

The Welcome Record

Happy Anniversary to Nik Naks & Gallery



Three years ago, Dunolly's business district welcomed a bright new attraction, with the opening of Dunolly Nik Naks & Gallery at 116 Broadway. Newly-arrived in town, Thea and Mal brought their combined talents and experience together to restore the previous pharmacy into a colourful and welcoming array of giftware, collectables, crystals, quality jewellery and Thea's own artworks. They have made many friends in town and beyond and have since expanded their business interests to include much-needed accommodation for visitors. We congratulate Thea and Mal on the Gallery's third anniversary and look forward to having them and their family in Dunolly for many years to come.

Story by Jenny Scott.



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Rosie's Ramble

Sometimes this year it has been nice to be able to look out the window and say that it is not raining.

I do not need a watch dog, I have a watch cat. She is a timid little thing and if she hears someone coming to the house, she flees to one of her hidey holes. She reappears after they go. I think some people think that I have an imaginary pet.

COVID lockdown has been dropped (at least I think it has). It is getting harder to know what we can do, and what we can't. It seems to be wear your mask and get vaccinated. This thing is going to be with us for a long time, and "normal" may never return.

Speaking of masks, has anyone else noticed in the Coles advertisement for their delivery to your car boot, the smiling fellow loading the boot has no mask on?

I have a two C's back "lawn"— clover and Capeweed. It does look quite pretty though. All the rain has certainly encouraged growth— nine inches high and rising.

I must say I was startled to see on *Facebook* the floods over the road at Timor — memories of 2011. There is a "duck pond" on my nature strip. The postie will need a hydrofoil if it gets any deeper .

Rosie

Beware the Sneeze Fairy

These widespread fairies are experts in the timeless art of nasal tickling, causing you to produce an alarmingly loud, and alarmingly wet sneeze. The Sneeze Fairy is particularly active in crowded lifts and salad bars, when you are laying dinner on the table, admiring someone's stamp collection, or trying to avoid the Mafia.

Tohby Riddle

Twisted Proverbs

In the country of the blind, the one-eyed man has difficulty finding a good optician.

Maxim Decharne

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

Hey pretty weather girl

For many months we've suffered
a drought that's never broke,
It's been so dry you understand
the frogs have lost their croak.
When your townsfolk get a drenching,
what we get won't set the dust,
While water gushes from your taps
our dams turn to muddy crusts.

*Hey pretty weather girl on TV,
Please won't you spare
just one word for me.
You smile when you say
that tomorrow will be fine,
But surely the sun don't
have to shine all the time.*

So bright and green your gardens,
parkland and your turf,
Here sheep and cattle wander pasture
turned to dry brown earth.
When the weather looks like spoiling
those weekends you have free,
Let it rain up here all Saturday,
right through to Sunday's tea.

*Hey pretty weather girl on TV,
Please won't you spare
just one word for me.
You smile when you say
that tomorrow will be fine,
But surely the sun don't
have to shine all the time.*

Next time you quote the weather,
just spare a thought for me,
We've got great weather for surfing,
but we haven't any sea.
I'm really not complaining,
I want to make it plain,
I just wish you more sunshine,
won't you wish us some rain.

*Hey pretty weather girl on TV,
Please won't you spare
just one word for me.
You smile when you say
that tomorrow will be fine,
But surely the sun don't
have to shine all the time.*

There has been some handy rain in the past week which will be very welcome, but not as welcome as it would have been when I wrote this number back in the early 1980's.

Ivan Bowman



Letter to the Editor

Central Goldfields Council is currently reviewing its domestic animal management plan. Recently we were very impressed with the service from the Council's rangers. We had a small stray dog appear at our home and the rangers were able to pick it up and hold it until the owners claimed it. We live in an area with sheep in the surrounding paddocks and it is very distressing when dogs get loose amongst the sheep. They can cause an enormous amount of cruelty to the poor sheep, as well as significant financial pain for the farmer, so it was great to see the Council's quick response to our four legged visitor.

Unfortunately very little appears to be being done at local government level to address the other domestic animal problem in our community. I refer to the damage caused by domestic cats to our wildlife, when cats are allowed to roam. There are 683 cats registered in the Shire and it is conservatively estimated that cats which are not confined kill an average 186 birds, insects and reptiles each year. Of these, 59% are native animals. Australia has the worst record in the world for mammal extinctions. Ideally the Council will introduce a bylaw that requires pet owners to keep domestic cats unable to roam freely, both day and night.

Lisa Mahon

Stories from Cynthia

Driving home from Maryborough in the murky weather yesterday, most cars had their headlights on, as did I. Then I noticed some had only parking lights on, those small ones under the big ones. Then I thought about my parking lights and when did I ever use them? If they are called parking lights then surely you should turn them on and leave them on when you are parked. How many people do that? Do you? How often do you see parked cars with their parking lights on? I can't remember seeing many, if any. Then why call them parking lights and in overcast weather when driving you can barely see them compared to headlights. So that is a puzzlement.

Cynthia Lyndsay

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SES, CFA, DFNC, Dunolly Bowls Club, Doctor's Office and Dunolly Town Hall.

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Central Goldfields Shire Council

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

Australia Day nominations now open

Council's Australia Day Award nominations are now open until Friday 12th November. The Australia Day Awards recognise outstanding volunteers and groups within our Shire to celebrate their achievements and contributions to our community. Award categories are:

- Citizen of the Year.
- Young Citizen of the Year.
- Community Event of the Year.

An online nomination form and more information can be found at:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/australiadayawards

World Heritage Bid

Did you know Central Goldfields Shire is part of a group of 13 councils from across the Goldfields which are working on a campaign to inscribe significant gold rush-era sites on the World Heritage list?

A UK World Heritage expert has described the landscape of the Central Victorian Goldfields as the best-surviving example from the 19th century gold rush.

The campaign is being led by the City of Greater Bendigo and the City of Ballarat and would have a huge impact on both local and cross-regional tourism economies.

To find out more about the campaign, including insights into the discovery of gold in Victoria and the world-wide significance of the Victorian goldrush, you can visit the dedicated Goldfields World Heritage website at :

www.goldfieldsworldheritage.com.au or follow the the Goldfields World Heritage Bid Facebook page for updates.

Community feedback invited on Draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

Central Goldfields Shire is calling for feedback on its Draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025.

The Draft Plan was endorsed for community feedback at a Meeting of Central Goldfields Shire Council last night (28/09). Feedback is invited until 5pm, Wednesday 13th October, with the Draft document available to view online at www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/unipalhealthandwellbeing

A legislative requirement under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008, the Draft Plan provides Council and partners a strategic framework to plan, coordinate and deliver services and initiatives to improve local public health and wellbeing.

More than 193 local stakeholders and residents have been involved in its development, including students from St Augustine's Primary School and Highview College.

The Plan aims to improve health and wellbeing across six areas of focus for the next four years:

- The plan tackling climate change and its impact on health.
- Preventing all forms of violence.
- Increasing healthy eating.
- Increasing active living.
- Improving mental wellbeing.
- Reducing tobacco-related harm.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor said the Plan is one of Council's key strategic documents that, through delivery in partnership with other agencies, aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community. "This Plan takes a fresh approach to supporting our communities' health and wellbeing by a partnership approach. We know that as a Council we can't do it alone; through collaborating with local organisations we can ensure the health and wellbeing of our community is everyone's business.

"Thank you to everyone who has provided input into the Plan to date, it's now time for the wider community to get involved – have we got it right or is there something we have missed? I encourage everyone to have a read and provide us with feedback."

Health and wellbeing are essential for building a strong and prosperous community, Maryborough District Health Service CEO Nickola Allan said.

"The Municipal Health and Wellbeing plan provides a roadmap to improve quality of life and outcomes for people living and working in the Central Goldfields. "It brings council together with a range of partners including health services, community groups and organisations to address long-standing and emerging challenges, with a focus on six priority areas," she said.

The organisations involved in the development of the Draft Plan include:

- Maryborough District Health Service.
- Victoria Police.
- Anglicare Victoria.
- Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative.
- Asteria Services.
- Central Victorian Primary Care Partnerships.
- Highview College.
- Sports Focus.
- Maryborough Neighbourhood House.
- The Millhouse Neighbourhood Centre.
- Dunolly and District Neighbourhood Centre.
- YMCA Ballarat.
- Maryborough Education Centre.
- Uniting Vic.
- Women's Health Loddon Mallee.
- The Salvation Army Maryborough.
- Healthy Heart of Victoria.
- PHN Western Victoria.
- Centre for Non-Violence.
- Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre.
- Go Goldfields.
- Central Goldfields Shire Council.

Media Release CGSC

Move It Fitness Program

The Council-run "Move It" fitness program which a number of Dunolly residents have been participating in over the past month has come to an end.

Funding has run out and we have lost this much needed activity in our small town. The people who have attended have all noticed an improvement in their overall physical and mental well being.

To help keep us moving in our retirement years we need the motivation that comes from these classes.

Hopefully a replacement program will be forthcoming.

Jan Brock

COFFEE & Conversations

Making time out of her busy schedule, Councillor Liesbeth Long sat down with me to discuss life in her first year as Councillor of Flynn Ward.

I was interested in her impression after walking into the Council Chambers for the first time and the significance of what it meant to be Flynn Ward's local representative.

Councillor Long said she was humbled. She went on to explain she didn't know if she was going to win. Although she has lived in the area for quite some time, she wasn't sure if people would back her. As it turned out they did, she won with just under 69 per cent of the votes.

Even today, Councillor Long says she still feels the same humility knowing people wanted her to represent their best interests.

We went on to discuss the role of women in politics. Councillor Long believes that while it is important for women to step up and take on roles of leadership, it's more important that the best person is chosen for the job, regardless of their gender.

Being a Councillor in any electorate is hard work. I wondered how Councillor Long balanced her life as a farmer and her role on Council. September and October are the time for weaning lambs and shearing, then it's the hay season and after that, harvest. These tasks won't wait, so what does the next few months with 12-hour days on the farm look like?

"I have two fulltime jobs. I'm a farmer and a councillor," Councillor Long went on to explain, "and I'm always working to find the balance between them. There'll be a fair amount of juggling, but I am looking forward to the challenge." "I enjoy my role as a councillor, and I've never wanted to quit. I've never been overwhelmed, and I'm good at time management," she added.



While her farm duties may take precedent sometimes, Councillor Long is adamant that she will always make time to get back to her constituents. She explained that living on a farm has provided her with the resilience and integrity to work as a councillor.

Taking time out to reflect and just "be" is important for all of us, but I was curious about how Councillor Long did it. Apparently, she does it on two wheels, six days a week!

She hits the road at 6am each morning regardless of the weather and cycles 19 kilometres, but it's not all about exercise. Councillor Long explained how it helps her clear her mind and relax. It's her way of reconnecting with nature and preparing herself for a busy day ahead.

At the other end of the day, she reads. An avid bookworm, Councillor Long delves into the world of fiction with a good book each night. As well, she's going back to patchwork after losing her quilts in devastating floods while living in Katherine in the late 1990s.

I imagined Council affairs are a very serious business, but I wondered if there were any funny or lighter moments she could share.

When COVID 19 restrictions were enforced, Council's

first Zoom meeting didn't get off to the flying start they had hoped. After the "f" bomb was uttered during a live stream, things began to quickly unravel. Not to be undeterred, the council members soldiered on, and things soon settled down.

"It's a great council. We all get on really well," Councillor Long said, "And it's very respectful."

With the advent of social media, it's far too easy for people to sit in the comfort of their own homes and send abusive messages. Councillor Long shared how she copes: "You have to have a thick skin," she told me. "When it first happened, I was upset. You soon learn that people who abuse you online really don't know you. Now, it's water off a duck's back. And it's only a small minority. Ninety nine per cent of the people I've met have been really supportive, and I don't let those few individuals get to me."

With more women being encouraged to enter community roles, and those of leadership, I asked Councillor Long what advice she might have for those thinking about representing their community.

Councillor Long explains, "Not everyone is going to like you straight away. However, if you've got the drive, just do it. Throw your hat in the ring. I'd be happy to talk to anyone interested in representing their community."

So, what continues to drive her?

"I love where I live and I want to make this place a better place," Councillor Long smiled.

Councillor Long can be contacted on the Goldfields Shire website: <https://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/Council/About-Council/Our-Councillors/Councillor-Liesbeth-Long>

Interview by Susan Day



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It is very pleasing to see council lobbying for Talbot development and their encouragement to the community to participate in the Connecting Victoria survey, plus a few other local issues.

Talbot has been granted a \$630,000 development grant towards planning for projects for Talbot's growth. Council is to add another \$60,000.

Unfortunately following the Connecting Victoria Survey we did not receive any support. In the Maryborough District Advertiser's (14th September) article on mobile and broadband issues, Cr Meddows-Taylor stated "People often say they've complained and nothing happens, now is the time to complain so that something is done". But in this case still nothing has happened.

Communication, participation and transparency are keys to our success, and we appreciate the efforts of council and the councillors to improve our relationship and their communication.

On 23rd February 2021 at the council's ordinary meeting, council acknowledged its inability to adhere to their own Communication and Service Charter. Voted in on that meeting was a new Community Engagement Policy — a very thorough document. Since then CGR&RAI has submitted five FOIs to the Ombudsman for investigation, with another to follow this week.

Due to connectivity, technical and readability issues, one of our members was unable to completely read the online agenda for the latest council meeting, and contacted the council asking for a hard copy of the agenda to be supplied. The reply our member received from our Governance Manager was as follows.

"The agendas and papers for each council meeting are available online. Council does not provide printed copies of the agendas/papers (except on some occasions when the meetings are held in person)." We thank the council for a prompt reply.

The reply from the Governance Manager was replied to immediately.

"This is disappointing. I am unable to print this document and it is utterly unreadable online. For some of the community, including me, it is difficult to comprehend the

complexity of some of the material contained within such a large document without the benefit of a printed copy. I also see no difference between providing copies for in-house meetings and providing a copy to be picked up at reception."

Our member did not receive a reply from the Governance Manager nor any representative on the above response. No response is against council's own Service Charter and Community Engagement policy.

It also raises the question of how far will our Shire go to obtain or provide information or to seek community participation from our community members who do not use the internet, do not have a mobile phone or read the local newspaper. We believe local newspaper distributorship reaches 25 per cent to 30 per cent of our shire.

Living in a shire with one of the state's worst internet and phone connectivity issues, with the previous 2030 Your Community study, the Satisfaction Survey (a very poor 53 per cent) and the previous year's Satisfaction Survey result (another very poor 53 per cent). Council, despite claiming to adhere to adopting their own policies, clearly are not prepared to follow them nor take that extra step in difficult times to reach our community.

So from this interaction with our Governance Manager, to us it is clear if you do not have stable internet connection or read the local paper, you are unable to partake in council's surveys, meetings or assist in our own shire's direction. For our members who do not have internet, we mail them our CGR&RAI reports.

Council still question the 53 per cent results. Could 53 per cent actually be a flattering score? In school tests results it was a bare pass.

With Covid getting very concerning, we ask all please maintain your behaviour which has served us so well until now and make that extra effort to shop local and adhere to what we have done so well up to now. Please look after yourselves, your family and all community members. Thank you all so much.

Stay safe and keep our community safe.

Wayne McKail
President

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Travels with Cynthia

When you look back over your working life you often surprise yourself recalling all the different phases you went through and the extremely varied experiences you have had.

When I left school I started a Journalism diploma at Melbourne University, but at the end of the first year discovered that in order to gain the diploma you had to have two years experience on a registered newspaper or recognised publication. As it turned out I was able to take up a job on radio station 3UZ as a copywriter, which was deemed acceptable.

As a copywriter I had to write scripts and advertisements, then inherited a weekly task of writing a children's story for the *Tim the Toyman* series.

I was always a last minute person and I remember finishing a script right on the death knock of the start of a programme. I would race up the stairs to the studio to hand the finished script to the radio announcer in the middle of the programme.

At the Christmas break we had to write a few scripts ahead to cover the holidays. While everyone was having a jolly breakup party I would be slogging away at the typewriter with the partygoers looking over the partition at intervals making silly jokes. I completed my diploma part time back at University.

Soon I wanted to spread my wings so needed to save like mad to travel overseas. I found a job at the Peter MacCallum cancer clinic, travelling to country hospitals accompanying a doctor and a nurse. My job being to interview and take patients' case histories and arrange for them to have treatment in Melbourne. The advantage of this job was that I was away three days every second week, hotel accommodation and all expenses paid, a dream job for saving up.

When I arrived in London my aunt had arranged with a friend who ran an employment agency, to find me a job. My first employment was typing and editing the autobiography of the Indian dancer, Ram Gopal, about which I wrote previously. That was a very exciting and exotic start to my overseas adventure.

Flirting with two girlfriends I had met on the boat coming over, we travelled all over Europe in short bursts and worked in between. I was sent to many different spots to work while living in London and spent lunchtimes exploring the particular area where I worked.

There was Hatton Garden, where the diamond merchants traded, Fleet Street, right up my alley; and Harley Street housing all the top medicos. Travelling in

on the Tube it was just like the cartoons. All the men in striped suits, furred umbrellas, with their briefcases, and hiding behind their newspapers. Heaven forbid, a female might be standing holding on to a strap in front of them, expecting a seat. At Bank Station, hordes of them poured out heading for their various offices, leaving the train half empty.

After one quite extended bout of travelling I heard from an uncle who worked at the ABC in Melbourne. He told me he had put in a good word for me at the BBC overseas news department at Bushy House in London. That was the most fun job and that's where I stayed until the time I went home.

The benevolence of the editor allowed me to head off to Europe and return to the job. If I worked two weeks of night shift, I would get two extra days off and tootle over to Paris to meet up with some French students I had met in my travels. I worked with the foreign translators and they used to bring in their different traditional foods for morning tea and often entertain us in quite a light-hearted, non-workmanlike way. The editor was Charles Glass, and when I left to return home they gave me a lovely card written in different languages, signed "From the Glass House to our departing guest."

Once home I worked on a travel magazine but got itchy feet so drove off in my little Sprite with two friends to North Queensland where I worked first as a cleaner in a pub, then a barmaid and finally a waitress.

When I got married I was working at Coca Cola in advertising. It was so boring as it was all devised in America and we had only to adapt it to our requirements. When my marriage broke up, I was only part time and with three munchkins to support, needed more cash so my boss arranged for me to make up the time in the plant doing the figures.

I was never any good at maths so was sure I'd fail but the lovely, handsome Italian foreman taught me an easy way to figure the quantities and I became a whizz at it.

By then I decided I needed a job to suit the needs of young children so applied for an adult studentship and darling Gough gave me one, with all fees, books and travel paid for at Latrobe University. Thus I became a high school teacher and built my mudbrick house. Thankyou Gough so much.

Finally I landed in Dunolly when Mike and I bought the licensed grocer. And now here I am, a very busy retired lady looking back on it all and regretting nothing.

Cynthia Lindsay



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Church News

Catholic Church, Dunolly

There will be Mass at St Mary's Church, Dunolly at 8.30am on Sunday, 10th October.

There may be changes to religious services now that COVID restrictions have been lifted.

R. Mecredy

Dunolly Uniting Church

KYB resumes for Term 4 this week and is held each Wednesday at 11.00am at the Church, restrictions permitting.

Service on Sunday October 10th at 9.30am will be led by Heiner Bauch.

Op Shop \$5.00 bag sale continues this week.

Linda Pickering



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

St John's Anglican Church, Dunolly

Rev Canon Heather Blackman
Parish Office, Nightingale Street,
Maryborough. Phone 5460 5964

Services are held every fourth Thursday at 10am
The next Service will be on Thursday, 28th October,
COVID restrictions permitting.

Esmé Flett

"Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God
as a little child will never enter it."

Mark 10.15




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Loddon Valley Arts Trail to showcase creativity

An arts trail created by artists for artists is set to showcase talented individuals across our region.

The Loddon Valley Arts Trail will be held from 23rd to 24th October 2021 at venues across the Loddon Shire. The arts trail will feature at least 24 artists, as well as one venue featuring around 20 artists alone.

Art will vary from paintings (in a range of different mediums), knitting, metal and wood craft, mosaics and garden art – to name but a few. Venues for the arts trail include Secret Platypus, Eastville Farm, Rostrata (eight artists will feature at this venue), Tarnagulla Community Centre, Red Balloon Farm, Arts of Olde and Melanie Young's Studio. Cardinal Studios, Octopus and Queen, Coach House Gallery and Museum, and Mal Gilmour's Studio and Gallery will also feature artists as part of the trail. A map and brochure for the trail is available from the Visit Loddon Valley website at:

www.bendigoregion.com.au/visit-loddon-valley/whatson/loddon-valley-arts-trail and the Loddon Visitor Information Centre.

Website helps food and beverage manufacturers invest in rural Victoria

A new website created by Rural Councils Victoria aims to help food and beverage manufacturers expand their businesses or to invest in rural Victoria.

The website showcases opportunities for businesses across rural Victoria (including Loddon Shire) and provides the contact details of Council employees for businesses to follow up with.

The website provides information about industrial assets across rural Victoria, including location, type (land, greenfield, brownfield), value (relative sales prices from

the Victorian Valuer-General), contact details for the councils where the assets are located and informative interactive maps of locations.

The website also features a downloadable database of all assets across rural Victoria and information on economic trends for food and beverage manufacturing in rural Victoria. To find out more, visit:

<http://ruralcouncilsvictoria.rezme.com/>

Dunolly and District Field and Game Club Inc.

Sunday 31st October 11am 75 targets simulated field sporting clays

Sunday 28th November 11am 50/32 targets simulated field sporting clays.

Contact Nigel 0448 483 752 or Gordon 0428 890 908 or visit our *Facebook* page: Dunolly Field and Game for any changes or cancellations due to COVID-19 restrictions.

530 Dunolly-Eddington Road, Dunolly 3472.

Wedderburn Garden Expo

Sunday, 17 October 2021 9:30am to 03:30pm

Spend the day wandering through six private and two public gardens, with a mix of exquisite farm and town gardens.

Take the time to explore the Wedderburn Community Centre gardens while you visit the market stalls and nursery.

Entry is \$20 which includes a Devonshire Tea at the delightful Coach House Gallery and Museum, with local exhibitions and hidden treasures.

To book large groups call 03 5494 3489. Registrations and a map of the gardens available only at the Wedderburn Community House from 9.30am on the day. Wedderburn Community Centre, 24 Wilson Street, Wedderburn 3518

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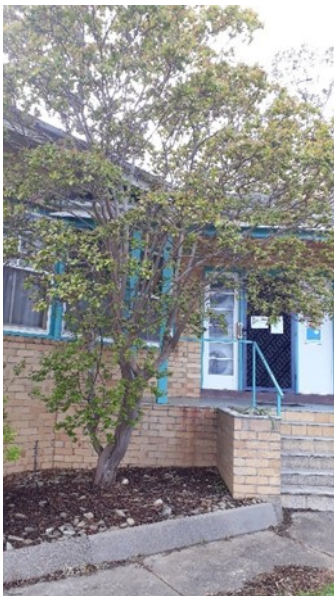
What do you want your Neighbourhood Centre to offer?

In some welcome news for the community, our Community Market is back this Sunday! In the spirit of all things "community", I'll be opening the Town Hall for visitors to pop in for a visit. While there, I'm going to ask community members what they would love their Neighbourhood Centre to offer. Up for grabs is a free entry to an impromptu raffle for all community members who write down an idea; and the prize is a \$50 voucher to the local Dunolly eatery of your choice. I will ask Councillor Long to draw this raffle at our AGM on 13th October. Mike from our Woodshed will be giving a demonstration on a small lathe at our table, so come along to the market, say hello to us at the Town Hall, write down an idea for our Neighbourhood Centre, and get yourself a free raffle entry. Easy!

What's on at the Neighbourhood Centre?

All our activities depend on the current COVID situation. Our Whispering Weeders and Archery group are on hold at present, due to the disappointment of cancellations. Walking groups, the wood work shed Tuesday mornings at 9am, 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 (Wednesday 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 our art group Thursday from 10am and of course our wonderful Arts Hub (corner Thompson and Alice Sts), which has a very clever Mosaic group meeting on Mondays at 10am, plus upcoming workshops. Keep an eye on our Facebook pages for updates, or drop in to the centre Monday to Thursday between 9am and 3.30 pm to find out more. 18 Havelock Street, beside the hospital.

Kath Ryan, Co-ordinator.
03 5468 1511
admin@dunnhc.com.au





**Dunolly
Community Market**

WE'RE BACK

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER
9AM-1:30PM

covid rules apply

Please remember to sign in with our QR code or
at the table out the front of the town hall.
And observe social distancing

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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 Street, Dunolly.

Kath Ryan, Coordinator, 5468 1511

Has everyone seen the new stickers



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Dunolly FNC News

Around the club



Even with the end of our season lots is happening behind the scenes. This week our Netball department has announced the senior coaches for 2022 in Bob Gartside and Nadine Holland.

Bob will be our A grade coach, having been around the club for a number of years in various roles including umpiring and mentoring; he will bring a lot to our A grade team.

Nadine will be coaching our B and C grade teams, with her wealth of knowledge and her extensive coaching experience. We can't wait to see what Nadine will do with the hard working girls of B and C grade.

Congratulations to Bob and Nadine and we can't wait to see what 2022 brings for our netballers.

Last Wednesday Dunolly Football Netball Club held its senior vote count via our *Facebook* page. Thank you to those who watched along with us. Our award winners for the night were as follows:

A grade Netball

Best and Fairest:	Samantha Cheetham
Runners Up:	Melanie Schodde
Most consistent:	Lara Metelmann
Most improved:	Brianna Burt

B Grade Netball

Best and Fairest:	Ellen Stratford
Runners Up:	Kate Ashman and Tania Combes
Most Improved:	Annita Steel
Most Consistent:	Eliza Turley

C grade Netball

Best and Fairest:	Belinda Goodwin
Runners Up:	Karina Colquhoun
Most Improved:	Katherine French
Most Consistent:	Shakiara Petterson

Seniors

Best and Fairest:	Tyson Cope
Runner up:	Toby Johnston
Leading goal kicker:	Toby Johnston
Most Consistent:	Joe Thompson
Most Improved:	Jarrod Loader
Coaches Trophy:	Corey Bray

Reserves

Best and Fairest:	Josh Kelly
Runner up:	Gavin Prigg
Leading Goal kicker:	Gavin Prigg
Most Consistent:	Ayden Lee
Most Improved:	Cameron Power
Coaches Trophy:	Jacob Sparks

We also presented our Daryl Billings clubman award to Darren "Bob" Freemantle.

This award goes to someone who gives their all to the club and it was pretty obvious to our committee who the recipient would be this year. Bob is our head trainer and leading barman just to name a couple of the roles he plays during the year. He is first to arrive on game day and last to leave after a function. He is an invaluable asset to our club and community and we are so grateful for all his hard work.

Sam Wakeman
President

Dunolly Bowls

A Practise Match this Saturday 9th October at 1.30pm. Casual Dress. Weather Permitting. COVID rules will apply. Please remember to sign in.

No information at this stage regarding the start of Pennant season. Tuesdays at 10.30am for a practise, all welcome.



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Blue Wren family

While sitting on my front veranda, I noticed a pair of Superb Blue Wrens busy flying in and out of my daisies. I saw them doing aerial acrobatics, swooping and diving for insects, and chatting to each other in a frenzied manner.

I poked around the bush for a few minutes, and finally found a dome-shaped nest hidden amongst the flowers. In fact, it was so well hidden when I turned away, then turned back a few seconds later, it seemed to have disappeared.

Over the next few days, I was fairly confident I identified the special call a breeding pair sing to their young. They do this before the chicks hatch, and then afterwards, as a way of helping them identify their family group.

When I was checking in with the animals early Saturday morning, tragedy had struck. The branch the nest was situated in was leaning over. It had broken in the night from the heavy rain. The nest opening was facing downwards, and I was worried the chicks might have fallen out.

I grabbed some blue hay twine and managed to tie the broken branch back to its original position. I gently put my hand over the nest and reached inside to feel if there

were any chicks still in there, expecting to get pecked. To my surprise I touched two tiny eggs.

I had no sooner stood back, when the female dashed back into the nest. I waited but she didn't come out. While the sparrows chirped incessantly and the spotted pardalote continued its relentless mating call, from inside the nest I thought I heard the special trill I had identified a few days earlier. Then I heard it repeated out in the garden, then saw the male returning.

I can't believe how lucky I am to have these magnificent little creatures nesting so close to my front door. Each day they work tirelessly and with great fervour to care for their eggs only a few feet away from where I throw the ball for the dog, sweep up chicken poo and fidget and fuss over getting my boots on or off.

Best of all, I now have a legitimate excuse to sit in the old armchair on my front veranda and take a break to watch this remarkable pair work at raising their family. And, with the Aussie Backyard Bird Count only weeks away (18th – 24th October), I know at least one breeding pair I'll be ticking off, and with any luck, two young chicks.

Superb Blue Wren Image source: <https://pixabay.com/users/scratchybird-7196215/>

Story and photos courtesy of Susan Day



Lockdown bird watching

I wouldn't call myself a bird watcher but as I live in rural property I have a variety of birds I can see every day from the back verandah.

Recently my grandchildren who live interstate enquired if I had viewed online either The Phillip Island Penguins Parade or Peregrine Falcons nest at 367 Collins Street Melbourne.

The Phillip Island Nature Park Facebook page live streams the Penguin Parade a couple of times a week. Check out their Facebook page for details.

The Peregrine Falcons have recently had four chicks hatch and this live stream can be viewed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Un8f85yADAU>

I never thought I would be inclined to watch birds online but I must admit I did enjoy watching it.

Fairy Penguin image source: <https://pixabay.com/users/13082-13082/>

Peregrine Falcon image source: <https://pixabay.com/photos/peregrine-falcon-predator-raptor-371610/>

Story by Sharron Fitzgerald



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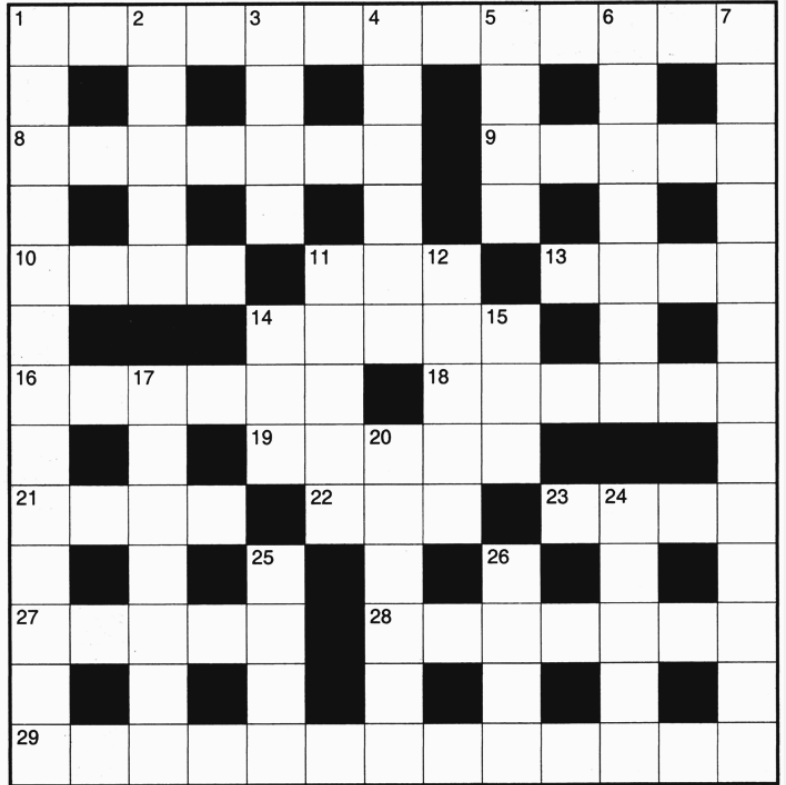
- 23. Burn slightly
- 27. Tropical snake
- 28. Hawaiian beach resort area
- 29. Woman assisting queen or princess (4-2-7)
- 15. Fishing pole
- 17. Undeveloped flower of prickly-stemmed plant
- 20. A meeting for discussion
- 24. West Indian republic
- 25. Garment of Indian woman
- 26. Country of SW Pacific

Across

- 1. Hesitancy
- 8. Curving inwards
- 9. Additional edition of newspaper
- 10. Do, re or mi, eg.
- 11. Woman's hairstyle
- 13. High-ranking British nobleman
- 14. Short-nosed breed of dog
- 16. Cupboard for food
- 18. Take place before
- 19. Slightly warm
- 21. Pour out suddenly
- 22. Symbol used in Morse code

Down

- 1. Of the practical use of the sciences
- 2. Group of nine
- 3. From a great distance
- 4. Freezing compartment in refrigerator
- 5. Water jug
- 6. To make by forcing through a nozzle or mould
- 7. Sport of riding on flat wheeled platform
- 11. Uninterested owing to lack of variety
- 12. Be appropriate to
- 14. Lay a wager



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The changing face of Op Shops



As a follow-up to several articles I have written on Dunolly's Uniting Church Op Shop over the years, I would like to once again reinforce the importance of this shop in these changing times.

Many charity shops in larger towns and cities have now evolved into designer retail stores, with price tickets to match, so friendly country stores such as ours, with goods at reasonable rates are becoming harder to find.

Due to lockdowns and restrictions, many of these larger stores have also changed their emphasis and are opening online retail outlets; these are obviously attractive to those unable to physically visit stores and have been a lifeline to many people. The membership of Facebook Op Shop groups continues to grow, with one alone having over 80,000 members; the sense of community generated by these groups cannot be discounted and has proved invaluable to so many during their months of isolation.

Our local Op Shop, despite numerous challenges in complying with restrictions and lockdowns over many months, has continued to provide a wonderful service to the community, as it has done for so many years. The friendly atmosphere created by the dedicated volunteers, always welcomes you as you enter this wonderful Aladdin's cave of treasures.

Open Tuesdays 9am till 2pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am till 4 pm (restrictions permitting).

Article and photos courtesy of Jenny Scott.

