion animals in the community.

For more information visit: animalwelfare.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford:

"We are ensuring vulnerable Victorians can access free or

low-cost desexing for their cats and dogs as we know these services are critical in our communities."

"Pet Desexing Grants recognise the important role local councils and not-for-profit organisations play in improving the lives of animals and their owners across the state."

Funding available for wildlife rehabilitators

Applications are now open for the Victorian Government's Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants program, which supports wildlife shelters across the state.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, encouraged wildlife shelter operators and foster carers to apply for these grants to support this important work.

Wildlife rehabilitators play an important role by dedicating their time and money to rescue and rehabilitate injured or displaced wildlife and release them back into the wild.

To support this vital work, the Victorian Government is providing a total of \$230,000 for wildlife rehabilitators through the Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants program.

Authorised wildlife shelter operators and foster carers can apply for grants of up to \$3000 for equipment, infrastructure, consumables, education and training.

Applications close at 3.30pm on Wednesday 13th October 2021.

For more information and to apply, visit :

wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants.

"These grants help wildlife carers cover the day-to-day costs of running their service including vet fees and supplies, feed for the animals, and enclosures for the wildlife to live in while they are rehabilitated," Ms Pulford said.

From the office of Jaala Pulford MP

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New volunteers at Dunolly Museum

A big welcome to our new volunteers Nicola Opie and Kim McDonald dressed in period costume and welcoming visitors to the Dunolly Museum on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm. John Tully also has the museum open on Sunday afternoons from 12pm to 4pm..

Drop in and see many aspects of Dunolly's history and take a step back in time.

Jenny Scott

