

Welcome back to our Market



After a somewhat wet night, last Sunday dawned clear and mostly sunny, much to the relief of marketgoers and stallholders. The enthusiasm in the air was palpable, as stalls were set up and people started moving around. It was wonderful to at last be able to mingle in the street after so many months, albeit at a distance, taking in all the delights and array of goods the stalls had to offer. The organisers were pleased to see people complying with the Covid-safe practices they had required, with their own QR code, sign-in sheets and sanitiser all being utilised. The shops and food outlets were also busy places, so all around it was a successful day for our town. The CFA barbecue, plus the addition of music by Kez and her group added to the ambience; the Town Hall being open to the public, together with the interactive display and questionnaire by Dunolly & District Neighbourhood Centre, all organised by Kath Ryan, showed the possibilities which can evolve from our Market into the future.

We all look forward to it going from strength to strength and despite ongoing regulations, which may also require evidence of double vaccinations at some stage, we can push through this and allow the Market to further expand and to give pleasure to many after such trying times.

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Rosie's Ramble

Another week gone by, and more restrictions eased at least for some people. New South Wales persons are carrying on as if they have been released from the convict ships — again.

I must apologise to Coles for the mention of the mask-less man putting groceries in a car. It is a Woolworths advertisement.

Did you notice that last Friday was world egg day? What are we supposed to do — eat more eggs or study the egg more closely before we eat it? Today is National Coming Out Day. Who decides these things — do they have a box full of suggestions and draw one out for each week of the year?

I think I'm becoming a catholic — I really enjoy her antics. I won't let her sleep on my bed at night, even though it means I have to shut the bedroom door. The other day I was going to CWA and was ready to leave when she strolled into the room, jumped up on the bed, settled in under the bed cushions and gave me a look that clearly said, "What are you going to do about this?" I left her there. One to the cat.

Have you been watching *Fires* on the ABC on Sunday night? I think it is very good — educating viewers about bushfire behaviour and people behaviour in emergencies without being "preachy".

I have discovered some brain stimulating games online that do not involve blood and guts. I play Solitaire among others and can see now how easy it is to get sucked in and spend a lot of time on them. I reckon there is a game gremlin that lives in each game, and either helps or hinders the player for its own amusement.

That's about it for this ramble.

Rosie

The Blanket Fairy

These common household fairies proliferate in bedrooms. Here, in the still of the night, they patiently perform the task of slowly tugging your blanket off you so that by morning most of it is on the floor. The process is so gradual that it is not until just around dawn that you begin to exhibit the first symptoms of hypothermia .

Tohby Riddle

Twisted Proverbs

If God had intended us to be nudists, we would have been born with no clothes on.

Leonard Lyons.

Defibrillators available at —

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

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We very much appreciated and were grateful for the acknowledgment of Dunolly Nik Naks & Gallery's third Anniversary.

Thank you for the kind words and support.

The Welcome Record does such an outstanding job week in week out, to keep our community informed considering it's run by volunteers. Great effort.

Thea

Thanks to *The Welcome Record's* classified ads, we found MBL to make a concrete slab for our new shed. We were looking for someone local to do this work and found Keith and the team, advertised in our local paper. The concrete slab is both perfect and a work of art. When I told Keith we were responding to his ad in TWR, he said that he has had that same ad for years and in his way of giving back to the local community.

We highly recommend Keith from MBL for all sorts of building works and *The Welcome Record's* classified advertisement to find a local tradie.

Brian Phillips



To the Editor

Dr Anne Webster, Nationals federal MP for Mallee, is circulating a petition in her electorate, entitled, "Are you against mandatory vaccinations?" (Case Ref MA158088), in which she states, "If you disagree with vaccine mandates, please sign this petition. Help me fight for the rights of Victorians." At a time when it's vital that as many Australians as possible are double-dosed, when even Scott Morrison has said employers are fully entitled to insist their employees are vaccinated in the interests of workplace and public safety, and Simon Birmingham echoing the same sentiments last Friday, we have our government backbencher undermining the national message, "Get the jab!" Anti Vaxxers/hesitators/rebels will love this.

Many Mallee constituents are outraged at this attempt to water down the message — the only way to get anything approaching herd immunity, is for vaccinations to be mandated, otherwise we'll experience an epidemic of the unvaccinated. I doubt that many Victorian Nationals (the Victorian Branch is Australia's most progressive) will support Dr Webster in this. The National Party tail might wag the Liberal dog (5 percent of the national vote, four cabinet ministers, able to hold the 80+percent of Australians who support climate action to ransom vis-a-vis climate change), but rural and regional voters aren't stupid.

Murray Hall



Thanks Dunolly community for visiting Mike and I at the market!

Mike from the Woodshed and I really enjoyed talking with community members at our much-anticipated community market. I received some awesome ideas from people about what they would like to see at the Centre, so thanks for taking the time to chat. Our raffle will be drawn by Cr Long at our AGM, so I'll let the lucky winner know next week.



Power Saving Bonus assistance Available at the Centre.

Did you know that I can help you claim your \$250 power saving bonus here at the Centre? If you have a concession card, pop into the Centre and I'll help you by filling out all that annoying online paperwork. I'll need a copy of your power bill as well, and within a week or so an email should come to the Centre, letting you know that you are eligible. I will then ask you for your bank details, and the money will be deposited into your account.



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 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 12 and 7 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 (cnr Thompson and Alice Streets), 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 Thursday between 9am and 3.30pm to find out more — 18 Havelock St, beside the hospital.

Kath Ryan, Co-ordinator

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Central Goldfields Shire Council

Community Support and CASI Community Recovery Grants now open

Central Goldfields Shire Council's 2021-2022 Community Support Grants and CASI Community Recovery Grants programs are now open with a total of \$60,000 available. The Community Support Grants are an opportunity for community groups to undertake projects that prepare them for returning to their normal group activities. Community groups and organisations are able to share in approximately \$30,000 in funding by applying for grants above \$500.

Meanwhile, the CASI Community Recovery Grants will enable Central Goldfields organisations and groups to facilitate community recovery with a special focus on supporting people who experience loneliness, isolation and disconnection to establish social networks through; practical help, emotional support, and social activities.

Both grant opportunities are available to community-based, non-profit organisations that are based in the Central Goldfields Shire; and benefit the Central Goldfields Shire community.

The Community Support Grants applications will be considered at the December Council Meeting with funds to be distributed to groups from January 2022.

Council has been able to offer the CASI Community Recovery Grants thanks to \$30,000 in funding from the State Government's Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) program. Last year's Community Support Grants were awarded to a wide range of groups for a diverse variety of projects. Some of the projects included:

- Purchasing new lawn mowers to ease the labour of maintaining facilities at the Maryborough Tennis Club and Bealiba Pony Club.
- Installing new weather cameras at the Maryborough airport to improve safety for local pilots.
- Buying an intercom system for the Maryborough Theatre Company.

- Providing care packages for vulnerable women through the Central Goldfields Zonta Club.
- Upgrading facilities and improving accessibility at our community gardens

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor said the Community Support Grants and CASI Community Recovery Grants are the perfect opportunity for community groups who need funding to assist in their recovery due to COVID-19.

"This is a golden opportunity for community groups and clubs to re-boot their activities and start the new year with renewed energy.

"We are also looking for organisations and groups to establish new programs that reach out to residents who have become isolated and disengaged as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Guidelines and an application form are available for both grants program at:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communitygrants

The grants programs close at 5pm on Friday 19th November. For more information, contact Council's CASI Community Connector James Rigby at:

james.rigby@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or 0428 927 338.

COVID-19 update

In line with State Government requirements, all authorised workers are mandated to have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination by Friday 15 October. To find out if you are an authorised worker, visit:

www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/authorised-provider-andauthorised-worker-list

To make a vaccination booking, call the Community Vaccination Hub on 5461 0300. For more information on the mandatory vaccination, or about the current restrictions, visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus. If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, you must get tested immediately.

To book an appointment at the Maryborough District Health Service drive through COVID Testing Clinic, call 5461 0362.

CGSC Media Release

Cr Liesbeth Long

I've recently returned from a two-week trip away to celebrate my 30th wedding anniversary with my husband Andrew. Due to Covid, we were limited to a road trip in our caravan exploring the Murray River, Silo Arts Trail, Grampians and a small western section of the Great Ocean Road. It was a terrific holiday and even though we were familiar with the area, we saw many sights we had not seen before and had some great people cross our paths.

During our time away we drove through small rural towns and it was great to explore them and perhaps see these towns through a different lens, those of a councillor.

For me personally the most appealing characteristic of small-town life is the feature embedded in its definition, it's a small population. With fewer people compared to big regional cities, there often comes a closeness that simply isn't possible in the anonymity of a larger city. When neighbours know one another and recognize each other on the street a spirit of cooperation takes hold. Residents support and work together. There's nothing else like it and from this a culture of community pride develops. I witnessed this time and time again on our

trip away. Going into a local bakery and seeing customers greet each other fondly. The person behind the counter calling them by their name. Elderly people sitting on a bench in the spring sunshine, just watching the world go by. Kids on bikes and scooters riding down the street, without a care in the world.

It made me reflect on how blessed we are in the Central Goldfields Shire, we have this exact essence, this community spirit, right here in Dunolly, Bealiba, Bromley, Betley, Bet Bet, Timor West and all the other hamlets that make up the 627.85 square kilometres of Flynn Ward.

Why is community spirit so important? There is evidence that a strong community spirit can help address health and social inequalities. In areas affected by poverty and other forms of social disadvantage, strong and supportive community relationships have been found to be a buffer against disadvantage.

Community spirit by definition means a willingness and desire to participate in activities which promote a community. Well, we certainly have this here!

Councillor Liesbeth Long

Stories from Cynthia

Sport Sport Sport!

NRL, tennis, basketball, cricket, horses.

There is a preponderance of every kind of sport on the news at present. And why not! In these uncertain times when no one is sure when or where they will be able to go or do, sport is a great distraction. Whether you join in or like to watch a game, it absorbs your attention because it's the only thing you have on your mind at the time. My sporting career is very patchy as the spirit was more willing than the body. My only claim to fame is that I was the fastest runner in the class, except for my friend, Terry Brady. She and I were always neck and neck, one day I won and the next day Terry won. Tennis has always appealed to me so my parents arranged tennis lessons when I was about eight. The club was near Grandma's so I would stay there on Saturdays and Grandma would provide my afternoon tea which we all used to bring. However none of the girls would touch mine because they said it was too posh and I would plead with Grandma to give me plainer food. As for the tennis, it was a miracle if I managed to hit a ball. I did manage to improve slightly but was never to attain the status of Wimbledon. One time I was on holiday in the Blue Mountains with my kids at my brother and sister-in-law's house, and they were avid tennis players and had a tennis court. I was having a game with my younger daughter and she wasn't much better than me. I kept hitting the ball off the court and suddenly I took a great swipe and the ball sailed up in the air and over the fence into the next door garden. If it had been cricket that would have been a sixer. Nevertheless I have always watched the tennis and in my teens used to get tickets for the Davis Cup which, back then, was held at Kooyong tennis courts, not far from where I lived. Nowadays I religiously watch all the big tennis matches and will stay up very late if it goes into five or six sets.

As for football, having four brothers I started playing footy at an early age, but that was backyard football and according to mother's rules no girl tackling. The very first proper football match, apart from going to watch my

brothers' school games, was on one weekend when a family member lent me two member's tickets to the MCG. Melbourne was playing Hawthorn, which was my brothers' team. I invited my friend, Nanette to come and we sat up in the members' stand chatting and laughing, taking little interest in the game. On arriving home, the boys all clustered round, all asking "Who won?" Nan and I looked at each other questioningly but neither of us knew because we forgot to check having barely watched the game. Were we in trouble. Two good tickets wasted on two silly girls. Shameful. A few years later, when I had started to drive, I would drive down to the Glenferrie oval where Hawthorn played, to pick up my younger brothers at the end of the game. After three quarter time there was no entry charge so one time I decided to walk in and watch the end of the game over near the fence. Suddenly two players came thundering towards me, one holding the ball, and the other one threw himself on top of him, bringing him down with a loud thump, and landed on top of him. Without realising it, I called out, "Oh stop it. you're hurting him." A big, burly fellow standing near me turned around and growled, "Oh dry up, sooky baby." I felt humiliated and stupid and quickly retreated. When I told my brothers they roared laughing and decided their early footy training hadn't worked, thanks to mother.

At school we played cricket and basketball. I usually managed to hit the ball at cricket and probably caught as many balls as I missed, but basketball was the one sport was actually good at, mainly because the ball was so big could easily catch it. I found that my one skill was throwing goals, maybe because I had been good at quoits at Grandma's when a child. I very much doubt that. At least I could hit a shuttlecock because it came at you so slowly. I played golf at one stage and always hit the ball into the creek and needed endless strokes to get the ball over the railway line. I just remembered something I could do. That is, or maybe was, ride a bicycle. Indoor bowls was also a success so nice to know I am sporty at something.

Cynthia Lindsay



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Plan for students to stay safe in the sun

Helping more Central Goldfields Shire schoolkids stay in the sun

More Central Goldfields Shire students will be protected from the sun's damaging rays thanks to a Victorian Government funding to provide more shade in school playgrounds and outdoor areas.

Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today announced a school in Central Goldfields Shire will share in over \$1.3 million of funding from the latest round of the School Shade Grants program.

The program provides grants to build new shade structures, repair existing structures, or create natural shade by planting trees. Funding is also provided to purchase sun protective items including hats and sunscreen.

The children, teachers and families of Carisbrook Primary School will get \$4,085 to replace damaged shade sails.

Through this initiative the Victorian Government is helping children to be sun smart and prevent skin cancer, while still embracing the outdoors and keeping fit, active and healthy.

Childhood and adolescence are critical periods during which exposure to UV radiation is more likely to contribute to skin cancer later in life. Schools play an important role teaching effective sun smart behaviours from an early age.

Shade alone can reduce overall exposure to UV radiation by up to 75 per cent when used in combination with other sun protection strategies such as sun screen, hats,

sunglasses and protective clothing.

In 2018, melanoma was the fifth most common cancer in Victoria with 3,096 new cases diagnosed and sadly 291 deaths.

The School Shade Grant program is complemented by the Community Shade Grants program, which provides shade for community organisations. The outcome of the current round of the Community Shade Grants will be announced soon.

So far, these programs have awarded 1715 grants totalling more than \$16 million in funding across Victoria. Round seven of the Shade Grants Program will open in mid-2022.

It forms part of the Government's ambitious Victorian Cancer Plan 2020-24 which sets out a target to halve the proportion of Victorians diagnosed with preventable cancers by 2040.

"It's great for kids to spend time playing outdoors and keeping active. These grants mean school children can still enjoy the outdoors while having the necessary shade to be protected from the sun."

"Skin cancer is one of the most preventable forms of cancer in Australia. It's important we give Victorians the protection they need to stay sun smart."

"Our grants programs have helped hundreds of schools and community groups provide the protection Victorians need to prevent cancer. Now even more children will be shielded from the sun's harmful rays."

Jaala Pulford
Media Release



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Loddon Shire Mayoral Column

Loddon returns to border bubble

Last Friday, the Victorian Chief Health Officer announced that a number of local government areas would return to the “border bubble” for cross-border communities between Victoria and New South Wales – including Loddon Shire.

This means that if you live in a local government area in the Victoria-NSW cross-border area, you can cross the border and return home to Victoria without a permit, provided that:

- You have not been in an extreme risk zone or red zone outside of the cross-border area after the
- relevant zone commencement time in the last 14 days.
- You have not been to an exposure site.
- If you have been in an orange zone outside of the cross-border area after the relevant zone commencement time in the last 14 days, you have been tested for COVID-19 and received a negative result since leaving the orange zone.
- You don't have COVID-19 or have any symptoms, and you are not a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- You carry proof of address (such as a driver licence).

For more information regarding the border bubble and conditions, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-cross-border-communities

Loddon Valley Arts Trail postponed

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, the Loddon Valley Arts Trail has been postponed, with new dates in 2022 yet to be determined. For the latest updates regarding the Loddon Valley Arts Trail, including an announcement of new dates, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LoddonValleyArtsTrail

Healthy Minds Network 2021 Art Competition

The Loddon Healthy Minds Network 2021 Art Competition has now closed, with a total of 104 artwork entries – the largest number ever received, with artists capturing the mental health themes with imagination, understanding and artistic flair.

Prize winners will be announced soon. In the meantime, you can view all the entries at the Loddon Healthy Minds Network website: <https://bit.ly/3FyHHes>

Loddon Shire Mayoral Column
12th October 2021

Beach Dreams @ Octopus and Queen

Saturday 23rd October

Beach Dreams garden art display from 10am to 5pm. Includes garden tours and opportunity to purchase beach inspired garden art.

A display of unique works by local textiles creator and designer Georgie Buckingham from The Woolly Goose.

A display of glass work and mosaics by Lynda from Yellow Dog Vintage and Design.

11am Vintage and Fabulous High Tea in the garden catered by The Tarnagulla Supply Store (fully subscribed).

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Sunday 24th October

Beach Dreams garden art display from 10am to 5pm. Includes garden tours and opportunity to purchase beach inspired garden art.

A display of unique works by local textiles creator and designer Georgie Buckingham from The Woolly Goose.

A display of glass work and mosaics by Lynda from Yellow Dog Vintage and Design.

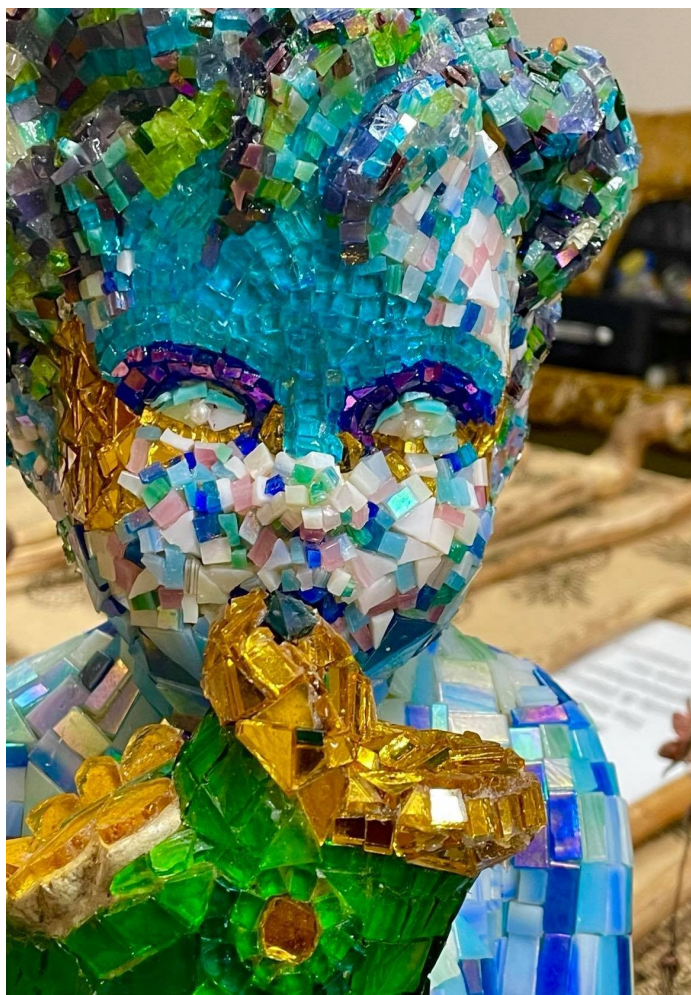
11am Vintage and Fabulous High Tea in the garden catered by The Tarnagulla Supply Store (spaces available).

Octopus and Queen will be open throughout the weekend to share their special brand of vintage, home and garden fabulousness!!!! The Tarnagulla Supply Store will also be open all weekend with their usual extensive offerings of groceries, takeaway food and barista made coffee.

“It wasn't an option to cancel because the response to our Facebook campaign has been so positive and our High Teas in the garden are nearly booked out” says Frances from Octopus and Queen. “Kelly, Grant and I have developed a gorgeous high tea menu that combines sweet and savoury treats and will be served in truly vintage and fabulous style”.

Kelly adds “Working together is much more fun that going it alone. We can support each other, bounce ideas off one another and have fun while supporting local tourism.”

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Church News

St Mary's Catholic Church

There was a good turn-out at Mass last Sunday. Good to see.

There will be Assembly at St. Mary's on Sunday, October 17th at 8.30am. The rosary is said on Tuesdays at 5.00pm.

There is discussion about shifting the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the opening of St. Mary's until next year when, hopefully, Covid restrictions may be eased more. This would make it easier for people travelling any distance to attend.

R Mecedry

Happy are the poor in spirit : the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Mat.10 : 17-27

Dunolly Uniting Church

Pastor Miriam Darlow will lead worship next Sunday October 17th at 9.30am.

Op Shop will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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

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

There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

Mark 10.29-30

Whenever you do not understand what's happening in our life, just close your eyes, take a deep breath and say... "God, I know it is your plan. Just help me through it....."

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Steering young men toward mental health support

Mental Health Month (October 2021) is a compelling time to raise awareness around the number of mental health related issues, and the existing stigma still associated with mental health concerns, said yourtown Chief Executive Officer Tracy Adams.

Kids Helpline, a service of yourtown, says mental health, emotional wellbeing and suicide-related issues accounted for 61 percent or 59,527 of all counselling contacts made last financial year by children and young people.

“There is evidence that seeking professional help by boys or young men may not be improving as much as we would have hoped. We continue to see the portrayal of mental ill-health in a way that perpetuates stigma and myths about mental illness. We are keen to encourage and normalise help-seeking behaviours in males of any age,” said Ms Adams.

Latest data reveals young males have the lowest rates of seeking professional help from Kids Helpline with numbers across all age cohorts falling way behind young women, particularly for those from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island backgrounds, or those in rural or regional areas.

Data released today shows only one in five (22 per cent counselling contacts to Kids Helpline are from young men while more than three in four (77 per cent) are from girls. Since 2011, the proportion of contacts for males has decreased significantly going from about one-third to only one-fifth of all contacts to the service.

“We know that help-seeking behaviours of young men is still very low. This is very concerning and suggests that young males may still feel stigma around mental health and fear that it will be seen as weak to seek help, or to talk about feelings,” continued Ms Adams.

Ms Adams said, “With COVID-19 continuing to impact the way we live, socialise and gain education it is more important than ever for young men to reach out and seek support when they need it. However it is simply not enough to ask them to reach out. We also need to design services to meet their needs, ensure that we build on the work done to date to reduce the stigma of mental health and promote positive role modelling so that young men have an example to follow.”

“Beyond the pandemic, mental ill-health in young people is likely to be significant and long-lasting. Kids Helpline offers phone, *WebChat*, email and peer-to-peer group counselling as well as a range of resources.

Kids Helpline remains Australia’s only national 24/7 counselling and support service specifically for children and young people aged 5 to 25 years – free call 1800 551 800 or online at www.kidshelpline.com.au

Media Release Yourtown

Blue Wren Update

Last week, *The Welcome Record* featured a story about a pair of Superb Blue Wrens who had nested a few feet away from my front door. After a storm blew the branch over, I tied the branches together, so the nest was sitting upright. This interference didn’t seem to bother the parents and the female continued to sit on the eggs. And this week I have some good news! The chicks have hatched and seem to be doing well. I watched as, not only their parents, but their aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers and sisters constantly brought food for them. I’m looking forward to keeping an eye on them in the future.

Story and photo by Susan Day



Australian Bird of the year 2021

The Superb Blue Fairy Wren was announced the winner of the Guardian Australia/Birdlife poll last Friday.



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Central Goldfields Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc

Over the past weeks we have raised concern about council and councillor accountability, transparency and adhering to their own policies. An issue which can be so easily resolved.

Carisbrook Levee Update

In recent council releases the reason given why the Carisbrook levee has not been completed has been "Council is waiting for the funds".

CGR&RAI contacted the relevant federal government minister asking for clarification around the releasing of the promised funding back in May 2021.

The reply from the minister was "The funds are there and ready to be claimed on a progressive supply". So when the council say they are awaiting for funds that theoretically is correct but what they failed to inform was apparently those funds won't be released until council has initiated some of the work. The work has to be approved by the Victorian government and started before funds are released. We believe this is the third time in 10 years council has had the funds to complete the levee, will this be third time lucky?

Carisbrook Community Meeting report:

On Wednesday Oct 7th the Tullaroop ward councillor with council support held a Zoom online meeting re Carisbrook issues. From our understanding seven people asked to attend and one local was invited to attend this meeting – a total of eight. Four of those seven who asked to attend reported they had not received a reply nor a link for the zoom meeting, and only four locals were actually in attendance. The idea and concept was very good and hats off to the councillor's foresight for initiating these meeting. However then comes the question - the organization, delivery and quality of these meetings?

Ask council and they claim a HUGE success. The attendees are of a different opinion. We question all that advertising and promotion and work hours, added to the reports we received from some who attended and question the reason, is it a tick the box meeting, a

genuine attempt to learn what the community like or possibly a brownie points meeting? We encourage the council to investigate why only four people attended this meeting and how to make it more community based.

Performance Statement.

We would like to mention what appears to be a reasonably positive financial statement which represents a forward step on our financial situation, and this we have to acknowledge

Central Goldfields ordinary meeting Sept 28th 2021. Item 8.8 CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS 2020-21

These items were introduced, however only one item was spoken of. Not one mention of the content and the findings of the Central Goldfields Shire Performance report 2020/21. That is a concern, and we recommend you all have a look at this report.

<https://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/Council/About-Council/Council-Meetings?>

We look forward to viewing the Shire's annual report which we believe these two reports will form part of.

World Heritage Listing.

This agenda seems only to be raised regularly by Cr Meddows-Taylor, and it has found its way into the 10 year plan draft worked on by the C.A.G , others and a lot of other council statements .

Do you feel that this agenda is a community discussed plan, or an item which is being snuck in constantly in order to achieve a personal dream?

Our shire is still in a very precarious situation re Covid with cases in neighbouring shires. Again all we can ask from you and our shire is we all do the right thing. Look after others, but most importantly make sure you individually are safe as our community is reliant on each and every individual. We need to do this together. Please give others a call and keep in touch with all you can. Working and caring together is the way out.

Wayne McKail
President

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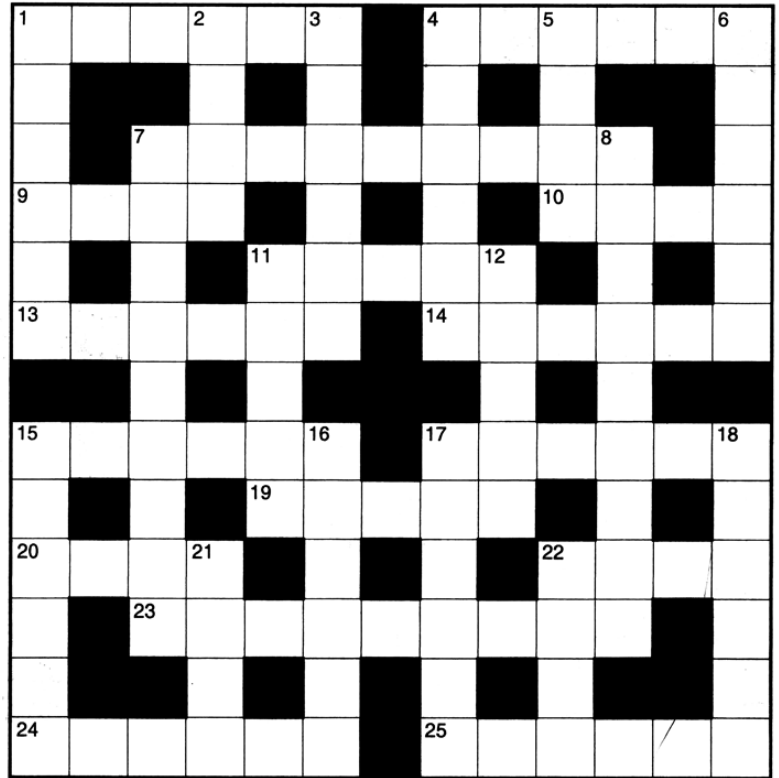
- 1. Not in motion
- 4. Not old (of article)
- 7. André Rieu, eg.
- 9. Formal fight between two
- 10. Carriage for baby
- 11. Move upward
- 13. Aust. golf champion, winner of 2006 U.S. Open, Geoff ____
- 14. Not subject to certain obligation
- 15. Asinine
- 17. Spotted wildcat
- 19. Be suspicious of
- 20. Break with sharp sound

- 22. Sydney to Melbourne highway
- 23. Sanctimonious, self- ____
- 24. Agile, bushy-tailed mammal
- 25. To habitually partake of small amounts of alcohol

Down

- 1. TV recording room
- 2. Work strenuously
- 3. Vegetable of parsley family
- 4. Failure to be utilised
- 5. Hornet, eg.
- 6. Defensive head covering
- 7. Of or for items of conveyance
- 8. Quivering (of the voice, eg.)

- 11. Dodge
- 12. Precise
- 15. Orderly technique
- 16. Aust. motorcycling great, Mick ____
- 17. Purpose (as in 'the ____ of the exercise')
- 18. From there
- 21. Unit of capacity
- 22. Rounded mass on camel's back



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Dunolly Bowls

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Tuesdays at 10.30 All are welcome for a practise. Weather permitting. Followed with a friendly chat over a cuppa.

Saturday 9th, Dunolly held an in house practise, the bowlers who attended, enjoyed a warm day with a gentle breeze, which makes for a great game of bowls. Our President Chris Williams announced that until the start of Pennant, this will be held each Saturday. Roll up at 1.30pm

All club events are held with COVID restrictions in place. Please always sign in using the QR code or manually, paper and pen are on the bar. Hannah Delconte

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.

Poetry



Weeping Cherry

Demurely standing for most of the year,
While others reach skyward, she sweeps to the ground.
Dormant during Winter, Spring is her time to excel,
Star-like flowers cascade around her skirt.
Eye catching, dressed for the occasion
Showy pink petals, proclaiming Spring.
Until wild wind sprinkles the confetti blossom
Then she dons her greenery for the following season.

Helen Jesser



There are many ways to dispose of your green waste. Check with your council to find out what is available in your local area.

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/landscaping

Paul Tangey Community Engagement Coordinator



How do you dispose of your green waste?

Grass pollen season is here, bringing an increased risk of asthma, hay fever and Thunderstorm Asthma. Learn how to protect yourself against Thunderstorm Asthma: <https://betterhealth.vic.gov.au/Thunderstormasthma> or Access Thunderstorm Asthma info on the VicEmergency app and website <https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare/thunderstorm-asthma-forecast>

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Annabel's big chop for wigs

For many adults the thought of having their hair chopped is quite terrifying. So, what might inspire a schoolgirl from Dunolly to have her hair cut off completely, all 35.5 cm of it? A big heart.

Inspired by a story she read on the Hair with a Heart website about a young girl called Hannah, Annabel decided she wanted to help children who had lost their hair due to medical treatments.

Undergoing any kind of procedures must be terribly stressful for sick children and their families. Apart from all the other things they have to worry about, the added indignity of losing their hair is further impacted by the cost of buying wigs.

It all started in 2007 when Matthew and Rebecca Adamson created a foundation to support children with alopecia after their daughter Charlotte was diagnosed with alopecia areata. In 2013, the foundation joined the Variety program and in 2016 it became Hair with a Heart. By 2020, \$1.5 million was raised to help Aussie kids and give them a fair go.

Annabel is aiming to raise \$6,000 to cover the cost of one wig and she needs our help.

Wigs only last 1 to 2 years, so you can imagine the cost over many years is an extra burden for many families.

As well as raising funds by having her hair cut off, Annabel's lovely locks will go towards creating a new wig for a child. Depending upon the thickness, it takes 10 to 20 ponytails to make one wig.

Best of all she won't be alone. According to the Hair with a Heart website Variety helped over 81,000 children last year who had 200 different medical conditions. Nearly 7,000 people supported the 41,647 people who had their hair chopped! That's a lot of hair, but more is needed. Show your support for Annabel by following the link below: <https://hairwithheart.variety.org.au/fundraisers/annabelfitt/hair-with-heart>

You can also drop into All Day on Broadway in the main street of Dunolly and purchase some of the wonderful gifts this inspiring girl has created. It all goes to a good cause.

Story by Susan Day
Photos supplied by Karmilla Fitt



Beach Dreams @ Octopus and Queen

Four local small businesses have combined to create a fun and interactive experience on the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of October. The Loddon Valley Arts Trail may be postponed but Octopus and Queen, Tarnagulla Supply Store, The Woolly Goose and Yellow Dog Vintage and Design are still geared up for a huge weekend.

The four businesses are collaborating to ensure they cater for a wide range of guests and visitors. The event is being held in the gardens of Octopus and Queen, 89 Commercial Road Tarnagulla.

Frances, Trevor, Kelly, Grant, Georgie and Lynda from the four businesses have been planning the event throughout the winter and periods of lockdown to give locals and visitors alike a fun experience and an opportunity to boost tourism in Tarnagulla after 18 months of uncertainty and the cancellation of many events and activities.

Naturally we have QR Codes and a COVID Safe Event Plan as required by law.

For more information on the activities see page (8)

Contact Frances @ Octopus and Queen on Facebook or 0457 326 743 to book for the High Tea at 11am on Sunday 24th October.



Article and Photo courtesy of Frances Clarke